



**SQUAMISH VALLEY  
ROD & GUN CLUB**

**RULES  
&  
REGULATIONS  
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## Rules & Regulations

### General:

- 1. Your membership card must be visibly displayed ON YOUR PERSON or on your shooting bench.**
- 2. All members shall sign in using **their** membership number and all guests of members (2 guests max. per adult member) 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. Junior members may not sign in guests. 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. 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.**
- 3. Unsafe use of firearms or unauthorized use of property is strictly prohibited.**
- 4. All shooters shall exercise safety and courtesy on the premises.**
- 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. 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. The Caretaker has the final authority on acceptable target forms. Members/guests in violation will be asked to remove their target(s) and/or leave the range. Any dispute is to be sent in writing to the Executive.**
- 9. Unattended firearms must remain unloaded.**
- 10. Junior shooters (under 18 years) must be accompanied by an adult member of the club, one on one, when on the 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.
- 14.** Spectators at the rifle and pistol ranges must remain behind the **Yellow** safety line unless the range is in a ceasefire condition.
- 15.** Members shall be responsible for his/her guest to ensure that all rules are adhered to.
- 16.** 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.
- 17.** 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, are required to cease operation at dusk.
- 18.** In organized events persons firing before the signal is given could be disqualified for that event and forfeit their fee.
- 19.** SVRGC members and guests are not to shoot on the same range, at the same time, as uniformed enforcement agency personnel.
- 20.** Any person disregarding these rules may be subject to loss of club membership.
- 21.** Members are requested to carry a copy of these rules and regulations.
- 22.** In the event of a misfire the shooter shall keep the muzzle pointed downrange for at least 60 seconds and notify the range officer.

### Range Officers:

1. The Range Officer has full authority to direct all range operations.
2. No person is permitted forward of the **Red firing line** until a cease fire is called and verified by the Range Officer and green light or flag is shown.

### 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. Anyone must call a cease fire if they see an unsafe condition.

## 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.

## Range Rules for Rifle, Trap, Handgun, Frontier and Muzzle Loaders

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 feet per second (457 meters 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 1500 fps (457 mps) and no armour piercing ammunition.

6. **NO METAL TARGETS** except for Frontier shooting, handguns, pellet, and rimfire ammunition with targets set at no less than 25 yards (23 m), and 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.
7. 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.
8. Rifle Range length 200 yards (183 m). Range markers are set at 25 yard (23 m) increments. **Limited to calibers not exceeding ME ft/lb. 5000 @ 100 yards** (6779 kj at 91.5 m) 338 Ultra mag class – 50 BMG not permitted under our operating license.
9. Frontier firearms are defined as using cast lead bullets only, 1500 fps or less, (457 mps) and are limited to paper targets at less than 25 yards (23m).
10. 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.
11. Metal targets may not be used at less than 25 meters (27.5 yards)) and must be set in the bullet trap.
12. 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.
13. 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.
1. Rapid fire not to exceed one round per second.
  2. No glass or ricochet objects to be used as targets.
  3. Do not use rocks or other ricochet items to hold a cardboard box in place for a target.
  4. Shooters using semiautomatic firearms please use the extreme right-hand firing positions when possible.
  5. 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.
  6. These rules and regulations also apply to air rifles and air pistols.
  7. All misfired ammunition must be placed in the ammunition disposal receptacles.
  8. Muzzle Loaders:
    - Use Black Powder or approved substitute only.
    - Never fire a charge before snapping a cap.

## **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 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**.
2. 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**.
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
7. Cocked and locked semiautomatic handgun holsters shall be of a type that covers the trigger and trigger guard.