

Annex “E”

TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY SPORT & GUN CLUB ASSOCIATION INC.

RANGE SAFETY RULES

GENERAL

1. Safety is the foremost concern of all the individuals using this range.
- 2.A *Range Safety Course is mandatory for each new member. One copy of attestation of completion of this course shall be signed for Club records.*
3. The Restigouche Club Range is a private range, for use by paid-up Club members, associates and invited guests only.
4. Members must have associates and invited guests read the Range Safety Rules and supervise these associates and invited guests during shooting.
5. Membership cards must be produced upon request.
6. Range hours are from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset, seven days per week.

7. **BACKSTOPS AND STEEL TARGETS**

a- BACKSTOPS

All shots, except for shotgun rounds at Trap, must be directed into approved backstops.

b- STEEL TARGETS

1. *All rifle shots, except for rimfire rounds, fired at steel targets must be shot at distances of 100 meters or greater at steel RIFLE TARGETS ONLY.*
2. *Pistol and rimfire rifle shots at steel targets must be fired at distances of 10 meters or greater.*
3. *Birdshot and buckshot, lead or bismuth only, fired at steel targets must be shot at distances of 10 meters or greater.*
4. *Shotgun slugs, lead only, fired at steel targets must be shot at distances of 40 meters or greater.*

(Amendments, in italics, moved by Melvin Shearer, seconded by Serge Noël, February 8, 2012)

8. **EMERGENCY NUMBERS: 911 or RCMP (Dalhousie detachment) 685-5000**
9. The RANGE IN USE sign and the RED FLAG at the RANGE ENTRANCE must be used to indicate that the range is in use, and they must be set in the 'down' position at completion of use.
- a- In addition, activities in each Section, (Rifle, Pistol, Trap, .22) must be signaled by hoisting a RED FLAG at the entrance of the Section.
 - b- Always VERIFY THAT THERE IS NOBODY DOWN RANGE of your position before you set up to shoot.
10. Whenever there are two or more shooters one must be designated RANGE OFFICER. The Range Officer is responsible for the safety of the range, and gives range commands including "FIRE" and "CEASE FIRE". He shall insure that all firearms are unloaded and not being handled during a "CEASE FIRE".
11. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL SHOOTERS AND SPECTATORS during shooting events.
12. No person impaired by ALCOHOL OR DRUGS may handle firearms. There will be no alcohol used on the range before or during any shooting event.
13. All armor piercing, explosive or tracer ammunition is prohibited.
14. Trap loads are restricted to #7½ , #8 or #9 shot sizes.
15. No glass, live target or any other inappropriate target material is allowed.
16. Unless otherwise approved by the Chief Range Officer, rifles are prohibited in the Pistol Section.

HANDLING OF FIREARMS

17. DURING TRANSPORTATION to and from the range long guns must be empty and cased. Handguns must be empty and locked and transported in a gun case.
18. ALL FIREARMS MUST BE EMPTY AND OPEN WHEN RACKED. WHEN NOT ON THE FIRING LINE all firearms must be empty when cased or holstered. In any designated safety area all firearms must be empty while being handled.
19. No handling of firearms is permitted when anyone is forward of the firing line.
20. Treat all firearms as if they were loaded and cocked, never sweep or point them at people.
21. POINT FIREARMS DOWN-RANGE WHEN LOADED, (not up or down).
22. Firearms requiring service shall be unloaded and removed from the firing line to a designated safety area.

23. When a “CEASE FIRE” or “STOP” command is given by anyone on the range all firearms shall be unloaded, and all shooting and other activities shall stop until the problem has been resolved.
24. MISFIRE PROCEDURE: keep the firearm pointed down-range and advise the Range Officer. DO NOT UNLOAD RIGHT AWAY, wait at least 60 seconds before opening the action.

RANGE ETIQUETTE

25. Good sportsmanship and etiquette is expected at all times.
26. Respect other shooters. When the range is not scheduled its use is on a first-come first- served basis.
27. Pick up your brass, hulls, refuse and targets when shooting has been completed.
28. Do not throw live or defective ammunition into the range garbage bins; take ALL your ammunition with you when you leave.
29. If you have moved any steel targets return them to their original locations when finished shooting.

RANGE COMMANDS

- Bring your firearm to the firing line
- Load and make ready
- Are you ready?
- Standby
- Fire
- Cease Fire (STOP)
- If you are finished, unload and show clear
- Gun clear
- Range is safe
- patch, score, change targets, etc.

ATTESTATION

Restigouche County Sport & Gun Club Association Inc.

Range Safety Course successfully completed:

DATE (yyyy-mm-dd): _____

MEMBER'S NAME

Print _____ Signature _____

RANGE OFFICER

Print _____ Signature _____

Club copy