



## Tuscarora Tactical Training, LLC (T3) General Policies

### **SAFETY**

Students are expected to follow all range rules and obey the four universal rules of gun safety:

- 1) **All guns are always loaded**
- 2) **Finger off the trigger until your muzzle is on target and you have made the conscious decision to shoot**
- 3) **Be sure of your target, what is beyond your target, around your target, and BETWEEN you and your target**
- 4) **Do not cross your muzzle over anything that you are not willing to kill, destroy, or buy**

Each class will have additional safety rules specific to the facility and the level of training being conducted. In order to maintain a safe learning environment for all students, the rules will be strictly enforced up to and including removal of problem students from the firing line or the facility itself.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Our training is open to any law-abiding adult that can legally purchase firearms under local, state and federal law.

We do offer private training courses for minors, but a parent or guardian must accompany them. Minors are welcome to attend any lecture or martial arts oriented course, but the course instructor does generally not allow minors into adult shooting courses without pre-course evaluation.

### **REFUNDS, CANCELLATIONS, AND WEATHER**

Except in extreme situations, we hold classes rain or shine. If we reschedule a class due to weather or change in instructor availability, students that cannot attend the make-up date are given full refunds. Deposits and tuition payments are non-refundable, but in most cases we convert the student's payment to tuition credit that can be used for other classes. This credit is valid for up to 1 year after payment. In some cases, such as NRA instructor training, deposits are used to purchase materials specific to that course. Once materials are purchased, they cannot be returned and converted back to tuition credit. T3 keeps the materials until the student can attend another session of the course for which the materials are required. Deposits may be subject to a rescheduling fee of \$25, if the student contacts T3 less than 5 days prior to class day and requests to reschedule the course. Students that pay a deposit and do not show on class day without contacting T3 will forfeit their deposit. We suggest that students doing last minute rescheduling contact T3 by phone at 610-304-8922 rather than email.

### **GUNS AND EQUIPMENT**

In most of our classes, we have a limited set of rental guns available. To use our loaner guns, contact us prior to class day. Depending on instructor preference, students will either purchase ammunition from the instructor or be required to purchase appropriate ammunition prior to class day. Students should not assume that any materials needed for class could be purchased from us on class day at the range. Costs for loaner guns vary by class but is typically \$50 to \$75 per course.

We do have a supply of rental holsters and spare magazines and speed loaders for many different makes and models of firearms. These can be rented to students by prior arrangement as well. For some courses, T3 will offer special purchases of bulk ammunition, firearms (through Cajun Arms, LLC) folding knives, flashlights and other equipment prior to class day. These are usually special orders, prepaid, at a fraction over dealer cost.

Students borrowing equipment are responsible for damage and/or loss of those items.

## **AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS**

The following types of ammunition are not allowed in our courses:

1. Steel-cored rifle ammunition.
2. Tracer, explosive ammunition, or novelty ammunition (i.e. Dragon's Breath, Flechette, etc.)

## **BLACKHAWK SERPA HOLSTERS PROHIBITED IN T3 CLASSES**

If your department has issued you this holster, please contact us. Our research of policies implemented at other schools, and analysis of multiple incidents of self-inflicted gunshot wounds in training classes, we have decided to prohibit the use of the Blackhawk SERPA holster in our classes. The problem with the SERPA is that the user must press a lever with the trigger finger to release the pistol, and if the shooter does not practice indexing the trigger finger along the slide (away from the trigger guard) as the gun comes out of the holster, the natural flow of body movement is to continue curling the trigger finger as the gun comes out. That movement can obviously lead to the trigger finger pressing on the trigger too early in the draw stroke. There have been multiple self-inflicted gunshot wounds at schools all over the US, all a result of the design of this holster and the failure of holster users to put in sufficient slow dry practice to master the fine motor skill of operating this holster while drawing. We believe that the number of schools banning this holster has reached critical mass and that prohibition of this holster has now become an industry "best practice", so T3 now prohibits the use of the SERPA holster in our classes in the interest of preventing student self-injury.

## **FOOD AND DRINK**

Our courses are held at a private range in a rural area. Students are advised to always bring whatever food and drinks they might want on class day, including sufficient water to stay hydrated during the day.

## **CLOTHING**

Shooting is an outdoor activity. Appropriate clothing includes closed toe footwear with sufficient ankle support, a cap or hat (to deflect spent brass), and seasonal items such as raingear, coats, sunscreen, sunglasses, and bug spray. It is always better to bring extra items you don't use than to need a raincoat (or bug spray) and not have it. Pennsylvania mountain weather is unpredictable.

## **EARLY AND LATE ARRIVALS**

**Please be on time.** A common problem is that students underestimate driving times to the facility and arrive late. Allow an extra 10-20 minutes beyond your estimated travel time to the facility. Instructors often arrive at the facility 1-2 hours in advance of class time in order to set up the course. In order to give the instructors uninterrupted time to prepare; we typically open the range gate 15-30 minutes prior to class start time. Students arriving more than 30 minutes early may be asked to wait until the instructors are ready to open the facility.

## **AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING**

Audio and video recording is not allowed during T3 classes except by our staff. Photography is allowed on a limited basis, with instructor approval. T3 reserves the right to limit the content and distribution of any photographs taken during our courses.

## **CELL PHONES, PAGERS, SMARTPHONES**

All phones, pagers and smart phones brought into the classroom or out on the range must be set to vibrate or mute. Texting and reading email on portable devices during class activities is not allowed.