ALBERNI FISH AND GAME CLUB GENERAL RANGE RULES

1. The General and Range Specific Rules are for the purpose of general shooting at the Club Ranges when no sanctioned event is taking place. If an official competition or match is held on any range and that range is closed to general use, the official match rules apply, and the Match Director assumes the responsibility of range safety.
2. When on the property, you must have your Membership Card or Day Pass displayed at all times. Anyone found using the property without a membership card or a day pass will be required to leave our non-profit volunteer club.
3. Members are responsible for acceptable, considerate, courteous and non-abusive behavior from themselves, their family and guests at all times while on club property. Abuse of the rules could result in the loss of privileges and/or membership.
4. No person may use a AFGC shooting range for the first time without first thoroughly familiarizing themselves with the safety rules for that range.
5. New members will not be permitted to use the range without direct supervision of an experienced member until they have completed the Range Orientation program.
6. Members are responsible for ensuring their guests have been informed of the safety rules of the range prior to starting shooting.
7. Safety is YOUR Responsibility! If you see someone not following our safety/range rules, please introduce yourself and give them a gentle reminder of the correct procedure to be followed. You will find a laminated copy of our Range Rules hanging on the bulletin board of each range. Most people will be happy to be informed of the correct procedure to follow. If you encounter resistance, do not press the matter; report the incident to one of:
Range Manager, Caretaker, Range Safety Officer or Association Director immediately.
8. Hearing and eye protection are mandatory for shooters and observers.
9. The Range Manager, Caretakers, Range Safety Officers or Association Directors can require anyone who persists in engaging in unsafe practices, violation of range rules/policies, or inappropriate behaviors to leave the property immediately.
10. Do not argue with the Range Safety Officers and Caretakers. Argumentative or abusive behavior will not be tolerated – we have a zero-tolerance policy. The range Safety Officer's ruling regarding conduct on the range is final. If you disagree, you can forward your concern(s) to the Chief Range Safety Officer/Range Manager.

However, if you wish to continue to use the range you must comply. If you are unwilling to comply, you must stop using the range.
11. All incidents resulting in member or guest being asked to leave the property must be reported to the President (normally through the Range Manager/Chief Safety Officer).
12. Recommendations for changes/improvements to Range Safety/Range Rules should be forwarded to the Chief Range Safety Officer/Range Manager of the or a member of the Board of Directors.
13. AFGC Range Rules and Regulations
Rule # 1 – When using any range, the redlight must be on when the range is in use. The first shooter must put the light on when arriving at the range before shooting commences, and the last shooter must shut the light off when shooting is finished.
Rule # 2 – Firearms MUST be carried unloaded, actions open and muzzle pointing in a safe direction at all times. (i.e. rifles pointing up, pistols pointing up and shotguns)
Rule # 3 – All uncased firearms when not in use MUST be unloaded with actions open.
Long guns must be placed barrel pointing up in the racks.
Pistols must be unloaded, magazine removed, empty chamber indicator n barrel and placed in the pistol rack on the back bench.
Rule # 4 – Casing and Uncasing is only permitted at the designated firing line.
Rule # 5 – Shooting is only permitted from the designated firing line.
Rule # 6 – Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times. Muzzle direction of a firearm (loaded or unloaded) MUST NOT break 45 degrees from downrange. Hand gunners who are holster trained, RCMP ONLY, may use accepted safe procedures for loading and unloading; holstering and unholstering.
Rule # 7 – No handling of firearms during a cease-fire. Shooters must be three meters from their firearms.
Rule # 8 – ONLY paper targets or approved steel gongs may be used on the Rifle/Pistol and Multipurpose Ranges.
Rule # 9 – You must shoot at target frames or range equipment, or at targets on the ground. Subject to membership suspension.
Rule # 10 – Prohibited, tracer or armor-piercing ammunition is NOT permitted on any range. Rule # 11 – No Cross firing on other targets. Shoot at targets directly in front of you and ensure that the bullet ends.
Rule # 12 – Children under 18 must be under adult supervision at all times.

Rule # 13 – No dogs on ranges. All dogs must be on leashes in all other club property areas.

Rule # 14 – When finished, all shooters are required to clean their shooting stations including spent casings, ejected/unfired ammunition, and the targets and debris from your targets at the target distance you were shooting. Please leave the range cleaner then you found it.
Rule # 15 – The consumption of alcohol or cannabis is NOT permitted on an active range.
Rule # 16 – The use of illegal drugs is NOT permitted on the property.
Rule # 17 – Any person who appears to be under the influence is prohibited from shooting.
Rule # 18 – While shooting or attending an active range it is mandatory to wear hearing and eye protection.
Rule # 19 – You must supply your own targets, target backers, staples & stapler etc. The caretaker has a supply of paper targets (small cost involved) which may be used on the various ranges.
Rule # 20 – No shooting of wildlife on the range.
Rule # 21 – Rapid fire and uncontrolled fire is NOT permitted on the ranges. This means all shots must be directed at a target and all fire must be sighted).
14. Acting Range Officer – if a duty Range Safety Officer is not present, the first AFGC member to arrive at the range will assume responsibility of Acting Range Officer or if mutually agreed the most experienced shooter who is a member may assume that task. The position of Acting Range Officer is to monitor safety procedures and ceasefires. When this person leaves the range, he/she must hand-off the responsibility to another person.
15. Weather – Our ranges are subject to changing weather conditions, which quite often include fog and pools of standing water. The rules of safe shooting dictate that you MUST be able to see where your bullet will land (not just the target you are shooting at) and not be accidentally ricochet off standing water. This is to ensure that any wildlife (deer, bears etc.) or people that may wander onto the range do not accidentally get shot. If fog rolls in, or there are large pools of standing water you must STOP shooting and wait until it clears out, usually between 5 to 15 minutes for fog.
16. Accidents – must be reported to the Range Manager/Caretaker.

17. If you are unsure of the policies, rules or protocols for using the Association's Ranges or property - ask the Range Manager, Caretaker, Range Safety Officer or Director for clarification. Ignorance is no excuse for not complying with club policies and rules while on club property.