

# ACUI Clay Targets

IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH



## SAFETY GUIDELINES

Many of us have been involved with sporting events, outdoor recreation, and competition for many years. As a beginner, all aspects of the sport are refreshing and new, so we pay attention to procedures, rules, and safety. With experience, statistics show that we get complacent with the activity and surroundings. The following rules and guidelines are meant to be a refresher of what may easily be taken for granted. Everyone is usually so focused on performance, and there are no shortcuts to safety. Remember, it is dangerous when someone observes an unsafe act and does nothing to address it.

## WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL IT OUT!

- ❑ Keep muzzles pointed downrange or in a safe direction always.
- ❑ Always wear hearing and eye protection, even when spectating.
- ❑ Treat ALL guns as though they are loaded.
- ❑ Breach or chamber must be kept open to show that the shotgun is not loaded until on the range and in use.
- ❑ Ensure you are using the appropriate ammunition.
- ❑ Prior to use, ensure the barrel is free of obstruction and is clear.
- ❑ When a misfire occurs, ensure previous safety and dispose of the round appropriately.
- ❑ Be aware of your surroundings, recognize pullers, scorers, and staff—particularly the machine fillers.
- ❑ Be familiar with your recreational firearm, its personality, how it closes, how it feels when it is closed. Usually when the firearm doesn't feel or sound the same, something has either worn or broke.
- ❑ Eject or place hulls in a safe direction.
- ❑ A clean and well cared for shotgun has less risk of malfunctioning.
- ❑ Be polite and professional when dealing with everyone on and at the range.
- ❑ Always keep your emotions in control. It is extremely hard to take back an action that is unbecoming.
- ❑ Never move from station to station with a loaded shotgun in any event.
- ❑ Never lean a shotgun where it may be at risk of slipping or falling, causing your firearm or someone else's damage.
- ❑ Never leave your firearm unattended or left in an area you cannot observe it. Expect that thieves are everywhere.
- ❑ Do not pick up another competitor's shotgun unless requested to do so by the owner.
- ❑ Always be courteous of your fellow competitors both on the line and off the line.
- ❑ Remember that each person can be a mentor to others on the range.
- ❑ Read and know the rule books. It can hurt a good score if you don't know the rules. Even referees make mistakes.

By signing below, you (the team coach and/or leader) acknowledge that you have read through the above information with your team and understand all listed safety guidelines.

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LEAD/COACH SIGNATURE

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