



## CNSC Biathlon Range Safety Rules

**All Users Must Adhere To The Following Rules.**

**Failure to do so may result in being asked to leave the Biathlon Area**

- 1) Individual Athletes are responsible for the safe handling of their rifles.
  - a. Muzzles of firearms must be pointed in a safe direction at all times
  - b. Firearms are to be unloaded with actions open until ready for use
  - c. Keep fingers off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to fire
- 2) No person may go past the firing line when the Red Flag is displayed or the Red Light is on.
- 3) Only air rifles or 0.22 caliber rifles using standard or target rim fire lead ammunition (maximum velocity 360 m/sec, 1181 fps) may be fired on this range. High velocity ammunition is **NOT** permitted. Air rifles are considered to be firearms, as per the Criminal Code of Canada definition, unless demonstrated otherwise.
- 4) Only persons who meet the requirements of the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club (CNSC) Biathlon Range Policy may shoot on this range. Persons who are not a CNSC Biathlon program member or participant in a sanctioned event must obtain permission to use the range from the club office.
- 5) A designated Range Safety Officer (RSO) must be present at all times when the range is open for shooting and is responsible for opening and closing the range. The RSO is also responsible for the implementation of all Club, local, provincial and federal firearms safety rules or regulations and has the authority to require people to leave the range area. RSO's must be qualified as required by CNSC Biathlon Range Policy.
- 6) At all times when firearms are present, safety flags or lights must be displayed at both ends of the range. Red and green safety flags or lights are used under the direction of the RSO when the range is in operation. Flags are required during daylight, lights are required at night.
  - a. When the Red Flag is displayed or the Red Light is on, the entire range is open for shooting and no person may go past the firing line, for any reason.
  - b. When the Green Flag is displayed or the Green Light is on, the entire range is closed to shooting and it is permissible to go past the firing line.
- 7) A verbal command of **Cease Fire** may be given by any person on the range. Upon this command all shooting must stop, ammunition and magazines must be removed from rifles and rifles removed from the firing line.



- 8) Each individual is responsible for the safe handling of his or her rifle. When transporting an uncased rifle on the range, the muzzle must be pointed straight up.
- 9) Rifles may only be brought to the firing line when the range is open for shooting (Red Flag is displayed or Red Light is on) and must be removed before the range is closed to shooting (Green Flag is displayed or Green Light is on).
- 10) Rifles may only be loaded when the rifle is pointed down range with the muzzle over the firing line. Inserting a magazine into the well is considered loading. At no other time may live ammunition be in a rifle chamber or in a magazine loaded into the well.
- 11) Rifles may be only discharged when aimed at a metal target or lead catcher and with the muzzle over the firing line. Shooting at paddles, target setting indicators, signs or any other part of the target structure is not permitted.
- 12) The bolt must be opened and the magazine removed from the well before removing the rifle from the firing line, except biathletes required to carry a rifle in competition may leave a spent shell in the chamber and empty magazine in the well, but only while carrying the rifle on their back after leaving the firing line.
- 13) Rifles on rifle racks must have the bolt open and magazine removed, except Senior Boy/Girl biathletes may leave their rifle, **on a specifically designated rack**, with the bolt open and an empty magazine in the well. The rifle may be carried to and placed on another designated rack without removing the magazine, but the magazine must be removed before the rifle is placed on any other rack.
- 14) Rifles may not be left unattended at any time on CNSC property unless securely locked out of sight and in compliance with club policy and all firearms regulations. Firearms may not be stored on site for extended periods or overnight.