

Schofield Rod & Gun Club (SRGC)
Marksmanship Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.

This document regulates the general conduct of members in Marksmanship skills training activities at Schofield Rod & Gun Club (SRGC) authorized rifle/pistol ranges, and anyone else present at those ranges. This document also authorizes the OIC, RSO, or Coordinator to remove from the range, those persons acting in an unsafe or disorderly manner. “Marksmanship” activities are defined in this document as static, non-moving shooting drills and exercises to improve general accuracy and shooting skills. Static Marksmanship drills and exercises will consist of safe weapons handling and shooting techniques to include: accuracy and gear familiarization. “Coordinator” is defined as the individual organizing shooting events for the Marksmanship Program.

2. APPLICABILITY.

All users and anyone else present for Marksmanship training activities at SRGC authorized rifle/pistol ranges.

3. MARKSMANSHIP RANGE CONDUCT.

- a. Coordinator(s) will ensure participants have completed a Marksmanship 101 Course and maintain a direct one-on-one supervision while shooters conduct the Rifle and Pistol Transition Drill; this will ensure the safety of all participants, coordinators, OIC, and RSO’s of the day.

Qualifications to be a Coordinator are as Follows:

- (1). Marksmanship 101 Course Completion
 - (2). OIC/RSO Validation
 - (3). Appointment by the Rifle and Pistol Activity Directors
- b. All standard SRGC range safety rules and general shooting safety rules will apply as detailed in the SRGC MOU, Rifle/Pistol SOPs, Bylaws and any other SRGC policies and procedures.
 - c. Shooters shall not draw from a concealed position at any SRGC designated range.
 - d. Only holsters at the hip or thigh are permitted.
 - e. In addition, shooters must be under the supervision of another Marksmanship 101 qualified individual while conducting the Rifle to Pistol Transition Drill.
 - f. The OIC, RSO, and Coordinator will be designated by wearing either a reflective vest or SRGC shirt.
 - g. Anyone can and must announce ‘CEASE FIRE’, any time an unsafe act is observed, an animal is seen downrange, or aircraft are observed overhead or downrange.

- h. Bring firearms to the range only in an enclosed container. Enclosed container means a rigidly constructed receptacle, or a commercially manufactured gun case, or the equivalent thereof completely enclosing the firearm. This may include the manufacturer's original cardboard box for that particular firearm. At the marksmanship range, all rifles will be uncased at the firing line with muzzles pointed downrange and left at the firing line when not in use. Only unloaded and holstered pistols will be allowed at the staging / magazine reloading area behind the firing line.
- i. Members will bring sufficient eye and hearing protection for themselves. Eye and hearing protection is mandatory for all those on or near the firing line.
- j. Prior to departing the range, shooters shall have their firearms inspected by the OIC or RSO to ensure that they are unloaded. Once your firearm(s) have been inspected, they may then be cased and removed from the firing line and taken to your vehicle. DO NOT handle or uncase firearms behind the firing line once they have been cleared by the OIC/RSO.
- k. Shooters shall clean up any trash they generate, pick up all empty cartridge cases, and all target materials/debris from downrange prior to departing the range.

4. MARKSMANSHIP 101 Course.

- a. The Marksmanship 101 Course will be used to ensure safe weapons handling of the participants. Safety procedures and shooting skills covered in the Marksmanship 101 course will include continuous repetition of the general weapons safety rules with the incorporation of slings and holsters, while conducting the designated course of fire throughout the day.

Marksmanship 101 Course skill set:

(1). Rifle Sling Usage: To maintain positive control while using a rifle sling.

(2). Holster Draw: To maintain positive control while drawing the sidearm (semi-automatic/revolver) from a holster and firing two shots while remaining aware of the Firearm Safety Rules.

(3). Rifle to Pistol Transition: To demonstrate the ability to maintain positive control while transitioning from a rifle, with a sling, to a holstered Pistol and firing two shots while remaining aware of the Firearm Safety Rules (combination of Rifle Sling Usage and Holster Draw).

(4). Reloading Skills for Rifle and Pistol: To demonstrate the basic ability to maintain positive control while reloading both a rifle and pistol.

- b. Members who have attended the SRGC Marksmanship 101 course will be given a wallet card as proof of completion.
- c. The Marksmanship 101 wallet card will allow members to conduct Holster Draws and Rifle to Pistol Transitions at any SRGC designated range, to include CR1 and KR4.

Members must present the Marksmanship 101 wallet card to the range OIC and RSO's prior to conducting Holster Draws and Rifle to Pistol Transitions.

5. DESCRIPTIONS OF STATIC MARKSMANSHIP DRILLS AND EXERCISES.

Static Marksmanship Drills and Exercises will consist of safe weapons handling and shooting techniques to include accuracy and gear familiarization. Static Drills and exercises will consist of a controlled rate of fire with rifles, handguns, and shotguns while exhibiting positive control of the weapon and satisfactory accuracy, as deemed by the Coordinator of the day, and/or, course of fire. Gear familiarization for rifles and shotguns will include sling usage; handguns will include holsters (excluding concealed and cross-draw type holsters).

- a. Holster Draws: To maintain positive control while drawing the sidearm (semi-automatic/revolver) from a holster and firing two shots while remaining aware of the Firearm Safety Rules.
- b. Hammer Pairs: To engage the target with two controlled consecutive shots in a single sight picture. This allows for two precise shots at close range.
- c. Speed Reloads: To reload the firearm as quickly as possible, firing two shots while maintaining positive control and safety. This allows for a quick reload, decreasing the shooter's duration of time with an empty chamber and magazine.
- d. Failure to Stop Drill: Shooter will conduct a hammer pair on the target, then shoot a single controlled shot to either the head or the pelvis.
- e. Multiple Targets: Shooter will perform hammer pairs on each target. The shooter will engage the greater threat first or the closer target.
- f. Height Over Bore: The shooter shall be conscious of the height over bore for rifles. This is important for shooting from behind barriers.
- g. Barrier Usage: In order to ensure safety of the shooters and range personnel, barriers are to be only made of wood and cardboard. Shooter will understand the difference between shooting supported barrier and unsupported barrier.
- h. Shooting Positions: Shooter will understand the strengths and weaknesses of each shooting position to include: standing, kneeling, prone, and urban prone.
- i. Communication while Shooting: Shooter will maintain situational and target awareness with a partner. All drills will be conducted without movement. Communication between shooters will ensure a safe environment. Communication will include: identifying targets; reloads; and when transitioning from standing, kneeling, and prone positions.
- j. Exchanging Reload: Shooter will exchange a partially emptied magazine with a fully loaded magazine. This drill will not be for speed, such as "speed reloads" are. This drill is to ensure shooters will be conscious of their current magazine round count and will allow shooters to exchange magazines in an efficient manner. Magazine retention is key in this exercise as not all rounds were fired.

6. ENFORCEMENT.

The OIC/RSO/Coordinator are tasked with the solemn and important duty of overseeing a safe environment regarding the use of firearms at SRGC authorized ranges. Any commands and instructions they give will be promptly obeyed and complied with. Anyone at or near the firing line who fails to obey the commands and instructions of the OIC, RSO, or Coordinator, will be immediately ordered to leave the range. Persons who have an issue with being ordered to leave the range may take the matter up with the Rifle and Pistol Activity Director at a later time. Persons who fail to leave the range upon instructed to do so by an OIC/RSO/Coordinator, will be immediately reported to Range Control and the Military Police for removal. Safety is our Number One priority.