Shooting Range Safety Officers

Burnsville Shooting Sports

Thank you for taking on this important job.

You are the eyes and ears for the coaches and parents pertaining to all the "activities" happening that the coaches cannot see.

Your responsibilities:

- * Make certain shooters have the correct shells BEFORE they enter the firing area (if a shooter has a 12 gauge firearm, they need 12 gauge shells; a 20 gauge needs 20 gauge shells, etc.).
- * <u>Up, Open</u>, and <u>Out</u>. Remind shooters to maintain safety positions at all times, not only while shooting. Their firearms should be <u>up</u> in the air; the action should be <u>open</u>; and the barrel should be <u>out</u> and away from people, even if the gun is unloaded.
- * Injuries. Any injury, minor or major, needs to be reported to you and then to one of the coaches or Kathy Jarnagin.
- * SAFE ON! This year shooters are <u>required</u> to have their "safe" <u>on</u> until they are immediately ready to shoot (when they are on the line). Guns behind the line should have the safe ON and actions and breeches OPEN.
- * Actions open on autoloaders; breeches broken on double barrels and single shots. Whether a shooter is carrying his/her firearm or it is in the gun holders, it must be open so everyone can see that it is unloaded.
- * Safety violations. Is a shooter screwing around behind the line? Is a shooter making faces so his buddies laugh? Is a parent too close (beyond the 27 yard mark on the shooting range)? Does a shooter have old ear protection? Is a shooter texting while on the line? <u>YOU</u> need to take charge. If there are questions, <u>immediately</u> notify a coach.
- * Wear orange. Range Officers will be the only ones wearing orange. If you need to be found, we need to see you.
- * Positive encouragement. It takes a village...
- * Positive correction. If a shooter or adult needs to be reminded of something, it is easier to swallow honey than salt. So, say, "Please remember to keep your action open so we can see that it is unloaded" rather than, "Hey, dummy, open your action!" (Unless it is your own child then have it). ©
- * Be prompt. Be positive. Be responsible. Have fun.



