



FAQ – 2020

Membership

Q. Does Rifles & Reels prorate membership fees?

A. Yes and no. Our membership year runs from January to December. Renewing members do not qualify for prorating. If a new member joins in November, they will pay \$15 for that month + \$15 for December + the full fee for the next calendar year.

Q. I went to the member's only section on the website, but its password protected, how do I get in?

A. The password is the gate code for the current year.

Q. When does the gate code change from year to year?

A. February 1st

Q. I have a PDF copy of my membership renewal from a previous year, can I just change the date and resubmit it?

A. No, the club is no longer accepting paper/PDF applications/renewals. Each applying or renewing member must complete the form on the website. www.riflesandreels.ca/membership

Q. How do I find the dates for events/meetings at the club?

A. Event and meeting dates are shared by email. They can also be found on the website. www.riflesandreels.ca/calendar

Q. I would like to help out at the club or I have some ideas I'd like to share, who do I get in touch with?

A. You have a few options. You can contact any member of the Executive directly, attend a general meeting or contact the club through the website/Facebook.

Q. I am not receiving emails from the club, what do I do?

A. Visit the website www.riflesandreels.ca/members-only and signup for emails in the member's only section. Alternatively, you can also send an email to rifles.reels@gmail.com . This email address stays with the Secretary position from year to year. If you have signed up and still aren't receiving emails, check your spam/junk folder.

Q. Can I bring a guest with me to the range once I am a member?

A. Yes, you may bring up to 3 guests at one time, but they are your responsibility and members have priority over all guests. Each guest must pay \$5 and fill out the guest form every time they visit the range. Guests must also wear a guest ID badge which can be found next to the guest fee drop box. First year members are **NOT** permitted to bring a guest.

While at the Range

Q. What are the range numbers?

A.

1. Trap Range
 2. Action Range
 3. 25/50/100 Yard Range
 4. 200 Yard Range
- *Archery Range (not an official firearms range so it does not have a number)

Q. Can I walk around the property with my pistol in a holster?

A. No, holstered pistols are only allowed on range #2.

Q. One of the garbage cans is full, what do I do?

A. Remove the full bag and place in the dumpster. There will either be a new bag at the bottom of the can, or a fresh one can be found near the sign in book.

Q. I am cold and there is no firewood in the shooting shack, what do I do?

A. Remove the piece of plexiglass from the wood chute and send some wood down to the shack. Wood can be stacked underneath the table directly below the chute. You are now ready to start a fire.

Q. There is something broken on the range, what do I do?

A. Fix it yourself or you can inform any member of the Executive. Their contact info is on the website in the member's only section or send an email to rifles.reels@gmail.com.

Q. Is it okay to shoot shot at paper target stands with my shotgun?

A. The only shotgun ammunition allowed on paper targets are slugs. Shot tends to destroy the target holders.

Q. It is perfectly legal for me to have an unboxed non-restricted firearm in my vehicle. Do I need to have it boxed or covered when entering the range?

A. Yes, you must have your firearms covered on all 6 sides when entering the range. Boxes/gun socks are the most appropriate ways to cover your firearms.

Q. How do I hang paper targets on the action range?

A. Place 2 – 1x2s in the mobile targets stands and staple a piece of cardboard between them. Now, if you want, you can staple a paper target to the cardboard or just shoot the cardboard. Please put the target stands back in the storage area once you are finished.

Q. What type of ammunition is allowed on each range?

A. Please read the rules that are posted on each range or you can ask a member of the Executive.

Q. I have steel targets of my own, may I use them at the range?

A. Yes, provided that they are AR500 and placed in one of the bunkers on Ranges #3/4 or shrouded if used on Range #2. See rules for Range #2 for details regarding shrouding.

Q. I have a pistol with a holster, but I have not received the club level holster training, can I still use the holster for storage only?

A. No.

Q. I have my Black Badge training from IPSC Ontario, is this an equivalent to the club level holster training?

A. Yes, if you have your Black Badge, the club level course is not required. Simply contact the chairperson for training at the club and provide your Black Badge number.

Q. I would like to use the Action Range (#2) but there are some action shooters practicing for a match, where can I shoot?

A. If you are holster certified you can ask if you can join them. If you are not holster certified, you can still use ranges #3/4. The Action Range is for action shooters thus they are given priority. Static shooting is to be done on ranges #3/4 unless the Action Range is empty.

Q. I have seen members shooting steel on the Action Range, how do I gain access?

A. Take the holster certification course and then shoot a few matches with the action shooters. Once you have learned how to properly setup and shoot the steel targets you will be given access to the seacan.

Q. There is a lot of snow on some of the paths around the property, how do I get through it?

A. Shovel it.

Q. I have come across a mess on the range or I have created one myself, what do I do?

A. Clean it up. Do not leave a mess for someone else to clean up.

Q. I have found someone's gear or ammo on the range, what do I do?

A. The best thing to do is nothing. Chances are that the person that left it behind will be back for it. If it needs to be moved, put it somewhere out of the weather where that person can find it. If it's something that you feel shouldn't be left at the range, contact rifles.reels@gmail.com.

Q. I have lost an item and cannot find it, what do I do?

A. Post a note near the sign in book describing the item with your contact info. You can also send an email to rifles.reels@gmail.com to see if anyone has turned it in.

Q. I am all done shooting for the day and I have a bunch of shot up cardboard, where do I put it?

A. There is a green garbage bin in the parking lot, please put your cardboard in there.

Q. What do the different coloured stickers on our membership badges mean?



Safety

Q. I have seen someone doing something unsafe or destroying club property, what should I do?

A. If someone is being unsafe, your first course of action should be to address it with that person immediately. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Your second course of action should be to inform a member of the Executive. Incident report sheets can be found next to the sign in book. Be helpful, not confrontational.

Q. Where should my muzzle be pointed (LOADED firearm)?

A. Downrange

If your muzzle is pointed in any other direction, you are handling your firearm in an unsafe manner.

Q. Where should my muzzle be pointed (UNLOADED firearm)?

A.

1. Downrange
2. Vertical, pointed at the sky (high carry)
3. At a berm while at/on the safety table

If your muzzle is pointed in any direction other than the 3 listed above, you are handling your firearm in an unsafe manner.

Q. Where can I unbox/keep unboxed (unloaded) long guns on the range?

A. The only acceptable places to unbox/store unboxed (unloaded) long guns are:

1. On the firing line with the muzzle pointing downrange
2. On a table labeled "Safe Area" or "Safety Table" with the muzzle pointed toward the berm behind the table
3. In a **rifle rack** with the muzzle pointed up

For each of the scenarios listed, the long guns shall be unloaded, magazine out, action open with an ECI in place. Please note that benches behind the firing line on the main range (Ranges #3 and #4) and picnic tables or other table behind the firing line on Range #2 are **NOT** safe areas.

Q. Where can I unbox/keep unboxed pistols (unloaded) on the range?

A. The only acceptable places to unbox/store unboxed (unloaded) pistols are:

1. On the firing line with the muzzle pointing downrange
2. On a table labeled "Safe Area" or "Safety Table" with the muzzle pointed towards the berm behind the table
3. In a **holster** (holster certification through the club required)

For scenario #1 & #2, the pistols shall be unloaded, magazine out, action open with an ECI in place. Please note that benches behind the firing line on the main range (Ranges #3 and #4) and picnic tables or other table behind the firing line on Range #2 are **NOT** safe areas.

Q. What is an ECI and why do I need to use it?

A. An ECI (empty chamber indicator) is a device that members shall insert into the chamber of the firearms when they are unboxed and not in use. They are available at most retailers or can be fashioned from trimmer line which the club continually provides for the membership. Their purpose is to clearly demonstrate that the chamber of a firearms is indeed empty.

Q. I am not sure how to operate one of my firearms, can I ask someone for help?

A. Absolutely. You can contact any member of the Executive to ask for help.

Q. How far away do I need to be from steel to shoot it?

A. 10 meters for pistol and 50 meters for rifle

Q. I have multiple firearms in my gun case, but the muzzles are all pointed in different directions, how do I unbox them?

A. All your muzzles should be pointed in the same direction. If you open your case and a muzzle of one of your firearms is pointing anywhere except downrange, you are handling your firearms in an unsafe manner.