

ELLCOTTVILLE SPORTSMEN PISTOL SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICAL PISTOL PROGRAMS

This document is intended to provide guidance for participants in use of club facilities and programs under the pistol shooting sports program.

Our pistol shooting sports program is intended to provide a safe, supportive, and enjoyable environment where licensed handgun owners and properly authorized students can develop practical handgun skills, confidence, and safe firearm handling habits.

Dates and times for our programs can be found on our website, Facebook or Instagram pages. Our programs operate rain or shine unless canceled. We will attempt to post any cancellation at least 3 hours before the scheduled start time of a program however, conditions might require immediate action, and notices will be posted as quickly as possible.

All participants who are not currently members of ESC must sign a waiver to participate.

The practice match fee is \$10., which entitles you to unlimited shooting for that day's match practice event. If others haven't shot and are waiting, please be courteous in your rotation.

If you are taking a class from an outside vendor who we are hosting, a special range use fee will apply. Please see that programs announcement for the range use fee charge.

We use 'best score' for the night. We will record all scores but only count your best for league standing. Our goal is to promote practice, and we realize that sometimes that doesn't happen on your first run. This is match practice, not a match. So, keep shooting, do better!

Our summary league standing report will use cumulative Match Points to rank participants.

We are not affiliated with USPSA or IDPA. We do not sort results by USPSA or IDPA classification, demographic characteristics, class, firearm type

or report USPSA numbers when posting results. Results may be distributed to participants, posted on the club's website, social media. We do not use or Practiscore for record keeping. We use a different program called Simple Score IPSC. However, from time to time, certain programs may be listed on Practiscore and the match results reported.

We determine scores using the hit factor method of scoring. Hit Factor scoring is a scoring method that calculates a shooter's performance by dividing total points by the time taken to complete the string of fire (stage). It results in a points per second value.

Example: The string / stage has 5 possible shots to be taken. Your target is scored based on:

USPSA style or similar cardboard target and scoring matrix of:

A zone hits = 5 points,

C zone hits = 3 points

D zone hits = 1 point.

Points are deducted for:

NO-SHOOT targets (white) -10 points per hit

MISSES -10 points per missing hit

FAILURE TO ENGAGE A TARGET (SKIPPING ONE) -10 points per target skipped

STEEL / BOWLING PINS / STEEL BOWLING PINS must fall, if not it counts as a miss and -10 points each. For steel that is not intended to fall, the RSO will call out hits as confirmation.

Line breaks in any form are counted to the higher value hit zone.

In this example you score 3 A zone hits for 5 points at each is 15 points; 1 C zone hit for 3 points and 1 D zone hit for 1 point for a total of 19 points your HF score would be.

If you completed that in 8 seconds your HF score would be 2.375
If you completed that in 3 seconds your HF score would be. 6.333

The goal of HF scoring is to recognize that speed and accuracy are rewarded with a higher score because of the skill involved to achieve those results.

Set up for the weeks match will take place on TBD. If you are interested in helping or designing a weekly stage, contact PISTOL@ELLCOTTVILLESPORTSMEN.COM with your offer of assistance. It is appreciated that everyone shooting assist with resetting the stage, pasting and scoring. Assistance for tear down after the match is appreciated.

We do not offer instructional programs or class or classes directly. This program is designed to offer individuals the opportunity to self-practice skills that you may wish to improve upon by participating in organized activities. We believe focusing on fundamental skills is the foundation for improvement.

Whether you are a newer shooter or have years of experience, our goal is to help you become safer, more competent, and more confident with your firearm.

All participants are expected to always follow these rules and instructions.

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ELIGIBILITY

Participants must:

- Possess a valid New York State Concealed Carry Permit.
- Bring a handgun legally registered to them.
- Sign all required club liability waivers before participating.
- Attend the safety briefing before participating in any live-fire activities.

No exceptions will be made to these requirements.

If you do not presently have a New York State permit or do not own a firearm, we encourage you to contact our training partner, RAS Group Training 716-499-6959 or visit their website to discover how you can begin the process of obtaining your permit through the mandated New York State class, which they offer.

WWW.RASGROUPTRAINING.COM

Additionally, they offer a variety of different programs to help new shooters build safe confident, and competent firearms handling skills. Reach out to them and you will find an inviting and encouraging environment. That is why they are our official training partner.

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APPROVED FIREARMS

Permitted calibers:

- .22 LR
- .380 ACP
- 9mm Luger
- .38 .357

All firearms must be in safe operating condition.

Round count is typically limited to approximately 50 rounds per session. Refer to individual event flyers for specific round count requirements.

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REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Participants should bring:

- Handgun
 - A gun bag and range bag are necessary equipment
- Minimum of three (3) magazines
- Magazines loaded to no more than ten (10) rounds each

- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- Appropriate belt, holster setup, magazine pouches
- Ammunition

We do not have a specific dress code, we would ask that for safety, only closed-toe shoes, no low-cut scoop necks, tank top or similar style garments where casings could fall into, causing injuries.

You must wear hearing protection on the range. Electronic hearing protection is strongly recommended so participants can clearly hear range commands and instructor coaching.

You must wear eye protection on the range. You are responsible for providing adequate and properly rated ballistic eye protection.

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HOLSTER REQUIREMENTS

Approved holsters include:

- Strong-side outside-the-waistband (OWB) Kydex-style holsters
- Inside-the-waistband (IWB) carry holsters with adequate retention

Not permitted:

- SERPA holsters
- Soft nylon / leather collapse after drawing
- Cross-draw holsters
- Shoulder holsters
- Unsafe or poorly fitting holsters
 - Off body carry like purses or bags will be considered on an individual basis.

Participants without an approved holster may still participate.

Those participants will transport their unloaded firearm to the firing line in a case or transport bag and begin each exercise from a designated ready position.



COLD RANGE POLICY

This program operates as a COLD RANGE.

A cold range means:

- Firearms remain unloaded except when directed by a Range Safety Officer (RSO).
- Firearms must remain cased, bagged, or holstered until instructed otherwise.
- No firearm handling is permitted in the parking lot, clubhouse, or other unauthorized
- Firearms may only be handled at the designated Safe Area or on the firing line under RSO supervision.



SAFE AREA RULES

A designated Safe Area will be identified before shooting begins.

The Safe Area may be used for:

- Holstering or unholstering firearms
- Equipment adjustments
- Dry-fire practice
- Optic checks

NO AMMUNITION may be handled in the Safe Area at any time.

Ammunition, loaded magazines, and speed loaders must remain outside the Safe Area.

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TRANSPORTING YOUR FIREARM

Participants are strongly encouraged to transport their firearm:

- Unloaded
- In a separate handgun case or transport bag
- Separate from their primary range bag containing magazines, ammunition, eye protection, ear protection, and other gear

This promotes safer firearm handling and more efficient range operations.

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SHOOTING PROCEDURES

All shooting begins from a designated ready position on Range Officer command.

Drawing from a holster may be permitted for participants who demonstrate safe gun-handling skills and have approved equipment.

Participants must immediately comply with all Range Officer commands.

If you are unsure about any procedure, ask before handling your firearm.

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RANGE COMMANDS

Common range commands include:

MAKE READY

Prepare your firearm as directed by the RSO or stage briefing.

ARE YOU READY?

Indicate if you are not ready.

STANDBY

The start signal is imminent.

STOP! or CEASE FIRE!

Immediately stop shooting, remove your finger from the trigger, and await instructions.

IF FINISHED, UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR

Unload firearm and present it for inspection.

RANGE IS CLEAR / RANGE IS COLD

No firearm handling is permitted. Participants may proceed downrange only when authorized.

Before going downrange, loudly announce:

“DOWN RANGE”

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PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Everyone present is responsible for safety.

If you observe an unsafe condition:

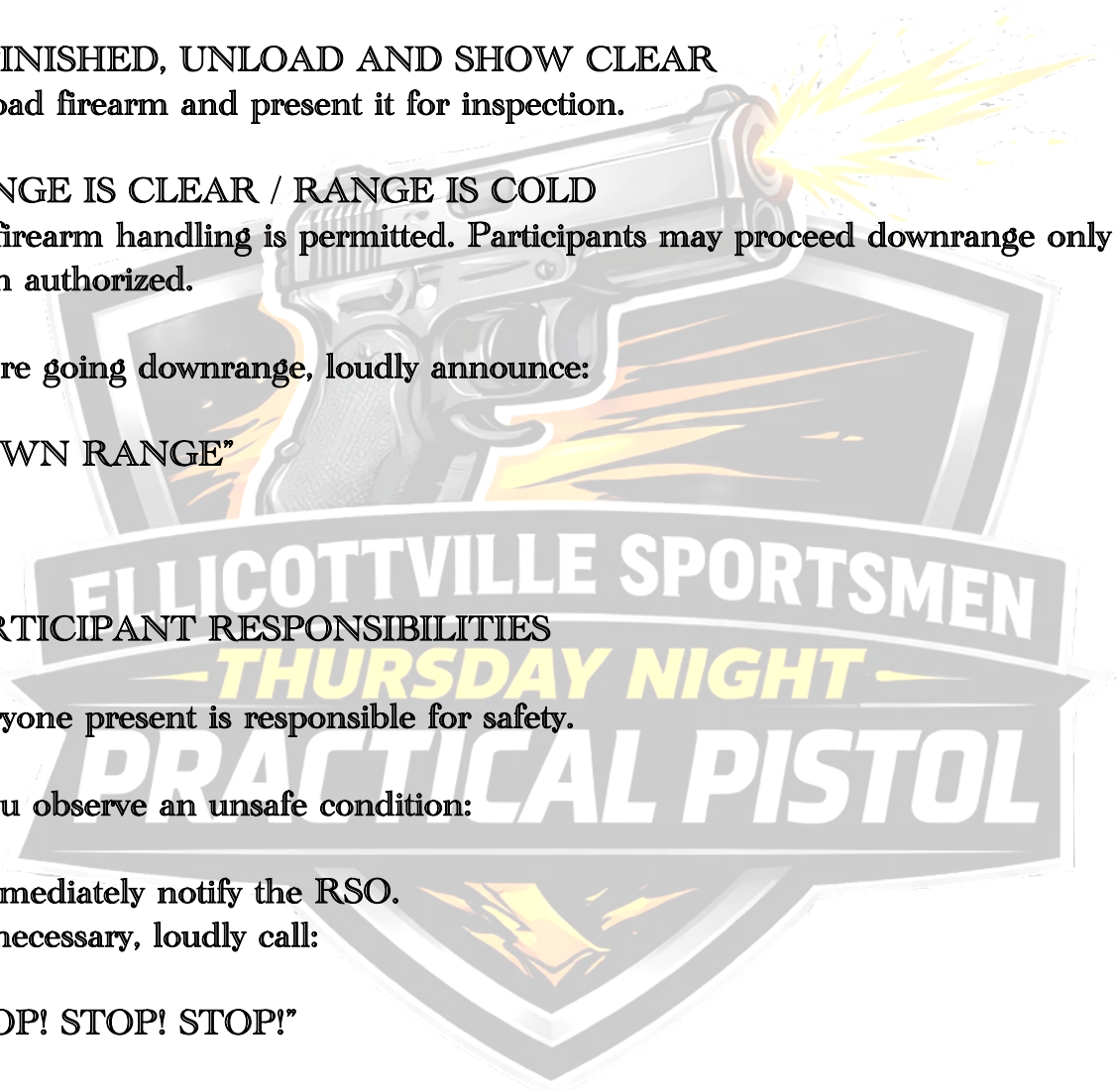
- Immediately notify the RSO.
- If necessary, loudly call:

“STOP! STOP! STOP!”

Any participant may call STOP if they observe an unsafe situation.

Participants are encouraged to assist with:

- Resetting targets
- Pasting targets
- Picking up brass



- General range housekeeping

Working together helps create a safe and efficient program for everyone.



THE FOUR FUNDAMENTAL FIREARM SAFETY RULES

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
2. Never allow the muzzle to point at anything you are not willing to destroy.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you have made the decision to fire.
4. Be certain of your target and what is beyond it.

Failure to follow these safety rules may result in immediate removal from the program.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency:

- Notify a Club Official or Range Safety Officer immediately.
- Call [911](#) if directed.
- Follow all instructions from emergency responders and club officials.

All participants are expected to assist as directed during an emergency.



Safety comes first. Skill development follows.

Train safely. Learn confidently. Have fun.