

LAHONTAN VALLEY CLAYBREAKERS &  
FALLON TRAP CLUB BASIC GUN SAFETY RULES

1. All youth shooters must attend a Range Safety Class provided by the Fallon Trap Club before participating in the program. All shooters and parents must sign a Firearms Responsibility Contract after completion of the Range Safety Class and both will be required to sign a Consent/Waive Form before shooting.
2. Always keep the Muzzle pointed in a safe direction. What is a safe direction? A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. Control where the muzzle or front end of the gun barrel is pointed. A common rule is to hold the gun muzzle pointed at the ground or down range.
3. Firearms shall be unloaded when not in use. This rule is easy to obey. Don't load any ammunition into you gun until you are on the firing line. When shooting trap, only one shell is to be loaded into you gun at a time, with the exception of shooting doubles. Make sure to always have the chamber open, or in the case of a breakdown shotgun, broken open when not shooting.
4. Do not proceed to the next station until all shooters have finished shooting.
5. Only firearms designed for clay target shooting (shotguns) are permitted on the range.
6. Only ammunition (1 1/8 oz. or less of #9, #8, or 7½ shot) and not to exceed 3 drams equivalent in powder is to be used.
7. Do not rely on your gun's 'Safety'. The safety mechanism is a mechanical device that is designed to reduce the chance of an accidental firing. But, like any mechanical device, it can fail to work properly. Use it, but don't let it take the place of following the gun safety rules.
8. All Rookie shooters (5<sup>th</sup> grade and below) must have a parent or guardian in attendance at all shoots and practices.
9. Eye and ear protection is mandatory for **all** shooters to be worn while shooting. **No Exceptions.** Gunshots are loud and the noise can damage your hearing. Guns also emit hot gases, lead particles, and other debris that could injure your eyes.
10. No horseplay or interference with other shooters is permitted. Use common sense and show shooting courtesy. Also be ready to shoot when it is your turn.
11. Be sure of your target and what is beyond. Be sure that you clearly see and correctly identify your target before shooting.
12. Use the correct ammunition. Know the gauge of you gun and make sure that the shells always match your gun. Only shells that have been designed for a certain gun be fired safely.
13. If your gun fails to fire or sounds like it fired in an unusual manner, handle your gun in a safe manner by keeping it pointed down range and raise your hand to alert your coach. Do not attempt to do anything to correct the problem. Let your coach correct the problem.
14. Be sure the barrel of your gun is clear of obstructions. Proper cleaning, lubrication, and inspection are an important safety measure for you and your gun. Always check the barrel of your gun before shooting to make sure it is clear.
15. Learn your gun's mechanical and handling characteristics. Be sure to read and understand your gun's instruction manual. If you have any questions about your gun, ask your coach for help.