

# Consolidated Range Rules



## Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

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## Property Use Policy - General

### Member Etiquette

1. Members are responsible for acceptable, considerate, quiet, **courteous** and non-abusive behavior from themselves, their family and guests at all time while on Association property. Abuse of the rules could result in the loss of privileges and/or membership.
2. The Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association (VFGPA) has general range rules as well as rules specific to the individual ranges and other sections of the property. Members and non-members must adhere to these rules.
3. The Caretakers, Range Safety Officers or Association Directors can require anyone who persists in engaging in unsafe practices, violation of range rules/policies, inappropriate behaviors, or use of unsafe equipment, to leave the property immediately.

### Sign In and Sign Out

4. During general range use, everyone without exception, **MUST** sign in and sign out at the Sign-In Shelter located near the property entrance when visiting the VFGPA.
5. During all special events everyone **MUST** sign in at the Sign-In Shelter OR Register at the event headquarters.

### Member Access to the Property

6. When on the property you must have your membership card displayed at all times.
7. Members may purchase a Day-Pass for guests at a preferred rate of \$20 per person (over 18 yrs.) 18 years and under have a special rate of \$5 per person. Guests **MUST** be under supervision of the Member **AT ALL TIMES**.

### Non Member Access to the Property

8. Non-members may use the property provided they purchase a Day-Pass (\$50.00). Day-Passes **MUST BE** purchased upon arrival at the Sign-In Shelter, from the Manager/Caretaker or from a supply at the Sign-In Shelter. This non-member Day-Pass gives you access to the Rifle/Pistol Range, Shotgun Range, Archery Range and the Campground only; it does not give the pass holder access to the Multi-Purpose Range.
9. When on the property you must have your day pass displayed at all times. Day-Pass holders **MUST** know and follow all VFGPA Range Rules & Protocols.
10. 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.

### Hours of Operation

11. Range gates open at 8:30 am each day and close at **7:30 pm** or one half hour before sunset whichever is earlier. Shooting is permitted between 9 am and sunset or 7:30 pm whichever is earlier.
12. The Gate is **locked** at 8 pm (2000 hours) or one half hour after sunset whichever is earlier. If you are not a registered camper, you must be on the outside of the gate before it is locked. As the part time caretakers go off shift not later than 8 pm or one half hour after sunset, whichever is earlier, you may find your vehicle on the wrong side of a locked gate and have to make alternative arrangements to get home.

### Accidents

13. Accidents **MUST** be reported to the Manager/Caretaker

**General**

14. Absolutely no consumption of alcohol or cannabis on any shooting or archery range. Anyone that appears to be impaired, for any reason, while using the ranges, will be asked to leave the property.
15. Absolutely NO USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS on Association property.
16. Members are not to loan their gate key or membership cards at any time. The caretakers **or Range Safety Officers** may require you to provide proof of identity to ensure that it is your membership card. Membership cards displayed by someone other than the owner are subject to seizure.
17. Speed limits on Association property are to be followed for the safety of members and families.
18. No ATVs, dirt/trail bikes, mini bikes, etc. are to be used on Association property with the exception of use by the Association or for authorized special events and or work projects.
19. For safety reasons, there is no mountain biking on black powder, archery or hawk and knife trails.
20. All pets must be kept quiet and under control at all times. Droppings must be promptly cleaned up, bagged and disposed of in garbage containers.
21. Abuse of the property, facilities and equipment is not acceptable.
22. Members who would like to donate materials or equipment to the Association must first get permission from the Range Manager or an Officer of the Association (e.g., President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) before bringing the materials or equipment on to the property.
23. Dumping of garbage, which includes construction waste, old computer equipment and old appliances, is not permitted.
24. Members are not permitted to remove materials or equipment from the property without receiving the prior approval of the Range Manager or an Officer of the Association.
25. All members, family and their guests are to stay off main grounds and clubhouse area when a wedding or private function is taking place.
26. Archery range trails and gun ranges are strictly out of bounds to non-users. No unsupervised minors are to be on archery trails, or gun ranges at any time.
27. When the ranges are closed for the day, no shooting activities of any kind (including archery, air rifle and air soft) are allowed.
28. Garbage and recycling containers are only for items generated as a result of the use of Association property. Garbage and recyclables are not to be brought from off site for disposal in Association bins.
29. Camp sites and other facilities are to be left as clean as or cleaner than you found them. A cleanup fee of \$200 may be charged if you leave a mess.
30. As per our published 'Range Access & Day-Pass Policy', All facility use is 'At your own risk'.

## CAMPING POLICY

### **General**

1. Camping rules and privileges are for all members. The caretaker has the authority to evict campers from the campsite and the Association reserves the right to have a member come before the Incident Review Committee for discipline or revocation of membership for flagrant disregard of other members and/or the regulations.
2. Check in time is 12:30PM and check out time is 11:30AM.
3. All campers are to stop at office upon arrival for registration and to sign in, and to stop at office when checking out/signing out as well.
4. Campers are to sign the ledger acknowledging they have read and will abide by the rules (handed out at sign in).
5. The caretaker has authority for site assignment and occupancy. Camping is only permitted in designated camping areas. Some sites are RV capable, and some sites are Tenting only
6. There is no RV hook up available and the Association does not provide electricity.
7. As a benefit of membership, all members are allowed up to fourteen ( 14 ) days of FREE camping per calendar year per membership.
8. Campsite maximum is one camping party per site unless otherwise authorized.
9. Camping Party Size consists of:
  - a) Maximum: 4 Campers (or, per 'Family' as per membership, with at least one Adult )
    - i. Site may include **up to**: 1 RV + 1 Tent, or 2 Tents
10. A camping party may include non-members at no extra cost, as long as Camping Party Size limits are maintained, and Subject to Point 20.
  
11. If a member leaves the evening before checkout, the site will remain vacant until 12:30 check-in the next day.
12. No site shall be occupied for more than 14 consecutive days, to allow for grounds maintenance.
13. Picnic tables are limited, only one per group/site – if you move it, put it back when you leave. Picnic tables may not be taken from the ranges or the area around Frog Hollow.

### **Reservations**

14. All sites are First Come, First Serve.
15. A member can pay for and hold site(s) as long as you return with your unit(s) within that same day/evening.
16. All payments are final. There are no refunds.
17. Out of town members may call ahead to find out if there are any vacant sites available, but the site cannot be reserved.

### **Guests**

18. Camping for Non-Members is available, as long as accompanied by a Host Member, and must check-in / check-out during the period that the Host Member is checked in.
19. A Host Member is responsible for the actions of all Guests signed in under their Membership.
20. A Guest is defined as any Non-Member, including, but not restricted to, friends and family.
21. For the purpose of this document, **accompanied** is defined as the Host Member must be on the property at the same time as the Guest. ( e.g., could be shooting while other family members are at camp site )
22. A Day Pass must be purchased to use any of the Ranges.

### **Camp Fires**

23. Camp fires are permitted ONLY in the fire rings provided. Note that provincial campfire bans also apply on our property.
24. All fires must be in the assigned fire rings and must be extinguished before retiring for the evening or leaving the campsite. Keep a suitable container of water or fire extinguisher available when a fire is burning.

25. Fire rings are not to be moved.
26. No cutting of live trees, or burning of wet / dirty garbage.
27. No cutting of wood from the surrounding bush for your campfire.
28. No use of chainsaws on the property.

### **Consideration of Others**

29. Courtesy and consideration of other campers is expected.
30. Water is from our well, and is at a premium, so please use it sparingly.
31. Leave your area as clean as, or cleaner than you found it. Please dispose of cigarette butts properly and pick up / dispose of any garbage, bottle caps, glass, nails, etc. Garbage and recycle containers are provided.
32. It is critical that no plastic bags, or disposable diapers be put in the outhouses as they will plug up the sewage disposal trucks.
33. "Quiet time" is 10PM. No loud music, partying or other noise after 10PM. All music should be turned down to a low level at all times as a courtesy to your neighbours.
34. No consumption of alcohol outside of the designated camping area.
35. Generators, if required, are to run only between 12:30PM until 9:30PM and not for longer than a one hour period.
36. Vehicles are only to be parked within the site, or designated parking areas, not on the road.

### **Health and Safety**

37. Swimming and non-motorized canoeing/kayaking are permitted 'At your own Risk', as there is no lifeguard on duty, and the bottom of Frog Hollow is rocky, as it is a man-made pond...
38. Children must be supervised by an adult.
39. For safety reasons, there will be no riding of bikes after dark or mountain biking on black powder, archery or hawk and knife trails.
  
40. Health regulations will be enforced – release of gray or black water is not permitted on Association property. Emptying of holding tanks should be at proper discharge locations in town.
41. No bathing or washing of hair, dishes or laundry in the pond.

### **Special Event Camping**

42. The entire campground, or certain sites, may be closed to members on occasion for Special Events, as authorized by the Board. Notice will be given through the website calendar and announced at General Meetings
43. Special Event Camping is only available for the evening prior to an Event and the days and nights during the Event, unless arrangements have been made with the event organizer due to special circumstances. The Event Organizer is responsible for informing the Caretakers.
44. Regular camping fees apply before and after an event.
45. Complimentary Special Event camping for Members is for the specific event only, and does not impact the fourteen (14 ) days of Free Camping per Calendar Year.
46. Complimentary Non-Member Event Camping is available under the same Camping Party Size rules as regular members ( see items 8 & 9 above ), and does not include use of any of the Ranges, outside of those mandated by the Event being attended, and only during the times of the Event.

### **Camping Rates**

- Members; First 14 days per year – Free; Subsequent Days: \$10/day
- Non-Members; \$20 / day
- Extra Camper ( on Site ); \$5 / day
- Firewood; \$5 / bundle of wood ( bundle = 6 - 8 pieces of split wood )

**Notes; Camping is defined as “Any overnight stay on the range, including, but not limited to, parking a camper in the parking lot below the Clubhouse, or up around the MP Range”**

**Please Note:** If you violate these rules you will be asked to leave the property.

## **FISHING POLICY**

1. Only single barbless hooks are permitted
2. Earth worms and artificial scented bait (i.e. Berkley Power Bait) may be used but other kinds of live bait are not permitted.
3. 'Catch and Release' fishing is encouraged. Please delicately handle any fish caught in order to release it back into the pond. If efforts to release your fish in good condition are not successful, you may retain one trout for your use. 'Catch and Keep' is limited to one fish per day.
4. Any person wishing to take a fish off VFGPA property must have a valid Provincial Freshwater (non-tidal) Fishing License. Persons under 16 years of age and who are B.C. residents do not require a license.
5. When cleaning fish do not throw the entrails in the pond.
6. Frog Hollow Pond and the good trout fishing are a benefit for all of the VFGPA members; therefore please be conservative when fishing.
7. Be kind to swimmers; No fishing in areas where swimming is taking place, and retrieve all fish-hooks.

## **Range Safety Officer Program**

### **Chief Range Safety Officer**

1. A Chief Range Safety Officer shall be appointed by the President.
2. The Chief Range Safety Officer is responsible for the development and implementation of the Range Safety Officer Program, and his/her responsibilities include:
  - a. Content of the Range Safety Officer Course;
  - b. Approval of the content of all firearms handling courses;
  - c. Approval of instructors for firearms handling courses and orientation training;
  - d. Training and development of Range Safety Officers;
  - e. Making recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes/enhancements to Range Rules and Policies regarding safe usage of the ranges;
  - f. Providing assistance to the Incident Review Committee as requested;
  - g. Scheduling/organizing of the team of Range Safety Officers;
  - h. Granting equivalency certifications, e.g., holster training.
3. The Chief Range Safety Officer can delegate duties such as the authority to grant holster training equivalencies to designated Range Safety Officers. The Board of the Association must be advised of those Range Safety Officers granted this authority and their names shall be reported in the newsletter.
4. The Chief Range Safety Officer shall maintain a list of qualified Range Safety Officers, authorized trainers and those granted the authority to grant training equivalencies, and provide the Board a copy of this list semi annually.

### **Range Safety Officers**

5. Successful completion of the Association's Range Safety Officer course is required to become a Range Safety Officer (RSO).
6. The purposes of the Range Safety Officer program are to:
  - a. Help ensure safe usage of Association ranges by ensuring that Association range rules and policies are followed;
  - b. Educate/mentor members in safe shooting skills;
  - c. Facilitate the efficient operation of Association ranges.

7. Range Safety Officers (RSOs) shall be identified by the wearing of the RSO approved uniform (one or more of hat, vest, and shirt). They will also be provided with an RSO identification/qualification card.
8. Range Safety Officers can require anyone who persists in engaging in unsafe practices, violation of range rules/policies, inappropriate behaviors, or use of unsafe equipment/ammunition, to leave the Association property immediately.
9. RSOs are authorized to request the assistance of the RCMP in evicting anyone who refuses to comply with their instruction to leave the property (i.e., trespass) – normally through the non-emergency number. (RCMP Shawnigan Lake: 1-250-743-5514).
10. RSOs shall report any incidents resulting in the expulsion of someone to the President through the Chief Range Safety Officer.

**Member/Range User Responsibilities**

11. **Do not argue with the Range Safety Officers.** Argumentative or abusive behavior towards the Range Safety Officers and/or Caretakers will not be tolerated. 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 immediately.



## General Range Rules

1. The General and Range Specific Rules are for the purpose of general shooting at the Association 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 Officer for the event.
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. Members are responsible for acceptable, considerate, courteous and non-abusive behavior from themselves, their family and guests at all times while on Association property. Abuse of the rules could result in the loss of privileges and/or membership.

### Safety

4. No person may use a VFGPA shooting range for the first time without first 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 for the range to be used before they start 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. 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.
10. 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.
11. **Do not argue with the Range Safety Officers and Caretakers.** Argumentative or abusive behavior towards the Range Safety Officers and/or Caretakers 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.
12. All incidents resulting in a member or guest being asked to leave the property must be reported to the President (normally through the Range Manager/Chief Safety Officer).
13. Recommendations for changes/improvements to Range Safety/Range Rules should be forwarded to the Chief Range Safety Officer/Range Manager or a member of the Board of Directors.

#### **14. Range Rules:**

- Rule # 1 – When using any range the red flag on the flag pole at the entrance of the range must be up when the range is in use. The first shooter must put the flag up when arriving at the range before shooting commences, and the last shooter must take the flag down when shooting is finished.
- Rule # 2 – Firearms **MUST** be carried unloaded; actions open and muzzle pointing in a safe direction, (i.e. rifles pointing up, pistols pointing up unless holstered and shotguns pointing in a safe direction).
- 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 or on the shooting table, muzzle pointing down range.
- Rule # 4 – Loading and unloading 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/certified may use accepted safe procedures for loading, unloading, holstering and unholstering.
- Rule # 7 – No handling of firearms during a cease-fire. Shooters must be three metres from their firearms.
- Rule # 8 – **ONLY** paper targets or approved steel gongs may be used on the Rifle/Pistol and Multi-purpose Ranges.
- Rule # 9 – You must not shoot at target frames or range equipment, or at targets on the ground.
- 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 up in an approved backstop area.
- Rule # 12 – Children under 18 must be under adult supervision at all times.
- Rule # 13 – 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 at which you were shooting. Please leave the range cleaner than you found it.
- Rule # 14 – The consumption of alcohol or cannabis is **NOT** permitted on an active range.
- Rule # 15 – The use of illegal drugs is NOT permitted on the property.
- Rule # 16 – Any person who appears to be “under the influence” is prohibited from shooting.
- Rule # 17 – While shooting or attending an active range it is mandatory to wear hearing and eye protection.
- Rule # 18 – 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 #19 – No shooting of wildlife on the range.**
- Rule #20 – 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).

15. **Acting Range Officer** – If a duty Range Safety Officer is not present, the first VFGPA member to arrive at the range will assume the 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.

16. **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.

17. **Accidents** – must be reported to the Range Manager/Caretaker.

18. 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 Association policies and rules while on Association property.

## 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 is 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.

## **Rules Specific to the Shotgun 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. No discharge of firearms other than shotguns on the Shotgun Range (Except as part of a special **VFGPA** sanctioned event). This means **NO** rifles, pistols or cannons of any caliber or style.
3. Firearms are **NOT** permitted in the clubhouse. (Unloaded Handguns may be holstered at a sanctioned event).
4. No spectators forward of the designated firing line.
5. No shot larger than No. 7 ½ shall be used.
6. The action of a firearm shall be open at all times unless actively shooting on a shooting station.
7. No gun shall be loaded until the shooter is on a shooting station.
8. Always keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction, and any loaded guns **MUST BE** kept pointed in the direction of fire.
9. The loading of more than two shells in a gun is not allowed at any time.
10. No “backing-up” shall be allowed while shooting Skeet.
11. Following the use of trap or skeet facilities other than at a VFGPA sanctioned event, each shooter is required to clean up any spent shotgun hulls and all litter.
12. Please ensure that broken clay targets debris does not litter the shooting stands or the trap machine bunkers, it must be cleaned up.
13. The use of hand throwers is prohibited.
14. The Manager/Caretaker has a supply of clays (\$20 per box) and shot shells (\$10 per box) which may be used on this range.
15. When finished shooting, please clean up your shooting station. Please leave the range cleaner than you found it.

## **Rules Specific to the Multi-Purpose Range**

1. These rules are in addition to the General Range Rules and Property Use Rules. Sanctioned events and activities under the supervision of an RSO may have variations.
2. This range is for use by Members and their guests (members must be present with guest – maximum two guests per member).
3. This range has key-access only, and should be locked upon entering and leaving the range. Keys are available (for a deposit of \$25) from the Manager/Caretaker.

4. Upon reaching the shooting area, everyone is required to sign-in again at this range.
5. Vehicles are to be parked in designated areas only. Vehicles are not to be parked in front of the bays while firing is taking place. They may only be in front of the bay for a short period of time to facilitate loading and unloading of equipment.
6. 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.
7. You must be holster trained and certified 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.

### **Time Limits**

8. If there are other members waiting to shoot, the maximum time you may occupy a bay is three hours (including set up and take down). Alternatively, you may share the bay with other members.

### **Conduct of Fire**

9. The firing line for a Bay can be established between the back stop and just inside the front edge of the berms. All shooting must be from this line towards the rear (backstop). All bullets must be directed to the sand backstop.
10. No shooting into the side berms; the berms are designed to control ricochets, NOT as a bullet backstop.
11. **Rapid fire and uncontrolled fire is NOT permitted on the Ranges.** All shots must be directed at a target and all fire must be sighted.

### **Multiple Shooters/Users of a Bay**

12. When more than one person is shooting in a Bay at the same time, the following applies:
  - a. One shooter must act as safety officer/shooter in charge for the group and must be in charge of the conduct of fire (i.e., cease fire, range clearance and conduct of fire - "range hot");
  - b. On ceasefire being called, all guns are to be unloaded, put on the tables with actions open, (PROVE), or unloaded and holstered (if holster trained/certified);
  - c. After the firearms are made safe, nobody touches them until instructed to do so by the acting safety officer ;
  - d. After all of the firearms are "made safe" and are on the table or holstered, the acting safety officer can declare the "range safe" and shooters can go forward to fix/replace targets.
13. All shooters in a Bay must fire from the same firing line – shooting from a "staggered" firing line is not permitted.

### **Caliber Restrictions**

14. This is a pistol, shotgun, Black Powder, and small caliber rifle range, i.e., pistol calibers, 22 rim fire, and small caliber/low velocity rifles ONLY. No large caliber or high velocity rifles are allowed (i.e., standard 7.62 short (SKS) rounds, or .223 are the top end of accepted rounds for this range).

### **Targets**

15. All targets are to be paper or cardboard unless pre-approved by the Manager/Caretaker or (qualified) Range Safety Officer (if present). Do not shoot at target frames. The Manager/Caretaker has a supply of paper targets (small cost involved) which may be used on this range.

16. All personal metal targets must be pre-approved by the Manager/Caretaker or (qualified) Range Safety Officer (if present) prior to use on this range.
17. When moving forward to check targets, handguns may be safely holstered (i.e., unloaded and with no magazine inserted) if you have been “Holster Trained”. Otherwise all handguns and long guns must be placed on your shooting table, pointed downrange, unloaded with actions open, and magazines removed.

### Clean Up

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

## Rules Specific to the Archery 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. Archery **Range Rules:**
  - a. Crossbows shall be carried un-cocked. Load only when you have reached the shooting point.
  - b. Field Points **ONLY** may be used to shoot the bags or large blue field’s butts.
  - c. Broad heads are to be used in the sand pit only.
  - d. **NO** Cross-firing. Always aim at the proper target.
  - e. **DO NOT** shoot arrows high into the air, the landing point is unpredictable.
  - f. **DO NOT** walk in the reverse direction on the 3D Trail; this may result in unsafe directions of fire.
  - g. Always **KNOW** that your arrow will land in a safe area if you miss the target.
  - h. When looking for lost arrows behind a target, **ALWAYS** leave a No-shoot marker or ask someone to act as a sentry in front of the target, so other archers know not to shoot.
  - i. Leave the range clean.
3. In order to fully enjoy the Archery Range and adjoining trail, please familiarize yourself with the basic layout, shooting positions and the target position attached to it.
4. The trail is marked by 2” solid yellow ribbon. If the trail is blocked by a ribbon tied across the path, then the **TRAIL IS CLOSED!! DO NOT CROSS PAST THE RIBBON!** It could be in the line of fire of a target from a forward position.
5. Do not start on the 3D trail when there is less than two hours before sunset.
6. Found arrows are to be put in a box at the back door of the Archery Clubhouse; check there if you have lost one.
7. **ALWAYS** be aware that the Rifle/Pistol range is to the east of the trail, and that to the west of the trail is the lower access road. All archery activity must be arranged so that **NO ARROWS** can pose a danger to these areas.
8. When finished shooting, please clean-up both your shooting station, **AND** the targets and debris from your targets at the target distance at which you were shooting. Please leave the range cleaner than you found it.

## **RULES SPECIFIC TO THE AIRSOFT RANGE**

**Please Note:** These rules are in addition to the General Range Rules. Sanctioned events may have variations

1. Any member, or person with an appropriate day pass, may use the Airsoft Range on an ad hoc basis provided the range is not booked for an event. Events will be booked in the Association Calendar.
2. All Airsoft Range Rules will be followed when using the range for target practice or for game play. The full rulebook is available in the range shack and on the Association web site. You **MUST** familiarize yourself with these rules **BEFORE** any use of the Airsoft Range.
3. Everyone is responsible for their own safety as well as the safety of everyone else using the range whether or not a formal Range Safety Officer is on duty.
4. Airsoft guns, using biodegradable plastic BBs, are the **ONLY** type of gun which may be discharged on the Airsoft range: i.e. regular firearms, paintball guns, pellet guns and steel BB guns are prohibited.
5. Airsoft guns are limited to 5.70 joules of muzzle energy for target practice.
6. Airsoft guns are limited to 2.32 joules of muzzle energy for game play: i.e. to tag other players.
7. Airsoft guns are limited to 1.88 joules of muzzle energy when tagging players closer than 60' / 18m.
8. Airsoft guns are limited to 1.49 joules of muzzle energy when tagging players closer than 30' / 9m.
9. Airsoft guns are limited to semi-automatic or single shot mode when tagging players closer than 10' / 3m or when playing within structures.
10. Smoke grenades and other pyrotechnics may **NOT** be used at any time on the range unless authorized during a scheduled event. Authorization will be announced during the event briefing.





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