

## ANNEX E: RANGE STATUS AND COMMANDS

**Open Training** – By the nature of most of the firing activities on TMC, the range will be run in an “Open Training” status. Users will be allowed to move freely on the range, behind the firing line to prepare equipment and may move to the firing line and commence fire when ready. Only users on the firing line, within one of the designated firing points are authorized to fire. The Range Officer will put the range into the Open Training status when the conditions permit.

**Commence Fire** – The command given when it is safe to begin firing. No firing will be allowed prior to officially calling commence fire. The range must be in a hot status. The command “Start” as used in NCAA, USAS and ISSF style shooting is the equivalent of commence fire but is normally used as an official command in the conduct of a match or practice.

**Cease Fire** – The command given to stop firing and to clear the firearm of any ammunition and magazine and to ground the firearm. ECIs will be inserted as appropriate. All firing will stop until the Commence Fire Command is given. The command “Stop” as used in NCAA, USAS and ISSF style shooting is the equivalent of cease fire but is normally used as an official command in the conduct of a match or practice.

**Empty / Open Chamber Indicator (ECI/OCI) or Chamber Safety Flag** – Any device used to identify that the chamber of the firearm is empty. Certain disciplines have different requirements for the design and use of the ECI (e.g., ISSF rifle finals require these at designated times during the event and when competitors are eliminated. This SOP will refer to ECIs without

**Hot Range Status** – The term used to identify that the range is ready to be occupied and controlled firing is permitted. The command “Commence Fire” must be given prior to loading and firing. The Range Manager determines when the range conditions are appropriate for ‘Hot’ status. Only the Range Manager or an expressly authorized representative may declare hot status.

**Cold Range Status** – No firing or loading of firearms is allowed during a cold status. This is the longer term cessation of firing to conduct maintenance or when the authorized range personnel are not present.