Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Shooting Sports Safety Rules

1. **Always** keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
2. **Always** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. **Always** keep your gun unloaded until you are at the firing line and the range is declared "HOT." Firearms must be safe (unloaded - magazines removed and actions opened, no ammunition in chambers or shotgun barrels) when entering or exiting the range. No exceptions.
4. **Cease Firing:** Immediately stop shooting when anyone calls "Cease firing." Anyone may call for a cease fire if seeing an unsafe act of any kind.
5. **COLD Range:** Shooters must check with others to ensure firearms are unloaded, actions open and firearms laid down on the shooting bench before going down range. No one is permitted to handle firearms or stand at the firing line while there is a cold range.
6. **HOT Range:** Shooters must check with others to ensure there is no one down range; when the range is declared "HOT" shooters are permitted to commence firing. Only shooters are permitted on the firing line or shotgun field. Shooters may move safe guns to and from the firing line only when the range is "HOT."
7. **All shooters are responsible for their rounds staying within the confines of their shooting range and/or field.** Shooters may shoot only from the firing line or field at the target in line with their position
8. **Respect the Range:** Please place your trash into the trash receptacles and your spent brass into the recycling receptacles. Utilizing tracer, armor piercing and incendiary ammunition is prohibited. When going downrange, stay on the walkways to and from the targets-access to the backstop and all areas outside of the target lines and walkways is prohibited. For shotgun, only #7.5, #8, and #9 shot may be used, and no more than 3-dram equivalent.
9. **Respect Yourself:** All participants and spectators on the firing line **MUST** use ear eye and ear protection. No exceptions. Food, beverages and smoking are not allowed on the firing line. You should wash your hands and face after shooting.