

Range Safety for Sporting Clays

1. Always keep the shotgun pointed in a safe direction. If you don't intend to destroy it – don't point your gun at it!!
2. Never assume a gun is unloaded. Always check the chambers and magazines of a gun for live cartridges when picking up a gun.
3. Always carry shotguns with the actions OPEN, unloaded, and with the muzzles pointing in a safe direction.
4. Load only when at the shooting station and leave the station with the action open.
5. Eye and ear protection are mandatory at all times while on the range.
6. If delays occur while shooting that require trap personnel in the field (trap malfunctions, etc.) immediately unload your gun and exit station until the problem is resolved.
7. Carry only one gauge of ammunition at a time. Mistakenly loading a 20ga shell in a 12ga (or similarly, a 28ga in a 20ga) can result in a serious explosion.
8. Never load more than 2 shells at a time.
9. Keep fingers outside the trigger guard until ready to call for the target.
10. If a misfire occurs, keep the muzzles pointed downrange for 30 seconds before opening the action.

