

## VICTORIA FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

### Rules Specific to the Rifle/Pistol Range

1. These rules are in addition to the General Range Rules. Sanctioned events and activities under the supervision of an RSO may have variations.
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 the property. The opportunity to purchase a day pass will not be given to a person who is stealing from our non-profit volunteer club.
3. You must be holster trained to use a holster while firing on Association Ranges and you must have your certification card with you and be prepared to show it if asked.
4. **Weather.** Our ranges are at the top of the Malahat and are subject to changing weather conditions, which quite often include fog. 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). This is to ensure that any wildlife (deer, bears, etc.) or people that may wander onto the range do not get accidentally shot. If the fog rolls in, you must **STOP** shooting and wait until it rolls out, usually between 5 to 15 minutes.
5. This range is approved for calibers up to **BUT NOT INCLUDING 50 BMG**. (IE. 338 Lapua template **is maximum**). The maximum allowable shooting distance is 250 yards.
6. The firing line is defined as the front of the concrete slab. **USE THE WOODEN SHOOTING TABLES. DO NOT USE THE CONCRETE GEAR TABLES FOR SHOOTING. If a VFGPA Range Officer is present, alternate procedures may be used under their direction and control.**
7. Firearms may only be loaded and unloaded at the firing line (i.e., at the wooden shooting bench). Uncasing and casing of firearms is preferably also done at the shooting bench.

### **Targets**

8. Targets are to be paper or other approved targets such as gongs and silhouettes. Shooting at target frames, bottles, cans, etc, or anything on the ground is prohibited.
9. **No shooting of wildlife on the range.**
10. Rapid fire and uncontrolled fire is **NOT** permitted on this range. All shots must be directed at a target, and all fire must be sighted (i.e. No 'hip shooting' or similar).
11. All personal metal targets must be pre-approved by the Caretaker or Range Safety Officer (if present) prior to use on this range. **If a Caretaker or Range Safety Officer is not available to approve your metal target, you CANNOT use it.**
12. Approved metal targets **MUST** be a minimum distance of 25 yards (21 meters) for centre-fire rifle and handguns, and 11 yards (10 meters) for .22 rim fire from the designated firing line. Lead ammo only for metal targets which are closer than 100 yards.

13. The Manager/Caretaker has a supply of paper targets (small cost involved) which may be used on this range.
14. The left side of the range is set up with four sets of metal target stands with sand berm backers held by wood backstops. This is for .22 rim fire silhouette match and practice **ONLY**. No centre-fire ammo is to be directed towards the silhouette backstops.

### **Cease Fire Procedure**

15. Ceasefires are called to allow shooters to venture safely downrange to set up and change their targets. The timing of each ceasefire should be mutually decided between the shooters present. If the range is busy the 20/10-ceasefire system is preferred (20 minutes of shooting followed by 10 minutes of ceasefire, than 20 minutes of shooting, followed by 10 minutes of ceasefire, etc.).
16. When a cease-fire is called, **ALL** shooters will carry out the following actions:
  - a. All firearms will be completely unloaded, all ammo and magazines removed, actions opened **and either placed on the shooting table muzzle pointing down range, or in the racks**. Handguns may be holstered if you are holster trained/certified.
  - b. **The handling of firearms is prohibited during a cease-fire.**

### **Range Flag System**

17. The 'Range Safety Flag System' procedure **MUST** be followed during all range use:
  - a. **RED FLAG - Range is in use (HOT)**. Red Flag is **VISIBLE** mounted in holder. It is safe to fire at targets down range.
  - b. **GREEN FLAG - Range is CLOSED**; Guns are unloaded, actions open and/or placed in the racks. It is safe to move forward of the firing line to change Targets on the range.
  - c. **ONLY** when a cease-fire is called and all firearms are safe can the Range Safety Flag be changed to **GREEN**, and only when the flag is **GREEN**, can shooters move forward of the designated firing line. **Please wait for the RSO to designate that the "range is safe"**.
  - d. Before moving forward, shooters **MUST** turn on the light switch that corresponds to their shooting station. Each station has two positions; an 'A' table and a 'B' table. If both tables at a station are being used, a 'Buddy System' of ensuring that your table partner has safely returned from the field **MUST BE USED**.
  - e. On returning from being forward of the firing line shooters **MUST** ensure they turn off **ONLY** their light.
  - f. The Range Safety Officer if present or acting range Officer will be the last person to turn off the cease-fire warning light and exchange the range safety flag, and will **ONLY** do so after having ensured that all required procedures have been followed.

18. Please leave the range cleaner than you found it. When finished shooting, please clean-up:
  - a. pick up spent casings and ejected/unfired ammunition – brass casings go into the brass buckets, steel and shotgun casings go into the garbage containers, take unfired ammunition home or put it into the container provided;
  - b. clean up targets and debris from your targets.