The Pikes Peak Council Shooting Sports Committee has adopted these Range Operation guidelines to assist the Council and Districts in planning and providing a safe and fun program for the youth and adults we serve. These rules, policies and directives are subject to change, revision and/or addition upon approval of the Council Shooting Sports Committee.

1. A knowledgeable trained person, approved by the Council Shooting Sports Committee, is designated as Special Scouting Event Shooting Sports Director. He/She reports directly to the Special Scouting Event Coordinator or the Council Event Advisor, but WILL NOT deviate from National BSA or Pikes Peak Council standards.

2. If Special Event is held at Camp Alexander, a BSA National Camping School Qualified Shooting Sports Director must be on site.


4. The Range Safety Officer is responsible for the operation of a specific range. He/She is to run the range, maintain safety, and insure all rules are followed. IN ORDER TO FULFILL THESE DUTIES, THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER IS NOT BE INVOLVED IN ONE ON ONE INSTRUCTION.

5. As outlined in the BSA National Shooting Sports Manual, Section 1, there must be a minimum of one RSO and one RO on a range; two separate persons. Additional RSOs and ROs may be needed based on the discipline, level of shooting activity and number of stations on the range.

6. Range Officer/Staff ID cards should be worn visibly on the person when on the range.

7. Jr. Staff assisting on ranges must be a minimum of 14 years old and approved by the Range Safety Officer. To assist on a live firing range, Jr. Staff must poses a Shooting Sports Merit Badge Venturing Shooting Sports Award and/or any additional training as specified by the Range Safety Officer, Special Event Shooting Sports Director or the Council Shooting Sports Committee.

8. Range Safety Officers have the authority to dismiss anyone from a range at any time, for any reason, YOUTH or ADULTS. The decision of the Range Safety Officer is FINAL.


10. NO ONE is allowed on the ranges without permission of the Range Safety Officer or his/her designee. Shooting Ranges are for YOUTH first. Adults may shoot at the discretion of the Range Safety Officer.
11. Red Safety Flag is to be flown in a prominent place when any range is in operation.

12. Range Layout – All ranges are to follow CURRENT BSA National Shooting Sports Manual and any additional policies as set by the Council Shooting Sports Committee or use of an approved Commercial Shooting Range.

13. Cub Scout BB shooters will shoot from the prone position (or bench rest if available). Shooters with special needs may be accommodated to shoot from another position at the discretion of the Range Safety Officers and is to be done ONLY with one to one supervision. This one to one supervision IS IN ADDITION to the one Range Officer per eight-shooter requirement.

14. Range Rules should be posted in plain sight for review by participants and visitors.

15. **ALL** equipment used on any Special Event Shooting Sports Range **MUST** adhere to BSA National Shooting Sports Manual guidelines. Plans for all shooting events are to be reviewed with the Council Shooting Sports Committee for approval, **prior to the event**.

16. The Council Shooting Sports Committee will conduct a special meeting prior to the Special Event to review current standards and procedures, update ID cards, set schedules, etc. This meeting is **MANDATORY** for the Special Scouting Event Director, Special Scouting Event Shooting Sports Director and Range Safety Officers. Range Officers may also attend this meeting.

17. The Pikes Peak Council Special Scouting Event Coordinator is responsible for assuring all rules, policies and directives of the council are followed. These rules, policies and directives are to be issued to Special Scouting Event Director, Special Scouting Event Shooting Sports Director, Range Safety Officer and Range Officers with a signed copy of this document on file with the event director.

18. A First-aid kit must be present on all ranges. Certified First-Aid/CPR personnel should be present as well.