

# Sayward and District Fish and Game Association

## Range Operating Policy.

**All range users and range officers MUST read this Range Operating Policy.**

### **Member Etiquette.**

1. All members and non-members of the Sayward and District Fish and Game Association (SFAGA) must adhere to the range rules set out in this Range Operating Policy.
2. Members are responsible for acceptable, considerate and non-abusive behavior from themselves, their family and guests at all times while on SFAGA property. Abuse of the rules may result in the loss of range privileges and/or membership.

### **Sign in.**

1. During general range use, everyone must sign in with the date, their initials and either their BCWF number or membership card number.
2. Guests using restricted or prohibited firearms must supply their name, address, phone number and PAL number to the Range Manager.

### **Member Access to Range.**

1. When at the range members must have their membership card with them at all times. Anyone found using the property without proof of membership will be required to leave.
2. Range access is via a locked gate. The combination for the lock is changed annually.
3. Please do not tell non-members the combination for the gate lock.
4. Camping at the range is permitted only with the express permission of the Range Manager and Association President.

### **Non-Member Access to Range.**

1. Members may bring guests. Guest privileges are limited to 4 visits per year.
2. Members may bring family members who are under the age of 18 with no limitation on the number of range visits.
3. Guests must be under the supervision of a member at all times.
4. The range may be used by outside organizations for training or competitions etc if agreed by the Association President and Range Manager.

### **Hours of operation.**

1. Shooting is permitted between sunrise and sunset 7 days a week.

### **Accidents.**

1. Accidents must be reported to the SFAGA President or Range Manager as soon as possible.
2. In case of accident the nearest telephone is located at the Sayward Junction Gas Station. Appropriate help should be summoned if there is an accident or emergency. Call 911 for Ambulance or Fire Department. Please refer to any accident as a "training accident".

## General.

1. On arrival please change the range status sign to "Caution – Range in use". The last person to leave will change the sign back to "Range Closed".
2. Absolutely no consumption of alcohol or cannabis while shooting on the range. Anyone that is , or appears to be impaired for any reason while using the range will be required to leave, and their range privileges and/or membership may be revoked.
3. Absolutely no use of illegal drugs on SFAGA property.
4. Officers of the Association may require members to provide proof of identity to ensure correct ownership of the membership card. Membership cards displayed by someone other than the owner are subject to seizure.
5. Please drive carefully at the range for the safety of other range users.
6. All pets must be kept under control at all times. Please clean up after your pet.
7. Abuse of the property, facilities and range equipment is not permitted. Interfering with range cameras is expressly prohibited.
8. Dumping of general garbage is not permitted. Food waste should not be placed in the garbage containers as it attracts wild animals.
9. Garbage and recycling containers are only for items generated as a result of using the range. Members are encouraged to take their garbage and recyclables home with them.
10. The range is to be left as clean as , or cleaner than you found it.
11. A water barrel is located outside the building for fire suppression.
12. All range use is "At your own risk".

## Range Rules.

1. The general range rules are for the purpose of general shooting at the range when no sanctioned event is taking place. Range rules are posted inside the building. If an official competition, match or practice is held and the range is closed to general use, the official match rules apply and the Match Director assumes the responsibility of Range Safety Officer (RSO) for the event.

## Safety.

1. No person may use the range without first familiarizing themselves with the posted safety rules.
2. Members are responsible for ensuring their guests have been informed of the range safety rules before they start shooting.
3. **Safety is everyone's responsibility!** If you see someone not following the safety rules please remind them of the correct procedure to be followed. If you encounter resistance do not press the matter. Please report the incident to the Association President or Range Manager.
4. Hearing and eye protection are mandatory for all shooters and non shooters when the range is active.
5. You must be holster trained to use a holster at the range.
6. **Acting Range Safety Officer.** The first member to arrive at the range will assume the responsibility of acting Range Safety Officer (RSO) , or if mutually agreed , the most experienced member may assume this task. The position of acting RSO is to monitor safety procedures and ceasefires .
7. Members are obliged to co-operate with and follow the instructions of the RSO.
8. Weather considerations: If the targets are obscured by fog or smoke as determined by the RSO , a ceasefire will be called.
9. Anyone may call an emergency ceasefire at any time for safety reasons.

## **Range Operation.**

1. Range Safety Flag system:

**Red Firing Line Flag.** Range is active. Shooting is permitted. When shooting on the range the red flag on the side of the building will be up. The first shooter to arrive at the range must put the red flag up before shooting commences and the last shooter must take the flag down when shooting has finished.

**Green Firing Line Flag.** Range is inactive. Shooting is not permitted. No manipulation or touching of any firearm. Shooters may go downrange.

2. Firearms must be carried unloaded, actions open, detachable magazines removed and muzzle pointing up.
3. Uncasing and casing of firearms is only permitted at the designated firing line when the range is active.
4. When not in use all uncased firearms must be unloaded, actions open, detachable magazines removed and long guns placed in racks muzzle up. Handguns will be left in their case unloaded, magazine removed when not in use. Shooters who are holster trained may place the handgun in a holster unloaded, magazine removed and hammer down. Only then may people go forward of the firing line.
5. Loading and unloading is only permitted at the designated firing line when the range is active.
6. Shooting is only permitted from the designated firing line, multiple shooters firing from a staggered firing line is prohibited. No manipulation of firearms behind the firing line.
7. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times. Muzzle direction of a firearm on the firing line (whether loaded or unloaded) must be pointing downrange. Pistol shooters who are holster trained may use accepted safe procedures for loading, unloading, holstering and un-holstering.
8. Ceasefires are called to allow shooters to safely go down range to set up and change their targets. The timing of each ceasefire should be mutually decided between the shooters present.
9. When a ceasefire is called all firearms must be unloaded, magazines removed and actions opened. The RSO will check that all firearms are safely cleared. Long guns will be placed in the rack and handguns will be cased or holstered. No handling of firearms during ceasefire.
10. Only paper/cardboard targets, clay targets or approved steel targets may be used on the range.
11. Centrefire rifle steel targets will be minimum AR500 hardness and placed no closer than 100 yards. Pistol/PCC and .22 rifle steel targets will be minimum AR400 hardness and placed no closer than 11 yards.
12. Members using muzzle brakes are asked to show consideration for other range users.
13. Uncontrolled or unsighted fire is not permitted.
14. Shoot only at targets in front of you. Crossfiring is prohibited.
15. All shots must be directed at a backstop. Groundstrikes are expressly prohibited. All shots fired must be contained within the range.
16. Shooting at target frames, range equipment or targets on the ground is prohibited.
17. All pyrotechnic, explosive or glass targets are prohibited.
18. Children under 18 must be under adult supervision at all times.
19. When you have finished shooting please clean up. Pick up spent casings and unfired ammunition – you may keep your own brass, otherwise brass casings go in the brass bucket. Steel, aluminum casings and shotgun hulls go in the garbage container. Take unfired ammunition home or place dud rounds in the container provided.
20. Clean up targets and the debris from targets. Leave the range cleaner than you found it.

## **Range Description.**

Range location:

The range is located at GPS position 50.3108, -126.0482  
DL 461/462 Rupert District, Vancouver Island

The range entrance can be found on the Upper Adam 106,  
off the Upper Adam main , which comes off Highway 19 west of Keta Lake.

Mailing Address:

PO Box 154  
Sayward, BC  
V0P 1R0

300 Yard Rifle, Handgun and Shotgun range

Backstops at 25 metres and 50,100,200 and 300 yards.

5 Firing Positions

Approved firearms: Rifles, Handguns and Shotguns

Maximum Approved Rifle Cartridge: .338 Lapua Magnum Template.

Maximum Approved Handgun Cartridge: . 357 S&W Magnum Template.

Approved Targets: Paper/Cardboard ,AR400/500 steel and clay targets.

Prohibited targets: Pyrotechnic,explosive targets, glass bottles etc.

Approved Ammunition: FMJ, JHP, SP, Solid Copper, Lead, Coated lead and Plated lead.

Prohibited Ammunition: Incendiary, explosive, tracer, steel jacketed, armour piercing or other prohibited ammunition.

## **Nearest Hospital.**

Campbell River and District Hospital

375 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Campbell River, BC

Phone: 250 286 7100

Ambulance , Fire Dept , RCMP

Phone 911

BC Wildfire Service

Phone 1 800 663 5555

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