

Telemark Biathlon Rifle Safety Policy

Purpose

All rifles used on the Telemark Biathlon Range are to be in safe working condition in order to create a safe environment for the coaches and athletes. Regular maintenance and cleaning are expectations for all rifles used at Telemark Nordic Club.

Conditions for Rifle Use in Telemark Biathlon Programs

Athletes bringing their own rifle or renting a rifle from Telemark Biathlon must be a member in good standing of Telemark Nordic Club and registered in a Telemark Biathlon program. The athlete must also be a member in good standing with Biathlon BC or Biathlon Canada.

Type A Rifle: Rifle Rented from Telemark Biathlon, Used at the Telemark Biathlon Range Only

The athlete only uses the rifle at the range under the supervision of their Telemark Biathlon coach; the athlete is not allowed to take the rifle home or transport the rifle to or from races. This is normally the case for athletes in the Biathlon Bears program or for an athlete who does not possess a valid **Possession and Acquisition License (PAL)** and thus is not legally allowed to take the rifle home. Type A rifles may be shared with other Type A rifle rental athletes.

The athlete:

- is responsible for the proper and safe care of the rifle when in use;
- is responsible for any damage that may occur to the rifle while he/she is using it;
- must sign (or parent/guardian must sign if the athlete is under 18 years of age) a Telemark Biathlon Rifle Rental Agreement (Type A) before beginning to use the rifle.

The rifle will be maintained in good working order by the Telemark Biathlon Armorer.

Type B Rifle: Rifle Rented from Telemark Biathlon

The athlete (or parent/guardian) takes possession of the rifle for the duration of the rental period and takes the rifle with him/her after each practice or competition. Type B rental rifles will normally not be shared with other athletes and will be adjusted to properly fit the athlete.

The athlete and parent/guardian if athlete under 18 years of age:

- must have a valid PAL;
- is responsible for any damages or loss that may occur to the rifle and accessories during the period of the rental agreement;
- must sign a Telemark Biathlon Rifle Rental Agreement (Type B) for each rental period before taking possession of the rifle and beginning to use the rifle;
- must obey all Provincial, Federal, Regional and Municipal laws with regards to firearm safety including use, storage and transportation;

- will ensure the rifle is properly maintained and cleaned on a regular throughout the rental period (cleaning instructions may be found on the Telemark Biathlon website and training will be provided annually);
- must have the rifle professional serviced by a certified gunsmith prior to returning to Telemark Biathlon at the end of the rental period.

During the term of the rental period, their Telemark Biathlon coach or Telemark Armorer may periodically inspect the rifle to ensure proper maintenance and cleaning has been performed.

Type C Rifle: Athlete or the Parent/Guardian Owns the Rifle.

The athlete is fully responsible for the safety of the rifle during all use at Telemark Biathlon Range.

The athlete and parent/guardian if athlete under 18 years of age:

- must have a valid PAL;
- must obey all Provincial, Federal, Regional and Municipal laws with regards to firearm safety including use, storage and transportation;
- will ensure the rifle is properly maintained and cleaned on a regular basis throughout use at Telemark Biathlon Range (cleaning instructions may be found on the Telemark Biathlon website and training will be provided annually).

During the season, their Telemark Biathlon coach or Telemark Armorer may periodically inspect the rifle to ensure proper maintenance and cleaning has been performed.

General

For Types A, B and C, the athlete must comply with the Telemark Biathlon Range Safety Policy, and comply with and sign the Athlete Safety Agreement.

Athletes (and parent/guardian if athlete under 18 years of age) with a Type B or C rifle must attend a Telemark Biathlon rifle cleaning and maintenance session at least once per annum.

All other approved users of the Telemark Biathlon Range must comply with the Telemark Biathlon Range Safety Policy and the provisions contained in the Athlete Safety Agreement.