CROSSROADS OF THE WEST COUNCIL
SHOOTING SPORTS POLICY
GUIDELINE 2
INSTRUCTOR & RANGE SAFETY OFFICER

______ Provide instruction and supervise range operations for unit shooting activities
ONLY WHEN unit leaders have fulfilled responsibilities at Guideline 1.

______ Follow the range SOP or use the Crossroads of the West Council Range SOP
(Guidelines 8-11) if range has none. (May also use the SOP from Appendix 3
Of the current BSA Shooting Sports Manual)

______ Provide pre-firing safety orientation to shooters: either NRA 1st Steps or the
Approved BSA 30-minute safety briefing. This can be obtained at scouting.org

______ Ensure that youth shoot only the firearms permitted for their age. See paragraph
G.

______ Coordinate level of shooting with unit leader and conduct program as outlined
in BSA Shooting Sports Manual as shown at paragraph H of the policy.

______ Coordinate firing and activities with range manager for effective and safe range
operations.

______ Ensure that ratio of instructors to shooters is at least:
   • Shotgun--1 instructor per shooter
   • Rifle------1 instructor per 8 shooters
   • Muzzle loading Rifle--1 instructor per shooter
   • Pistol----(Venturing BSA only)1 instructor per 2 shooters (1 per shooter--
level 2)

______ Ensure the ratio of Range Safety Officers to shooters is at least:
   • Shotgun-- 1 RSO per 6 shooters
   • Rifle------- 1 RSO per 8 shooters
   • Muzzle loading Rifle--1 RSO per 8 shooters
   • Pistol------ 1 RSO per 3 shooters

______ Have completed BSA Youth Protection training in previous 2 years.

______ Recommended that NRA instructors and RSO's be 1st aid & CPR certified
and have liability insurance.

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