

• **Swanson Lake Ranch, LLC**
FIREARM SAFETY RULES & GUIDELINES
Note: These guidelines are for YOUR SAFETY. PLEASE READ!

I. Basic Firearm Safety

1. **Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.**
2. **Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.** Never rely on any mechanical device for safety.
3. Keep your **finger off the trigger** and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
4. Keep the action open and the gun **unloaded until you are ready to use it.**
5. Never handle a gun without **personally checking that the weapon is completely unloaded.**
6. **Absolutely no alcohol or drugs** (including prescription drugs) **while shooting.**
7. **Always wear appropriate hearing and eye protection.**
8. Be sure your **firearm and ammunition are compatible.**
9. Never fire a gun that is in poor mechanical condition or that may have a plugged or obstructed barrel.
10. **Think before shooting.** You cannot take back a shot once the trigger is pulled.

II. Additional Range Rules

1. Before handling any firearm, **understand its operation.** Ask if you need help.
2. **No joking around or horseplay** while handling or using firearms.
3. **Never step forward of the firing line** while shooting is in progress.
4. Guns should not be loaded or pointed down range while personnel **are resetting targets.**
5. If there are any questions or concerns **ask a qualified person** for assistance.
6. **If your firearm has a malfunction or misfire, put the weapon on "safe," keep the muzzle pointed down range and ask for assistance immediately.**
7. **Maintain positive control of your weapon.** Do not leave it in a precarious position.
8. **Shoot at proper targets** – do not shoot large caliber weapons at targets that are designed for smaller caliber shooting. Ask if you do not know.
9. Avoid bullet ricochets off of metal targets by shooting only at targets at a **sufficient angle and distance** which will prevent dangerous ricochets.

III. Safety Rules of Engaging a Target

1. Positively identify your target before sighting in at it and firing at it.
2. Always make sure your bullet will be safely stopped. Know what is behind your target.
3. Never shoot at a flat or hard surface or water.
4. Never shoot a rifle or handgun directly upwards or at a high angle.
5. Never shoot at a sky-lighted animal.
5. Never shoot across any roadway.

IV. It is UNLAWFUL and NOT permitted to:

1. Carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle
2. Hunt while intoxicated
3. Shoot at game not plainly visible

