

CROSSROADS OF THE WEST COUNCIL  
SHOOTING SPORTS POLICY  
GUIDELINE 3  
MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR

- \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor must have completed BSA Youth Protection within 2 previous years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor must be registered as a merit badge counselor with the council.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor for Rifle Shooting merit badge is NRA-certified rifle or if using Muzzle-loading Rifles must be an NRA/NMLRA-certified muzzle loading rifle instructor or coach
- \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor for Shotgun Shooting merit badge is NRA-certified shotgun instructor or coach.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Merit badge counselors will follow the current teaching guide at Appendix 1 of *The BSA Shooting Sports Manual* for Shotgun Shooting merit badge and appendix 2 for Rifle Shooting merit badge.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The counselor must ensure an NRA-certified Range Safety Officer supervises live firing while the counselor instructs participants on-range.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor will follow the checklist at Guideline 2 and Range SOP found at Guidelines 8-11 of Shooting Sports Policy, BSA Shooting Sports manual Appendix 3 SOP or the range SOP.

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