

PPC – Safety Briefing

Safety on the range is paramount. Shooters must follow all NRA safe gun handling rules, and the following range safety procedures which are specific to our PPC matches.

- Ear and eye protection are required for both shooters and spectators.
- Do not bring loaded guns to the range. We run a cold range. Guns must remain unloaded and holstered or cased, except when under the direction of the range officer on the firing line, or when in a safe handling area.
- No gun handling is allowed behind the firing line. Use the safety table if you need to handle a gun for any reason. Do not handle any ammo at the safety table.
- Speed loaders and magazines may be loaded anywhere but at the safety table.
- When handling guns on the firing line, keep all muzzles pointed down range, no higher than the top of the target and no closer than 10 feet on the ground in front of you. Observe the 170 degree rule. Do not muzzle sweep yourself or your neighbors.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target and ready to fire.
- Do not go forward of the firing line, or bend over, until you hear the command: **“THE LINE IS SAFE, YOU MAY MOVE FORWARD...”** This is a very important point. Please do not bend over or move if you are finished before the allotted time. We have to watch the action of all shooters.
- Please keep unnecessary discussions to a minimum while on the firing line. This is distracting and can cause a shooter to miss a command. This is a safety matter.
- Do not handle any guns on the firing line while anyone is down range.
- If you drop something (e.g., magazine, speedloader) during the course of fire, do not bend over to pick it up until after the firing line has been declared safe.
- If you have a jam or misfeed, keep your gun pointed down range, finger off the trigger, and clear it if you can. This is a no-alibi match, so try to get as many rounds off as possible.
- If you have a squib load, total stoppage, or otherwise need assistance, stop, keep your gun pointed safely down range, finger off the trigger, and raise your non-firing hand.
- Turn any defective rounds in to range personnel. Do not deposit them in the trash cans.
- Remember – safe and proper use of your firearm is your personal responsibility. Make it your top priority. Safety first, last, and always.

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