

**SQUAMISH VALLEY
ROD & GUN CLUB**

**RULES
&
REGULATIONS**

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Rules & Regulations

General:

1. All active shooters shall sign in using their membership number. All guests of members must sign in with their full name (Printed).
2. Unsafe use of firearms or unauthorized use of property is strictly prohibited.
3. All shooters shall exercise safety and courtesy on the firing line.
4. All use of alcohol or psychoactive drugs during or before used of the range is prohibited.
5. All persons shall use the rear entrances on rifle & pistol ranges.
6. All shooters are required to remove their targets and target stands from the range before leaving.
7. Silhouette targets that have a human outline or features are not allowed; except by enforcement agencies when they are renting club ranges.
8. Metal targets or target frames shall not be used at less than 25 yards (23 metres)
9. Unattended firearms must remain unloaded.
10. Junior shooters must be accompanied by an adult one on one when on firing line
11. At any time when two (2) or more shooters are on the range, one shall be designated Range Officer.
12. Ear protection is mandatory during firearm use. Eye protection is strongly recommended.
13. Spectators at firearms ranges must wear ear protection and stay in the designated spectator area.
14. Members shall be responsible for his/her guest to ensure that all rules are adhered to.
15. Any person failing to handle firearms safely may be asked to leave the range area.
16. Range hours are from 9:00am to Dusk (safe seeing conditions).

17. In organized events persons firing before the signal is given could be disqualified for that event and forfeit their fee.
18. Any person disregarding these rules may be subject to loss of club membership.
19. Members are requested to carry a copy of these rules and regulations.
20. **Your membership card must be visibly displayed when on Club property.**

Range Officers:

1. The Range Officer has full authority to direct all range operations.
2. No person is permitted forward of the firing line until a cease fire is called and verified by the Range Officer and proper flag is shown.
3. Range Safety Officers shall be recognized by wearing a Range Officer vest or cap.

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 will be placed on the nearest shooting bench to your shooting position with the action open and magazine (where applicable) removed.
3. There will be no handling of firearms during a cease fire **or** when people are on the range.
4. Any shooter on the firing line may call a cease fire if they see an unsafe condition.

Signals:

1. Flag system shall be used at all times.
2. Persons entering the premises will install the red flag in its holder at each range visited.
3. **Red flag** on the **OUTSIDE** of the range indicates **RANGE IN USE**.
4. **Red flag** on the **INSIDE** of the range indicates the **range is HOT** or active.

5. **Green flag** on the inside of the range indicates the **range is CLEAR** or in a **CEASE FIRE condition**.
6. An orange safety vest will be worn by at least one person when setting up targets beyond the 100 yard range marker.

Rules for Rifle, Handgun and Muzzle Loaders

1. No shooting at range markers.
2. No shooting cross range.
3. No ammunition allowed in safe areas.
4. Targets shall be placed in the centre of the shooting lanes.
5. Centre fire loads not to exceed 1500 feet per second on the indoor range.
6. #7 ½ or smaller shot target loads only to be used on the trap field. No heavy field loads. At this time we have no range that can handle heavy field loads.
7. Shooters using semiautomatic firearms please use the extreme right hand firing positions when possible.
8. .22 caliber rim fire rifles can be used on the outdoor pistol range. No centre fire rifles and no high powered rifle caliber pistols to be used on pistol ranges.
9. Outdoor 25m pistol range – Targets must be kept within range butt. If there is more than one shooter; all will shoot at the same distance.
10. These rules and regulations also apply to air rifles and air pistols.
11. **Muzzle Loaders:** Use Black Powder or approved substitute only. Never fire a muzzleloader unless the ball is seated against the powder charge. Do not exceed the maximum powder charge. Never smoke while loading, shooting or handling black powder. Do not pour a powder charge directly from a horn or flask. Use a powder measure. Never cap or prime a muzzle loader until you are at the firing line. Use a marked ramrod to determine that the breach is clear of a charge before snapping a cap.
12. In the event of a misfire the shooter shall keep the muzzle pointed downrange for at least 60 seconds and notify the range officer.

13.All misfired ammunition will be placed in oil filled containers.

Organized Competitions

1. Standard range procedures

- 1 whistle Range is HOT. Move to the firing line.
- 2 whistles Load and make ready
- 1 whistle FIRE
- 1 whistle Cease Fire.

Look for green flag before moving onto range.

Buzzers, horns, lights may be used as substitutes for or in support of the whistle signals.

2. Trigger locks etc...to be removed. Bore and safety checks of all firearms to be done on the firing line when the range is in **RED FLAG** only, and then placed in the proper positions.
3. Pistols will be holstered. In the event of not having a holster, the firearm will be placed on the nearest shooting bench to your shooting position with the action open and magazine (where applicable) removed. Rifles will have actions open and be set vertically into slots. All magazines removed.
4. Holsters shall be of a type that secures the handgun, i.e.: a strap or other device.
5. No crossdraw or shoulder holsters to be used in pistol competitions.
6. Cocked and locked semiautomatic handgun holsters shall be of a type that covers the trigger and trigger guard.

Archery

1. Cease Fire will follow the Firearms protocol.
2. No running or distracting behavior on the range.
3. Only one person at a time shall extract arrows from a target.
4. No person shall stand behind the party extracting arrows from targets.
5. No shooting across range unless during an authorized 3D event.
6. All bows will be placed in the bow rack during a cease fire.