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 including Troops, Teams, Ships, Crews, and Posts. These rules, policies and directives are subject to change, revision and/or addition upon approval of the Council Shooting Sports Committee.

1. Boy Scout and older scouts may participate in Tomahawk Throwing, and should have their Totin’ Chip in order to participate. Cub Scouts are prohibited from participating.

2. A knowledgeable person, trained and 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. Responsibilities of the Shooting Sports Director are specified in the Special Event Shooting Sports Job Descriptions.

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

4. Range Safety Officers for Tomahawk Throwing must be 21 years old or older and hold an NRA or NAA certification. They must also hold a current BSA Youth Protection card and be a registered Pikes Peak Council adult leader.

5. The Range Officer is responsible for the operation of a specific, single thrower, tomahawk range. He/She is to run the range, maintain safety, and insure all rules are followed.

6. There will be a minimum of one Range Officer per thrower.

7. Range Officer/Staff ID cards are to be worn visibly on the person only when on the range.

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

9. Safety talks are to be presented to all participants prior to throwing.

10. Range Officers or his/her designee are to review safety rules and procedures with each group as they enter the range and as needed while throwing.

11. NO ONE is allowed on the ranges without permission of the Range Officer or his/her designee. Throwing ranges are for YOUTH first. Adults may throw at the discretion of the Range Officer.

12. Red Safety Flag is to be flown in a prominent place on a free standing pole when any range is in operation.

13. Range Layout – throwing targets are to be placed at least 10 feet back from the throwing line; throwing targets are to be at least 3.5 inch thick (minimum thickness) wood slabs (no engineered wood, i.e. particle board or plywood); range safety line is to be a minimum of 10 feet back from the throwing line; the throwing lane is a minimum of 5 feet wide; the outer perimeter of the entire throwing range area should extend a minimum of 10 feet out from all sides of the active throwing area.

14. ALL equipment used on any Special Event Shooting Sports Range MUST adhere to “Guide to Safe Scouting” program guidelines. Plans for all shooting events are to be reviewed with the Council Shooting Sports Committee for approval by the committee, prior to the event.

15. The Council Shooting Sports Committee will conduct a special meeting prior to the Special Event to review current standards and procedures, 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.

16. The Pikes Peak Council Special Scouting Event Coordinator is responsible for assuring all rules, policies and directives of the council are followed.

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

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