

# **BRIDGEPORT ROD and GUN CLUB**

## **General Rules for All Ranges**

These rules reflect Federal and Provincial Laws and Club specific rules in place that reflect the Members decisions on the Club operation.

Additional Temporary Rules may be implemented as necessary. The most current information and rules can be found on the club website.

1. Members are responsible to be aware of and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations regarding the ownership, transportation and use of firearms while on the Club property.
2. Ranges can only be used by members or guests accompanied by a member when a club certified RSO is present.
3. All persons using the ranges **MUST** sign in either by using their access cards or filling out and submitting a guest form with the applicable fee payment.
4. **MEMBERS** bringing a guest must complete a **GUEST FORM** with the appropriate payment and signed by the guest **BEFORE** handling of firearms or shooting.
5. Guests must be under the direct supervision of the sponsoring member. The member may not shoot while the guest is shooting or vice versa.
6. Probationary members must **SWIPE** in at the gate or use the **SIGN IN** form in the range binder.
7. Your Club Membership/Probation Card must be with you while using the range. Failure to show your card may result in you having to leave the range.
8. Obey all range commands that are given by the Range Safety Officer (RSO) or his/her designate.

9. When more than one person is on the range, one person shall be designated as Range Officer (RO) if necessary. This person does not have to be a Range Safety Officer (RSO) as long as an RSO is present. The range officer (RO) shall be responsible for all activities on the range and reports to the RSO. Anyone engaged in unsafe activities may be expelled from the club by the RSO/RO. Any unsafe activity MUST BE reported to the club executive.
10. No Horseplay is permitted in the range area!
11. Do not distract other shooters in any way when they are preparing to shoot.
12. No person impaired by alcohol or drugs shall be permitted to handle or discharge firearms on the club property. Alcohol/drugs are not allowed in the range area at any time.
13. EVERY member is obligated to comply with a request by any member for them to leave the property.
14. All persons in the range area (i.e. inside the access gate) of the 25yd & 100m ranges must be equipped with adequate eye and ear protection. Prescription glasses, especially the thin frame style are not adequate UNLESS they have safety lenses and side shields.
15. A.C.T.S. Assume every firearm is loaded until you PROVE it safe.
16. Firearms, ammunition or loose brass are not to be handled during a cease fire, and no one shall cross the RED FIRE LINE.
17. No more than five (5) cartridges are allowed in the firearm (magazine & chamber) unless it is during an approved club event.
18. Only ONE caliber of firearm and ONE caliber of ammunition are permitted on the bench at any time. Additional firearms and ammunition may be stored on the shelf (25yd range) or below the shooting bench (100m range) or in the racks. Firearms in the long gun racks must be PROVED safe, actions open & magazines removed. The use of chamber flags is encouraged.
19. Ammunition is NOT permitted to be left loose on the bench. Ammunition may be removed from a "bulk pack" or package and

placed in a different container (i.e. a small bin) to facilitate easier handling once the shooter is in their station. A range box is also a suitable container.

20. Any firearm requiring maintenance shall be made safe and then removed from the firing line to the designated safe area. No live ammunition is allowed in the safe area unless it is secured in a closed range bag or similar container.
21. All persons at the firing line must keep the muzzle of their firearm pointed down range.
22. When moving firearms from a shooting station, the safe area or racks the muzzle MUST be pointed up. Shooters must keep their finger away from the trigger and trigger guard area.
23. Shoot only at targets approved by the club. (Paper only, no human/zombie depictions). Game animal images are permitted.
24. DO NOT attach targets to any orange wood target frames, posts or baffles. No targets attached to the backboards are to touch or cover anything ORANGE!
25. Intentional shooting at the wood target frames or baffle is prohibited and will result in expulsion from the club. You will also be required to pay for repairs, in addition for the cost of materials and any equipment rentals, there will be a charge per man hours (2021 rate – \$30/hr/person).
26. Do not shoot at targets on the ground, or at birds or wildlife in the down range areas.
27. Rapid fire of any firearm is not allowed as this disturbs our neighbours and could result in hitting things other than your target.
28. Cross lane shooting is prohibited.
29. Holsters may only be worn during club events that require holsters, and only if the shooter has been properly trained by a club approved instructor in that discipline.
30. When any range, 100m, 25yd, Trap & Skeet or Archery is in use, the RED warning flag at the main gate must be raised and the RANGE

sign set indicating RANGE OPEN. In addition, the RANGE OPEN Sign at the 25yd/100m range access gate must be set when either range is open. The RED FLAG is to be displayed at the range entrance gate.

31. The range RED warning flag must be displayed at the firing line of the Trap & Skeet, 100md, 25yd or Archery range, while the range is active.
32. No person shall place themselves ahead of the designated firing line when the range is RED or active.
33. When anyone is proceeding ahead of the firing line, all shooting must stop, firearms PROVED safe, Firearms placed on the table pointing down range with the action open, and the GREEN "range safe" Flag is displayed at the firing line.
34. Firearms, ammunition or loose brass must not be handled for any reason while the range is GREEN / SAFE.
35. All members should inspect the range shooting area and if necessary, indicate deficiencies or any damages found on the range sign in sheet. Failure to do so could result in you being blamed for the damage.
36. The 100m range is to be used with long guns, rifles and shotguns, (shooting slugs only). NO handguns are permitted.
37. The use of shotguns firing shot of any size is not allowed on the 25yd and 100m ranges. Shooting slugs is allowed ONLY on #7 on the 25 yd. and #6 on the 100m.
38. Remove targets from target area and spent cases from the floor of the range buildings before leaving the range.
39. Muzzle control is also required in the parking lot and while always traveling throughout the parking lot as we have others using this facility that may not like guns pointed in their direction. This is also a Criminal Code offence.
40. Firearms should be encased when moving to and from the parking lot to the 25yd, 100m & trap/skeet ranges.

41. General members and Probationary members MAY NOT BRING RESTRICTED FIREARMS to the club and ranges unless they have successfully completed the BRG Club Restricted safety course. They may shoot restricted firearms belonging to members who have completed the restricted course while under the direct supervision of the member.
42. During SKEET (not TRAP) all ranges, 100m, 25yd and Archery range must be closed. Ranges have reduced hours on Sunday.

## **TRAP & SKEET RULES**

**These rules are in addition to the above mentioned club rules**

1. The trap range RED warning flag must be displayed and the range warning sign open while the range is active.
2. The GREEN “range safe” flag must be displayed when all shooting has stopped, and firearms have been cleared from the range when anyone is ahead of the firing line.
3. Eye and ear protection is required while you are past the front of the trap club house.
4. Firearms handled in the trap shelter must not be allowed to point at another person under any circumstances.
5. The action of your firearm must remain open until it is your turn to shoot.
6. DO NOT load your firearm until you are on the shooting pad.
7. Always control the muzzle direction. UP is the safe direction unless it is a break action firearm.
8. Do not use shells larger than 12 Ga., 3-dram Eq. or shot larger than #7-1/2 for trap and #8 for skeet.
9. Do not load more than 2 shells for skeet stations #1 – #7 or for trap doubles. DO NOT load more than 1 shell for skeet station #8 or trap singles.

10. Shotgun slugs are NOT permitted on the Trap & Skeet range or patterning frames.
11. No Hand/Portable trap throwers are allowed.
12. During SKEET (not TRAP) the 100m, 25yd and Archery ranges must be closed.

## **PATTERNING YOUR SHOTGUN**

1. Patterning a shotgun must be done under the supervision of an RSO.
2. When patterning your shotgun, the target frame must be placed so the shot travels parallel to the wooden fence separating the two trap ranges.
3. No steel shot or buckshot may be used on the metal patterning board.
4. Slugs are NOT permitted on the trap/skeet ranges.
5. The RED warning flag must be displayed when firing at the patterning target and the GREEN flag must be displayed when posting/changing targets.