

PENNSYLVANIA ZERT

Event SOP/Rules

The following are a generalized list of event rules; to cover range days, competitions, meet and greets, and ZERT instructed classes organized by the PA POC's. It is strongly suggested that the individual Squads either adopt these event rules, or at the very least...develop their own SOP's.

RANGE EVENTS (to include Competitions, Range Days, Meet & Greets and Classes):

1. Smoking:
 - a. Absolutely no smoking of cigarettes. Vaping is fine. Conditional smoking of cigars is fine, as long as stubs are then extinguished and properly disposed of.
 - b. Most of our range events are held in fields/pastures used by farmers. Leaving cigarette butts lying around is inconsiderate to the landowner, as well as not healthy for livestock.
 - c. An additional concern is fire.
 - d. In the past the landowner has had to go around after class and pick up butts...this is rude and very inconsiderate to the landowner.
 - e. ALL smoking is strictly prohibited within barns and other training structures.
2. Video:
 - a. No video may be shot without the verbal or written permission of the event host.
3. Spectators:
 - a. ZERT is NOT a spectator sport! No spectators are allowed at range events; unless spectators have been pre-approved by the host, and they must also sign all applicable liability waivers.
 - b. Spectators/auditors may NOT video any aspect of the event
 - c. Spectators/auditors are responsible for their own seating, beverages and food.
4. Clean up!
 - a. Clean up after yourself! Make sure you take out everything that you brought in.
5. Liability:
 - a. All participants, competitors, spectators and instructors MUST have a signed liability waiver signed and on file with the event host PRIOR to the event.
 - b. Each event will have a new waiver issued prior to each event.
6. ID Verification:
 - a. All participants, spectators, competitors must have their photo ID on file with the event host prior to the event...for liability purposes.
7. ICE:
 - a. All participants, spectators, competitors must have their "In Case of Emergency" information to the host PRIOR to the event.
8. RSO:
 - a. All shooting events are required to have a clearly designated Range Safety Officer on hand at all times. The RSO's word is final!

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9. Brass:
 - a. Please police as much of your brass/steel as possible. We understand that picking up every casing is not always possible due to the terrain...however, please to do your best.
 - b. At the end of every shooting event, everyone will be expected to spend 15-30 minutes gathering spent casings. Anyone who does not help gather casings, will not be invited back to future events.
10. Vehicles:
 - a. There will be no parking of vehicles upon the range.
 - b. Vehicles will be parked in designated areas only
11. Tents/Chairs:
 - a. Tents, tables and chairs may be utilized in the pre-designated area only. Tents must be staked down if in a high wind area.
12. HMFIC:
 - a. The person in charge is the HOST!
 - b. The Host has the final say on logistics and safety protocols.
 - c. The next person in the "COC" is either the Instructor or the RSO.
 - d. What the HMFIC says...is final. This is for safety reasons.
13. Carding/Patching/Tabbing:
 - a. All ZERT Member participants are expected to bring both their current ZERT call-sign card and their State-designated Patch. Please try to always be wearing your State Patch.
 - b. Please always have a name tab visible while on the range.
 - c. Anyone caught without their call-sign card will need to push out 15 push-ups and 30 sit-ups, on the range...or will be buying a round of drinks for everyone at dinner.
14. Laws:
 - a. Please follow the legal laws of the land. In other words...don't do anything illegal at any PA ZERT hosted event.
15. Photos:
 - a. We have a small number of members who don't want their pictures taken, for occupational reasons. Do NOT take pictures of anyone who has not given you verbal permission to do so ahead of time.
 - b. Pictures taken of the instructors from ZERT HQ...please get their approval before posting to Facebook, etc.
 - c. Make sure you get permission from the instructor, before taking their picture. Many of our instructors work in sensitive jobs (contractors, under cover, federal, etc)...and can not have pictures of themselves on the internet.
16. Ears/Eyes:
 - a. ALL participants MUST have, and be using, ear and eye protection while on the active range. Participants without protection will be asked to leave and go purchase protection from a local establishment before being allowed back on the active range.
17. Hydration/Food:

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- a. It is the responsibility of the participants to make sure they have brought along enough hydration and food for the event.

18. Medical:

- a. All participants are responsible for letting the Host know if they have any medical ailments/conditions/concerns/issues that the Host or on-scene medical volunteers should know about.

19. Meet & Greets:

- a. At any public M&G, remember...you represent PA ZERT as well as ZERT HQ. Be polite and respectful of the people who are around you.
- b. We always want to present ourselves as a "class act". We don't want anyone feeling threatened or offended by our behavior or apparel...so be responsible and aware of everything/one around you.

20. Firearms Safety:

- a. Always be aware of who is around you...whether pulling your firearm out of its case, loading a magazine, clearing a malfunction, etc!!!
- b. NO MUZZLING!!!
- c. No pointing guns (loaded or unloaded) at other people or animals.
- d. Always know the state of your firearm.
- e. Always keep pistols holstered until on the firing line.
- f. Always keep rifles in the low until on the firing line.
- g. Always clear jams in the designated area
- h. ALWAYS, ALWAYS know where your bullet is going when you pull that trigger!!!
- i. ALWAYS have your IFAK with your kit, at the range staging area. If a shooter does not have an IFAK, they will not be allowed to shoot!
- j. Keep your finger OFF the trigger until you are pointing the gun down the range at a target.

21. Drones:

- a. NO DRONES. Exceptions may be made to this, but only the HOST may make the exception. Unauthorized drones will be used as targets and the drone's owner will be escorted off the property.

22. Facilities:

- a. Most of our events are held on private property. Respect the facilities. Leave it nicer than how you found it (this includes the field, the bathrooms, the buildings, etc).
- b. Everyone will be expected to help in the clean-up of facilities after each event.

23. Behavior:

- a. I don't need to say anything to those who have attended our events since the beginning...but for anyone new: no fighting, no horseplay with loaded weapons, be polite to landowners and guests, don't destroy property, follow the rules, and be there to learn.

24. ZERT

- a. ZERT is what YOU make of it! Be active! Participate! Help your fellow ZERT members and learn from them when you need help!