



St. John's Rod and Gun Club

Range Safety Officers

Introduction

Range Safety Officers (RSOs) are club members who have volunteered to assist the executive and members to comply with the club's operational and safety regulations in order that members can shoot safely on the ranges. RSOs must be certified by the club by attending a training session and passing a practical and written exam. Any member in good standing is eligible to participate in the training sessions, which are usually held once a year. Newly qualified RSOs will receive a certificate and an identity card to be displayed as evidence of qualification.

Club Operations

Activities at the St. John's Rod and Gun Club take place in several different modes, each requiring a different style of safety consideration.

Structured shooting.

Usually organized on a weekly basis and having a consistent and regular membership. Sporting clays, trap, archery and the several handgun groups all offer regular shoots. RSO duties are well defined by the groups, for example, the squad leaders in trap and clay shoots are designated as RSOs, while IDPA and IPSC will have their own specially trained RSOs.

Open events.

The club holds several 'open' events during the year ranging from inter-provincial competitions to public events for inexperienced shooters, such as the Provincial Wildlife Youth Day. Club RSOs are a much appreciated presence on these occasions to help things run smoothly and safely.

Individual shooting.

When not booked by groups or events all ranges are available to members and their guests for individual shooting. At times some ranges can become congested, often with novices, new members or inexperienced guests. RSOs are particularly valued in maintaining organization and safety on the firing line.

RSO Duties.

RSOs are requested to be available on a voluntary basis for the following activities:

- Take charge of the firing line if there is no obvious group taking responsibility.
- Mentor members, especially novice shooters, on club safety rules and procedures.
- Be available to assist at club orientations.
- Be available to help at open shoots and special club events, such as Youth Day.
- Note and report any safety violations or malfunctioning of range facilities or equipment.
- Assist the executive in ensuring club equipment and property is safe and reporting any unsafe conditions to the President.

RSO Authority.

RSOs are responsible to the President and their duties are authorized in the Club's Range Operating Instructions section 3.1, as approved by the Chief Firearms Officer.

The Range Safety Officers (RSOs) have complete authority on the ranges to conduct or control all shooting activities and to ensure compliance with the Club Operations and Safety instructions. Range Safety Officer's have the responsibility to supervise all personnel (shooting and non-shooting alike) present on the property and may have members and/or non-members removed at his/her discretion.

RSO Approval and Certification

RSOs are approved by the President and certified following successful completion of the RSO examination. Active RSOs are identified by an identity label worn while at the range and all current RSOs are listed on the Club website.

Junior RSOs.

Junior RSOs are junior club members who have successfully taken and passed the Club's RSO examination. There is no requirement for Junior RSOs to undertake any of the RSO duties as specified above, but are encouraged to assist when possible. Junior RSOs are issued separate identity cards. Junior RSOs may convert to full RSOs once they become full members and attend a refresher training session. There is no requirement to retake the examination.

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Certified Range Safety Officers

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Alastair Allan	George Bursey
Andrea Bassan	Greg Moore
Andrew Finn	James Cook
Art Osbourne	Jason Morgan
Bazel Hibbs	Jay Green
Ben Hammett	Jim Fitzgerald
Bill Dicks	Karl Piercy
Brad Leyte	Lance Penney
Chris Butt	Leo Carns
Chris Fewer	Mike Saunders
Chris Fitzgerald	Roger Howell
Craig Boyd	Roger MacDonald
Craig Trickett	Ronald Tilley
Dakota Hayden	Scott Evans
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