

Safety at the club

Safety is paramount at the club. While everyone should enjoy their visits to the ranges, the safety of participants and spectators during club events or when general shooting should always be kept in mind. The RSOs (Range Safety Officers) who are available to monitor club events are generally not present at the range on a daily basis. So when there is no RSO present and members are shooting then someone must be a temporary RSO to call CEASEFIRES and declare the range ACTIVE.

When you arrive at the club in addition to seeing that the RANGE ACTIVE sign is visible and raising the appropriate flags you should also determine who is the acting RSO before removing firearms from your vehicle. Once the temporary RSO has been determined and noting that the range is ACTIVE firearms can be removed from vehicles and carried to the range benches along with ammo and other gear. Then you may proceed to unpack firearms and ammo prior to shooting. Firearms should be pointed downrange at all times and only loaded at the shooting benches. Remember to only handle firearms while the range is ACTIVE.

When a CEASEFIRE is called you can then go down range to setup or observe targets after unloading your firearms and removing the magazine. The temporary RSO should inspect firearms for compliance.

If you observe a safety issue you should speak with the person concerned to resolve the issue. If this fails to eliminate the safety issue then it should be reported to the club email address or telephone line. If possible report your name, state the problem, and the name of the member causing the problem. All safety issues so reported will be investigated and corrective action taken.

1. Do's and Don'ts at St. John's Rod and Gun Club

10 Things to Do at the Rifle Range.

1. Do sign in on arrival, wear your membership card and ensure the flag is raised.
2. Do have your eye and hearing protection ready and wear it when shooting commences.
3. Do make sure firearms are cased when moved from the car to the firing line. They may only be uncased when the range is active.
4. Do listen for the instructions of the Range Safety Officer or member in charge, who will declare the range Active or Clear.
5. Do make sure muzzles always point down range all the time.
6. Do remove magazines and open actions when range is going Clear.
7. Do shoot at paper targets, balloons, clays and metal reactive targets at the specified distance. No other targets are permitted.
8. Do clean up old targets and shells when finished.
9. Do volunteer to help with maintenance and other Club duties.

10. Do read the rules and regulations on the Club website.

10 Things Not to Do at the Rifle Range

1. Do not go forward of the red firing until the range is declared Clear.
2. Do not touch firearms while the range is declared Clear.
3. Do not shoot at the target posts, rocks, water or the range floor.
4. Do not use shotguns or heavy caliber ammunition on Range A.
5. Do not shoot at anything other than the permitted targets.
6. Do not permit guests or children to shoot unless you closely supervise.
7. Do not fire steel bullets at the metal gongs. Regular lead bullets are OK.
8. Do not leave lumber or debris on the range.
9. Do not park vehicles close to the firing line.
10. Do not use rocks to anchor targets or stands to the range floor.

2. Shoulder holster use

The following sections of the Range Safety Instructions read

3.2 A firearm, loaded or unloaded, is never to be pointed at another person. and,
3.7 Firearms will always be pointed in a safe direction. When on the firing line this direction is down range towards the targets.

Because it is impossible to draw a handgun from a shoulder holster while on the firing line without violating both 3.2 and 3.7, **SHOULDER HOLSTERS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR USE AT THE ST. JOHN'S ROD AND GUN CLUB.**

Thanks for your co-operation. The Executive

3. TARGETS – Ranges A, B, & C

Members are reminded that the only approved targets are:

- Paper
- Balloons
- Frangible clays
- Metal reactive at 50 m (11m for handguns and rimfire rifles)

If your shots are impacting the range floor or the upright posts of the target stands then your sights need to be adjusted. We will gladly assist.

Personal, temporary target stands may be fixed to the timbers at 25, 50 and 100 yds set in the floor of Range B.

Please remove debris when finished. Thank you.