**RIFLE RANGE SAFETY RULES**

**USING THE M-A-T PRINCIPLE**

Rifle **MUZZLES** must always be pointed upward or downrange. Rifles must never be pointed at any person or anything you do not intend to shoot.

Rifle **ACTIONS** must remain open at all times except when actually shooting.

Fingers must remain outside of the **TRIGGER** guard until the rifle is aimed at the target and is ready to shoot.

The use of **CBIs (Clear Barrel Indicators)** is mandatory. CBIs are thin plastic cords that extend from the open breech to the muzzle that indicate the air rifle is unloaded. CBIs should remain in the air rifle unless the athlete is firing.

**OTHER IMPORTANT RULES FOR THIS RANGE**

**A Range Officer** or other responsible adult will be in charge of firing.

**No one will load or fire** a rifle until the Range Officer has given the commands LOAD or START.

**No one may** go forward of the firing line until all rifles are unloaded and grounded, with Clear Barrel Indicators (CBIs) inserted.

**Shooters may not** pick up rifles, get into position or load and fire their rifles until everyone is behind the firing line and the Range Officer has given instructions to handle rifles.

**Muzzles must be pointed** upward or downrange toward the target during loading. When firing is completed, rifle actions must be opened immediately. Rifles must be grounded and CBIs inserted.

**In CMP airgun ranges**, only air rifles with a muzzle velocity of less than 600 feet per second may be fired.

**Everyone present** during rifle firing is urged to wear eye and hearing protection.

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