

# BSA Quick Reference Shooting Sports Guidelines



|                                | Shooting Sports Manual | Cub Scouts-Tigers-Wolf-Bear   | Webelo  | Scout | Varsity | Sea Scouts | Venture |   |  |  |  |  |                                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|-------|---------|------------|---------|---|--|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
|                                | Pg.                    | Min. Age for Non-Scouts to Shoot BB Rifles is 8 Yrs.Old   | The use of pellet air rifles is restricted to Webelos Scouts in a resident camp setting ONLY .<br>Tiger, Wolf & Bear Scouts Can Not Shoot Pellet Air Rifles |       |         |            |         | Trained RangeMasters Certified NRA RSO's, & Instructors Must Be Present at All Shooting Events as Required. |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Slingshots/Wrist Rockets       | 95                     |   |   |       |         |            |         | Ammunition<br>Beans,Paint Balls, Dog Food, etc.   |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Catapults & Balloons           | 96                     | Biodegradable balloons filled no larger than a ping-pong ball. Catapults use objects no larger or harder than a tennis ball!  |   |       |         |            |         |   |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Rockets, BlowGuns, Projectiles | H&S                    | Must Have Council Approval and Follow The Guide To Safe Scouting & Sweet 16 for BSA Safety  |   |       |         |            |         |   |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Archery                        | 70-73                  |   |   |       |         |            |         | Fiberglass, Wood, or Alum. Arrows.<br>Steel BB  |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| BB Rifle                       | 83 85 95               | Rifles Must be 350 fps. (feet per second) or Less.  |   |       |         |            |         |   |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Pellet Rifle                   | 83 95                  |   | Rifles Can Be Piston, CO2, or Pre-Charge. Not to exceed 540 fps or 7 Joules.  |       |         |            |         | Target Pellets  |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Tomahawks                      | GTSS                   | <p><b>Cub Scout Shooting Sports Programs may be conducted ONLY on a District or Council level.</b></p> <p>Archery and BB gun shooting are restricted to Day Camps, Cub Scout/ Webelos Scout Resident Camps, Council-managed family camping programs, or to Council activities where there are properly Trained Supervisors and all Standards for BSA Shooting Sports are enforced.</p> <p>Archery and BB gun shooting are NOT to be done at the pack level.</p> |   |       |         |            |         | Council Approved  |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Paint Ball                     | 95                     |   |   |       |         |            |         |   | Combat Style Paint ball Games is NOT a Approved Scouting Event     |  |  |  | Paint Ball                       |
| 22 cal Rifles                  | 11                     |   |   |       |         |            |         |   |  |  |  |  | Short,Long,Long Rifle            |
| Shotgun                        | 26 52                  |   |   |       |         |            |         |   |  |  |  |  | 20,16,12gauge<br>7-1/2 to 9 shot |
| Muzzle Loading Rifle           | 26 52                  |   |   |       |         |            |         |   | Min. Age for Non-Scouts to handle, but not fire MLR is 8 yrs. Old. |  |  |  | 57 Cal. Or Less                  |
| Muzzle Loading Shotgun         | 31                     |   |   |       |         |            |         |   |  |  |  |  | 57 Cal. Or Less                  |
| All Pistols-All Calibers       | 21                     |   |   |       |         |            |         |   | Min. Age for Non-Scouts to Shoot Air Pistol is 14 yrs. Old.        |  |  |  |                                  |
| Muzzle Loading Pistol          | 36                     |   |   |       |         |            |         |   |  |  |  |  | 57 Cal. Or Less                  |
| All Rifles-All Calibers        | 54                     |   |   |       |         |            |         |   |  |  |  |  |                                  |

## GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING (GTSS) POLICY ON POINTING GUNS

*Pointing any type of firearm or simulated firearm at any individual is unauthorized. Scout units (other than Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts) may plan or participate in paintball, laser tag, or similar events where participants shoot at targets that are neither living nor human representations. Units with council approval may participate in formally organized historical reenactment events where firearms are used and intentionally aimed over the heads of the reenactment participants. Paintball guns, laser guns, or similar devices may be used in target shooting with council approval and following the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety. Council approval means the approval of the Scout executive or his or her designee on a tour plan specifically outlining details of the event. (However, law enforcement departments and agencies using firearms in standard officer/agent training may use their training agenda when accompanied with appropriate safety equipment in the Law Enforcement Exploring program.) Reference the Guide to Safe Scouting*

**All Ranges are to include: Safe Area, Safe Distance, & Safe Back-Stop.**

Private Property Range Request Application Click Below

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/Shooting%20Sports/430-065\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/Shooting%20Sports/430-065_WB.pdf)

