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## Biathlon Range Use Policy

### Purpose

The Telemark Biathlon Range Use Policy ("Range Policy") is set out to articulate the safe and proper use of the Telemark Biathlon Range ("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 best practices outlined in Provincial/Federal legislation and regulations.
2. All users of the Range must possess a valid Canadian Possession and Acquisition License ("PAL") or be directly overseen by a designated Telemark coach or Telemark Range Safety Officer ("RSO").
3. All approved coaches must be:
  - a. Approved by Telemark Biathlon annually;
  - b. Be members of Telemark Nordic Club;
  - c. Hold current Biathlon BC membership (supporter or coach);
  - d. Hold a valid PAL (not a minor's PAL);
  - e. Be NCCP Biathlon Community Coach Silver trained.
4. All approved RSOs must be:
  - a. Approved by Telemark Biathlon annually;
  - b. Be members of Telemark Nordic Club;
  - c. Hold current Biathlon BC membership (supporter or coach);

- d. Hold a valid PAL (not a minor's PAL);
  - e. Completed Telemark Biathlon's RSO course.
5. With the exception of section 8 below, only Telemark Biathlon approved RSOs may operate the Range.
6. With the exception of section 8 below, members of Telemark Biathlon programs may only use the range during scheduled Telemark Biathlon program practices, under the supervision of designated program Telemark Biathlon coaches and Telemark Biathlon approved RSOs.
7. 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 the opening and closing of the Range. The RSO must be able to oversee the entire range whenever it is in use.
8. 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 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 when approved by Telemark Biathlon. Telemark Biathlon will brief the TD on the particulars of the Range.
9. During set up and use of the Range for any session, effort must be made to ensure that non-users (e.g. Nordic skiers, snow shoe users, etc.) do not enter the Range area.
10. All misfires will be handled as follows:
  - a. User 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 onsite. 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).
11. Due to the potential for injury with firearms, no horseplay is allowed on the Range. The RSO will consult with the appropriate coach or parent and has designated authority to deal with all horseplay incidents.
  - 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.

12. Travel between the parking lot to Range:
  - a. Rifles must be secured in hard locked cases or carried in soft cases with windows for viewing of the locked-out open bolt;
  - b. Rifles must be taken directly from parking lot to Range at the start of training;
  - c. Rifles must be taken directly from the Range to the parking lot at the end of training;
  - d. Rifles must NOT be taken into the Telemark Nordic Club Lodge except for training workshops that have been approved by the Telemark General Manager.
13. In addition to Canadian legal requirements and procedures consistent with IBU Rules, all firearms and magazines must be cleared of ammunition at the conclusion of the range practice.
14. 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.
15. Range use outside of scheduled Telemark Biathlon program practices may occur under the following conditions:
  - a. There is a Telemark Biathlon approved RSO present. A range user may also be the designated RSO provided they remain at the range the entire time the range is in use;
  - b. Individual is a member of a Telemark Nordic Club Biathlon program;
  - c. Individual holds current a Biathlon BC membership;
  - d. Range user holds a valid PAL/Minor's Permit, or, is directly supervised by someone with a valid PAL.