

## Prince George Rod and Gun Club: Range Rules

FOLLOW THESE VITAL RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY:

1. Preparing to shoot -- keep the muzzle pointed at the target area with your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to fire.
2. When done shooting -- make the gun safe by removing the magazine, make sure there is no cartridge in the chamber, lock the action open and place the firearm in the rack or on the bench, as directed by the range officer.
3. Do not – EVER – step in front of the muzzle of a firearm unless it has been proven unloaded and safe.

In case of accident call **911**, the club address is below. Provide first aid if needed and stay with casualty if necessary. Meet or send someone else to meet responders at the gate and direct them. A First Aid Kit can be found in the clubhouse bar.

**Hartman Range:** 9444 Hartman Rd, Prince George, BC V2N 6L6 west off hwy 16.

**Blackwater Range:** 25km south on Blackwater Road from hwy 16 west. Past West Lake, past Pelican Turnoff. Approx. 2 km before Baldy Hughes.

In the event of Forest Fire: Call **1-800-663-5555** or call **\*5555** on a cell. **911** can also be used.

## RANGE OPERATION & SAFETY RULES

### 1. Range Officer

- 1.1. When two or more shooters are on a range, one must act as Range Officer and enforce the Range Rules. Failure to do so is a contravention of club bylaws.
- 1.2. A certified Range Officer or another club member may assume these duties from an Acting Range Officer at his or her discretion.

### 2. Range Flags

- 2.1. The **large red flag** (behind the firing line or shelter) must be raised to indicate that a range is in use, and lowered when the last shooter leaves.
- 2.2. The **Firing line** is the area immediately behind the shooting benches or tables or concrete pad.
- 2.3. Some ranges are equipped with **small red and green** flags inside the range area.
  - 2.3.1. **A red flag** means the range is `hot` or `live` and shooting may commence or is under way. Do not go forward of the firing line. Firearms (cased or uncased) may be brought into or removed from the range **ONLY** at this time. Non-shooters must be behind the firing line

2.3.2. When a ceasefire is called, make your firearm safe – remove the magazine, make sure the chamber is empty, lock the action open and either put it in the rack or on the bench, as directed by the range officer.

2.3.3. **A green flag** is raised only after the range officer verifies and declares that all firearms are in safe mode, that the range is safe, and that shooters may go forward to post or take down targets. Do **NOT** touch any firearm for any reason during this period, this includes dry firing.

2.4. On ranges without the red-green flag system, the range officer declares the range to be `hot` or safe.

2.4.1. All ranges must be kept “safe” unless and until shooting is in progress. That means all firearms are unloaded and must not be handled behind the firing line. Some disciplines may use safe areas under their own set of regulations.

**2.5. Know what is going on around you. Help watch for safety issues, make sure other shooters wait for the range officer`s instructions, make sure everyone is back behind the firing line before the range is declared ready for shooting again.**

### **3. GENERAL RANGE RULES**

3.1. The range is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. during daylight hours only, seven days a week.

3.2. Discharge firearms on designated ranges only. Signs, and the Specific Range Use section (below) indicate what may and may not be used.

3.3. Eye and ear protection is mandatory for everyone on a range – shooters, spectators and nonshooting guests.

3.4. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all ranges. Persons whose behavior exhibits the influence of ALCOHOL or DRUGS will not be permitted on any range.

3.4.1. Alcohol is only permitted on PGRGC property for special events when no shooting or firearms use is taking place.

3.5. Use only approved targets (see **Targets** Section.) Place your target down range directly in line with your bench or table – no cross-range shooting. Make sure your shots will hit the berm behind your target. Do not attach targets to ground baffles, support posts or edges of target frames or other range structures.

3.6. When finished shooting, stand back from the firing line after shooting so the Range Officer and other shooters see that a cease-fire can be called to check targets.

3.7. All junior members (less than 18 years old) using the Club`s ranges shall be supervised by an adult.

3.8. When moving an uncased firearm to or from the ranges, make sure the action is open, there is no ammunition in the firearm, and the muzzle is pointed up. Uncased firearms **must not** be brought into the range sheds during a cease-fire.

**3.9. If you see an unsafe condition at any time, immediately call a cease-fire and notify the Range Safety Officer or Acting Range Officer. Unsafe actions or range conditions must be reported to the Board of Directors via email [info@pgrgclub.ca](mailto:info@pgrgclub.ca)**

3.10. Hunting and shooting wildlife is prohibited on club property.

3.11. It is your responsibility to transport firearms in accordance with any and all laws.

3.12. Leave the range cleaner than when you arrived. Remove used targets from the stands and put them, with other garbage and refuse, in garbage barrels. Sweep up fired cartridge casings and put them into containers on the range. Do not burn garbage in barrels unless approved by a director.

3.13. **NO SMOKING** while on any of the ranges and/or under structures or in the clubhouse. Smoking/vaping is only permitted away from the firing line/benches and from other shooters.

#### 4. Specific Range Use

4.1. Only the Executive can 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 unless otherwise stated on the calendar.

4.1.1. Events posted on the website calendar [www.pgrgclub.ca/events](http://www.pgrgclub.ca/events) have authority to use the range. Events posted here have priority on range use.

4.2. Tracer ammunition, .50BMG rifle cartridges, and ammunition with multiple projectiles are prohibited.

4.3. Hartman Pistol Ranges: Only handguns chambered in pistol cartridges or rimfire cartridges are permitted on the pistol ranges. Rifles, pistols chambered in rifle cartridges, and shotguns are prohibited.

4.4. Hartman Centrefire Rifle Ranges: Only rifles chambered in rimfire cartridges, centrefire pistol cartridges, and centrefire rifle cartridges up to .338 magnum are permitted. Pistols and shotguns(except slugs) are prohibited.

4.5. Hartman Smallbore/.22 Range: Only rifles chambered in .22 Long Rifle are permitted. Firearms chambered in .22 magnum or 17HMR are prohibited. Pistols, centerfire rifles, and shotguns are prohibited.

4.6. Hartman Action Bays: Only pistols chambered in rimfire or pistol cartridges, rifles chambered in rimfire or pistol cartridges, and shotguns loaded with no. 4 birdshot or smaller are permitted. Rifles or pistols chambered in a rifle cartridge are prohibited. Shotguns loaded with no. 3 or larger shot, buckshot, or slugs are prohibited.

4.7. Blackwater Centrefire Range: Rifles, shotguns, and handguns are permitted. All cartridges including rimfire cartridge, shot shell, and centrefire cartridges up to .338 Magnum are permitted.

- 4.8. Blackwater Action Bays: Rifles, shotguns, and handguns are permitted. All cartridges including rimfire cartridge, shot shell, and centrefire cartridges up to .338 Magnum are permitted.
- 4.9. All Black Powder Trails: Only muzzle loading rifles, smoothbore guns, and black powder handguns are permitted on the black powder trails. Black powder cartridge shotguns are permitted. Only Blackpowder or BP substitute permitted, no modern powders. .75 calibre or smaller round ball or shot only. All shooting from the right hand side of the trail only.
- 4.10. All Trap and Sporting Clays Ranges:  
 No shot larger than 7 ½. No slugs  
 Actions open and unloaded at all times - except when preparing to shoot  
 Maximum of two shells in the gun (for shooting doubles)  
 All expended shotgun hull casings to be picked up and put into containers  
 No other trash or cardboard to be put in the containers used for spent hulls  
 All other paper garbage to be put in burning bin
- 4.11. Holster Use: Is permitted on all ranges (although the use of a hand gun may not be). Any hand gun in a holster must be retained securely and empty with no magazine in the gun or rounds in cylinder except when shooting.
- 4.12. Black powder long guns (including rifles and muskets) may be used on any range where centre fire rifles can be used. Black powder handguns may be used on any range where centre fire handguns can be used. Be conscious of your smoke drift.
- 4.13. If you are not sure where you may discharge a firearm or specific cartridge, please contact the club email.

## 5. Membership is a Privilege

- 5.1. Show respect for others at the range. Be considerate (suggest they don ear protection before you shoot, watch where brass goes, muzzle brakes, etc.) and respect the property of others. Violence and threats are a violation of the Club`s Code of Conduct and will not be tolerated.
- 5.2. Do not lend your gate pass or give your gate lock combination to anyone – your membership will be revoked if this happens. Your gate pass logs you in and out. Range cameras record you on the shooting point and downrange.
- 5.3. You must have a valid Membership Card with you at all times while on the ranges. Membership cards are not transferable. Any director may ask to see your membership card and it must be produced. Exception is made for those shooting in invitational matches, special events and member guests.
- 5.4. Persons found to be on the range without a membership or day pass are trespassing on private property, and may be prosecuted.
- 5.5. Close the range gate and-or the clubhouse door upon entering and leaving, at all times.
- 5.6. Park only in designated areas; do not obstruct roads, gates or other parked vehicles.
- 5.7. Dogs are not permitted on club property unless authorized by the Executive.

- 5.8. Members may bring a guest to shoot once. The guest must buy a membership or day pass for subsequent visits. If you are going to bring a guest to the range, please send an email to [info@pgrgclub.ca](mailto:info@pgrgclub.ca).
- 5.9. Memberships may be bought at The Northern Home Hardware or online through the club website. Day passes can be bought at The Northern Home Hardware in person. Please see the club webpage or call for current membership/pass price.

## 6. Targets

- 6.1. **Only paper targets** (no other materials or objects) may be used on the club's ranges, with the following exceptions:
- 6.1.1. Steel animal silhouettes for the Smallbore (Hartman) range and the Blackwater rifle range;
  - 6.1.2. Steel gongs as approved by Section Directors on the centrefire rifle ranges;
  - 6.1.3. Steel plate targets as approved by Section Directors for handgun (IPSC, IPDA) and Cowboy Action shooting activities;
  - 6.1.4. Specific targets approved by Black Powder Section Directors
  - 6.1.5. Clay targets used by Trap and Sporting Clays shooters. Targets are not to be placed on the top of berms and/or trap houses.
  - 6.1.6. Balloons and small steel reactive targets for .22.
- 6.2. Member supplied targets must be removed from club property when member leaves.
- 6.3. Blue barrels, props, walls, or any other target/item not mentioned here are the property of club sections and are not to be used without prior authorization.
- 6.4. If your calibre will pierce the provided steel plates, do not shoot them.
- 6.5. The pistol plate rack at Hartman must not be shot with any rifle ammunition

## 7. Explosive Targets/pyrotechnics etc.

- 7.1. All Binary Explosive Targets that are now available in Canada under brand names like Tannerite and Shockwave, are **BANNED** due to noise, risk of fire, injury, and property damage.
- 7.2. Smoke grenades, flashbangs and other pyrotechnics are also banned unless approved by the executive for a specific reason.

## 8. Range Rentals

- 8.1. Ranges may be rented at any time with notice (check club calendar before coming out). The rented range(s) will be closed to members for the duration of the rental. Members must not interfere with rental groups. If there is concern about rental users please contact the club executive.
- 8.2. Renters are responsible for safe conduct of those in their group at all times and must abide by club safety rules. Renters must clean up the range upon completion of their rental. All brass, cartridges, targets and other refuse must be disposed of.

8.3. The renter is responsible for their own targets and stands unless otherwise included in the rental.

## **9. Range Maintenance**

- 9.1. Range maintenance activities take precedence over shooting. When possible, notice will be given either by signage or by posting to the club's calendar. However, under no circumstances will a maintenance activity be delayed by any club member.
- 9.2. All club members are expected to volunteer for at least one range maintenance day/cleanup/gunshow each year.

## **10. Guests**

- 10.1. Adult spectators and children are the responsibility of the PGRGC member who they came with and must remain under the PGRGC member's control at all times. Do not leave a non-member or new shooter alone with firearms at any time.
- 10.2. The number of guests accompanying any member will be limited to no more than two (2) at any one time per membership. (eg: An individual member can bring up to two guests, a family membership holder may also only bring 2 guests.)
- 10.3. You are responsible for the actions of your guests, and if range rules are not followed you – not the club -- are liable in the event of range damage or an accident, and your membership may be revoked.

*These rules supersede all past rules published. Please review these rules and abide by them.*

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