

# Shooting Sports Award

## Requirements for BB Guns



**BB Gun Range Safety Rules (Handout) :**

**BB Gun Range Commands (Handout) :**

**Parts of a BB Gun (Handout) :**

**BB Gun Sight Alignment (Handout) :**

**Shooting Positions (Handout) :**

The only shooting position that Cub Scouts are allowed to use is the Prone Position. Webelos & AOL Scouts also need to learn the Sitting and Bench Shooting position.

**Five History Facts of BB Guns (required for Webelos & AOL Scouts) :**

1. Ancient hunters used a hollow piece of bamboo to blow a projectile
2. The 1st air powered gun was invented around 1580 and was called the "Bellows Gun"
3. In 1885, an American company made an air powered gun to shoot Ball Bearings (BB's)
4. In 1895 a windmill company started making BB Rifles, then changed their company name to Daisy, and sold 1/4 million air rifles in the next 5 years
5. In 1984 air guns were used for the first time during the Olympics.

**4 Gun Safety Reminders if You Find a Gun :**

Stop, Don't Touch, Leave the Area, Tell a trusted Adult

**Eye Protection :**

Everyone MUST wear Eye Protection while on the Shooting Range

**How to Hold a BB Gun :**

If you will be sighting the target with your right eye, hold the trigger with your right hand, with the back of the rifle (butt) held up against your right shoulder. Hold up the gun with your left hand on the forearm section of the gun which is under the barrel.

If you will be sighting the target with your left eye, hold the trigger with your left hand, with the back of the rifle (butt) held up against your left shoulder. Hold up the gun with your right hand on the forearm section of the gun.

**How to load a BB Gun :**

Assume all gun are ALWAYS loaded.

Correct Loading Order :

#1 Pump, #2 Load, #3 Close Bolt, #4 Safety Off, #5 Aim, #6 Shoot

### **Eye Dominance :**

Determine which of your eyes is best for sighting your gun. Make a circle with your thumb and the finger next to your thumb. Now, hold out your hand, and with both eyes, look thru this circle while focusing on a particular object. Next, slowly, bring your hand towards your face. Now, look at yourself in a mirror, and notice WHICH eye, you are looking thru. This is your Dominant Eye. This is the eye you should sight thru when shooting. You can sight thru whichever eye you are most comfortable with.

### **Proper Sight Alignment (Handout) :**

Know your target and what is behind it :

Be sure where your BB will go when you shoot. Always aim down range, and be sure that nobody is anywhere near your target, or behind it.

### **Proper Breathing :**

Your Gun may move up and down, from your breathing in and out. Before shooting, take a breath, and then take your shot **WHILE**, you are slowly breathing out.

### **Trigger Squeeze with Follow Thru :**

Pulling your trigger finger too hard, or too fast, may cause your gun barrel to be pulled down. This will cause your shots to drop below your target area. To help keep this from happening, slowly and carefully squeeze your entire hand to fire your shot.

### **Shooting Requirements :**

While at a Boy Scouts of America approved event, Scouts will need to complete the following requirements.

Shoot 5 shots at each target, score your target, then repeat, while doing your best to improve your score.

Tigers                5/5     (2 targets, 10 shots total)

Wolf, Bear        5/5/5   (3 targets, 15 shots total)

Webelos, AOL    5/5/5/5 (4 targets, 20 shots total)

### **How to Make a Gun Safe, if you have a problem while shooting**

- 1) Open bolt
- 2) Turn on safety switch
- 3) Open pumping lever
- 4) Lay gun on mat, pointing down range
- 5) Sit on back of mat, raise your hand, and wait for assistance

### **How to Safely and Properly Store a Gun**

Make sure the Gun is empty by firing down range, Safety On, Open Bolt, Lock Up Gun, and Store in a Safe Location without Ammunition