## <u> Striker-Fire Challenge – Safety Briefing</u>

Safety on the range is paramount. We don't want anyone to get hurt, so please listen carefully.

Shooters must follow all NRA safe gun handling rules, and comply with the following range safety procedures which are specific to our Striker-Fire Challenge matches:

- Ear and eye protection are required for both shooters and spectators.
- Do not bring loaded guns to the range. We run a cold range. No guns will be loaded until you are called to the firing line and have been given the command to load.
- No gun handling is allowed behind the firing line. Use the safe table if you need to handle an unloaded gun for any reason. Do not handle any ammo at the safe table.
- Ammunition may be handled, and magazines and speed loaders may be loaded, anywhere but at the safe table.
- When handling guns on the firing line, keep all muzzles pointed down range, no higher than the top of the target and no closer than 10 feet on the ground in front of you. Observe the 170 degree rule. Do not muzzle sweep yourself or your neighbors.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target and ready to fire.
- Keep the chatter down on the line, so everyone can hear the range commands.
- All fired rounds must impact the dirt backstop. No rounds must leave the range.
- If you drop something (e.g., magazine) during the course of fire, do not bend over to pick it up until after the firing line has been made safe.
- If you have a jam or misfeed, keep your gun pointed safely down range, finger off the trigger, and try to clear it and keep going if possible. This is a no-alibi match, so try to get as many of your rounds off as possible.
- If you have a squib load, total stoppage, or otherwise need assistance, stop, keep your gun pointed safely down range, finger off the trigger, and raise your non-firing hand.
- Do not go forward of the firing line, or bend over, until the line has been declared safe and you have been instructed to do so.
- Do not touch or handle any guns on the firing line while anyone is down range.
- Turn any defective rounds in to range personnel. Do not deposit them in the trash cans.
- Please keep unnecessary discussions to a minimum while on the firing line. This is distracting and can cause a shooter to miss a command. This is a safety matter.

**Remember** – safe and proper use of your firearm is your personal responsibility. Make it your top priority. Safety first, last, and always!