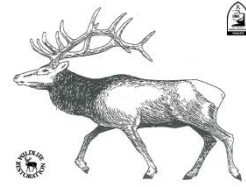


LIVE FIRE EXERCISE GUIDELINES



INTRODUCTION

The question is often asked, “*Should instructors shoot on the range with their students*”? Hunter Education instructors are considered experts about conservation, wildlife law, survival, and most of all, firearms. Many instructors are expert shots. It can be demoralizing to a student that is having trouble shooting to watch someone hit the bulls-eye every time.

Perhaps it’s better to help students and let them *wonder* just how good their instructor is.

Live Fire Exercise: The purpose of this exercise is to evaluate a student’s ability to safely load, handle and shoot using the appropriate equipment.

Students failing to perform safely during live fire range activities shall be deemed to have failed the live fire portion of the course.

Rifle Option:

Student may use any .17 cal rimfire, .22 cal rimfire, BB or pellet rifle, with open sights, peep sights or a scope. Animal target is placed 50 feet from the shooter. Students should fire 10 shots in the prone position, 10 shots in the sitting or kneeling position, and 10 shots from the standing position. Handguns are **NOT** permitted.

Archery Option:

A student may use any legal hunting archery equipment including crossbows as set forth in rule 657-5-11. The minimum draw and arrow weight are waived for this range option. Field points, target points or broad heads may be used.

An animal target is placed on a safe back stop with a kill zone of approximately 8” x 11”. All shots will be from the standing position on level ground. They will shoot 5 arrows from each of the following four distances of 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards.

Shotgun Option:

This option should be made available at the Instructors discretion, based on available facilities and course emphasis. Student may use any shotgun 12ga. or smaller. Students should fire 10-15 shots at clay targets flying out and away from the shooter.

EQUIPMENT

Student will use the appropriate equipment as described in the options listed above.

SAFE FIREARM HANDLING

The rules of safe firearm handling are simple and must be followed at all times.

The following material is a composite from the National Rifle Association, the National Shooting Sports Development Committee and the Utah Hunter Education staff. 4-H

1. Treat each firearm like a loaded firearm.

Consider each firearm to be loaded and treat it accordingly, even if you just unloaded it.

2. Always control the muzzle of your firearm.

You must decide what the safest available muzzle direction is and keep your firearm pointed in that direction. Never point your firearm at yourself or others.

3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.

The natural instinct when picking up a firearm is to put your finger in the trigger guard. DON'T! This could cause a negligent discharge if the gun is loaded.

4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond.

Never point your firearm at something you do not intend to shoot. Make sure you positively identify what you are shooting at and know what lies in front of and beyond it.

RANGE RULES

Range rules are used for everyone's safety. When on the range, the instructor is in charge. Here are a few rules that should be followed:

Follow all commands given by the instructor.

When the command "cease fire" is given, all actions should be opened, chambers emptied immediately, and firearms placed on the ground. Anyone can call a

“cease fire”.
No “horse play” is allowed on or near the range at any time.
Eye and hearing protection is required within 20 feet of the firing line.
Never go forward of the firing line unless given permission by the instructor.
Never handle any firearm while anyone is down range.

RECOMMENDED RANGE COMMANDS

To standardize the range commands, the following commands are suggested:

“Cease Fire”

Stop shooting immediately!! The range safety officer will give a strong verbal command.

“Ground Firearms”

All actions must be open and the chambers empty. The instructor will visually check each firearm on the firing line.

“Range is Closed”

No one is to handle any firearm, for any reason, while the range is closed. All actions must be open, chambers empty and firearms on the bench, or ground, or in the gun rack.

“Range is Open”

All shooters may pick up their firearms and begin shooting.

RANGE SET UP

Inform students in the classroom before they arrive at the range that their firearms must be unloaded and they must follow the four firearms safety rules at all times.

Arrive early and have the range set up before any students arrive. It is the instructor’s responsibility to ensure all students and spectators comply with all safety rules at all times.

Students are to leave their firearms in their vehicle until instructed by the instructor to bring them to the firing line.

If the students arrive with their firearm in a case have them leave them in the case until they are on the firing line at which time they will remove their firearms from the case and leave the firearm laying on the case with the action open and return behind the waiting line.

The only time students are to be in front of the waiting line is when they are actively shooting or instructed by the instructor.

COURSE OF FIRE

Elk Target

Retrieve firearms from vehicle
Action open
Muzzle control
Bring firearm to firing line
Return behind waiting line
Instructor gives final instructions
Eye and hearing protection required
“Sight Picture – Breathing – Trigger Squeeze – Follow Through”
Aim small miss small
Eye and hearing protection required

“RANGE IS OPEN”

Prone position
Students shoot 10 rounds
Open action
Ground firearm
Wait behind waiting line
“CEASE FIRE”
“GROUND FIREARMS”
Instructor visually checks each firearm
Instructor gives instructions for next relay
Sitting or kneeling
“Sight Picture – Breathing – Trigger Squeeze – Follow Through”
“RANGE IS OPEN”
Students shoot 10 rounds
Open action
Ground firearm
Wait behind waiting line
“CEASE FIRE”
“GROUND FIREARMS”
Instructor visually checks each firearm
Instructor gives instructions for final relay
Standing
“Sight Picture – Breathing – Trigger Squeeze – Follow Through”
“RANGE IS OPEN”
Students shoot 10 rounds
Open action
Ground firearm
Wait behind waiting line

“CEASE FIRE”

“GROUND FIREARMS”

Instructor visually checks each firearm

“RANGE IS CLOSED”

Students return firearms to vehicle

Students clean up brass

Retrieve targets

Return behind waiting line

Score targets

SHOOTING RANGE LAYOUT



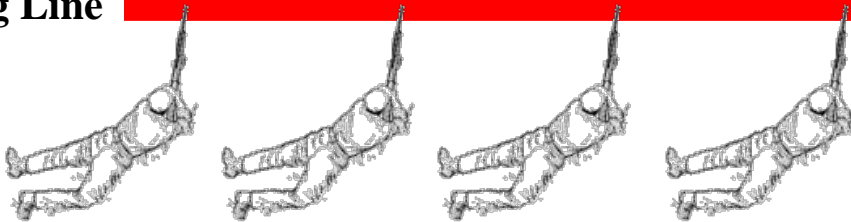
Target line



No handling of firearms by anyone while anyone is in this area.

50 Feet

Firing Line



Instructor is to remain in this area during live fire.

10 Feet

Waiting Line



Students are to remain behind waiting line until instructed to move forward.

Eye and hearing protection required in this area and forward.

10 Feet

Spectator Line



Parents and spectators are to remain behind the spectator line at all times.