

ROCKY ROD AND GUN CLUB

2023 ORIENTATION AND RULES



RRGC FACILITY RULES

THESE RULES ARE A POLICY OF THE RRGC. Non-compliance contravenes Section A, Clause 12 and 13 of the Bylaws and may result in disciplinary actions including suspension or loss of your membership.

In the case of an on-site dispute of these rules between a Range Safety Officer and a member which cannot be resolved, the member will be asked to leave the range and the incident will be reported for investigation. The member's gate pass may be suspended during this time until the matter can be resolved to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.

GENERAL FACILITY RULES

Hours of Operation

Range hours are 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM or "Sunset," whichever comes first. No firearms to be discharged outside these times. Disregarding the posted hours will result in the immediate loss of your membership.

Gate Scan In

R.R.G.C. members entering the facility are required to scan their gate access card on entry. Ensure the gate closes behind you, prior to you driving away, arriving, or leaving. If the gate malfunctions, please contact the club as soon as possible at rockygunclub@gmail.com.

Please "Do Not" open the gate for other members, regardless of the reason. That member must contact membership for gate card reactivation.



Display of Membership

All members are required to display their membership card while on club property. Guest members must always have Part 2 of the “Guest Pass” on their person. Membership passes must be provided for inspection by a RSO or any other RRGc members. Please afford each other courtesy while exercising this practise.

Guest Policies

Members are permitted to be accompanied by a non-member guest. All guests are required to have purchased a guest pass whether watching or shooting. Members must ensure that guests have fully filled in “Yellow Guest Pass” as stated per the document at the sign in board and paid said fees by e-transfer to rockygunclub@gmail.com. or by cash, put into the provided envelope and insert in the slot of the grey box.

Members may invite two (2) guests per visit. Each guest may visit the range four (4) times per year.

Members must always directly supervise guests when handling firearms. Guests (without PALS) must not operate firearms at the same time as the accompanying member.

Strict adherence to these rules is the responsibility of the hosting member. Violation of the rules may place your membership in jeopardy.



Skill, Knowledge, and Personal Protection

Members must familiarize themselves with the permitted use as posted at each range. As well, ensure they have the skill and personal protective equipment necessary to conduct themselves in a safe manner in all activities they engage in while on RRGC property.



IT IS HIGHLY
RECOMMENDED TO
WEAR HEARING
AND EYE
PROTECTION AT
ALL TIMES ON
RRGC RANGES.

Harassment and Bullying:

All unwanted offensive or threatening behavior will not be tolerated. Members are encouraged to report any such behavior to a member of the board for investigation.

Etiquette

Never enter any range when the red flag is displayed without announcing yourself and being invited by the users.

Supervision of Children

Children under the age of eighteen (18) must be supervised by a responsible adult while on the property and must be within arms-reach of the adult member if engaging in shooting.

Dogs

Dogs must be leashed at all times when on RRGC property.

Drugs and Alcohol

Using or being under the influence of alcohol, cannabis and illegal drugs is strictly prohibited on any RRGC property.

Smoking and Vaping

Vaping or smoking of any kind is not permitted in any RRGC building.

Checking In

All members and guests must sign in at Range A clubhouse, including archery shooters.

Prior to entering Range A, check to see if the “Red Light” (visible above the entry door) is lit. If so that indicates the Range is “Hot” so ear and eye protection is recommended before entering.



GENERAL RANGE RULES

These rules apply to all RRGC range Members must refer to additional information on each specific range.

The range rules set down by the CFO (Chief Firearms Officer) for Alberta are displayed on the bulletin board in the clubhouse as well as posted on the wall of each shooting shelter. It is your responsibility to know and understand these rules.

Firing Line

The red line on the floor of Range A and B indicates the firing line, refer to the sign that states the location of the firing line on Ranges C, J, and the Pistol Bays.

Safe Firearms Handling

All firearms must be unloaded except on the firing line. Rifles and shotguns must be unloaded, and actions open, standing upright on racks when a “Cease Fire” is in effect. (Special conditions may apply during RSO supervised matches). Handguns must be unloaded, and actions open or holstered (no ammo allowed in the safe areas).

Cease Fire

Any person on the range may call a “Cease Fire” if they sense or see something wrong. This should be given loudly and clearly. Once the concern is rectified, the acting RSO, will then give the range is “Hot” command.

Range Closures

Refer to the event schedule heading on the website to view range closures and events.

Range Safety Officer

When more than two (2) shooters arrive at the range, they must agree who will act as the RSO. All commands of the range safety officer are to be obeyed. RRGC has numerous RSO's that regularly visit the range, observing activities, checking memberships and guest passes as well as helping members with queries.

Incidents or Emergencies

In case of emergency call 911 - Municipal Location 393082 - Highway 11A. Report any accident/incidents by filling out the incident form (found on the bulletin board above the sign in area). Send the incident report to the club at rockygunclub@gmail.com.

Small first aid kits are situated throughout the facilities. Please inform the club if any needs restocking.



Handgun Safe Areas

“Safe Areas” are clearly marked in each pistol and carbine range. Firearms left on a safe table must be unloaded, magazine removed, and actions open.

Safe tables are where you “Uncase” your firearm upon arrival and “Recase” upon departure, with the muzzle facing the berm at all times.

Operations such as cleaning and repairs can be conducted at the safe area. You may practise draw and dry fire at the safety table. The muzzle must face the berm at all times, even when the firearm is proven safe and clear.

Storage or handling of ammunition of any sort in a designated safe area is strictly prohibited.

Flags

Each range (exception A) is equipped with a red flag. Ensure that you have it displayed outside of the shelter when the range is “Hot.” The red flag must be displayed while handling any firearms. If the red flag is down, the range is in “Cease Fire Mode.” Wrap the flag up and place in the provided holder upon departure.

Holsters

Holsters are allowed to be used by members that have completed the Handgun Marksmanship Holster Course or equivalent Black Badge Course. Your holster card must be clearly displayed in your membership pouch. As you move to other ranges, handguns “Must be unloaded.”

- Discouraged – Serpa type holsters.
- **NOT PERMITTED: CROSS DRAW HOLSTERS**

Prohibited Ammunition

- Steel Core and steel jacketed
- Tracer, combustible, igniting or explosive materials

Targets

Each bay is equipped with plywood target boards; bring your own targets and stapler. Please take the time to remove your spent targets from the board and place in garbage bin prior to leaving the range.

There are also some reactive targets placed in the pistol bays for your enjoyment. Ensure that you are a minimum distance of 10 meters before engaging these metal targets. Do not move these targets from where they are placed. Replace the paddles on the shooting stars before departure.

Members may bring along their own IPSC style cardboard targets. There are several moveable target stands and target sticks (lath) available. Feel free to bring your own target stands including clay holders.

Do not place targets on the face of the skip berms/ground baffles and do not place any target objects, “Including Clays” on top of the baffle. The baffles are in place to catch ricochets in the rare case that a projectile strikes the ground.

Unacceptable Targets

- Photographs or likeness of a person
- Explosives, glass bottles, plastics, foods
- Rocks, concrete blocks
- Shooter supplied steel

Do not intentionally shoot at any range structure, barrels, target uprights, support posts, or signage. Intentional damage to RRGC property will result in immediate suspension of your membership.

Clean-up and Departure

You are expected to pick up any spent cartridges. Discard in the regular garbage cans. There is a container near the door for misfires and dud rounds. Remove all targets from target boards. Ensure that the red and white lights on Range A are turned off, roll up the red flags and put in holders. Shotgun users are provided buckets and a magnet to pick up their spent shells.

RANGE A

This range is approved for the following:

- Centerfire rifles
- Rimfire rifles
- Black powder rifles
- **NOT PERMITTED: SHOTGUNS AND HANDGUNS**

Check the template profiles on the website as well as these are posted at each range.



Range A is a premiere rifle range and is set up for the provision of paper targets at all distances from 100 to 600 meters. Metal gongs are located inside of metal enclosures at distances of 200 to 600 meters to contain ricochets and bullet splatter.

Shooting benches on Range A (600m rifle range) are color coded along with the downrange target boards. Blue benches shoot the blue target boards and yellow benches shoot the yellow target boards. This is to avoid crossfire and reduce ricochet hazard.

Rifles can only be uncased, handled, cleaned, or shot when the “Red – Hot” light is on.

When going down range to place or remove a target, ensure all shooters/people agreed to the ceasefire. Ensure all rifles are removed from the benches and racked with actions open, turn off the red led “Range Hot” lights and turn on the “People Downrange” white flashing beacon light. Be sure that all persons have returned from down range before turning off the white beacon light. A fluorescent yellow vest (provided) must be worn if going down range past 200 meters.

Vehicles may be driven downrange to replace and remove targets. Do not use vehicles if the road is snowed in or too wet to navigate. If you get stuck, you must immediately notify the club via email and arrange for a tow at your expense.



RANGE B

This range is approved for the following:

- Centerfire rifles
- Rimfire rifles
- Black powder rifles
- **NOT PERMITTED: SHOTGUNS AND HANDGUNS**

Check the template profiles on the website as well as these are posted at each range.

This range adjacent to Range A with a 94 meters maximum range and has the same bench design but in a quieter sheltered environment.



RANGE C

This range is approved for the following:

- Centerfire rifles
- Rimfire rifles
- Black powder rifles
- Shotguns
- Handguns

Check the template profiles on the website as well as these are posted at each range.

There is a safe area provided to unbox handguns within the shelter. **Never UNBOX IN YOUR VEHICLE** as this action will result in disciplinary action and/or loss of your membership.

Shotguns are permitted but absolutely **NO FLYING CLAYS PERMITTED.**

Set up your own shotgun targets in front of the berms. **NEVER SHOOT AT THE WOODEN TARGET BOARDS WITH A SHOTGUN.**



PISTOL BAYS D, E, F, G

These ranges are approved for the following:

- All pistol cartridges fired from a pistol

There is a safe area provided to unbox handguns within the shelter. **Never UNBOX IN YOUR VEHICLE** as this action will result in disciplinary action and/or loss of your membership.



RANGE J

This range is approved for the following:

- Centerfire rifles
- Rimfire rifles
- Black powder rifles
- Handguns
- **NOT PERMITTED: SHOTGUNS**

Check the template profiles on the website as well as these are posted at each range.

There is a safe area provided to unbox handguns within the shelter. **Never UNBOX IN YOUR VEHICLE** as this action will result in disciplinary action and/or loss of your membership.



ARCHERY RANGES H & I

All Archers must sign in Range A. Persons coming onto range must come in through the shelter back door. Firing line is front edge of shelter.

Rocky Rod and Gun Club has an archery range shown on the orientation map at point I. There is a 90 - meter target sight- in range with a shelter, as well as a 3D target. Targets are in 10-meter increments from 20 - 90 meters.

For those looking for a slightly more realistic experience there is a trail populated with 3D targets. Trailhead is marked at “I.” The trail will take approximately two hours to walk. The trail is open year-round, with fewer targets in the winter months. When using the trail be aware of wildlife as well as environmental hazards. When walking the target trail, suggest carrying bear spray.

As with any type of shooting, be sure of the target and what is beyond it. You are responsible to ensure your arrows do not end up landing in an unsafe area where other range members or public may be present (roads, parking area, trails).





ARCHERY RANGE SAFETY DO'S AND DON'T'S

- Read and review all posted signs before unpacking your gear and using ranges/trail
- Absolutely “No Broadheads,” exploding arrow tips or performing unsafe acts as these actions will result in disciplinary measures and/or loss of your membership
- Always walk - no running
- If you are unsure if its safe to shoot - “Do not shoot”
- Anyone may call “Cease fire”
- Only shooters can step to the firing line
- Do not disturb shooters when they are at the firing line
- Never cross the firing line until “All clear” has been called
- Never point a bow and arrow at another person
- Cast arrows down range only at approved targets from the firing line
- Never stand behind someone pulling arrows from targets
- Check your equipment regularly

SHOTGUN RANGE K

This range is certified for shotgun trap and skeet shooting using #7.5 to #9 shot.

The 5-Stand and Trap are operated with a pre-programmed target card. User instructions can be found on website www.rockyguncub.com, "Range under Information/Shotgun Orientation."

Operational Guides are posted on website and can be downloaded to your phone.

Pre-programmed target cards can be purchased at Fountain Tire (RMH).

Look on the events calendar on website www.rockyguncub.com for shotgun orientation days. Orientation is not required for use, but orientation days are there for hands on instructions if you want to stop by.

SHOTGUN RANGE SAFETY DO'S AND DON'T'S

ABSOLUTELY NO SLUGS OR BUCK-SHOT

- Shotguns must be uncased in a safe manner with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, unloaded and actions open at all times
- Break-action shotguns may be closed while in the gunracks, gun cases or in carts but must be unloaded
- The only time the shotgun may be loaded is when the shotgun is through the opening in the shooting stand and the shooter is ready to shoot
- The shotgun must be unloaded, and the action open before the shotgun is withdrawn from the shooting stand opening
- Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot
- Hearing and eye protection is highly recommended
- Pick up all spent casings and boxes and place in the provided buckets or garbage
- Return the controller to the holder and take your shooting card
- Only qualified persons are allowed on the range for maintenance. Never go in front of the machines





SHOOTING RANGE TERMS

Black powder

A finely-ground powder, mainly used in muzzle-loaders and antique cartridge firearms. The basic ingredients are salt-petre (potassium nitrate), charcoal (carbon) and sulphur.

Broadheads

Flat pointed steel arrowhead having sharp edges.

Buckshot

Large lead pellets used in shotgun shells.

Calibre

A measurement in metric or imperial units to describe the inside diameter of the barrel of a rifled firearm. Calibre is also used to describe the diameter of a projectile in a cartridge.

Carbine

A light short-barrelled rifle.

Cease-fire

- a) As a verb – the command to stop shooting, unload firearms and step behind the cease-fire line.
- b) As a noun – time or period of range inactivity while targets are changed, or other activities are conducted.

Crossfire

Gunfire from two or more directions passing through the same area.

Dud

A dud occurs when the trigger is pulled but the primer or powder in the cartridge malfunctions, causing the firearm not to discharge. Dud rounds can still be dangerous and should be disposed of in the red propane tanks.

Ground Baffles

Barriers to contain bullets and to reduce, redirect or suppress sound waves and possible stray bullets. They are placed at ground level to restrict or interrupt errant or off target shots.

Hang Fire

Unexpected delay between the triggering of a firearm and the ignition propellant. The safest way to get past a hangfire is to keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction, wait thirty to sixty seconds, then remove and safely discard the round.

Hot Range

Shooters must check with others to ensure there is no one down range; when the range is declared "Hot" shooters are permitted to commence firing. Only shooters are permitted on the firing line. Shooters may safely move guns to and from the firing line only when the range is "Hot."

New Member

Any member that had not purchased a Rocky Gun Club membership in the previous year.

Misfire

The failure of a cartridge to fire after the firing pin has struck the primer. Do not confuse with hang fire, which is a delay in firing.

Muzzle

The opening at the end of the barrel from which the projectile exits.

Muzzle brake

A device attached to the muzzle which softens the recoil of the firearm. Also known as a compensator.

Range Safety Officer or RSO

The range officer is responsible for the safety of shooters and spectators at the shooting range. All instructions by the RSO must be followed immediately.

Range

Range has the following meanings:

- a) the distance travelled by a projectile from firearm to target;
- b) a projectile's maximum travelling distance;
- c) an area or facility designed for the safe shooting of firearms;
- d) dangerous range: the maximum distance at which a projectile will travel;
- e) effective range: the greatest distance a projectile will travel with accuracy;

Reactive Targets

Reactive target is one that has a "reaction" when struck, may be spring loaded.

Ricochet

The motion of an object or a projectile in rebounding or deflecting one or more times from the surface over which it is passing or against which it hits a glancing blow.

Skip Berm

An embankment used between shooting ranges to divide them, or positioned to restrict bullets to a specific area. These are built to establish shooting lanes, and are usually 8 -12 feet in vertical height.