

These Rules and Guidelines apply to all range users.

Governance

- 1) The Biathlon Range at the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park and the Ruedi Setz Memorial Range (Mt. Shark, Kananaskis Country) are operated pursuant to the Canadian Firearms Act. Both are certified gun ranges under the Canadian Firearms Act.
- 2) The Biathlon Range at the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park and the Ruedi Setz Memorial Range (Mt. Shark, Kananaskis Country) are within Provincial Park boundaries and, as such, are governed by rules and regulations in the Provincial Parks Act and its regulations and the Kananaskis Country Management Plans.
- 3) The Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park has an established Biathlon Range Advisory Committee. The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park, Alberta Parks Conservation Officers, Biathlon Canada, Biathlon Alberta, local biathlon clubs, Cross Country Canada, and the Chief Firearms Officer for the Province of Alberta.
- 4) These Range Rules and Guidelines shall be enforced by the Range Safety Officers, Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park staff, Alberta Parks Conservation Officers and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).
- 5) Although not required, it is recommended that all clubs using the Biathlon Range at the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park or the Ruedi Setz Memorial Range (Mt. Shark, Kananaskis Country) register as Gun Clubs under the Canadian Firearms Act.

Permitted Range Users

- 6) Ruedi Setz Memorial Range (Mt. Shark) users must have a valid Firearm Discharge Permit in their possession at the range during use. The Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park will prepare the Firearm Discharge Permits, but require two business days to do so. Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park Range users will have a Firearms Discharge Permit prepared annually and filed in the administration office at the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park.
- 7) All range users must have a valid Range Pass (no associated charge) and have signed these Biathlon Range Rules and Guidelines. All range users must be supervised by an approved Range Safety Officer. The use of the range with no pass or no approved Range Safety Officer may result in the loss of privileges and possible charges under federal and provincial legislation. Approved Range Safety Officers may shoot alone on the range, provided all other guidelines are adhered to.
- 8) Pass-holding range users must have the authorization to train under the supervision of the designated approved Range Safety Officer. The range user and the approved Range Safety Officer must be from the same club or the range user must have permission from the approved Range Safety Officer to train with their group.
- 9) Any range user under the age of 18 years must be supervised by an adult. The approved Range Safety Officer supervising users under 18 years will be responsible for ensuring that the range user adheres to all Range Rules and Guidelines.
- 10) Any introductory group must be booked in advance and have an approved Range Safety Officer who is not involved with the coaching or instruction of the range users. This approved Range Safety Officer must sit in the Biathlon Building and communicate on the PA system.

11) Any misuse of the range will result in the loss of privileges and possible charges under federal and provincial legislation.

12) All users must abide by any posted signage and written Rules and Guidelines.

Range Safety Officer

13) An approved Range Safety Officer is responsible for opening and closing the range and for enforcing all safety rules, and must be present when the range is in operation. During biathlon competitions, the Chief of Range, or his/her designate, is the Range Safety Officer. During training periods, one of the people using the range (with the appropriate credentials) must be appointed the approved Range Safety Officer.

14) Only Range Safety Officers who have participated in the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park orientation session will be permitted to act as approved Range Safety Officers at the Ruedi Setz Memorial Range or the Biathlon Range at the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park.

Range Operation

15) The Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park Biathlon Range is open from 0830 to 2100, daily. The Ruedi Setz Memorial Range (Mt. Shark) is open from Dawn until Dusk, daily.

16) All special events, time trials, or non-regular practice sessions must be applied for and permitted as special events via the Event Coordinator at the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park. Special conditions and restrictions may apply. Regular range use must not interfere with public skiing or Park use.

17) The first person on the range, or designated approved Range Safety Officer must fly the appropriate safety flag to indicate the range is in use. The last person on the range or designated approved Range Safety Officer must fly the green flag or stow both flags in their storage areas.

18) Red and green safety flags, under the control of the approved Range Safety Officer, must be used when the range is being operated. The red flag indicates that the range is open for shooting. The green flag indicates that the range is closed to shooting. The green flag must be prominently displayed when it is necessary to step in front of the firing line. All range users must remain behind the firing line when the red flags are up and the range is in use. Regardless of the flag in place it is imperative that all users of the range be safety conscious.

19) When the range is closed, all firearms must be unloaded. When the range is closed during training, users must step well away from any firearms on the firing line.

Firearms, Targets and Ammunition

20) The only targets, firearms and ammunition permitted on the range are as follows:

- a. International Standard .22 in. (5.6 mm) Long Rifle (LR) rim fire ammunition may be used. The bullets must be made of a uniform substance, lead or a similar soft material such as a lead alloy. The muzzle velocity must not exceed 380 m/s, measured 1 m after leaving the muzzle.
- b. The only approved targets are the metal (electronic) targets provided and proper paper zeroing targets are to be used (absolutely no other objects to be used).
- c. No other part of target is to be fired at, for example paddles to cover target spot or orange paddle below target springs and ropes, lane numbers and wood framing, etc.

- d. Air rifles and air rifle targets will also be permitted on the range. Air rifle targets must be provided by the club and must be visually similar to the biathlon targets provided (metal target device and paper zeroing targets).

- 21) Live rounds and or miss-fired shells must be picked up after use of the range and properly disposed of.
- 22) Each individual range user is responsible for the safe handling of his/her firearm, as per the rules and guidelines outlined by the International Biathlon Union (Section 8.5 in the IBU Event and Competition Rules).
- 23) Pursuant to the Canadian Firearms Act, all users must be lawfully entitled to possess the firearm in use. The use of a firearm by any other person must be under the direct and immediate supervision of the person lawfully entitled to possess the firearm. This is particularly important for range users new to the sport and younger athletes. During a competition, the Chief of Range (or any other Biathlon Official) is not responsible for said supervision.
- 24) Firearms and live ammunition may not be left unsupervised at any time. When not in use, unloaded firearms must be placed in a firearm rack with the bolt open. Unsupervised firearms and ammunition will be seized.
- 25) When transporting a firearm at the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park, the firearm must be in a case (hard or soft), unless on the range or competition trail.
- 26) Any unsafe handling of a firearm will not be tolerated. In such a case, the approved Range Safety Officer has the power to immediately suspend range use privileges for the offender. Any suspension must be reported as soon as possible to the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park Administration Office by the approved Range Safety Officer for further action which may include provincial or federal charges.

Maintenance

- 27) When assigned a shooting lane and target, it is the range user's responsibility to leave both the firing lane and target area clean and free of all garbage, including paper targets. If an assigned lane or target area is found to be dirty, report the condition immediately to the Administration Office at the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park Day Lodge. The club or group assigned to that lane will be liable for damages or clean-up.
- 28) Painting of targets and setting and removal of paper must be done for each practice (daily). Painting of targets and resetting of paper can only be done at designated times, as per the range schedule.
- 29) All garbage must be removed and deposited in the animal proof containers provided. Mats, ropes, shovels, racks, flags and other equipment shall be restored in proper place.
- 30) Any damage or problems with the range or range equipment must be reported immediately to the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park Administration Office

Range Scheduling

- 31) User groups will be assigned lanes for practice monthly and be regularly rotated.

32) The Range Advisory Committee will be notified of any impending range closures for special events, maintenance, or clean-up. Notices will also be posted with the month range booking schedule. No range use will be permitted during these times.

General

33) Smoking on firing ramp is not allowed. Persons under the influence or in the possession of alcohol or drugs are not permitted in the range area. No foul language or arguing in range area allowed. Cooperation among user groups is expected.

34) Dogs are NOT permitted in the range area at any time.

Acceptance

I hereby agree to carry out my activities in accordance with the Rules and Guidelines outlined above and those contained in the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park Facilities Guide. I further agree to comply with all applicable federal and provincial statutes and regulations and to comply with any instructions given by the Parks staff??.

I acknowledge that failure to comply with the Rules and Guidelines and federal and provincial laws may result in cancellation of Range Pass and immediate suspension of all activity.

I agree to repair, replace or reclaim, to the satisfaction of Parks staff, any and all damages that might result from my activities within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Parks staff, after completion of the activity/event.