



Telemark Biathlon Range Safety Policy Version 2.5

Introduction:

The Telemark Biathlon Range Safety Policy ("Policy") is set out to articulate proper safety at the Telemark Biathlon Range.

Policy:

1. Basic firearm safety is well defined in Canada under both Provincial and Federal legislation. While this
1. Policy should complement that legislation and outline specific site procedures, it specifically does not override any of the laws, policies, procedures or recommended practice outlined in Provincial and Federal legislation and regulations.
2. All users of the Telemark Biathlon Range ("Range") must possess or be directly overseen by a designated coach or Range Safety Supervisor ("RSS") who possesses a valid firearm Possession and Acquisition License ("PAL").
3. Any time the Range is in use, a RSS will be in control of the safety of the Range. The RSS has the authority to control the use of the Range, including opening and closing of the Range. The RSS must remain at the Range while the Range is in use. Telemark Biathlon will maintain a listing of approved RSS for each season. Athletes who are actively training at the time the range is open may not simultaneously act as the RSS; the RSS must not participate in the practice.
4. Under certain race conditions, the safety of the Range may be delegated to a Technical Delegate ("TD") of a higher authority than Telemark Nordic Club. If this delegation occurs, the TD and the governing body that the TD is operating under will assume care, custody and control of the Range, specifically but not limited to safety. As such there may be deviations from this Policy.
5. During set up and use of the Range for any session, effort must be made to ensure that non-users (e.g. x-c skiers, snow shoe users, etc.) do not enter the Range area. Diagrams of the Range area can be found on the Telemark Biathlon website.
6. All misfires will be handled as follows:
 - a. Athlete will declare "misfire!";
 - b. RSS will ensure that at least 20 seconds expire before ejection of the cartridge;
 - c. A small container labeled "misfires" will be kept in the Range storage shed. The misfire should be stored in this container. Once a year, or as necessary, this container's contents will be disposed of in an appropriate manner (eg at a local gunsmith's shop or the RCMP)
7. Due to the potential for injury with firearms, no horseplay is allowed on the Range. The RSS will consult with the appropriate coach and has designated authority to deal with all horseplay incidents. Unlike many youth sports that welcome robust play, biathletes must govern their actions, be calm and mature.
 - a. First incident: participant will be given a warning;
 - b. Second incident: participant will be required to leave the Range immediately;

- c. Third incident: the participant will be barred from the Range for the remainder of the season, without return of fees
1. Travel to and from the parking lot to Range with rifles:
 - a. Must be secured in hard locked cases or carried in soft cases with windows for viewing of the locked-out open bolt;
 - b. Must be taken directly from parking lot to Range at the start of training;
 - c. Must be taken directly from the Range to the parking lot at the end of training;
 - d. **Must NOT be taken into the Telemark Nordic Club Lodge.**

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