

UT45 Shooters Club Outdoor Range Rules of Conduct/Safety

1. General Rules

- 1.1. Firearms must be brought to the event unloaded, and in a case or holster, unless you are a Utah Concealed Firearms Permit (CFP) or other recognized state CCW holder.
- 1.2. Always keep a benched or holstered firearm pointed in a safe direction. **In the spectator area,** firearm actions must be open at all times, and have a chamber flag inserted into the action.
 - 1.2a **Once in the ready area, members and guests will wait until the command “The Range is Hot” and “Load and Make Ready” is given by the Range Safety Officer(s) or Training Officer(s) before loading weapons. Weapons may remain hot on the firing line, and in the ready area, unless the range is closed.**
 - 1.2b **Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction where a discharge would allow the projectile to escape the range boundaries.**
- 1.3. Firing will be down-range directly into a berm or backstop. Ensure that targets are placed at the proper level/height where all projectiles will pass through the target and enter the backstop, berm. Thrown targets made of metal are prohibited.
- 1.4. It is the responsibility of every shooter to select the correct benches, shooting rests, and or shooting stances that ensure that ALL firearm (handgun or rifle) muzzles are forward of the RED safety line when firing.
- 1.5. Before proceeding down range, ensure that everyone observes and obeys the **“Cease Fire! Cease Fire!”** command. Ascertain that firearms are clear and safe (action open, magazine removed, and the firearm pointed in a safe direction or holstered per the RSO(s) and or Training Officer(s) command. All shooters will repeat and call out **“Down Range”** when anyone moves forward of the established firing line for that event or particular drill.
- 1.6. While others are down range, **DO NOT** handle any firearm and do not stand at the firing line where firearms are present.
- 1.7. When it has been ascertained that all parties down range have returned to the firing line, the range may be returned to active status.
- 1.8. No person impaired to **any degree** by alcohol or drugs shall be permitted to handle or discharge a firearm at a UT45 Shooters Club event. No open containers of alcohol or consumption of alcohol is permitted during a live fire event.
- 1.9. Federal, State and Local laws as they relate to firearms and ranges must be obeyed.

2. Holster considerations

2.1. Use of Holsters

- 2.1.a. Firearms must not be removed from the holster except when on the firing line.
- 2.1.b. Only strong side hip holsters are allowed when presenting a firearm on the firing line. Drop leg holsters are permitted. Use of cross-draw, appendix, or horizontal chest holsters is **not permitted**.
- 2.1.c. When drawing from a holster, the trigger finger must remain outside of the trigger guard until the firearm is pointed down range, and aligned on the target.
- 2.1.d. The area between the shooter and the target must be free of obstacles (e. g. shooting benches and rests), and shooting lane restrictions must be observed.
- 2.1.e. Members and guests will be asked to **“Unload and Show Clear”** each time they exit the **ready area**. All holstered pistols behind the firing line will have no magazine inserted, and the chamber shall be clear.
- 2.1.f. Pistols that need to be inspected or checked behind the firing line will be taken to the maintenance table, where they can be handled, provided they are pointed in a safe direction.
- 2.1.g. Any unholstered pistol **behind the line** will have a chamber flag inserted into the action. **This applies to long guns as well.**

3. Range Commands Used by UT45

- 3.1 UT45 uses a simple system of range commands between the Safety Team/Training Team, and our participants. These commands are simple to understand, and are able to be understood in noisy or confusing environments.
- 3.2 UT45 range commands:
 - 3.2.a. **The Range is Hot!** The range is ready for use and maneuver.
 - 3.2.b. **The Range is Cold!** The range is shut down.

- 3.2.c. **Down Range!** Can be called out by anyone to move downrange to inspect/adjust targets. When someone calls “Down Range,” all other shooters on the line must repeat “Down Range” loudly.
- 3.2.d. **Load and Make Ready!** Load rifles and pistols so they are condition 1 (magazine inserted, round in the chamber, bolt forward if applicable, dust cover closed, and weapon on safe).
- 3.2.e. **Cease Fire! Cease Fire!** Rifle or pistol immediate goes on safe, and shooter doesn’t move. Awaits command from trainer, RSO, or safety team. *Note: Anyone who sees an unsafe condition may call a cease fire*
- 3.2.f. **Unload and show clear!** Shooter removes magazine from the weapon and clears the action. Shooter then visually and physically checks the chamber. Slide/bolt stays to the rear until a member of the safety or training team checks the weapon. After that, the chamber flag must be inserted into the breech for long guns and the weapon put on safe (if applicable). For pistols, the slide is put forward, the weapon goes on safe (if applicable), and the weapon is placed in a holster with the magazine removed.
- 3.2.g. **Let em hang!** When using a long gun, the weapon is placed on safe, and is hung by the sling.
- 3.2.h. **Scoop it!** Command given by the training officer, or assistant training officer when it is okay to pick up any item dropped during a course of fire. This may include, but is not limited to magazine, eye protection, hearing protection, gear, ammo, or whatever else a shooter might drop. *AT NO TIME WILL YOU REACH DOWN TO PICK ITEMS OFF THE GROUND UNTIL THE “SCOOP IT” COMMAND IS GIVEN. NO EXCEPTIONS!*
- 3.2.i. **Shooter(s) Ready!** Shooters go to low ready, safety is on.
- 3.2.j. **Ready UP, Ready Fight, TARGET! THREAT! Contact (direction of contact)** Shooters go from low ready to high ready to engage their target.
- 3.3 Screwing around or crying wolf for a cease fire will not be tolerated. Situations like that defeat the purpose of UT45’s safety procedures. Persons who do this will be warned. If they continue to violate this rule, it may lead to dismissal from the range, membership suspension, or termination.
- 3.4 UT45 believes that everyone has a right to go home safely at the end of a good day training. If you see a legitimate issue that warrants a cease fire command, you have the right to call it, and are encouraged to do so.

4. Inclement Weather

- 4.1 Weather can move in fast while on the range, especially on the west side of Utah Lake, where most of UT45 training events are held. UT45 officers will keep participants aware of changing weather conditions until 6pm the night before the event. If an event does need to be canceled due to inclement weather, an updated on the event will be posted. It is the responsibility of each member to check the event for weather updates. Note: UT45 will train in all weather unless it is deemed too unsafe to travel or the potential for members to hurt themselves while training is too great (ie: excessive mud, snow, or ice creating hazardous and slippery conditions).
- 4.2 Plan for the weather. Bring weather-appropriate clothing.
- 4.2.a. Extra socks, a rain jacket or poncho, warm base layers, beanie, and cold weather gloves are recommended for cold-weather months.
- 4.2.b. Lightweight shirt, all cap/boonie hat, lightweight sleeved shirt, lightweight jacket, durable gloves are recommended for warm-weather months.
- 4.2.c. Sunscreen, sunglasses, durable boots, durable pants with synthetic fibers, or wool blends recommended for all events. Jeans are generally not recommended. Cotton soaks up moisture, and does not retain body heat well. Hiking pants, tactical pants, BDU’s, or other surplus military attire is recommended.

5. Respect For Others and The Environment

- 5.1. UT45 has published by-laws that govern club events in addition to the range rules above.
- 5.2 Respect other people’s privacy. There are no restroom facilities where we hold events, so if someone is taking a break behind a car door, or a scrub bush, or tarp, give them the courtesy you’d expect.
- 5.2.a. If you do have to poop, be mindful of others, and dig a cathole and bury it. It is recommended you supply your own TP, biodegradable is preferred.
- 5.3 Do not leave garbage or trigger trash behind.
- 5.4 UT45 will have it’s members make every effort to pick up brass at the end of each event, and leave the training site better than we found it. When in doubt, **LEAVE NO TRACE.**
- 5.5 Do not destroy the landscape or vegetation needlessly.