



Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club

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Range and Bookings: 604-826-0552 **Range:** East END of Harris Road (35606) Abbotsford, BC

Archery, Pistol, Rifle, Black Powder, Trap and Fishing

Range Guidelines

(It is **your responsibility** to read, understand, and know the range regulations.)

1.0 Sign In

- 1.1 The hours of shooting are from 8am to dusk and no later than 10pm.
- 1.2 Members and guests must sign in prior to the use of a range. (Check the board to see how to sign in properly)
- 1.3 Display the flag at the sign in to show that there is someone on the range. (Even if you are not shooting.)
- 1.4 Check the activity calendar for any notices or scheduling that may limit or restrict use of a range.
- 1.5 Confirm with other members where you will be shooting and who the range officer is.
- 1.6 Children must be under direct adult supervision. They are required to wear eye and hearing protection.
- 1.7 Dogs are only allowed on the range when it is not in use.
- 1.8 Club membership cards must be displayed at all times for proof of membership or you will be asked to leave.

2.0 Members and Guests

- 2.1 Consumption of alcohol or being under the influence of alcohol or any drugs is prohibited during range use.
- 2.2 Members and guests are responsible for having their firearms properly registered, Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) is valid, appropriate permits are in their possession, and that all firearms are safely stored. Range Safety Officers will be checking your paperwork.
- 2.3 Guests (or members) that do not have a PAL (restricted PAL for handguns) must have a member with valid PAL standing within arm's reach of the firearm at all times.
- 2.4 Maximum of two guests per membership per day. A person may only be a guest twice in one calendar year. Attending a public shooting event as a guest does not count towards a person's limit.
- 2.5 Members are responsible for ensuring their guests follow the range regulations.
- 2.6 Guests will be under direct supervision of the member and shoot from the same shooting station as the member. Each shooting station is limited to one person shooting at a time.
- 2.7 Smoking is only permitted outside and well away from other people, walkways, and ranges.
- 2.8 Peace officers must wear their badge if they wish to wear body armor or shoot human picture targets.

3.0 Flags

- 3.1 Raise the range flag to full mast when there is going to be live fire on that range.
- 3.2 Raise the range flag to half mast when that range is in use but no live fire is taking place.
- 3.3 Put the rifle shed flag across the indoor shooting positions when there is a cease-fire.
- 3.4 Put the rifle shed flag across the walkway when there is going to be live fire on the range.
- 3.5 Lower the range flag when you are the last person to leave that range.

4.0 Range Usage

- 4.1 Range users will comply with the range orders from Range Officers and club approved Range Safety Officers.
- 4.2 Abusive or foul language, harassment, horseplay, or unsafe act is unacceptable conduct. You will be asked to leave and could lose your club membership.
- 4.3 Use approved targets only. No glass, or metal targets - they are very unsafe. Range equipment and target holders are not approved targets. Archery targets can be shot at with arrows only. If you are unsure if a target is approved please contact the Chief Range Officer.
- 4.4 Targets depicting a human shape are only allowed for certain shooting sports such as PPC and IPSC. Members will display appropriate behaviour towards these targets and will only use firearms appropriate to that sport on these targets
- 4.5 Targets must be positioned so that the bullet hits the proper impact area (berm or hill) and not the ground.
- 4.6 If someone is using a range when you arrive check with them about where the firing line is and who will act as Range Officer. If there is disagreement on the location of the firing line, the standard club firing line will be used.
- 4.7 Leave a comfortable space between you and other shooters.
- 4.8 Try to position yourself downwind of other shooters if shooting smoky firearms.
- 4.9 Dispose of brass, spent casings, duds, etc. in proper containers.
- 4.10 Remove all targets from the range including paper and all pieces of other targets you may have used.
- 4.11 The club does not have garbage pickup. If you have more than a small amount of garbage please take it home with you. There are recycling bins available at the club to dispose of drink containers.
- 4.12 Replace club equipment to storage and leave the ranges clean for the next user.

5.0 Range Safety

- 5.1 Obey all Range Officer commands instantly. There may be a danger you do not see.
- 5.2 Please refer to your Canadian Firearms Safety Course handbook for more information on range and firearm safety. If you are being careless or unsafe you will be asked to leave and could lose your membership.

- 5.3 Any accident, damage, or injury caused by the discharge of a firearm must be reported immediately to the club Chief Range Officer.
- 5.4 Eye and Ear protection must be used when shooting.
- 5.5 Firearms are to be handled only at the firing line. Firearms must be properly cased or uncased on the firing line and not on the bench behind the line.
- 5.6 Keep the muzzle pointed down range. Shoot at only your target. (Shooting from the “hip” is not safe.)
- 5.7 Your finger can only touch the trigger when the firearm is pointing at your target and you are ready to fire.
- 5.8 Treat every firearm as if it is loaded. This is the cardinal rule of firearm safety.
- 5.9 Unload your firearm when not in use. Put your firearm away if you have to leave it unattended.
- 5.10 During a cease-fire, all firearms must be unloaded with actions or cylinders open and must not be handled.
- 5.11 Holsters may be used as long as the firearm is unloaded at all times except when ready to shoot.
- 5.12 Stand well behind the cease-fire line until the range officer makes the range active again.
- 5.13 Wait for another shooter to finish shooting before talking to or touching them. Keep talking and other noise or distractions to a minimum so shooters can concentrate on what they are doing.
- 5.14 Get permission before touching someone else’s firearm.
- 5.15 Members are encouraged to report people who are not following the rules. We want the club to run smoothly and safely. We can only resolve problems if we know about them. Thanks!

6.0 Common Range Commands

The range officer should allow about three seconds between each command.

- Is the line clear on the right?
- Is the line clear on the left?
- The line is clear. You may handle your firearms.
- Assume the _____ position
- You will fire ____ rounds in ____ min/sec.
- With ____ rounds, load.
- Ready on the right?
- Ready on the left?
- Ready on the firing line?
- Commence fire.
- Cease-fire.
- Clear and ground all firearms (cylinders open, magazine out, chamber clear).
- Make the line safe.
- Safe on the right?
- Safe on the left?
- The line is safe.
- Go forward, score/repair/change targets, etc.

Only the range officer is to issue all commands to eliminate any confusion and maintain control of the range.

7.0 Range Layout

7.1 Pistol and trap range

These are situated to the east of the Clubhouse, with the impact area into mountain directly east. The firing line for pistol shooters is across the Clubhouse frontage, and is defined by the yellow line. The firing line for trap shooters is forward of the yellow line. The positions are defined by cement pads on the ground. A diagram of the range layout is available, and shows the safe muzzle direction and safe area of fire. Authorized firearms and loads are: Pistol – any caliber, Rifle - any load up to .338 Lapua Magnum (.50 Calibre Browning Round not allowed), Shotgun – any gauge lead or steel shot including rifled or sabot slugs (lead shot only for trap), Black Powder - any load for handguns and rifles. Shooting on the pistol or trap range has to be coordinated, as only one type of shooting may take place at a given time. All shooters must use a common firing line.

7.2 Rifle range

Situated north of the clubhouse along the cement pathway and behind the protective wall left of the pistol range with the impact area into the hill directly north. The firing line is the marked positions in the shed and beside the shed. Target stands are available for the main range (up to 100 yards) with a permanent target set up at 192 yards. The leftmost position in the shed is for the 192 and 100 yard targets ONLY. The next position can be used for all targets. The three remaining positions in the shed are for the 25, 50, and 100 yard targets only. The two positions outside the shed are for 25 and 50 yard targets only. A diagram of the range layout is available and shows the safe muzzle direction and safe area of fire. Authorized firearms and loads are: Pistol – any caliber, Rifle - any load up to .338 Lapua Magnum (.50 Calibre Browning Round not allowed), Shotgun – slugs only, Black Powder – any load for handguns and rifles.

7.3 Archery trails

Archery trails with simulated animal targets placed around the perimeter area to the north, east, and south of the shooting range impact areas. Archery targets may be shot at with a bow and arrow (or crossbow) only. When the archery trails are in use all shooting ranges are closed and notices are posted to that effect. Early warning is given at the club entrance, the activity bulletin board, and range entrances. Archery practice Range is located below clubhouse on North West side. There is to be no firearm usage on the archery practice range. Broadhead (hunting) arrows are only to be used on designated broadhead targets. You must shoot directly at a designated target (no shooting up into the air).

7.4 Black Powder Walk

Black powder walk with targets placed around the perimeter area to the north, east, and south of the shooting range impact areas. Archery targets are for bow and arrow ONLY. (You probably don't want to spend \$1,000 to replace one of them!) Approved up to .50 calibre black powder pistol and .58 calibre black powder rifle. (No mini-ball "slug" loads.) See black powder rules in section 9.0

7.5 Indoor Range

The indoor range is only open during organized shooting times for archery, pistol, rifle, and air gun shooting. When the range is in operation the red warning light on the downstairs entrance will be on. Please keep the door to upstairs closed to reduce noise. A red range light indicates the range is active – do not walk past the firing line. A green range light indicates a cease-fire and the range is safe – stay behind the cease-fire line when not changing targets. Metal targets are not allowed on the indoor range. Authorized firearms and caliber are: Rifle / Pistol - .22 rim-fire in .22 short, .22 long, and .22 long rifle only (no .22 magnum). A Range Safety Officer must be present during shooting activities. Rifles not in use will be stored in the rifle rack. A storage table behind the shooting positions will be used for cased handguns not in use. Only the Range Safety Officer may handle club firearms away from the firing line.

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Authorized by the executive of the Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club