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Biathlon Range User Safety Agreement

Purpose

To outline the safety requirements for use of the Biathlon Range

Safety Requirements

All participants at the Telemark Biathlon Range must abide by Provincial and Federal Firearms Regulations, as well as the Telemark Range Safety and Telemark Rifle Safety policies.

1. Safety is of primary concern at Telemark Biathlon Range.
2. Each participant must possess a valid Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) and/or be directly supervised by a designated coach or Telemark Range Safety Officer (RSO) who possesses a valid PAL.
3. From the Canadian Firearm Safety Course, each participant must:

ACTS

- **A**ssume every firearm is loaded
- **C**ontrol muzzle direction at all times
- **T**rigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard
- **S**ee that the firearm is unloaded

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- **P**oint the firearm in a safest available direction
 - **R**emove all ammunition
 - **O**bserve the chamber
 - **V**erify the feeding path
 - **E**xamine the bore each time you pick up a firearm
4. Travel to and from parking lot must: be either in a locked hard case or in a soft case with bolt viewing window; have the bolt open; and have a trigger or bolt lock in place. Refer to the Telemark Range Safety Policy for more details regarding rifle and range safety.

5. The RSO is responsible for opening and closing the range and for enforcing all safety rules and must be present for any event when the range is in operation. A range user can serve as the RSO provided they do not leave the range while it is in use.
6. A red flag indicates the range is open for shooting and a green flag indicates the range is closed for shooting. These are under the control of the RSO. The RSO will indicate "The range is open; the range is open!" and the red flag will be raised. Upon completion of range use, the RSO will ensure all rifles are safely off the firing line (unloaded, bolts open), then indicate the range is closed and raise the green flag.
7. Treat all rifles as if they are loaded. All firearms must be pointed straight up, or down range on an open range only.
8. For those biathletes not required to carry a rifle in competition, the bolt must be open and any ammunition must be removed before the biathlete leaves the firing line after completing shooting. During training, empty magazines may remain in the rifle when placed upright in a rifle rack, provided the bolt is open and it is clearly visible that the rifle is unloaded.
9. Rifles may not be left unattended on the range.
10. All users of the range must be members of Biathlon BC or be members of a recognized national biathlon association.
11. All mis-fires will be handled by the RSO.
12. No horseplay at any time.

User Agreement

I have read, understood and will follow all of the above safety rules. I agree to follow the Telemark Biathlon Range User Safety Agreement.

_____ (Print Name)

_____ (Sign)

_____ (Date)