

ALABAMA RANGERS SAFETY RULES

1. **Treat all firearms as though they are loaded.**
2. **Muzzles must not be allowed to “sweep” anyone at any time. chambers and magazines must be empty and actions open except on the firing line.**
3. **All firearms must remain unloaded except when on the firing line. Load and unload in designated areas only.**
4. **Pistols always loaded with one round below maximum and hammer down on the empty chamber.**
5. **Once a live round has been placed under the hammer the firearm is to be shot.**
6. **Shooters shall not place a finger on the trigger or thumb on hammer, of any firearm until the firearm is pointed down range.**
7. **Extreme care must be exercised when drawing or returning a pistol from a cross draw holster. Shooters must twist their bodies if necessary to ensure the muzzle never breaks the 170-degree safety rule.**
8. **If a gun is dropped during a stage the shooter may not pick the gun up. The range officer (Posse Leader) will recover the gun and inspect and clear it then return it to the shooter.**
9. **Ammo dropped by a shooter during the course of a stage is “Dead” and must not be recovered until the stage is completed and then it will be retrieved by the brass pickers.**
10. **Immediately upon completion of a stage, all firearms carried by a shooter must be taken to the unloading table for unloading and inspection.**
11. **No shooter may ingest any substance that will or may affect his or her ability to participate with a maximum state of awareness and in a completely safe manner. Alcohol, prescription and non-prescription medications that may cause drowsiness or any other physical or mental impairment must be avoided.**
12. **Eye and ear protection is mandatory for all competitors on the firing line. Eye protection is also mandatory for spectators in direct line of sight of steel targets.**
13. **Only registered competitors may wear firearms.**
14. **No one may cross the firing line while shooting is in progress.**
