



CALIFORNIA WING OPERATING INSTRUCTION 29

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Cadet Programs

CADET FIREARMS TRAINING

Background

CAPR 52-16, Para 1-4. c. (2) states “*CAP cadets may participate in firearm training if the wing commander approves the training facility and sponsoring personnel or agency in advance and in writing.*” This OI gives the specific details required by the CAWG Commander for approval of marksmanship training and orientation.

Policy

1. CAP may not sponsor firearm-related events or matches.
2. Ranges must be lawful facilities for the discharge of firearms.
The full name of the range, address and phone, must be stated in the request.
3. Instructors must be current and approved per CAPR 52-16 Para 1-4.c. (2) which reads in part:
“(2) *Firearm Training...* Training must be sponsored and supervised by one of the following:
 - (a) Qualified military small arms range personnel.
 - (b) Local law enforcement officers qualified as firearms instructors.
 - (c) Personnel of the National Rifle Association, National Skeet Shooting Association or Amateur Trap Shooting Association qualified as firearms instructors.”
4. A safety briefing by approved instructors will be given to all participating members and CAP guests before each day of shooting.
5. Cadets will be supervised at all times while handling firearms.
6. The location of the nearest hospital or emergency medical facility must be stated in the request.
7. Cadets are restricted to shoot shotgun or .22 cal rifles at civilian ranges. For encampment and other activities held at military installations, other caliber firearms (with the exception of “team-fired” and pyrotechnic rounds) may be used.
8. In no case will “person-at-person” shooting be permitted during CAP activities, such as paintball or Simunitions®.

Approvals shall be submitted on a case by case basis, and be valid for each specific activity.

Approval requests from squadrons and flights shall be directed to the appropriate group commander for endorsement and forwarding to the CAWG/CC. Approvals for wing activities will be forwarded to the CAWG/CC with an information copy to the activity location’s group commander.