

## SPORTSMAN'S CHALLENGE EVENT RULES

### 1. Safety is a priority as we compete and have fun.

- ! **ALWAYS** keep the guns and bows pointed in a safe direction.
- ! **ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- ! **ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded and arrows unknocked until ready to use.

When using or storing a gun or bow, always follow these rules:

- ! Know your target and what is beyond.
  - ! Know how to use the gun or bow safely.
  - ! Be sure the gun or bow is safe to operate.
  - ! Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
  - ! Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
  - ! Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
  - ! Store guns and bows so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
  - ! Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.
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- A. Actions of uncased firearms must always be open except when on the firing line, ready to fire.
  - B. Guns are to be unloaded except when on the firing line, ready to fire.
  - C. All firearms must have a safety device. The safety will remain on at all times except when ready to fire.
  - D. All firearms will be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
  - E. Know and obey all range commands.
  - F. Only one shell may be placed in a firearm at a time, unless there is a tiebreaker, in which the participant would need to prepare for shooting doubles.
  - G. Participants must wear adequate eye and ear protection while on the firing line. Protection of your sight and hearing are **YOUR** responsibility. Wear adequate eye and ear protection while on the firing line-as shooter, official or spectator.
  - H. Firearms not in use should be placed in a gun rack at the activity or stored in a secure place. The storing of firearms, ammunition in vehicles is strongly discouraged. Those participants opting to utilize vehicles as a means of storage are solely responsible for their safekeeping.