



Safety rules for MSVC Gun Shoot and Picnic

We are looking forward to hosting our third annual Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter of MOAA Member Military Gun Shoot and picnic. We have enjoyed the opportunity which the Vienna Fish and Game Club has provided us to fire military weapons of past and present. We want everyone to enjoy themselves, AND we want everyone to return with all limbs, digits, and senses intact. Safety will be imperative. There is no room for complacency. Please follow all guidelines and common sense when handling weapons.

Basic Gun Safety Rules

Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
Know your target and what is beyond.
Store gun so it is not accessible to unauthorized persons.
Use a quality holster that fully covers the trigger guard.
Keep gun handling and holster adjustment to a minimum.

Transportation of firearms

We want you to handle all firearms safely, and legally. Here are the guidelines for handling firearms in the State of Ohio:

Rifles:

If the firearm is at least twenty-four inches in overall length as measured from the muzzle to the part of the stock furthest from the muzzle and if the barrel is at least eighteen inches in length, either in plain sight with the action open or the weapon stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type on which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be stripped, in plain sight.

Handguns:

If you do not have a Concealed Carry Handgun Permit:

Your firearm must be unloaded, and the firearm is to be carried in one of the following ways:

- (1) In a closed package, box, or case;
- (2) In a compartment that can be reached only by leaving the vehicle;
- (3) In plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made for the purpose;

If you have a valid Concealed Carry Handgun Permit:

Loaded handguns and magazines may be on your person or stored anywhere in your vehicle.



At the Range

1. Preparation. Bring hearing and eye protection.
2. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed while we are on the range.
3. We will have at least one Range Safety Officer. Obey commands to keep the range safe. If you exhibit unsafe behavior, you may be asked to leave the range.
4. Keep firearms unloaded and actions open when arriving or departing a range.
5. Use proper ammunition for the weapon. For example, an AR-15 chambered in .223 can fire .223 but not 5.56. But an AR-15 chambered in 5.56 may fire .223 or 5.56.
6. We will be sharing weapons to fire. If you are unfamiliar with a weapon you desire to shoot, get operating and safety instruction from the owner before heading to the firing line.
7. Weapons will not be handled while there are people down range. ECI's should be used if available.
8. You will be instructed as to when it is permitted to bring weapons to the firing line. All weapons brought to the firing line will have the actions to remain open until the range is hot.
9. When the range is hot, weapons may be loaded and fired upon proper command.
10. Use only the provided paper targets. Shoot only at the target in your lane. Do not cross fire.
11. When you have finished firing your weapon, safe your weapon, and place it on the bench or ground, and then you may step away from the firing line. Safe your weapon by removing the magazine and opening the action. ECI's should be used if available.