

Procedure for the Safe Operation & Use of the Hunter Education Range

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Definition

The "HUNTER EDUCATION (HE) RANGE" is defined as the shooting range posted as such and located south of the Rose-Iris (RI) General Purpose shooting range. It is physically defined by earthen berms on the southern, western and northern sides and a covered shooter's area on the eastern side. The Hunter Education Practical Area is also considered part of the HE Range and is defined as the area east of the practical pistol and cowboy ranges access road and bounded on the eastern side by the TCSA property line fence along SR 225, on the south side by the log wall and gate going to the cowboy ranges, and on the north side by a line from the Rose-Iris tree line to the SR 225 TCSA property line fence.

Use Restrictions

The HE Range may only be used when a TCSA qualified Range Safety Officer (RSO) is present and the red range flag flown on the flag pole before any handling of firearms or shooting can occur. The HE Range was primarily designed to support the live firing portion of HE classes, but may also be used as an overflow for the RI Range and to conduct other properly scheduled shooting events. Individuals desiring to use the HE Range for an event shall submit a TCSA Range Use Request to the TCSA. The TCSA Operations Officer will contact the HESA Chief Instructor for HE events who will verify HE Range availability and assign a confirmation number to the request. The TCSA Operations Officer will then approve or disapprove the request depending on range availability and appropriateness of the request, and include the event on the master TCSA Range Use calendar. Other rules and procedures will also be in effect to more safely conduct the HE classes and other scheduled events. During the time when HE classes or other events are being conducted, no other shooters may use the HE Range. The Practical Area is **only to be used** to conduct field course evaluations of HE class. **No ammunition or loaded firearms are allowed in the Practical Area.**

Safety

1. Adults and children under the covered HE Range area must wear eye and hearing protection and must sign-in at the RI General Purpose range house and check in with the Range Safety Officer **BEFORE** moving firearms or shooting at the HE Range. Sign in for shooting events (HE classes, First Shots, etc.) will be done at the HE Range. At the end of shooting event the sign-in sheets shall be put in an envelope and deposited in the RI Range safe in accordance with the RI Range Instructions.
2. No armor-piercing/tracer or other banned ammunition is allowed on any of the TCSA Ranges. Refer to banned ammunition information contained in the RSO Booklet and TCSA webpage at www.tcsa.info.
3. The rules for the RI Range (refer to the latest copy of the RSO Booklet) are the same rules that shall be followed at the HE Range unless specifically approved rules for a specific event are to be used. The additional HE class rules to be followed for the conduct of HE classes at the HE Range and Practical Area shall be provided to the lead HE Trainer prior to the event being conducted. Additional rules for other non-HE events will be determined and approved by the TCSA.
4. Firearms shall remain cased and/or in vehicles until given permission by the Range Safety Officer to be removed and placed in the racks provided. Firearms may only be handled when the HE Range is Hot. When the HE Range is Cold, handling of firearms is not allowed. Empty Chamber Indicator flags shall be used in all appropriate firearms when not in use or properly cased.
5. Shooters may only shoot at the targets within the HE Range boundaries. They may not shoot at rocks, animals, or the Rose-Iris General Purpose range extended steel gongs.
6. All shooting must be done from the edge of cement firing line. The muzzles of firearms or the tips of arrows being used shall be as close as practical to the designated firing line.
7. Archery use shall be conducted on the North end of the HE Range when the range is being used by mixed users (archery and firearm). Broadhead arrows are not allowed to be used on the HE Range. Only field point arrows are to be used. Standard approved archery targets are to be used for archery shooting.
8. Garbage and trash shall be placed in containers provided or taken away by the generator. All cases/hulls and targets shall be picked up by and properly stored or disposed of by the generator. Duds or defective ammunition will be taken home by the generator or deposited in dud containers.
9. All TCSA and standard gun handling safety rules apply on the HE Range.