

## **Follow the Fundamental Four Safety Rules**

1. Always assume every firearm is loaded.
2. Do not point the muzzle at anything you aren't willing to destroy.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you've made a conscious decision to shoot.
4. Know your target and what's behind it.

**In case of an accident call 911, the club address is;  
920 Bond Lake Road, Williams Lake, BC**

**Designating the Range Officer:** The first Member to arrive is deemed to be the Acting Range Officer. This may be handed over to a certified Range Officer or other Member of WLSA at any time or be designated by consensus during informal practise. A certified Range Officer may assume these duties at their discretion.

## **Rules of Operation**

- A Range Officer or an Acting Range Officer, as designated by these rules, shall enforce these Range Rules.
- A Range Officer or Acting Range Officer who neglects or refuses to enforce these rules may be liable for a breach of these rules and a contravention of the by-laws.
- Anyone who fails to obey RSO commands or abide by the rules of operation can be ordered off the range by the Range Safety Officer. Anyone ordered off the range shall comply immediately with that order. Anyone not complying with a Range Officer order may be subject to discipline or loss of membership.
- All range infractions shall be reported to the Executive in writing within 24 hours of the incident.
- Vehicle parking is prohibited except in designated areas at the range. No

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parking shall obstruct the use of roads and gates.

- No Vehicle is permitted on a range without the permission of the Range Officer and/or with prior approval by the executive.
- Every person shall help keep the property clean by putting garbage and refuse in garbage barrels. All brass expended by a shooter is to be cleaned up before leaving the range. Leave the range cleaner than when you arrived.
- Dogs are NOT permitted on the ranges.
- The Trap, Skeet, Rifle, Handgun and Archery ranges are private ranges and club members only are allowed on these ranges.
- Exception is made for those shooting in invitational matches, special events and Member guests. Membership Cards are not transferable.
- Only the Executive shall authorize special activities or events and range closures.
- When there is a special shooting event at a range, that range is closed for all other shooting activities until the event is over.
- Upon calling a “cease fire” all shooters shall stop, clear the firearm, place the firearm down and step away from the firearm.
- Anyone can call a cease fire.
- **NO SMOKING** is permitted while on the range proper. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas.
- **ALCOHOLIC** beverages are **prohibited** on all ranges without prior authorization. Persons whose behaviour exhibits the influence of **ALCOHOL** or **DRUGS** will not be permitted on any range.

**It is every shooters responsibility to know what is going on around**

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them and to ensure all others on the line know as well. Always double check and confirm that **EVERYONE** is prepared for firing to commence or for a cease fire.

### RIFLE RANGE

All centre-fire rifles and .22 cal except .50 BMG. **HANDGUNS and SHOTGUNS** not permitted on this range. No shooting in the side berms and all shots must be fired directly into the 100 yard and 200 yard stop banks. No shooting into the ground baffles (railway ties).

#### **Use of Range Flags**

- Raise the appropriate red flag on the range you intend to use before setting up targets or shooting.
- Lower red flag when you are the last person to finish shooting on any range.

#### **Green Flag:** Range is **SAFE**

- DO NOT HANDLE FIREARMS.
- Guns must either be left on benches or placed in racks during cease fire and must be P.R.O.V.E 'd safe, with actions open. Pistols & revolvers are to be placed on bench with slide locked back and facing up or cylinder open.
- Safe to go forward of the firing line.
- Magazines may be loaded during cease fire as long as firearms are not handled. DO NOT load magazines at benches with firearms on them.

#### **Red Flag:** Range is **HOT**

- DO NOT GO FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE
- Shooting may commence.
- Guns may be packed / unpacked **ONLY** during HOT Range.
- Loaded firearms are not to be handled when people are downrange.
- Stop shooting immediately upon the command "CEASE FIRE".

## General Range Rules

1. All shooters must sign-in with their membership number and date. Names not required.
2. All shooters are required to produce proof of identity or membership upon request.
3. All persons on the range **MUST** wear Eye Protection and Ear Protection. This includes spectators and non-shooting guests.
4. Firearms shall be discharged on designated ranges only.
5. All uncased firearms carried to and from the ranges shall be empty of ammunition and be carried with actions open. Uncased firearms **MUST NOT** be brought into the range sheds during a cease-fire.
6. Anyone who notices an unsafe condition at any time shall call a cease-fire and immediately notify the Range Safety Officer or Acting Range Officer.
7. Shooters shall stand back from the firing line after firing to indicate to the Range Officer that a cease-fire can be called to check targets.
8. All junior members (individuals less than 18 years old) using the Club's ranges shall be supervised by an adult.
9. Target backers are NOT to be shot with Shotguns, doing so may result in loss of membership. Members must provide their own Targets and Backers for all shotgun shooting.
10. Shooting of any signs, range markers, structures or barriers on purpose may result in loss of membership. This includes the trap houses and protective berms. These berms are not to be used to support targets.
11. Upon hearing the command "cease fire" all shooters shall STOP, clear the firearm, place the firearm down and step away from the firearm. Anyone can call a cease fire.
12. Take with you any misfires or defective ammunition. Do not discard it on

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the range or in the garbage cans.

13. Violations of any of these rules will result in loss of range privileges.

### RANGE USE - TRESPASSING

The Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association is a private club for the use and enjoyment of its members only. A problem exists where non-members are actively using the ranges for sighting in their rifles. This poses a liability issue for the club as they are not covered by our club insurance. Everything possible has to be done to discourage this. Club members must identify themselves as club members with a membership card if available or some government issued identity card. Club members must sign in on each range that they shoot on with the club membership number and date (no names)

You are encouraged and it is expected that you will check any and all shooters whenever you are at the club.

- Ask people if they are club members.
- Ask if they have entered their membership number in the book.
- If you are not convinced the person is a member, ask them for their name. We can check the membership list later to ascertain if the person is a paid-up member or not.
- If the person is not a member, advise them that they are trespassing on private property.
- Encourage the person to become a member. They must be members in order to continue to use the range.
- If they do not wish to become a club member, then ask them to leave the property.
- If the person wishes to argue, advise them that they are trespassing and that you will call the RCMP and advise the dispatcher that a person with a firearm is trespassing on club property and that they will be charged with **TRESPASSING**.
- Report the incident with details (vehicle make, licence plate number, date and time, and person description to the Chief Range Safety Officer as soon as possible.