



## Telemar Biathlon Range Safety Policy Version 2.6

**Introduction:** The Telemar Biathlon Range Safety Policy (“Policy”) is set out to articulate proper safety at the Telemar Biathlon Range.

### Policy:

1. Basic firearm safety is well defined in Canada under both Provincial and Federal legislation. While this 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 Telemar Biathlon Range (“Range”) must possess a valid firearm Possession and Acquisition License (“PAL”) or be directly overseen by a designated coach or Range Safety Officer (“RSO”).
3. RSOs must be approved by Telemar Biathlon annually and must (a) be members of Telemar Nordic Club, (b) hold a current Biathlon Canada membership, (c) have a valid PAL (not a minors PAL), and (d) have completed the appropriate range safety training as determined by Telemar Biathlon. With the exception of section 5 below, only Telemar Biathlon approved RSOs may operate the Telemar Biathlon Range.
4. Any time the Range is in use, the RSO will be in control of the safety of the Range. The RSO has the authority to control the use of the Range, including opening and closing of the Range. The RSO must remain at the Range while the Range is in use. Athletes who are actively training at the time the Range is open may not simultaneously act as the RSO; the RSO must not participate in the practice.
5. During Biathlon BC or Biathlon Canada races, the safety of the Range may be delegated to a Technical Delegate (“TD”) of a higher authority than Telemar 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 when approved by Telemar Biathlon.
6. 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 Telemar Biathlon website.
7. All misfires will be handled as follows:
  - a. Athlete will declare “misfire!”
  - b. RSO 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 (e.g. at a local gunsmith shop or the RCMP).

8. Due to the potential for injury with firearms, no horseplay is allowed on the Range. The RSO 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 refund of fees.
9. Travel between the parking lot to Range: 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.
10. In addition to other requirements and procedures consistent with IBU Rules, all firearms and magazines must be cleared of ammunition at the conclusion of the range practice and so reported as cleared to the responsible coach who will confirm the same to the RSO for the session.
11. Rifles must be cased and uncased in the safest possible manner such that:
  - a. Trigger or other action disabling locks are employed prior to leaving the range;
  - b. Rifles transported in soft cases must be cased and uncased with the muzzle pointing up at the rifle rack, at a designated safe area, or while pointed down range from a firing point on a hot (red flag up) range;
  - c. Rifles transported in hard cases must be cased and uncased either at a designated safe area, or while pointed down range from a firing point on a hot (red flag up) range;
  - d. Designation of a suitable safe area is the responsibility of the RSO.