

# North Riverside Shooting Range

## Operating Instructions

### **BOOKING THE RANGE**

Use of range is at own risk.

Must be 18 years or older to book the range.

Anyone age 17 or younger must be under the immediate supervision of a responsible adult. Anyone under the age of 12 is not permitted to handle firearms at the range.

Be familiar with and follow the range rules, including safety rules posted. If unsure of rules related to your planned activity, do not use the range.

The range must have been reserved prior to being present at the range. When the range was booked using the online booking system the person booking acknowledged reading and understanding the range rules. If the person booking has guest with them, they are responsible to ensure their guest have been communicated and understands the range rules [the rules are posted at the range].

Your presence at the range must be related to a booked reserved time. Spectators not with the person who has the range booked are not allowed at the range.

You can book a reservation time online or through your local DNRR Office. A key to the range needs to be borrowed from the Guysborough district office. The key must be returned as communicated by staff at the district office.

Unauthorized use of the range is not permitted.

The Department of Natural Resources and Renewables reserves the right to cancel bookings.

### **PARKING**

Vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area between the road and the range infrastructure.

No unauthorized vehicles are permitted in the range area or parking area, including off-road vehicles.

The parking area is for people intending to use the range and their guests.

While waiting for your reserved time stay in the parking area while the range is in use by others. Do not interrupt others during their booked times.

### **ENTRY IN TO THE RANGE AREA**

Open the "Range in Use" sign at entrance before using the range.

Raise the red warning flag to indicate the range is active.

Observe down range during set up and prior to shooting to ensure no one is in the area, and that no damage or injury could result to wildlife or property.

## **TARGETS**

Use only paper, cardboard, or soft plastic targets.

The use of exploding targets; targets containing incendiary properties; and metal or glass targets are prohibited.

Targets are to be placed on the backstop and the center of the target shall not be more than 1.5 meters above the range floor.

Targets cannot be placed on top of the backstop.

Targets are not permitted on the range floor unless within 3 meters of the backstop.

Set targets in place prior to preparing firearms for shooting.

The range shall be kept clean of debris and materials that could cause ricochet.

## **PERMITTED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**

This range is approved only for non-restricted rifles/carbines for caliber templates up to .308 (ie. 6.5, .243 and .223 are permitted / .50 and .338 MAGUM are not permitted).

Also permitted are .22 caliber rimfire, black powder, and shotgun with slug or sabot ammunition.

The range is not approved for .50 BMG or any cartridges described in the Order in Council May, 2020.

This range is not approved for fully automatic firearms.

This range is not approved handgun use.

You must not use unsafe or hazardous arms or ammunition.

Tracer, armour piercing, and explosive bullet types which are prohibited.

## **PREPARING TO SHOOT**

A range officer must be present and supervising activity if more than one person is shooting at a time.

You must follow the range officer's instructions if one is present.

The 100 meter bench range and the 50 meter bench range cannot be used at the same time.

Dynamic shooting, combat style or action style shooting is not permitted.

Cross range shooting is not permitted.

This range may only be used with the shooting bench and muzzle arc limiting device.

If gun racks are used firearms stored must be unloaded with action opened.

Always control your muzzle direction.

Assume every firearm is loaded. Confirm the firearm is unloaded - PROVE it safe.

Keep all ammunition under control.

Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until intending to fire from the shooting bench.

Firearms are only to be loaded when at the shooting bench. They must be unloaded at all other times.

Keep the action of your firearm open, except when in use at the designated range firing point engaging the targets.

Everyone must stay behind the firing line when firing is taking place.

Ensure the shooting bench and the muzzle control limitations are in good condition and you are positioned properly.

Load firearm only when all has been made ready for firing to commence and you are stationed at the firing point.

Keep firearm muzzle pointed down range towards the target area while at the shooting bench.

Shooter must confirm that others are safely behind the firing line before you raise firearms for shooting.

You must wear eye and hearing protection at all times while firing is taking place.

Firing can only take place when it is safe for you and all others.

## **LEAVING THE FIRING LINE**

Before you leave the firing line unload and render firearm safe; be sure it is safe to proceed and there is no one else preparing to fire; and leave the action open and walk to rear of the firing line.

Clean range of all debris resulting from your activity before leaving. Ensure all expended shells are collected for storage or disposal. Do not go forward of the firing point until shooting has ceased.

If you are the last to leave, lower the red warning flags and close the "Range in Use" sign.

## **OTHER RULES**

The Department of Natural Resources and Renewables may record activity to support compliance monitoring. No other party or individual is permitted to take pictures, video or audio recording of others without their permission.

Smoking is restricted to the parking lot.

Shooting clubs and public service agencies must obtain a Shooting Range Group Permit from the Department of Natural Resources to use department ranges.

Police, public service agencies, security organizations, shooting clubs, and range officers are not exempt from the range operating instructions and safety rules.

Natural Resources and Renewables Conservation Officers may interrupt shooting to perform compliance inspections. Your cooperation is required. Upon direction from a Conservation Officer shooting must cease and firearms emptied and breeches open.

Report all accidents resulting in damage to property or persons to the Area Manager, Department of Natural Resources and Renewables – Guysborough office.

Injuries resulting from discharge of a firearm must be reported to the Area Manager, Department of Natural Resources and Renewables Guysborough office and to the RCMP. Where possible await instructions from RCMP prior to moving items or leaving the site.

If a range officer has experienced compliance issues with a person present at the range, the identity of the person is to be reported to the Area Manager, Department of Natural Resources and Renewables Guysborough office.

In case of Emergency – call 911

## **North Riverside Shooting Range Safety Rules**

Use of range is at own risk. If unsure of rules, do not use the range.

You must be 18 or over to book range time. Anyone 17 or younger must be under the immediate supervision of a responsible adult. Anyone under the age of 12 is not permitted to handle firearms at the range.

See the Operating Rules posted to ensure understanding of how to use the range properly. You must follow the range Operating Rules.

When the range is booked using the online booking system the person booking acknowledged reading and understanding the range rules. This person assumes the role of supervising activity / range officer and is responsible for overseeing all shooting activities on the range during the booking unless another person is identified as the Range Officer.

If the person booking has guest(s) with them, they are responsible to ensure their guest has been instructed and understands the range rules. The rules are posted at the range.

This range is approved only for non-restricted rifles/carbines for caliber templates up to .308 (ie. 6.5, .243 are permitted; also includes .223, .22 and black powder, and shotgun with slug or sabot ammunition).

The range is not approved for handguns, shotguns with aerial targets (clays), .50 BMG or any cartridges described in the Order in Council May, 2020.

Targets are to be placed on or in front of the backstop. Targets shall not be placed so that projectiles will strike into the range floor.

Before you move forward toward your target or leave the firing line unload and render firearm safe; leave breach open and lay firearm down; and be sure it is safe to proceed.

You must wear eye and hearing protection at all times while firing is taking place at the range.

You must not dry fire your firearm.

Shooting is only permitted from the shooting benches. The 100 meter bench range and the 50 meter bench range cannot be used at the same time.

Load firearm only when all has been made ready for firing to commence and you are stationed at the firing point, or when directed to do so by the Range Officer, if one is present.

A range officer is required to be present and responsible for activity if more than one person is shooting at the same time.

You must not talk to or distract a shooter on the firing line, unless you are a coach or range officer.

Dynamic, combat style or action style shooting is not permitted.

Cross range shooting is not permitted.

Shooting cannot begin until one half hour following sunrise and must cease one half hour before sunset.

You must not be under the influence of or in possession of alcohol or drugs while on range property.

Smoking is restricted to the parking lot area only.

Smoking, food and drinks are not allowed at the firing points.

Shooting clubs and Public service agencies must obtain a Shooting Range Group Permit from the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables to use department ranges.

Groups who have agreements in place for range use must follow all the range operating and safety rules. They are not exempt (some of the group's desired shooting activities may be prohibited at [this](#) range – the range rules apply to all users).

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