



# VENTURING BSA

## Venturing Standards - For use of Firearms

The following guidelines relate to use of firearms within the Venturing program. *Safety should ALWAYS be the primary concern when using firearms as part of the Venturing program.*

### Handguns

1. Handgun use is limited to the Venturing program.
2. All pistol shooting activities must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Pistol Instructor and when on the range, must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Range Safety Officer.
3. When on the range, there must be a ratio of no more than three shooters per adult coach or instructor. The adult coaches or instructors must be close to the shooters for close supervision. The adult coaches/instructors must be supervised by the Range Safety Officer.
4. *All participants must complete an NRA basic pistol marksmanship course prior to range firing.*
5. With the approval of the local council, handgun shooting may be conducted on BSA camp ranges, provided the shooting is done under the supervision of a currently NRA-certified Range Safety Officer.
6. Shooting safety glasses and ear protection must be worn on pistol ranges.
7. Care must be taken to comply with federal, state, and local laws.

### Shotguns

1. For range shooting, shot size is determined by the range rules.
2. All shotgun shooting activities must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Shotgun Instructor and when on the range, must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Range Safety Officer.
3. Shooting safety glasses and ear protection must be worn on shotgun ranges.
4. Care must be taken to comply with federal, state, and local laws.

## **Muzzleloaders**

- 1. Muzzleloading firearms must be of modern manufacture. Firearms made from kits must be certified safe by a licensed gunsmith.**
- 2. All muzzleloader range shooting activities must be supervised by a currently NRA/NMLRA certified muzzle loader firearms instructor and when on the range, must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Range Safety Officer.**
- 3. For range firing, each participant must have one instructor or adult coach under the supervision of a currently NRA-certified Range Safety Officer.**
- 4. Shooting safety glasses and ear protection must be worn on muzzleloader shooting ranges.**
- 5. Care must be taken to comply with federal, state, and local laws.**

## **Rifles**

- 1. All rifle shooting activities must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Rifle Instructor and when on the range, must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified Range Safety Officer.**
- 2. Shooting safety glasses and ear protection must be worn on rifle ranges.**
- 3. Care must be taken to comply with federal, state, and local laws.**