South East Idaho Practical Shooters, INC. Range Operating Procedures July 2024

I. Range Use

- 1. Always lock the gate any time you pull through (except during a scheduled match).
- 2. Never loan your range key/combination/app to any non-member. Members must always accompany non-members on our range.
- 3. Replace props in a central location and/or on side berms after you use them. Do not leave targets or stands in the middle of bays or on the rifle range, etc.
- 4. Never use club props inappropriately:
 - a. Never shoot steel targets with rifle calibers (.223/5.56, 7.62x39, etc.) or shotgun slugs or full power Magnum loads of 41 caliber or larger. Only the permanent gongs on the rifle bay may be shot with rifle or shotgun slugs.
 - b. Use only target stands to hold targets. Targets shall not be placed on barricades, walls, barrels, tables, cars, or other props for target practice.
- 5. No metal piercing, steel core, incendiary, or tracer ammunition may be used on the range.
- 6. Never shoot glass
- 7. No rifle calibers (.223/5.56, 7.62x39, etc.) can be shot in Bays 1 and 2 due to the impact area of homes and Hwy 20.
- 8. Always pick up and remove all trash from the range, i.e., used targets, shotgun hulls, bullet boxes, etc. Leave the range better than you found it.
- 9. If cattle are on the range be very careful. Notify a club officer of the situation. Do not shoot at them.
- 10. Shooting hours shall be from sunrise to sunset only. The only exception is approved matches.
- 11. Unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors for approved matches, all shooting must be from and take place wholly within improved bays. All targets must be placed within improved bays such that rounds fired at all targets will impact the side or end berms only. Flying Shotgun targets are exempt from the above requirements provided they are not engaged with anything larger than birdshot.
- 12. No person shall cause intentional physical damage to any person or property.

II. Safety

- 1. Always observe the 4 Rules of Firearm Safety.
 - a. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
 - b. Never point the firearm at anything you do not want to destroy.
 - c. Keep your finger off the trigger (outside the trigger guard) until you are ready to shoot.
 - d. Know your target and what is beyond it.
- 2. Always wear eye and ear protection while using the range. All visitors must wear eye and ear protection. Failure to comply when shooting is in progress will result in removal from the range.
- 3. No person shall be allowed on the range with alcohol or drugs in their possession, or who has been

- consuming alcohol or drugs.
- 4. There shall be no unattended pets or children on the range. Children/pets and their actions shall be the sole responsibility of the guardian while they are on the range.
- 5. Cold Range During a match and in the bays where the match is taking place, no loaded firearms are allowed, except on the line under supervision of the Range Officer (RO) or appropriate Match Official for your squad.
- 6. When carrying rifles and shotguns on the range, they must be cased or flagged, or carried with the action open, with the muzzle up or down.
- 7. A safety briefing shall be held prior to the start of every match. See safety briefing below.
- 8. A qualified Range Officer (RO) must be assigned for each shooting squad and they are responsible for the enforcement of safety rules on the range. The RO has the final say in any situation concerning safety.
- 9. You, the competitor, are responsible for your firearms and actions at all times.
- 10. Any competitor equipment judged to be unsafe will be withdrawn from the match. This judgment will be made by the RO and the Match Director. Unsafe equipment is ammo that is not within specification or causes functioning problems, a gun that continuously misfires or goes full auto, holsters that do not properly hold guns, or other equipment that could be a safety hazard.

III. Violations

Violating range rules, safety infractions, intentional destruction of club property, or reasons deemed sufficient by two thirds of the members present at a regular club meeting may result in the following actions:

- First violation: Ninety (90) days probation. This will consist of loss of range use and if appropriate, member must turn in range keys to SEIPS Officer. Member may still participate in club sanctioned matches.
 - a. If member is found to be using the range during the period of probation, that member shall be suspended from <u>ALL</u> club activities for a period of one year.
- 2. Second violation: Minimum of six (6) month suspension of all club rights and benefits.
- 3. Third violation: Suspension from the club for a minimum of one year.

Any member that has been suspended or expelled for damage or destruction of club property must make full restitution prior to the suspension being lifted or being re-admitted.

IV. Short Notice Training Requests

- 1. Short notice training requests may be granted for up to six months at a time
- 2. Trainer, or at least one principal of the training company shall be a SEIPS member in good standing.
- 3. Approval will be granted for use of only one pistol bay.
- 4. Trainer or training company shall consult the SEIPS calendar and shall not conflict with other scheduled use.
- 5. Trainer or training company shall notify Board one day prior to use by email.
- 6. Trainer or training company shall follow up after the class by email stating number of students and amount due to SEIPS.

7. Fees: \$5 per student per day. Limit of 16 students under a short notice training request.

V. Group Use

- 1. Any group or organization wanting to use the SEIPS range must obtain permission from the President by a recorded majority vote of the Executive Committee thirty (30) days or more prior to range use. For scheduling by SEIPS club members or affiliated organizations (USPSA, IDPA, ICORE, CAS/SASS, steel challenge, NRA), approval for events during the calendar year may be extended by Executive Committee approval. For non-member or non-affiliated organizations, each requested use must be approved individually by the Executive Committee.
- 2. An application for range use and proof of adequate insurance must be filed with the President; the President shall obtain the necessary Executive Committee approval. Student to instructor/safety officer(s) ratio should not exceed 4:1.
- 3. A fee will be charged for range use. The range fee will be five (\$5) dollars per person per day. Quonset use fee will be \$40; Quonset reservations not cancelled within 10 days prior to reserved use date will still be assessed the use fee. The fee(s) will be collected from the individual or organization requesting use and is payable prior to actual use. Payments of use fees will be tracked by the individual responsible for range/Quonset scheduling (for other than SEIPS club sponsored events).
- 4. The fee may be waived for civic or non-profit organizations upon Executive Committee approval.

VI. General Match Outline

- 1. Setup times and start times are posted on the SEIPS calendar. Competitors should arrive at the setup times posted on the club calendar.
- 2. Match registration is done through the SEIPS calendar. Walk-up registration, the morning of, must take place 30 minutes prior to the safety brief.
- 3. Any competitor not in attendance at the safety brief will not be allowed to compete unless prior arrangements have been made with the Match Director.
- 4. Matches will follow the appropriate published ruleset USPSA, SASS, IDPA, ICORE, etc. Rulesets can be found at:
 - a. USPSA
 - b. <u>SASS</u>
 - c. SCSA
 - d. IDPA
 - e. ICORE
 - f. RCSA
- 5. "Outlaw" matches shall use USPSA rules unless otherwise specified. Modified scoring and other changes will be explained to competitors by the Match Director during the safety brief.
- 6. A written ruleset shall be submitted and approved by the Board for "Outlaw" matches if the match does not follow USPSA rules.
- 7. Match fees are as published on the SEIPS calendar.
- 8. First time competitors at a SEIPS Match can shoot for free.

- 9. Match Dates to be decided by the Executive Committee, but generally:
 - a. USPSA match dates are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month.
 - b. CAS matches are held on the 1st Saturday of each month.
 - c. ICORE matches are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
 - d. IDPA matches are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month.
 - e. Steel Challenge matches are held on the 4th Saturday of each month.
- 10. Matches listed on club calendar take precedence over other uses.
- 11. Match listings on club calendar must have Board approval.
- 12. Arbitration fees for regular matches shall be \$20 unless otherwise specified by the appropriate ruleset.

VII. General SEIPS Safety Briefing

These are general guidelines for a safety briefing. A specific briefing must be developed by the Match Directors for their specific shooting discipline.

We want you to have a fun and safe experience today.

- 1. Always observe the 4 Rules of Firearm Safety.
 - a. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
 - b. Never point the firearm at anything you do not want to destroy.
 - c. Keep your finger off the trigger (outside the trigger guard) until you are ready to shoot.
 - d. Know your target and what is beyond it.
- 2. You are responsible for your firearms and actions at all times.
- 3. The RO and/or Match Director has ultimate say when it comes to safety.
- 4. Eye and ear protection are mandatory for everyone including spectators.
- 5. Safe Gun Handling Firearms may only be handled at the Safety Area or under the supervision of a RO. Violation of Safe Gun Handling is a match disqualification (DQ).
- 6. The Safety Areas, located between every other bay, are the only location where unloaded guns may be handled or repaired without RO supervision. Ammunition, shell casings, snap caps, loaded magazines, etc. shall not be handled in the Safety Area. Handling any of these items in the Safety Area is a match disqualification.
- 7. Keep an eye above the berm for any people or vehicles and call "STOP" if you see either.
- 8. If you are shooting a stage and the RO or Match Official says, "STOP," immediately stop what you are doing. If it is a safety problem or a range failure, not related to your actions, you will be granted a re-shoot.

- Muzzle direction must always be down range. The 180-degree rule is observed. If the muzzle
 of your firearm breaks a 180-degree plane along the firing line, including above, below, left,
 or right of your firing position, this is a match DQ.
- 10. Only controlled fire is permitted. Rounds that go over the berm are a match DQ.
- 11. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot. Your finger must be outside of the trigger guard during movement and reloading. Violation of the rule is a match DQ.
- 12. If you are on the firing line, as the shooter, and you drop your gun, do not pick it up. Let the RO pick up and clear the gun. From the time you step up to the line and prepare to shoot until the course of fire has been completed, a dropped gun is a match DQ.
- 13. If you drop your gun during a course of fire, do not attempt to catch it. Stop what you are doing and allow the RO to clear the area, pick up, and clear the gun.
- 14. If you are not on the firing line and your gun falls out of the holster do not pick the gun up. Contract the nearest RO and let him/her clear the area and retrieve the gun for you. This is not a match DQ if you are in a Safety Area, or it falls out of your holster.
- 15. Any equipment that is "unsafe" must be withdrawn until it can be verified safe by a RO or Match Official.

VII. Summary

The two main points are:

- 1. Gun safety and
- 2. If you don't understand something, ask.

To be a good competitor and a contributing member of these shooting sports, you should get a copy of the rule book for your sport (USPSA, SASS, IDPA, etc.) and learn them. Joining the NRA, USPSA, SASS, IDPA, etc., is a good idea. Contact the Match Director or Club Secretary/Treasurer for more information.