

## **SAFETY BRIEFING FOR AIR RIFLE SHOOTERS**

**Keep your rifles pointed in a safe direction--THAT IS:**

⊙ **Pointed up or down range toward the targets if you are on the firing line.**

⊙ **Pointed up with the muzzle above head level if you are behind or not on the firing line.**

**Keep your rifle action open except when you are firing or dry firing. The action must be opened and the rifle unloaded when you finish each position and before putting the rifle down.**

*(Note: There is one exception – if there are any competitors with spring-air rifles that cannot be opened without cocking the rifle. These rifles must be left uncocked and unloaded. Check these rifles by having the shooter point it at the target area and pull the trigger.)*

**Do not load your rifles until the command “LOAD” or “START” is given.**

**Do not fire a shot until the command “START” is given.**

**Keep your fingers off the triggers until you are in your shooting position and are ready to fire a shot.**

**When the command “STOP” or “UNLOAD” is given, all shooting must stop immediately. The rifle must be made safe by opening the action and placed on the firing point with the muzzle pointing down range toward the targets. If the command “STOP” is given and your rifle is loaded you must raise your hand immediately and wait for instructions from the range officer.**

**Do not handle your rifles if there is anyone downrange.**

**Do not remove your rifle from the firing line until a range officer has checked the rifle to insure that it is safe, the action is open and the rifle is unloaded.**

*This pre-match safety briefing is authorized for use prior to the start of Georgia High School Association competitions.*