



Range Safety Officer (RSO) Training Requirements

1. Eligibility Requirements

To enroll in the RCSA RSO Training Program, participants must:

- Be a current member in good standing of RCSA (Rimfire Challenge Shooting Association).
- Be at least 18 years of age, OR 16 years of age with a certified RSO sponsor.
- Have basic firearm safety knowledge.
- Agree to abide by all RCSA rules and safety standards.

2. Training Overview

A. Classroom Instruction

Duration: Approximately 4 hours (in-person instruction).

- RCSA rules and match structure
- Range safety procedures
- Emergency response protocol
- RSO responsibilities and authority
- Firearm handling standards
- Conflict resolution and participant management

B. Live-Fire Range Training

Duration: Approximately 1 hour.

- Cold and Hot range procedures
- Shooter commands
- Stage management
- Safety violation identification
- Immediate corrective actions

3. Equipment Requirements

- A .22 LR rifle or pistol
- Minimum 50 rounds of .22 LR ammunition
- Eye and ear protection
- Appropriate range attire

4. Testing & Certification

A written test will be administered at the conclusion of training. A passing score of 80% or higher is required. Certification is valid for one (1) year from the date of issue.

5. Renewal Requirements

Certification renewal requires completion of a written test conducted via email submission. A passing score of 80% is required to maintain certification.

6. Conduct & Expectations

- Maintain professional conduct at all times
- Enforce safety rules consistently and fairly
- Prioritize safety over match flow
- Immediately address unsafe behavior
- Serve as ambassadors of RCSA

7. Revocation of Certification

RCSA reserves the right to suspend or revoke RSO certification for unsafe conduct, failure to enforce safety rules, conduct unbecoming of an RCSA official, or violation of RCSA policies.