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Outdoor Range Rules

1.0 General

The Swan Valley Handgun Club Inc. Officers and Directors are the sole authority at the Range and their instructions shall be explicitly obeyed. Anyone found in violation of these instructions shall be subject to Disciplinary action under Club Disciplinary Rules, or civil action in the courts or criminal action through the R.C.M.P.

- 1.1 The Range Shall **NOT** be used when field work is being done in the field immediately to the north of the Range.
- 1.2 **Range Access**
The Range access gate is to remain closed at all times. (Cattle present on property)
- 1.3 Upon entry to the Range the “Range in use” sign is to be displayed to advise other Members arriving after you that there may be active shooting taking place on the Range.
- 1.4 **LOG BOOK.** All Members and guests must register in the Range Log Book.
- 1.5 **The Chief Firearms Officer** has designated 4 Ranges with the Swan Valley Handgun Club Inc. Range. Range 1 is the Range farthest to the east with Range 4 the farthest to the west.
- 1.6 **A red flag shall** be raised at each particular Range 1 thru 4 when being used and will be taken down upon the conclusion of shooting on that particular Range.
- 1.7 **Wildlife and Cattle.** If a Member is in the course of shooting and cattle or any wildlife should wander and enter the Range area, A CEASE FIRE COMMAND IS IMMEDIATELY GIVEN. Under no circumstances will that animal come to harm. When the animal leaves the Range area the commence fire command can be given, and shooting can resume.

2.0 Membership

All shooters shall be Members in good standing of the Swan Valley Handgun Club Inc. or a guest of a Member in good standing of the Swan Valley Handgun Club Inc. Members in good standing must read and understand all rules, regulations and requirements prior to becoming a Member of the Swan Valley Handgun Club and sign off declaring that they have read the rules and agree to abide by the Swan Valley Handgun Club Inc. Rules, Regulations, and Constitution.

2.1 Orientation

All shooters must adhere to all requirements as set out in section 2.0 and consider meeting the requirements as set out in section 2.0 as the orientation required by law. If the Member does not understand any rule, procedure or information then they must get clarification from a Member of the executive or Member in good standing prior to signing off on the membership application.



3.0 Firearms

- 3.1 All Firearms that are brought to the Range shall be legally possessed by the Member and in compliance with all Canadian Firearm's Legislation.
- 3.2 All shooters shall ensure that all Firearms in their possession at the Range shall be accompanied by appropriate documentation as required by The Canadian Firearm's Legislation. (i.e. Registration for each firearm, PAL (possession & acquisition license) and ATT (authorization to transport)
- 3.3 Only weapons of the type and caliber that are approved for Ranges 1 thru 4 in the Shooting Range Approval of the Chief Firearms Office, Manitoba will be allowed on Ranges 1 thru 4.

4.0 Ammunition

- 4.1 **Ammunition** that can be chambered for approved firearms as disclosed in Section 3.3 can be used.
- 4.2 Ammunition Prohibited by the Canadian Firearm's Legislation shall not be allowed into the Range maintained by the Swan Valley Handgun Club Inc.
- 4.3 No tracer, incendiary, or ammunition as stated in 4.4 are permitted at any time.
- 4.4 Armor piercing rounds are never to be used on steel targets. Steel core (Non Armor piercing) are permitted.
- 4.5 Black powder (or black powder substitutes) must not be placed on the shooting benches.

5.0 Holsters

- 5.1 Holsters are permitted for transporting firearms within the Range with the following exceptions
- 5.2 No holster which results in the muzzle of the firearm breaking the **90** degree rule when the firearm is drawn or carried shall be used, no shoulder holsters or cross draw holsters. Shooters shall not allow the muzzle of their firearm to move past that point that would result in the muzzle exceeding **90** degrees from the target in their respective shooting Range.
- 5.3 Any Holster which leaves the trigger guard exposed and/or uncovered is NOT permitted.
- 5.4 Any Holster that would be incapable of retaining the firearm during a 360° roll (somersault) unless equipped with a strap or retaining device is not permitted.
- 5.5 You **MUST be holster qualified** or have taken a holster course by a recognized shooting discipline before drawing a loaded firearm from a holster. (IPSC, PPC, IDPA)

6.0 Safety Equipment

- 6.1 Eye and ear protective devices shall be worn by all shooters within the Range area at all times when other shooters are present.
- 6.2 Exceptions can be made when instruction is in progress and the instructor requires the clear attention of the students. This exception shall be activated only when no other shooters are present to create a hazard for the students or the instructor.
- 6.3 No Sandals, no open toe shoes, no strapless shoes are permitted on the Range.



7.0 Firearm Handling

- 7.1** Firearms shall only be handled at the dry fire station (safety table) or on the downside side of the shooting line in each of the Ranges. At all other times Firearms must be in the shooters holster or in the shooter's carrying case or placed on the safety table.
- 7.2** Firearms shall be kept unloaded until such time as the shooter has passed the shooting line (tires dug into the ground) in the individual Range and the shooter is physically on the downside of the shooting line.
- 7.3** If conditions are such that required firearms be placed in a safe condition at each firing position or at the dry fire station (safety table), the shooter shall demonstrate its unloaded condition by removing magazines and locking the slide open for self loading pistols or opening the cylinder of revolvers or opening the actions or bolts of any long guns and removing any rounds before leaving these unattended.
- 7.4** Shooters shall not exit the Range Area with firearms that have not been secured in the manner prescribed by Canadian Firearms Legislation.
- 7.5** Shooters shall not allow the muzzle of their firearm to move past the point that would result in the muzzle exceeding **90** degrees from the target down Range in their respective shooting Range.
- 7.6** No Handling of live rounds or brass at the dry fire station (safety table)
- 7.7** Should a loaded Firearm be dropped during a course of fire, the Shooter who dropped the Firearm under no circumstance shall pick up the loaded firearm off the ground. The Shooter shall immediately inform the Range Officer. The Range Officer is to immediately call a cease fire. Once the Range Office has determined the Range is safe, the Range Office shall, in a safe manner pick up the Firearm, unload it, determined it is safe and "hammer down" then give it back to the Shooter in a safe manner. The Shooter is then done shooting for the rest of the day. The Range Officer shall make a report of the incident to the Executive.

8.0 Shooting Protocols

- 8.1** When directed by a Range Officer (see section 9) to cease fire, all shooters will unload their firearm, removing magazines and locking the slide open or opening the cylinder or opening the action of a long gun and removing any rounds, place the firearm in a safe position (on a shooting box, small shooting table, or ground) or in an approved holster and step away from the firing line, so as to allow the Range Officer to correct the ceasefire situation. Shooters will only resume their firing position after being directed to by the Range Officer.
- 8.2** Shooters may keep their Range bags and/or shooting equipment boxes and/or a small folding table with them at the firing position. They must be kept in a safe position as to not clutter the firing position.
- 8.3** Shooters are to clean up any debris when they are finished shooting and take anything they brought to the Range with them when they leave.
- 8.4** Brass is to be picked up and taken home for disposal or reloading.
- 8.5** Except as otherwise approved by the Executive, only paper targets are permissible. Targets which are controversial or of a questionable taste shall NOT be brought to the Range. Targets depicting any recognizable person or group are forbidden.(leave your dishwashers or old televisions at home)



8.6 Shooting is not permitted from the south side of the shooting line. Shooters can only actively shoot targets from the downside of the shooting line.(Tires dug into the ground)

8.7 Suggested firing line procedures are as follows;

Range Officer Commands	Required Action
Is the Range clear?	Scan the area to ensure the area is clear Alert the Range Officer if there is a problem.
The Range is clear	Confirm previous impression and alert the Range Officer if a problem has occurred.
Firing Line is Hot/Active	Ensure eye and ear protection is in place.
Load and fire on your own time	Load firearm and commence firing

During shooting, alert the Range Officer to any problem, incident, disturbance, or distraction in the most appropriate fashion. If you finish before a cease fire command is given, unload your firearm, hammer down and holster it or place it in an appropriate place with the slide or cylinder open and the muzzle pointing down Range, step back from the firing line.

Cease Fire	Immediately stop shooting and unload firearm. Hammer down and holster it or place it in an appropriate place with the slide or cylinder open and the muzzle pointed down Range. Then step back from the firing line.
Range is clear	Ensure that the Range is clear or notify the Range Office that it is not clear.

Wait for additional direction from the Range Officer, who may require assistance to remove hazards, repair equipment and so on. At no time should anyone handle firearms or ammunition in the proximity of the firing line until such time the problem has been corrected.

9.0 Range Officer

9.01 Where 2 or more Members are shooting on the same Range, 1 shooter shall assume the duties of the Range Officer. The Range Officer may also shoot when acting as a Range Officer

9.1 Requirements

9.1.1 All Members in good standing by reading and understanding these Rules and being in possession of a Restricted PAL are provided with the sufficient skills and knowledge to act as a Range Officer for the Swan Valley Handgun Club Inc.

9.1.2 All Members acting as Range Officers shall be Members in good standing and shall possess a valid restricted PAL.

9.2 Authority

9.2.1 The Range Officer is the sole authority on the firing line and operates under a mandate extended to them through these Range Rules by the Executive of the Swan Valley Handgun Club Inc.



- 9.2.2 If conditions warrant, a Member may assume the duties of a Range Officer in order to ensure the safe and efficient operation of activities of the firing line.
- 9.2.3 The Range Officer may appoint Line Officers to facilitate the smooth operation of the firing line.
- 9.2.4 Failure to observe the direction of a Range Officer will result in the immediate suspension of a Member, until such time as a hearing can be convened under the terms of the disciplinary process laid out in the Constitution.
- 9.2.5 All Members should remember the implications of Clause 1.0 with respect to legal liability and where the issue of Range Officers authority resides in relation to that responsibility.

9.3 Responsibility

- 9.3.1 The Range Officer (and by extension all Members) is responsible for the safe operation of the Range.
 - 9.3.1.1 Ensuring that the Range is clean and in a safe condition to shoot.(Leave it in better condition than how you found it when you started).
 - 9.3.1.2 Confirming that all persons on the firing line are valid Members in good standing or guests.
 - 9.3.1.3 Enforcing the Range Rules as defined in this manual.
 - 9.3.1.4 Enforcing any other rules that are reasonable and prudent in the circumstances.
- 9.3.2 The Range Officer shall interrupt at any time, should an unsafe practice or condition be observed and shall request that the shooter render the firearm into a safe condition before correcting the observed practice or condition.
- 9.3.3 The Range Officer shall command a cease fire in the event of any problem, incident, disturbance or distraction which constitutes a hazard.
- 9.3.4 See Section 8.7 for suggested commands that can be used.
- 9.3.5 Alternative firing line commands that can be used in the course of a competition by a recognized shooting discipline may be used on the firing line, provided all persons on the firing line are aware of the commands and consent.

10.0 Prohibitions

- 10.1 Consumption of alcohol or drugs which alter the shooters perception is prohibited and all shooters shall abstain from shooting when under the influence of these substances.
- 10.2 Range Officers shall suspend any shooter who they believe are impaired and report such events to the Executive who then shall investigate the event as per the Constitution.
- 10.3 No Pets allowed at the Range.
- 10.4 No smoking at the Range. This is an amateur sporting facility and no smoking is a condition of support from the Manitoba Handgun Association and Sport Manitoba should at such time the Swan Valley Handgun Club Inc. applies for program and or facilities support.
- 10.5 Members shall not conduct business at the Range. You may bring clients and friends to the Range as a guest as you would a golf club.

11.0 Visitors



11.1 Under no circumstances is anyone that is unknown to you be allowed into the Range. Refer all such individuals to a Member of the Executive to arrange an appointment to tour the facility.

12.0 Legal Issues

12.1 Be aware that changing legal conditions place an additional responsibility upon each Member. Should you observe a breach of any rule disclosed in this document and any other documentation supplied to you pertaining to our Range and its safe operation and fail to correct the deficiency and someone comes to harm, the Courts can find you guilty of negligence and impose appropriate penalties.

13.0 Appearances

13.1 The firearm sports have a public relations challenge to maintain an appropriate profile for the community at large. Your compliance with the Club's clothing standards is therefore needed.

13.2 All Members shall avoid any clothing of controversial nature or any clothing with printing or images of a controversial nature.

13.3 Members of the R.C.M.P., D.N.R., and Military Members may shoot in uniform and use their duty holsters and equipment provided it meets with all the safety requirements contained in this document and Government Range Approvals.

14.0 Guests

14.1 A guest is an individual who is present in the facility at the invitation of a Member in good standing.

14.2 Our Range maintains a one person with a firearms license to one person without a firearms license ratio. You may bring one guest or family Member without a firearm license when you visit the Range. We encourage you to maintain an even licensed to unlicensed guest/family ratio.

14.3 A guest shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and not be prohibited by law from possessing firearms. If the guest has any court order against them prohibiting the possession of firearms they may NOT even be present anywhere on the Range property.

14.4 A guest that is under eighteen (18) years of age shall be accompanied by their guardian or the Member has a letter of permission from the guardian. In this case only one person may shoot under the supervision of the Member at one time.

14.5 Any individual who is less than twelve (12) years old cannot shoot a restricted firearm under any circumstances but may use air rifles, air pistols, and .22 rim fire rifles.

14.6 Supervision

14.6.1 While on the firing line, each guest shall be closely supervised by the sponsoring Member.

14.6.2 The sponsoring Member shall be fully responsible for the behavior of their guests and their compliance with all Range rules.

14.6.3 The sponsoring Member shall not shoot while their guest is shooting.

14.6.4 An exception to 14.6.3 is a guest who possesses a valid Restricted PAL and is a Member of another affiliate Manitoba Wildlife Federation Handgun Club. They may shoot as a guest provided that they have read the Range Rules and agree to comply with such.



14.7 Competitions where the Swan Valley Handgun Club Inc. sponsors competitions for shoots under IPSC, PPC, IDPA, the competitors shall be considered guests of the Club and may compete without direct Member supervision provided they possess a valid restricted PAL and agree to comply with Club Rules.

15.0 Targets

15.1 Steel targets are for handguns only. No rifles or rim fire. All conditions in the Range Approval Documents must be complied with. Steel targets must be at least 10 meters away from the shooter.

15.2 Other than steel targets, paper and cardboard targets are to be used on the Range. Pop bottles, cans, bricks and other garbage is not to be placed on top of posts, cross members etc... and used as targets. Ballistic Gel and non explosive exploding targets may be used (a pop bottle filled with water and pressurized) but must be set on a stand designed to hold such. All debris must be cleaned up immediately after use.

15.3 Shooting at targets on the ground or berms is not permitted.

15.4 Photographic targets of people (bosses, ex-spouses, political figures) is strictly forbidden.

15.5 Exploding targets (Tannerite) may be used provided they are used in such a manner that no other equipment or structures are damaged and are set on a stand designed for such targets. All safety instructions must be followed. If there is any chance that such targets raise a safety concern on the Range they are not to be used.

15.6 Do Not Shoot at Target Stands.

16.0 Medical Emergencies

16.1 If someone is injured seek medical attention immediately Call 911. The Range location is **NW1/4, 5-37-26W** or **GPS Coordinates 52.155389, - 101.154302.**

16.2 All injuries should be reported to the Executive and/or Range Officials immediately or as soon as possible..

16.3 It is recommended that Members carry a first aid kit in their Range bag or vehicle and have a cell phone on site while shooting.

16.4 It is recommended that no Member shoot alone, but if a Member feels that he or she must shoot and there is no one else around, it is recommended that the Member tell someone where they are going and what time they expect to return. This enables someone to check on the Member should they become overdue.

17.0 Range Officials Any and all concerns or Range issues should be brought to the attention of the Range Officials and/or Executive.

- Dustin Humeniuk (President)-----204 330 6205
- Marty Thomas (Vice President)-----204 734 8310
- Jeff Mosiondz (Treasurer)-----204 281 3277
- Richard Bidzinski (Secretary)-----204 525 4966
- Brenna Mercier (Director at Large)-----204 734 2617
- Jared Parsons (Director at Large)-----204 281 0487

These rules are meant to keep everyone safe, keep our Range in a usable and good state of repair now and in the future, assist in complying with all Government Regulations and requirements, and above all ensure that all Members have an good time practicing the sport that they enjoy. Revision 1 April 22, 2017