



SQUAMISH VALLEY

ROD & GUN CLUB

RULES

&

REGULATIONS

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Foreword:

This booklet has been created with the safety of **ALL** people: range users, their guests, neighbours of our facilities and the Community of Squamish in mind. It is up to each member to ensure that these Rules and Regulations are upheld. As such:

Members are requested to carry a copy of these Rules and Regulations with them while on Club property. A copy will be posted at each shooting shed.

Any person (member, guest or otherwise) disregarding these rules while on Club property may be subject to disciplinary action.

Rules & Regulations

General:

1. **Your membership card must be visibly displayed ON YOUR PERSON or on your shooting bench while on Club property.**
2. All members shall sign in using **their** membership number only.
3. Adult members in good standing may sign in up to 2 guests.
4. Members shall be responsible for his/her guest to ensure that all rules are adhered to.
5. Members must print their guests full legal name(s) next to their member number on the sign in sheet at the gatehouse (a second line on sign in sheet may be used). In addition, members must have their guest complete a guest waiver (including PAL number and expiry if applicable) and have guest(s) sign the envelope. The envelope must be placed in the day fee box at the clubhouse with the appropriate fees (\$10 per guest).
6. Junior members may not sign in guests.
7. Spectators or non-shooting guests must also sign in on the sign in sheet and are to be identified as spectator only. A guest envelope must be filled out, spectator status noted somewhere on the envelope, and put in the day fees box at the clubhouse, however **a day fee is not required for spectators.**
8. Members with guest(s) are entitled to one shooting bench. If multiple benches are available, each guest must possess a valid PAL to shoot unsupervised at a bench of their own.
9. The Caretaker has full authority to remove any member or guest from club property for violation of these Rules and Regulations. The Caretaker's decision shall be final for that day. An appellant process is outlined in the Disciplinary Policy (found on our website).
10. Unsafe use of firearms or unauthorized use of property is strictly prohibited.
11. All persons shall exercise safety and courtesy on the premises.

12. All use of alcohol or recreational drugs prior to, or while using the ranges is prohibited.
13. All persons shall enter the ranges by the back of the shooting shed at each range. The exceptions are Trap and indoor Archery
14. Firearms must remain unloaded while not in use.
15. Junior shooters (under 18 years) must be accompanied by an adult member of the club, one on one, when on the firing line.
16. At any time when two (2) or more shooters are on the range, one shall be designated Range Safety Officer (see more on RSO below).
17. Hearing protection is mandatory during firearm use. Eye protection is strongly recommended.
18. Spectators at firearms ranges must wear ear protection.
19. Spectators at the rifle and pistol ranges must remain behind the **Yellow** safety line unless the range is in a ceasefire condition.
20. Any person failing to handle firearms safely may be asked to leave the premises and may be subject to further disciplinary action up to and including membership forfeiture.
21. Range hours are from 9:00am to 9:00 pm (or 30 minutes after official sunset whichever comes first).
22. In organized events persons firing before the signal is given could be disqualified for that event and forfeit their fee.
23. SVRGC members and guests are not to shoot on the same range, at the same time, as uniformed enforcement agency personnel.
24. In the event of a misfire the shooter shall keep the muzzle pointed downrange for at least 60 seconds and notify the designated Range Safety Officer.
25. All misfired ammunition must be placed in the "Misfire" disposal receptacle located in the Rifle Shed.
26. Rate of fire not to exceed one round per second.
27. Shooters using semiautomatic firearms please use the extreme right-hand firing positions when possible.
28. These rules and regulations also apply to air rifles and air pistols.
29. To avoid attracting wildlife to our facilities, **no food waste to be left in Club garbage cans**. Take it home when Range session is done.
30. Wildlife on the Ranges requires immediate cease fire until the wildlife moves off the range to safety.

Targets:

1. All shooters are required to remove their targets and target stands from the club grounds

upon finishing their time at the range.

2. Targets, partial or in whole, that resemble a human in any shape or form are prohibited on the ranges. The **ONLY** exception is by enforcement agencies when they are renting club ranges.
3. No glass or ricochet objects to be used as targets.
4. Do not use rocks or other ricochet items to hold a cardboard box in place for a target.
5. Binary explosive in any form is prohibited.
6. **METAL TARGETS** are only for Frontier shooting (see definition further on), handguns firing handgun ammunition, air rifles/pistols, and rifles chambered in .22short, .22long and .22LR. Centre fire rifles are not permitted for use with metal targets.
7. **Metal targets must be set at no less than 25 yards (23 m)**. In the Pistol range, rounds must not impact the ground ahead of the bullet trap and must land between 2 and 4 feet (0.6 to 1.2 m) above the ground at the bullet trap.
8. Metal targets must be properly manufactured to stop or direct the bullet fragments towards the ground. Circular saw blades, chain saw blades, frying pans, propane cylinders or other metallic objects are not acceptable as targets. However, a pop can shall be exempt so long as members take it with them when they leave (no food waste).

Range Safety Officers:

1. The Range Safety Officer (only one RSO per range) shall be designated by the members using that particular range (the first member at that Range by default is the RSO, however, the member with longer club tenure could take over duties if need be). Once the RSO leaves, a new RSO must be designated.
2. The RSO has full authority to direct all range operations. **ONLY the RSO may operate the Range Status lights/flags.**
3. No person is permitted forward of the **Red firing line** until a cease fire is called and verified by the Range Safety Officer and green light or flag is shown.

Firearm Cease Fire Procedures:

1. **Rifles:** When a cease fire is called, all rifles shall be placed in an upright position at the firing line with magazines removed, chambers clear, and actions open. Semiautomatics unable to hold their action open must have a plug inserted into the action to hold it open.

2. **Handguns:** Semiautomatics shall have magazines removed, chambers clear, hammer down and holstered. Double action and Single action handguns shall have the chamber clear, hammer down and holstered. In the event of not having a holster, the firearm shall be placed in its case with cover closed, or on the nearest shooting bench to your shooting position with the action open and magazine (where applicable) removed and muzzle pointing downrange.
3. During a ceasefire, all shooters, guests and spectators **will remain behind the yellow safety line** until the range officer announces “**Range is Clear**” before proceeding to targets. **At no time during a ceasefire are you to be at your shooting bench.** Ensure **Green light** is lit or **Green flag** placed before proceeding past the **Red firing line**.
4. **There will be no handling of firearms, ammunition or magazines during a cease fire or when people are out on the range.** This includes taking uncased firearms into the shelter.
5. Any person observing an unsafe condition **MUST** call a cease fire.

Signals:

1. For the **Pistol and Rifle** ranges, the light system shall be used at all times unless the light system is inoperable at which point flags will be used. **Archery and Trap** ranges will use existing flag systems where a **Red flag** is placed on the exterior of the shooting shed to indicate the range is active and a **Green flag** to indicate the range is inactive.
2. **Red light/flag** on the **OUTSIDE** of the Pistol or Rifle range indicates **RANGE IN USE AND THE FIRING LINE IS ACTIVE (HOT)**. **Green light/flag** on the **OUTSIDE** of the shed indicates range is inactive
3. **Red light/flag** on the **INSIDE** of the range indicates the **RANGE IS ACTIVE (HOT)**
4. **Green light/flag** on the inside of the range indicates the **RANGE IS CLEAR** or in a **CEASE FIRE** condition.
5. It is recommended that a high visibility vest be worn by at least one person when setting up targets beyond the 100 yard (91.5 m) range marker.

General Rules for Rifle and Handgun Ranges

1. No shooting at range markers.
2. No shooting across range or shooting lanes.
3. Targets shall be placed in the center of the shooting lanes.

4. Centre fire loads not to exceed 1500 fps (457 meters per second) on the indoor range.
5. Biathlon Range is 50 meters (55 yards). Ammunition is restricted to Standard Velocity 22 rimfire or pellet only. NO HIGH VELOCITY AMMUNITION PERMITTED. Rounds must land no greater than 4 feet (1.2m) above the ground. Currently, **the Biathlon Range is closed to SVRGC members.**
6. Indoor Range not open to firearm use. Restricted to air rifles and archery.

Rifle Range Specific:

1. Rifle Range length 200 yards (183 m). Range markers are set at 25 yard (23 m) increments. Limited to cartridges not exceeding 5000 ft-lb of energy @ 100 yards (6779 kJ at 91.5 m). Typically the 338 Ultra mag class
2. 50 BMG are not permitted under our operating license.
3. Muzzle Loaders: use black powder or approved substitute only. NEVER fire a charge before snapping a cap.

Frontier Specific:

1. Frontier firearms are defined as using cast lead bullets only, 1500 fps or less, (457 m/s) and are limited to paper targets at less than 25 yards (23m).

Pistol Range Specific:

1. Pistol Range length 25 meters (27.5 yards). Limited to handgun, pellet and .22 rimfire rifles only. Targets may be set at less than 25 meters (27.5 yards) however rounds must not impact the ground ahead of the bullet trap and must land between 2 and 4 feet (0.6 to 1.2 m) above the ground at the bullet trap.
2. Metal targets may not be used at less than 25 meters (27.5 yards)) and must be set in the bullet trap.
3. Outdoor 25m (27.5 yards) handgun range –If there is more than one shooter; all will shoot at a common firing line. Move targets to accommodate all shooters. Rounds must not impact the ground ahead of the bullet trap and must land between 2 and 4 feet (0.6 to 1.2 m) above the ground at the bullet trap.

Trap Range Specific:

1. Trap range is closed except when club Trap Shoots are in session.
2. Members may use the patterning target provided at the range when trap is not in session.
3. No use of personal mechanical or hand throwers is permitted.

4. Shotguns are to be stored in the gun racks provided, unloaded with actions open where possible, when the shooter is not involved in an active shoot.
5. During a trap shoot, shooters may place a shell in the action, but may not close the action until it is their turn to shoot.
6. Trap specific rules are posted at the trap range.

Archery

1. Cease Fire shall follow the Firearms protocol, with bows to be racked/hung up or cased.
2. Targets shall be placed and shot at a **MAXIMUM distance of 50m** on Archery Range.
3. No running or distracting behavior on the range.
4. No more than two people at a time shall extract arrows from a target.
5. No person shall stand behind the party extracting arrows from targets.
6. No shooting across range unless during an authorized 3D event.
7. No broadhead tips on Club target butts. Target or field point only. (Broadheads may be used on personal targets).
8. Do not store personal targets at the Range.

Organized Competitions

1. Standard range procedures
 - **1 buzzer** **Range is HOT.** Move to the firing line. Load and make ready, await fire command from range officer
 - **1 buzzer** **Cease Fire.** – range officer to call ceasefire. Wait for the range officer to announce “**Range is Clear**” before proceeding to targets. Ensure

Green light is lit or **Green flag** placed before proceeding past the **Red firing line**.

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3. **There will be no handling of firearms, ammunition or magazines during a cease fire or when people are out on the range.** This includes taking uncased firearms into the shelter
4. Trigger locks to be removed, bore and safety checks of all firearms to be done on the firing line when the range is in **Red Light/Flag** only, and then placed in the proper positions.
5. Holsters shall be of a type that secures the handgun, i.e.: a strap or other device.
6. Cross draw or shoulder holsters are prohibited on all ranges
Cocked and locked semiautomatic handgun holsters shall be of a type that covers the trigger and trigger guard.