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MUZZLE Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

- Muzzle shall be pointed either up or down (O/U shotguns) during transit to and from shooting station.
- Muzzle shall be pointed either down range or up when firearm loaded.
- Per 4-H rule, Muzzle shall not be place on foot.
- Be aware of sweeping someone with the muzzle upon uncasing, casing, retrieving or returning to rack.
- Firearm may only be mounted while on shooting station.

ACTION Always keep action open until ready to load.

- Action shall be kept open and unloaded at all times except when on shooting station and given range officer command to load.
- Rifles shall use an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) with magazine empty and removed.
- It is good etiquette to hold the firearm so others can see the open action.
- After opening action, it shall only be manipulated while on shooting station.

TRIGGER Keep your finger off of the trigger until ready to fire.

- Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to fire. (example: don't have finger inside trigger guard while closing the action)
- Per 4-H rule, "All firearms with a safety device must have the safety on at all times during a course of fire, except when ready to fire."

**ALWAYS TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT WAS
LOADED**

EVERYONE IS A SAFETY OFFICER

RANGE COMMANDS

- THE RANGE IS HOT
- SHOOTERS TO THE LINE
- IS THE LINE READY
- THE RANGE IS CLEAR, YOU MAY HANDLE YOUR FIREARM
- READY ON THE FIRING LINE
- START or COMMENCE FIRING
- STOP or CEASE FIRE
- MAKE YOUR RIFLES SAFE
- GROUND YOUR RIFLE
- STEP BACK FROM THE FIRING LINE
- RANGE IS COLD