

## **GATE POLICY**

The gate policy is designed to avoid misunderstandings regarding what will and won't be allowed of SARA Park. This pertains to ANYTHING purchased or acquired within the gates of SARA Park.

The WPA's intent is not to stop anyone from **legally** purchasing live product on site and legally transporting it off site. Anyone in possession of the proper permits, licenses, and appropriate transportation papers for the State of Arizona for the material in question will be allowed to leave with their live product.

### **The following items will be allowed out of Sara Park without any paperwork:**

- Visco fuse (all diameters)
- Time fuse
- All non-mixed chemicals
- Pyrotechnic comps/mixtures available via mail order without a permit or sold over the counter for consumer use in Arizona.
- All inert materials (i.e., paper and plastic products; all printed materials, etc.)
- Black powder (Quantities of one pound or less *per day*)
- Sticky Match (and other 1.4s products)
- Novelty Items

### **The items not allowed through the gate without proper paperwork are:**

- Any class C/1.4G or class B/1.3G firework items. This includes live antique fireworks sold as collectibles.
- Black powder (Quantities greater than one pound per day)
- Quick match
- Stars and live pyrotechnic inserts (whistles, serpents, small insert shells, lance etc.)
- Pyrotechnic comps/mixtures not available via mail order without a permit or sold over the counter for consumer use in Arizona.
- Electric match

Any pyrotechnic thing that normally requires paperwork to purchase and transport outside of Winter Blast will also require the same paperwork to leave Winter Blast.

As too the inclusion of live antique fireworks sold as collectables, as long as the local, state and federal authorities make no legal and enforcement distinction between these items and other class B and C items, we cannot make the distinction either.

## **GENERAL CONDUCT AND SAFETY**

1. No Class A or other High Explosives, or gasoline or other flammable liquids can be used for any type of pyrotechnic effect, without the approval of at least two WPA officers and one of the Winter Blast Chairmen.
2. Absolutely no live material is to be compounded or discharged outside of the Winter Blast premises. All such activities are to be confined to the shooting site. No Exceptions!
3. Directives of the safety personnel are to be obeyed immediately. Please do not argue with the safety personnel if you are asked to do something. If you disagree with their directive, take it up later with a WPA officer.
4. Be prudent in your trading and collecting. The best place to do this is at the Shooting Site. Brandishing your wares around the parking lot or through the halls of the hotels is not a good idea.
5. Class C devices may only be fired in the designated areas. The Class C areas are well marked and segregated from the other areas.
6. Please be prompt when attending meetings, seminars and workshops. Those stragglers who saunter in late are disruptive and inconsiderate. We will start on time as much as possible.
7. Remember, many others will be watching our activities, conduct and actions. You are Professional Pyrotechnicians and should take full responsibility to see to it that we put forward our best image.
8. Children must be supervised. We do not want John chasing after Jane with a roman candle. Any children roaming around the Class C area unattended will be asked to leave. Children under 18 are not allowed in the Class B areas unless special permission is obtained from the safety committee.
9. Salute Restrictions: 4 diameter round ball shell or diameter cylinder shell with no more internal material than it would take to make a 4 round ball shell salute.
10. Those who disregard the rules or compromise any aspect of safety will be asked to leave and may also jeopardize their membership. Let's make this a safe and uneventful Winter Blast.

## SAFETY POLICY

### GENERAL SHOOTING GUIDELINES

For the safety of the club, both physically to its members and legally, we will follow all NFPA regulations.

**Safety Classes** Safety classes will be taught for both adults and youth. These classes will be mandatory for everyone, REGARDLESS of whether you intend to purchase or shoot class B or C product or not.

**Wrist Band Code** The colors for the wristbands will be decided upon availability and a chart will be posted in the vending areas.

Color 1: General identification for all adult attendees. This wristband is temporary, and with your valid name badge, allows for admittance to Winter Blast. This wristband does not allow you to purchase or shoot product.

Color 2: This wristband will be issued to adult members and attendees (18 years and older) following the attendance at one of our mandatory safety meetings. This wristband is required to be shown to vendors to purchase fireworks, and shown to the safety staff before shooting fireworks.

Color 2 Alt: To be given to all underage (under 18) attendees. This wristband will not be changed.

**Self-removal of the wristband by a member** If you remove your wristband for any reason and wish to enter the Winter Blast area you will not be permitted to unless you return to registration, return the cut wristband and pay a \$5.00 replacement fee. You will be issued a new temporary wristband (color 1). You will need to attend another nightly safety meeting to have it changed to one that will allow you to purchase and shoot fireworks (color 2). Proper ID is necessary to obtain a new wristband.

**Cutting a wristband for disciplinary reasons** If for any reason a full time safety staff member or any other member of the full time Winter Blast staff deems you as unsafe, for yourself or others, they will cut your wristband off. This will remove you from the firing lines and you will not be allowed to return until after you have had one reissued.

**Reissuing a wristband** In order to have your wristband reinstated after it has been removed you will need to meet with the Safety Chairman, the individual who removed the wristband, and a member of the WPA Board of Directors to plead your case. This meeting will be held at the convenience of the Safety Chairman and the individual who removed the wristband, and may not necessarily be immediately following the situation.

**Class C Shooting** All Class C shooting will be done in the Class C areas as marked. There will be safety volunteers at each firing site to observe and assist when necessary, in addition to this there will be a full time safety staff person floating around this area if there are any problems. If anyone under the age of 18 is at the firing line it is mandatory that they have an adult companion with them to supervise them. If a child is found without such supervision they will be sent back to the general area and instructed to return only when they have an adult with them. No exceptions will be made.

**Class B Shooting** In the Class B shooting area you must demonstrate your ability to fire class B product safely. There will be volunteers at the firing site who have Class B safety knowledge and will instruct and assist you if you are not sure of the procedures. We will also have one full time safety staff floating around the Class B shooting area if there are any problems.

**Baby B and Experimental Shooting** This area will be set aside for the firing of B cakes, Mines, comets, and experimental products. Experimental products must be cleared with the Safety Chair prior to any discharge.

**B Rockets** The B Rockets will be monitored by one of the full time Safety Staff and will have a volunteer safety there while the Rocket line is open. No composite fueled rocket motor in excess of 29mm will be allowed.

**Shooting Gear Requirements** All people at the shooting lines will be required to have the following gear on when at the firing ranges: long sleeved shirt, long pants, closed toed shoes, safety glasses. (For the B shooting range there will be an additional requirement of a hardhat and gloves are optional.) All of the clothing should be of a natural fiber or flameproof fabric to prevent injuries caused by the clothing melting into the skin in the result of a burn. Hearing protection is recommended in all shooting areas.

If you do not have the proper type of clothing or gear you will be asked to leave the firing lines and return only when you have the proper attire.

**Ready Boxes** There will be ready boxes available at each of the firing sites. This is to be used for the product that is intended to be shot off in the immediate future. If there is not enough room in the ready box for all of the product, then some of it will have to be returned to the bunker until room is made. If product is left in the ready box past the close of shooting hours it will be returned to the bunker unmarked and fired off by whomever claims it.

**Unfired Product** Any product left unfired by the Monday following Winter Blast will be taken care of in the following manner. Any product that is safe to fire will be fired off. All other product will be destroyed.

## **ACCESS TO SARA PARK**

**General access** Parking is outside of the park and the main access gate is open (unreserved). The public is aware of our convention and will be coming to SARA Park to watch our activities.

**Underage attendees** All Winter Blast attendees that are under the age of 18 shall be in the company of an adult at all times. They will not be permitted into the class B firing lines, and will not be allowed to purchase any product unless accompanied by an adult.

**Access to the firing line and purchase of product** Access to the firing lines will only be permitted to those who have attended a safety meeting and received a wristband upgrade. If you do not have the wristband upgrade you will not be allowed to shoot or purchase product.

## **VEHICLE ACCESS**

**Parking Permits** If you will be manufacturing product during Winter Blast, it will be necessary for you to obtain a special parking permit. This permit can be obtained in the Manufacturing area from the Manufacturing Chairman, and will entitle you to drive into and park in the manufacturing area only. Permits are only valid for 1 day, and a new pass must be requested for the following day. Prior to opening the park for Open Shooting, all vehicles must be removed from the manufacturing area and parked outside the gates. Manufacturing hours will be posted on site. If we find this permit being abused we will revoke the permit and your name will be taken down for future parking consideration. Please refer to the Manufacturing Policies for additional information.

**Towing Service** There will be a towing service on hand to remove any vehicles that are parked within the gates of Sara Park without the proper permits. This is non-negotiable and the vehicle's owner will pay the towing expenses.

**Transporting of product to bunkers** Transport of Class C product to the bunkers and firing lines will be the responsibility of the person who purchased the product. Bring a hand-truck or cart to move your boxes, as we may not be able to Winter Blast for you. Transportation will be provided for Class B product.

**Recreational vehicles** No recreational vehicles are to be allowed inside the gates of Sara Park unless they are for the sole use of the full time Winter Blast Staff. This includes but is not limited to ATC's, ATV's, dune buggies, scooters, etc. Bicycles will be permitted in SARA Park, but only during non-shooting hours.

### **Procedure for 1.3g (Class B) product sales, storage, and disposition**

1. Only pre-ordered Class B product will be allowed for purchase.
2. Anybody purchasing Class B is *\*required\** to volunteer for at least one hour at the bunker.
3. Member pays for product directly to the vendor in the vendor tent (if not already pre-paid)
4. Vendor and member retrieve product from Vendor s magazine (truck/trailer) parked in Vendor Parking lot outside of tent.
5. Member (and vendor or WWB Staff) accompanies product to staging area by the main magazine (manned by full-time WWB Security Staff)
6. Member fills out Product Control Form (PCF) and labels boxes with his/her name and membership number on adhesive label that will be provided.
7. The Security staff at the magazine will arrange for transportation of B product to the shooting lines.
8. WWB Staff member transports product with completed PCF and member (if space allows) to the B magazine located adjacent to the B shooting lines.
9. Member can either check all product into the magazine to be shot later, or some of the product and shoot the rest at this time.
10. PCF is updated to reflect product checked into the magazine, or shot, then filed into binder located at the magazine. 12. Each time the member wants to check product in or out of the magazine, they must show their Winterblast name badge and wristbands to the staff member at the magazine. The PCF must be updated.

\*A member may be excused from attending the Shooter's Orientation Seminar, and receive the validation sticker by showing the Safety Chairman a PGI " Shooter s Certification card, a Commercial Pyrotechnician s License, or other suitable proof of competency to shoot B product. This can be done prior to the Shooter's Orientation Seminar at the B shooting line. Notwithstanding credentials presented by the member, the Safety Chairman will determine whether or not the member needs to attend the seminar to obtain the authorization sticker. All records must be accurate at all times, and maintained in the notebooks. The decision of the Safety Chairman, Convention Chairmen, and WPA BOD is final on all matters relating to shooting of 1.3g (Class B) product by members during Winterblast.