

## **Safety:**

### **NRA has 3 basic rules**

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction
2. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
3. Keep your gun unloaded until you are ready to shoot

### **Other rules – most apply to all clubs, some may be specific to Powder Creek**

Unless you are shooting, the gun action is to always be open so everyone knows it is unloaded

Guns are to be pointed up in the air or down at the ground

If you see an orange cone on the trap house, it is not safe to shoot. Someone may be loading targets.

You must wear eye and ear protection

The largest shot you can shoot is 7.5 and no steel shot is allowed. Use 7.5, 8.0 or 8.5

No running

No flip flops

### **SCTP Rules**

No resting muzzle on your toe

You cannot wear earbuds if they are not noise dampening for shooting

Earbuds may not be plugged in while shooting an event

Parents do not yell at or coach their kids during practice

### **Storing and using guns**

Guns should not be accessible to unauthorized people – Use safe or trigger locks

Be aware that there are some types of guns that require additional precautions – ie release triggers

Regular cleaning is important

- Be sure the gun is unloaded
- No ammo should be in the cleaning area

### **Ammunition**

Common gauges are 12, 20, 28 and .410 12ga is the largest, .410 is the smallest

A smaller gauge shell can fit into a larger gun and block the barrel – causing the gun to explode if a second shell is put in and fired.

Do not keep more than one gauge of shell on you at a time

### **Understand how your gun works**

Become familiar with your gun so that you are very comfortable with how it works.

### **Malfunctions**

Failure to fire

1. Keep the muzzle in a safe direction
2. Wait 30 seconds before trying to eject the shell – The primer could still go off
3. Raise your hand if working with a coach to let them know there is a problem
4. Examine the primer to see if it has been dented

If the gun fired but sounded strange/muffled, the barrel needs to be checked for an obstruction. The wad could be stuck in the barrel. If so, a rod needs to be used to clear the barrel

Other reasons your gun may not have fired

- Safety was on
- Over/under shotgun selector switch could have been in the wrong position
- The bolt may not have been closed all the way
- Broken firing pin or other broken part of the gun