



Rules and Regulations

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1. GENERAL

1.1 The *Rules and Regulations* of the Sunshine Coast Rod & Gun Club (“Club”) are published at www.sunshinecoastrodandgunclub.com.

2. AGREEMENT

2.1 Membership in the Club automatically implies an agreement to abide by the *Rules and Regulations*.

3. AUTHORITY

3.1 The Executive of the Club are “directors” as defined in the *BC Society Act* and, as such, have authority to implement and enforce the *Rules and Regulations*.

3.2 The chain of command for the shooting ranges is:

1. Executive
2. Shooting Director
3. Range Officers
4. Acting Range Officers (see note)

3.3 Violations of the *Rules and Regulations* should be reported to the Executive.

Note: *A member is an Acting Range Officer if: 1) the member is using the range alone; 2) the member is using the range with a guest or guests; and 3) the member is using the range with other members and is selected by agreement of these members to act as Range Officer.*

4. DISCIPLINE

4.1 The Executive may expel a member if that member commits a serious violation of the *Rules and Regulations* or endangers the safety of other members or causes wilful damage to Club property or, by his or her conduct, brings the reputation of the Club into disrepute.

4.2 A member so expelled may appeal to the general membership on the occasion of the Monthly meeting.



5. HOURS OF OPERATION

5.1 The hours of operation of the shooting ranges are:

Indoor Range	10:00am - 10:00pm daily
Outdoor Ranges	10:00am - 6:00pm daily
Pinecone Range	dawn - dusk daily

5.2 Handgun shooters have priority at the Outdoor Range, Sunday 10:00am - 1:00pm.

6. MEETINGS

6.1 Meetings are scheduled as follows:

Executive	first Thursday of each month, 7:00pm
Monthly	second Thursday of each month, 7:30pm
AGM	second Thursday in April, 7:30pm

6.2 There are no Monthly meetings in July and August.

7. MEMBERSHIP CARD

7.1 Probationary members who are 18 years of age or older and who successfully complete an Orientation Class become Regular members and, as such, receive a membership card and an access key.

7.2 Juniors, who are under 18 years of age, receive a membership card but no access key. While on Club property, Juniors must be under the direct supervision of a member.

8. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

8.1 Membership application forms are available:

1. at the clubhouse each Sunday, 9:30am - 11:00am.
2. at a Monthly meeting.
3. at www.sunshinecoastrodandgunclub.com.
4. at "Buck Fever" in Gibsons.



9. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

9.1 Membership may be renewed:

1. by mailing a cheque made payable to “Sunshine Coast Rod & Gun Club” in the amount of \$100 (individual) or \$140 (two persons from the same household) or \$40 (junior, under 18) to:

Membership Coordinator
PO Box 377
Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0

2. in person at a Monthly meeting.
3. in person at the clubhouse each Sunday, 9:30am - 11:00am.

9.2 Membership may also be renewed at “Buck Fever” in Gibsons, however, access keys are only issued at the clubhouse.

10. GUESTS

10.1 A member may bring a maximum of three guest shooters per visit to a shooting range.

10.2 A guest shooter is allowed a maximum of seven visits after which he or she must become a member to continue using the shooting ranges.

10.3 Guest shooters must pay a \$10.00 range usage fee per visit. The sponsoring member must indicate the number of guest shooters in the range usage registry. Junior guest shooters are free.

11. DOCUMENTATION

11.1 Every member bringing a firearm onto Club property must have in his or her possession the following valid documentation:

1. Club membership card
2. firearms licence
3. registration certificate
4. authorization to transport (for restricted and prohibited firearms)



12. SECURITY – LOWER RANGE (Indoor, Outdoor, Skeet and Trap, Archery)

- 12.1 On arrival, unlock the main gate if secured and leave this gate unlocked while the range is in use.
- 12.2 To access the clubhouse, unlock the alarm box and turn off the alarm before unlocking and opening the clubhouse door.
- 12.3 By law, you must record your range usage. Before you leave, enter the following information in the range usage registry provided:
 1. date
 2. membership number
 3. type of firearm (e.g. rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver)
 4. time in and time out
- 12.4 On departure, if you are the last person on the property, close and lock the clubhouse door, set the alarm and lock the alarm box. Then, close and lock the main gate behind you.

13. SECURITY – UPPER RANGE (Pinecone)

- 13.1 On arrival, unlock the main gate and immediately lock this gate behind you.
- 13.2 By law, you must record your range usage. Before you leave, enter the following information in the range usage registry provided:
 1. date
 2. membership number
 3. type of firearm (e.g. rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver)
 4. time in and time out
- 13.3 On departure, unlock the main gate and immediately lock this gate behind you, even if the range is still in use.

14. GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- 14.1 No person shall be under the influence of or consume alcohol or drugs while using a shooting range.
- 14.2 Eye and ear protection is mandatory on all shooting ranges.



- 14.3 All fire must be directed at an approved target and all bullets must enter the backstop.
- 14.4 Except as otherwise noted, off the firing line, all non-restricted firearms must be trigger locked and all restricted and prohibited firearms must be trigger locked and secured in a locked container.
- 14.5 No Junior is permitted on a firing line without direct supervision by a member.
- 14.6 The four vital ACTS of firearm safety are:
 - 1. Assume every firearm is loaded.
 - 2. Control the muzzle direction at all times.
 - 3. Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.
 - 4. See that the firearm is unloaded ... **PROVE** it safe.
- 14.7 To **PROVE** a firearm safe:
 - 1. Point the firearm in the safest available direction.
 - 2. Remove all ammunition.
 - 3. Observe the chamber.
 - 4. Verify the feeding path.
 - 5. Examine the bore for obstructions.

15. GENERAL RANGE ETIQUETTE

- 15.1 Be respectful and courteous towards fellow members and other shooters.
- 15.2 Unsportsmanlike conduct is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- 15.2 Do not monopolize a firing point.
- 15.3 Do not distract shooters on the firing line.
- 15.4 Do not handle another person's firearm without their permission.
- 15.5 Use Club property with care.
- 15.6 Remove used targets and pick up empty casings (where practical).



16. 18-METRE INDOOR AND 88-METRE OUTDOOR RANGES

- 16.1 These ranges are approved for rimfire rifles and handguns and centerfire handguns; specifically, the following template groups:
1. .22 Long Rifle HV
 2. 9 mm Parabellum (includes .44 Magnum and .45 ACP)
 3. .357 S&W Magnum
- 16.2 All airguns may also be fired.
- 16.3 The use of steel-core ammunition is prohibited.
- 16.4 Only paper targets and balloons are permitted. Balloons must be fastened to a target backer and not a target frame or support.
- 16.5 The red light must be activated (Indoor range) or the red flag must be flown at full mast (Outdoor range) while the range is live. The green light must be activated (Indoor range) or the green flag must be flown at full mast (Outdoor range) while the range is clear (safe).

17. 300-METRE PINECONE RANGE

- 17.1 This range is approved for rimfire and centerfire rifles; specifically, the following template groups:
1. .22 Long Rifle HV
 2. .223 Remington
 3. .308 Winchester
 4. .338 Lapua Magnum
- 17.2 Firing points are provided for 25, 50, 100, 200 and 300 metres.
- 17.3 Only paper targets and balloons are permitted. Balloons must be fastened to a target backer and not a target frame or support.
- 17.4 The red flag must be flown at full mast while the range is live. The green flag must be flown at full mast while the range is clear (safe).
- 17.5 Handguns may be fired from the 25-metre firing point, however, should a conflict arise regarding range usage, centerfire rifles have priority.



18. SKEET AND TRAP RANGES

- 18.1 These ranges are approved for all shotgun gauges.
- 18.2 Only lead shot sizes #9 to #7 ½ are permitted. The use of slugs and sporting clays is prohibited.
- 18.3 The red flag must be flown at full mast while the range is live. The green flag must be flown at full mast while the range is clear (safe).
- 18.4 For the skeet, trap and archery ranges, only one range may be in use at any one time.

19. ARCHERY RANGE

- 19.1 Loaded bows are permitted only on the shooting line.
- 19.2 Loaded bows may only be pointed and arrows may only be directed at an approved target.
- 19.3 Dry firing is prohibited.
- 19.4 When finished shooting, step back from the shooting line.
- 19.5 Do not advance forward of the shooting line while the line is active.
- 19.6 Retrieve arrows only when the range has been declared safe.
- 19.7 When extracting arrows, make sure no one is directly behind you.
- 19.8 Search for missed arrows only if the range is declared safe and another person remains in front of the target area.
- 19.9 If a HOLD is called, stop shooting immediately. Point the bow at a 45° angle at the ground in front of you, release the bowstring slowly and under control and remove the arrow from the bow.



20. BLACK POWDER MUZZLELOADERS

- 20.1 The snapping of caps or flashing of pans before the signal to fire is given is not permitted. Firearms may only be capped or primed with the barrel pointed downrange.
- 20.2 All firearms are to be uncapped or unprimed and placed in a safe position when a CEASE FIRE is called.
- 20.3 All firearms are to be unloaded on the CEASE FIRE signal and before retiring from the firing line. The term “unloaded” shall mean no cap or no flint or no powder in the pan.
- 20.4 Only pre-measured single-charge powder containers are allowed on the firing point (no bulk powder).
- 20.5 Only a minimum quantity of percussions caps is allowed on the firing point and cap containers should be kept closed while firing.
- 20.6 Loads must never exceed the normal service loads applicable to black powder.

21. BASIC RANGE COMMANDS

- 21.1 Preparing to shoot.
 - 1. “Is the range clear?”
 - 2. “The range is clear.”
 - 3. ACTIVATE RED LIGHT (or ensure red flag is at full mast).
 - 4. “The firing line is live.”
 - 5. “Load and fire in your own time.”
- 21.2 Cease fire.
 - 1. “Cease fire!”
 - 2. “Unload and prove safe!”
 - 3. ACTIVATE GREEN LIGHT (or ensure green flag is at full mast).
 - 4. “The firing line is clear.”
 - 5. “You may check or change your targets.”



22. SPECIAL RULES FOR HANDGUNS

- 22.1 Handguns must be brought to a shooting range trigger-locked and in a secure case.
- 22.2 Cases may be opened and trigger locks removed only at the Designated Safe Area.
- 22.3 Handguns must be proven safe immediately the trigger lock is removed. For pistols, slides must be locked to the rear and magazines must be removed. For revolvers, cylinders or loading gates must be open.
- 22.4 Magazines and cylinders must only be loaded at the firing line.
- 22.5 Except for removing or securing trigger locks and proving safe, handguns must not be handled off the firing line.
- 22.6 Shooters must not approach the firing line while a live fire exercise is in progress and must wait until the Range Officer gives permission to take up a firing point or until the range is declared safe.
- 22.7 Shooters must remain off the firing line while the range is declared safe. Shooters may take up a firing point only after the range is declared live.
- 22.8 Only one handgun at a time is permitted at a firing point.
- 22.9 Pistols must initially be placed on the firing point bench on their left side with slides locked to the rear and magazines removed. Revolvers must initially be placed on the firing point bench on their right side (DA/SA) with the cylinder open or left side (SA) with the loading gate open. All firearms must be pointed downrange. Magazines must be positioned so their feed lips are clearly visible to the Range Officer and other shooters.
- 22.10 Load ammunition only when directed to do so by the Range Officer. Ammunition must be loaded from the box or cartridge holder and not dumped onto the bench.
- 22.11 Fire only when directed to do so by the Range Officer.
- 22.12 All firing must be done from the firing line. Firing forward of the firing line is strictly prohibited.



- 22.13 All shots must be aimed at your own target in front. Shooting across lanes is prohibited.
- 22.14 Only paper targets and balloons are permitted. Paper targets that depict the human form are prohibited.
- 22.15 If a CEASE FIRE is called, stop firing immediately and UNLOAD and PROVE SAFE.
- 22.16 To UNLOAD,
- a. for a pistol, keep the muzzle pointed downrange, keep your finger off the trigger, remove the magazine, rack the slide to eject any round in the chamber, engage the slide locking device to lock the slide to the rear, observe that the chamber is empty, verify that there are no rounds in the feeding path, examine the barrel to ensure there are no obstructions, and set the pistol on the bench on its left side with the muzzle pointing downrange. Remove any rounds that may be left in the magazine and position the magazine to the left of the pistol so its feed lips are clearly visible to the Range Officer and other shooters.
 - b. for a double-action/single-action/revolver, keep the muzzle pointed downrange, keep your finger off the trigger, open the cylinder, remove all rounds and empty casings, observe that the chambers are empty, verify that there are no rounds in the feeding path, examine the barrel to ensure there are no obstructions, and set the revolver on the bench on its right side with the cylinder open.
 - c. for a single-action revolver, keep the muzzle pointed downrange, keep your finger off the trigger, open the loading gate, remove all rounds and empty casings, observe that the chambers are empty, verify that there are no rounds in the feeding path, examine the barrel to ensure there are no obstructions, and set the revolver on the bench on its left side with the loading gate open.
- 22.17 Once you have unloaded and proven safe, move to the clear (safe) line.
- 22.18 Holstered handguns are only permitted on the Outdoor Range.
- 22.19 Handgun shooters who holster their guns as part of their firing exercise will cease fire, unload, prove their firearm safe and place their firearm on the bench when another member arrives and wishes to use the range. The shooter may complete his or her current application before carrying out this procedure.



22.20 Loaded holstered handguns are only allowed on the firing line.

22.21 Cross-drawing and fast-draw are prohibited.

23. MALFUNCTIONS

23.1 If a firearm malfunctions while firing,

1. Stop firing.
2. Keep the firearm pointed downrange.
3. Take your finger off the trigger.
4. Wait 60 seconds.
5. UNLOAD and PROVE SAFE.
6. Resume firing only when the cause of the malfunction has been clearly identified and corrected.

24. DESIGNATED SAFE AREA

24.1 A Designated Safe Area is provided inside the clubhouse for members who wish to show their firearms to other members. All safety rules apply.

25. SPECIAL EVENTS

25.1 The Club may host special events from time to time, such as cowboy action shoots, family shoots, etc., and may create and implement additional and specific rules and regulations intended to govern each special event.