The National Congress of Old West Shootists, Inc.

Long Range Safety Guidelines

1. All participants and spectators will follow the Range Officer(s)/Posse Marshals instructions at all times. No exceptions.

2. All participants are responsible for safety. Due to the large area affected, everyone participating in an event needs to support the Range Officer(s) / Posse Marshal by acting as additional safety officers. Items to watch for may include people or vehicles entering onto the range, livestock and other animals, or anything downrange that may become endangered in or past the target/impact zone.

3. At the Range Officer(s)/Posse Marshal's command of "Downrange","Clear" or "Ceasefire", all firing will cease and all firearms will be open and empty. No firearm on the shooting line will be handled during this time. Firearms off the shooting line may be cleaned. Firearms on the line maybe handled only after the Range Officer(s)/Posse Marshal has declared the line "hot".

4. Before putting any loaded firearm in battery, it should be approximately horizontal with the downrange terrain.

5. If the range utilizes target pits, a Pit Range Officer(s) must be present in the pits during all shooting periods. Additionally, some form of clear and reliable communication must exist at all times between the firing line and target pits.

6. No one will be permitted on the firing line except registered shooters, Range Officer(s)/Posse Marshal(s) and spotters at anytime during shooting periods. Spectators will remain at a safe distance behind the firing line at all times. Eye and Ear protection are required at all times by all persons, including spectators during shooting periods.

7. Different types of Long Range Shooting events may dictate that approved firearms, ammunition, equipment and shooting positions may or may not be used at the Match Director's discretion. Shoot rules and requirements should be clearly communicated to all participants well before the shooting event date, but it remains the shooter's responsibility to find out what is allowed for each event.