



**SQUAMISH VALLEY**

**ROD & GUN CLUB**

**RULES**

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**REGULATIONS**

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## Rules & Regulations

### General:

1. **Your membership card must be visibly displayed ON YOUR PERSON when on Club property.**
2. All members shall sign in using **their** membership number and all guests of members must sign in with their full name (Printed) on the sign in sheet at the gatehouse. In addition, if guests are accompanying them, members must fill out a guest waiver and have guest(s) sign the form. The form must be placed in the day fee box with the appropriate fees. Spectators or non shooting guests must also sign in on the sign in sheet and are to be identified as spectator only. No waiver or day fee is required.
3. Unsafe use of firearms or unauthorized use of property is strictly prohibited.
4. All shooters shall exercise safety and courtesy on the firing line.
5. All use of alcohol or psychoactive drugs during or before use of the ranges is prohibited.
6. All persons shall use the rear entrances on all ranges.
7. All shooters are required to remove their targets and target stands from the range before leaving.
8. Silhouette targets that have a human outline or features are not allowed, except by enforcement agencies when they are renting club ranges.
9. Unattended firearms must remain unloaded.
10. Junior shooters (under 18 years) 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. Hearing 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 and may be subject to further disciplinary action up to and including membership forfeiture.

16. Range hours are from 9:00am to 9:00 pm. Biathlon and archery competitors may shoot on a lighted range. All ranges, except biathlon and archery on a lighted range are required to cease operation at dusk.
17. In organized events persons firing before the signal is given could be disqualified for that event and forfeit their fee.
18. To avoid BCWF insurance coverage issues, SVRGC members are not to shoot on the same range, at the same time, as uniformed enforcement agency personnel.
19. Any person disregarding these rules may be subject to loss of club membership.
20. Members are requested to carry a copy of these rules and regulations.

### **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 light or flag is shown.
3. Range Safety Officers shall be recognized by wearing a Range Officer vest, arm band 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 shall be placed in it's case, or 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 out on the range. This includes taking uncased firearms into the shelter.
4. Anyone must call a cease fire if they see an unsafe condition.

## Signals:

1. Flag or light system shall be used at all times. It is recommended that one system or the other be used, not both.
2. Persons entering the premises must install the red flag in its holder at each range occupied.
3. **Red flag** on the **OUTSIDE** of the range indicates **RANGE IN USE**.
4. **Red light or flag** on the **INSIDE** of the range indicates the **range is HOT** or active.
5. **Green light or flag** on the inside of the range indicates the **range is CLEAR** or in a **CEASE FIRE** condition.
6. An orange safety vest must be worn by at least one person when setting up targets beyond the 100 yard range marker.

## Range Rules for Rifle, Trap, Handgun, Cowboy Action and Muzzle Loaders

1. No shooting at range markers.
2. No shooting across range.
3. Targets shall be placed in the centre of the shooting lanes.
4. Centre fire loads not to exceed 1500 feet per second on the indoor range.
5. Indoor Range not open to general membership except by request. Restricted to rim fire rifles, air rifles and handguns under 1500FPS and no armor piercing ammunition.
6. **NO METAL TARGETS** except for Cowboy Action shooting, handguns, pellet, and rimfire ammunition with targets set at no less than 25 yards, and between 2 and 4 feet above the ground or in the handgun bullet trap. Metal targets must properly manufacture 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.
7. Rifle Range length 200 yards. Range markers are set at 25 yard increments. **Limited to calibers not exceeding MV fps 2860 or ME ft/lb 4540 @ 100 yards** (338 Ultra mag class – 50 BMG not permitted under our operating license).
8. Cowboy action firearms are defined as using cast lead bullets only with no gas checks (1500 fps or less), and are limited to paper targets at less than 25 yards.
9. Handgun Range length 25 metres. Limited to handgun, pellet and rimfire rifles only. Targets may be set at less than 25 yards must be between 2 and 4 feet above the

ground. Metal targets may not be used at less than 25 yards and must be set in the bullet trap.

10. Biathlon Range is 50 metres. Ammunition is restricted to Standard Velocity 22 rimfire or pellet only. **NO HIGH VELOCITY AMMUNITION PERMITTED**. Targets must be set between 2 and 4 feet above the ground. Currently, the Biathlon Range is closed to SVRGC members.
11. Trap range is closed except when club Trap Shoots are in session.
  - Members may use the patterning target provided at the range when trap is not in session.
  - No use of personal mechanical or hand throwers is permitted.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - Trap specific rules are posted at the trap range.
12. Rapid fire not to exceed one round per second.
13. No glass or ricochet objects to be used as targets.
14. Do not use rocks or other ricochet items to hold a cardboard box in place for a target.
15. Silhouette targets that have a human outline or features are not allowed, except by enforcement agencies when they are renting club ranges.
16. Shooters using semiautomatic firearms please use the extreme right hand firing positions when possible.
17. Outdoor 25m handgun range –If there is more than one shooter; all will shoot at the same distance. Move targets to accommodate all shooters. Targets not in the bullet trap must be between 2 and 4 feet above the ground.
18. These rules and regulations also apply to air rifles and air pistols.
19. All misfired ammunition must be placed in the ammunition disposal receptacles.
20. Muzzle Loaders:
  - Use Black Powder or approved substitute only.
  - Never fire a charge before snapping a cap.
  - In the event of a misfire the shooter shall keep the muzzle pointed downrange for at least 60 seconds and notify the range officer.

## Archery

1. Cease Fire shall follow the Firearms protocol.
2. No running or distracting behavior on the range.
3. No more than two people at a time shall extract arrows from a target and must face each other when doing so.
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 or personal bow stand during a cease fire.

## 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 or lights before moving onto range.

Lights or bells may be used as substitutes for or in support of the whistle signals.

2. 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 FLAG** only, and then placed in the proper positions.
3. Pistols shall be holstered. In the event of not having a holster, the firearm shall be placed on the nearest shooting bench to your shooting position, pointed down range with the action open and magazine (where applicable) removed. Rifles shall have actions open and be set vertically into slots with all magazines removed.
4. Holsters shall be of a type that secures the handgun, i.e.: a strap or other device.
5. No cross draw 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.