

## **CSML Range Rules-Muzzle Loading**[rev: 01-14-2020]

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, always keep the finger out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot, and keep the muzzleloader unloaded until ready to use.
2. Muzzle UP at all times when in the loading/firing line area. Carry muzzle above head from loading position to shooting position and back.
3. Place 'toe to the line' at firing position to keep muzzle blast down range as much as possible.
4. Cap or prime only when 'toe is to the line'. WITH THE MUZZLE pointed down range, into the backstop/berm. Capping or priming anywhere else is not permitted
5. Keep trigger finger out of trigger guard until sights are aligned on target, the set trigger may be set in the low position, then remove finger.
6. When aiming at the posted target, do not allow the muzzle of the firearm to point above the backstop. It is the responsibility of the shooter that the projectile always impacts the backstop.
7. Flint shooters are to announce 'FLINT' (Right or Left) when ready to fire.
8. All misfires and/or malfunctions are to be brought to the Range Safety Officer's attention. DO NOT LEAVE THE FIRING LINE UNTIL THE MALFUNCTION AND MUZZLELOADER IS CLEARED.
9. All shooters under the age of 16 are to be accompanied by a parent or guardian, with muzzleloader experience, no exceptions.
10. Do not enter the range with an uncased muzzleloader when the range is closed.
11. Upon hearing 'CEASE FIRE', stop shooting immediately, remove the finger from the trigger guard, place the muzzleloader waist high, muzzle pointed down range and wait for the RSO/RO's instructions. Anyone can call a 'CEASE FIRE', but only the RSO/RO can close the range.
12. Load only from a separate non-sparking powder measurer; pouring directly from the powder container is not permitted. The use of a container with a gate and spout is not permitted.
13. The loading area determined by the Range SOP's and/or the RSO
14. Loaded muzzleloaders are not to leave the firing line or the range area.
15. Do not blow down the barrel; a flexible blow tube may be used, but keep head clear of the muzzle.
16. Eye and ear protection is required.
17. No smoking in the loading/firing line area, remove horn when smoking, extinguish smoking items and deposit in proper receptacle.
18. All decisions of the Range Safety Officer / Range Officer are final, no exceptions.
19. All shooters, coaches, parents and guardians have read and agree to follow the above Range rules and Procedures by entering this Range.
20. All firearms bought onto the range in a case or sock are to be removed from the case or sock on the firing line, keeping the muzzle point into the backstop, then carried muzzle up, above head to the loading area. All firearms are to be cased or 'socked' on the firing line keeping the muzzle pointed into the backstop.