



FÉDÉRATION FRANÇAISE DE TIR

French Shooting Sports Federation

"Safety First!"

SAFETY RULES

THESE SAFETY REGULATIONS APPLY TO ANYONE IN THE SHOOTING RANGE (shooters, instructors, supporters and spectators).

FAILURE TO RESPECT THESE OBLIGATIONS WILL CAUSE THE IMMEDIATE EVICTION OF THE OFFENDERS.

THE SHOOTING SPORTS FEDERATION AND ITS CLUBS DECLINE ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND CANNOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR DAMAGES AND INJURY DUE TO ANY BREACH OR INFRINGEMENT OF THESE SAFETY RULES.

Firearms and ammunition

- ▶ A weapon must always be considered loaded (ready to fire).
- ▶ A firearm must never be pointed at anyone.
- ▶ Before handling a gun, ensure both visually and physically that it is in safety mode.

On the shooting range premises

▶ You must always:

- Verify that your firearm is in good working order.
- Make sure that your weapon is pointed downrange towards the targets.
- Ask permission from the owner before touching any firearms.
- Check that a weapon is empty and safe. Put it in a suitable case or slip before transporting it.

▶ You must never:

- Aim your firearm outside the shooting range.
- Handle a gun in a rough or playful manner.
- Leave your firearm unsupervised.
- Walk around with a gun in hand, on a shoulder strap or in holster, should it be loaded or not.

▶ To make a firearm safe:

- Remove the magazine and/or empty the chamber or the cylinder.
- Lock the mechanism in open position.
- Visually check the absence of ammunition.
- Insert a safety marker in the gun.
- Open the chamber or cylinder before storing a gun in a rack.

▶ Ensuring the safety of a firearm is imperative:

- Between each pause in shooting.
- At the end of every shooting session.
- Before all adjustment, repairing or cleaning.
- Before transporting or storing it.

Additional safety and protection measures

- While shooting, it is compulsory to wear hearing protection (ear plugs or ear defenders).
- Eye protection (glasses) is recommended for the majority of shooting disciplines and is compulsory when shooting historic weapons or when shooting at metal silhouettes.
- It is forbidden to smoke on the firing range.
- The transportation of arms and ammunition between the home of the shooter and the club must be in accordance with applicable regulations.



Those responsible for the range and for the shooting session must ensure that the safety regulations are suitable for each shooting discipline program and for all practical shooting (initiation, leisure, introduction, competition etc). **They must:**

- ▶ **Detail** and explain the code that they supervise.
- ▶ **Inform** participating shooters as well as the supervisors of the minors.
- ▶ **Visually** and physically ensure the rules are respected.
- ▶ **Locate** the means of alerting the emergency services.

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