

Rifle Shooting Safety Course

General Information

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The following information is provided to you as part of the **Crumlin Sportsmen's Association** commitment to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience at the Club for all members and guests. This information will also provide you with essential safety rules and give you some practical tips and suggestions to enhance your rifle shooting skills.

As a member, you are required to obey all safety rules. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or revocation of your membership privileges.

It is the member's responsibility to be aware of current laws on firearms, including but not limited to which firearm can be taken to an approved range, magazine capacity, storage, and transport requirements. Crumlin and Range Officers are not providing any updates on current legislation and are not responsible for your misinformation.

FIREARMS SAFETY

SAFETY IS #1 PRIORITY ON RANGE ----- IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

ACTS

Assume every firearm is loaded.

Control the muzzle direction at all times.

Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.

See that the firearm is unloaded -

PROVE it safe.

PROVE

Point the firearm in the safest available direction.

Remove all cartridges.

Observe the chamber.

Verify the feeding path.

Examine the bore.

Impairment Policy



Members who suspect someone of being impaired or incapable of being safe should take appropriate action such as approach and discuss the situation.

Guest policy

Guests are welcome at Crumlin Sportsmen's Association. Guests may use the facilities only when accompanied by a club member. Club members are responsible for actions of their guest. Guests are permitted 4 visits lifetime. All members and guests must follow all federal, provincial and club rules and regulations.

Club members are limited to the number of guests they can invite (at any one time) based on how long they have been a member at Crumlin.

- New member, for less than 6 months - No Guests.
- New member, 6 months to 1 year - 1 Guest.
- Member for more than 1 year - 2 guests
- Only one person in the group shooting at one time.
 - The member must be in control of the guest shooting.
- **Guests must sign in the book with the release form.**

Range #4 50/100/200-yard range

- Fixed firing line
- Any legal rifle caliber
- No handguns
- Sitting at bench only
 - On occasion, when an approved Range Officer is running an event
 - Prone from concrete in front of the benches
 - Sometimes from grass with various rests

Range #5A 25/50 yards

- Shooting from the bench only
 - Sitting or standing at bench only [**Rifle & Handgun**]
- Any legal caliber
 - Larger caliber is permitted for sighting in purposes only.

Range #5B 15/20 yards

- Shooting from the bench only
 - Sitting or standing at bench only
- 22 rimfire, or Pistol Caliber Carbine in 9mm, 40 S&W or 45 ACP are the only permitted rifle ammo. **No other calibers.**

Range #6

- Shooting from the bench or behind the yellow firing line only
 - Sitting or standing or prone
- Any legal caliber

When you are done shooting

- **Clean up your brass and remove used targets.**
- **Close range if last shooter. Sign on range, Flag**

Only shoot on a range that is open or is opened by you.

An Open Range means RED flag up and range sign to OPEN.

Safe Firearm Handling Rules

- **ALWAYS keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.**
- **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.**
- **ALWAYS keep your firearm unloaded until ready to use.**
- **ALWAYS wear eye and ear protection when live fire is taking place — shooters, guests, and spectators.**
- **Be aware of hot brass ejection.**
- **Be aware of muzzle brakes—Yours and others.**

Range Commands

- **“Commence Firing” or “Range is Active” or “Range is Hot”**
- **“Cease Firing”**

Never hand a rifle to someone nor take one that is handed to you.

Always place the rifle on the bench or Safe Table so the person can pick up.

Boxing and unboxing of Firearms.

On any range the only safe direction is downrange provided nobody is downrange.

All firearms

- **are to come to the range in a box or case or container.**
- **must be in a container where the muzzle orientation is known.**
- **can only be opened on the firing line bench or approved safe area that may be established by a Range Officer.**

→The case must be opened with muzzle pointing downrange.

→Do not place un-boxed firearms horizontally on the rear shelf.

If using vertical rear racks, verify unloaded on the bench, insert chamber flag, raise muzzle to vertical, carry vertical to the rack. Reverse to put on bench.



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Checklist

The items below are essential for a safe and enjoyable visit to the range.

#1: Does your rifle have sights? Scope? Red Dot?

Home Prep – ensure you have these items before you leave home to shoot.

Pack Items

Firearms License (PAL/RPAL)	Rifle	Rifle Rest
Eye Protection	Ammo for Rifle	Rifle Case
Hearing Protection	Magazines	Snack/Water
Targets	Chamber Flag	Crumlin Member Card
	Stapler	Spare Red Dot battery

- **Rifle must be in a case, muzzle direction known, unloaded, magazine out and no loaded magazines.**
- Trigger locks and locked case are highly recommended.

Transport

- Case out of sight in vehicle

Range Arrival

- If range closed, open range, range sign, flag up.
- If open, assess if you can enter and approach the bench.
 - Wear eye and ear protection prior to entering the range.
 - Stay behind **RED Line** until Range Officer allows access.
 - If people down range, stay behind RED line.
 - Ask Range Officer if you can post a target. Have target & stapler readably available.
 - Do not put your firearm or ammo on the bench until Range Officer gives you the OK
- Determine who is the Range Safety Officer (maybe yourself)

At the Bench

- Open case at the bench only, **muzzle must be pointed downrange.**
 - Open Action and insert Chamber Flag
- Place ammo and magazine on bench
- Place shooting rest on bench if using one.

Going Downrange

- A Cease Fire has been called, and
- Only when safe to do so, when all firearms are:
 - Open action, unloaded, no mags in firearm, no loaded mags on the bench, chamber flag
- Follow Range Safety Officer's instructions.
- On Range #4: Flip down **"Person downrange sign"**. **Use Yellow Flag at 100 yards targets post if going to 200 yards.**
- **No firearm to be handled when people down range—bench or vertical racks.**

Posting Targets

- Post target in center of the provided board
- All shots must end up in the back backstop or intermediate backstop.
- Never place a target directly on the ground – **no ground shots or strikes!**
- Targets must be placed directly aligned with your shooting position – no cross shooting!

Load and Shoot

- When Range Safety Officer declares Range Active
- If a new rifle, sights, scope, red dot, refer to **Setting up a New Rifle**

CEASE FIRE

- At anytime, any shooter or the RSO may call a Cease Fire if an unsafe condition occurs either on the range or in the shooting area.
- **Stop Shooting, unload, chamber flag, step back of RED Line—Await instructions.**

Steel Gongs

Crumlin has installed AR500 steel gongs in bunkers on Range #4 at 100 and 200 yards located in line with station #1.

- The gong at 100 yards can be shot from station #1 only.
- The gong at 200 yards can be shot from station #1 only.

Do not use steel core ammunition to shoot at steel gongs.

Personal target boards, spinners, ground targets

- Personal wood/cardboard targets must be used such that the bullet passed through the target and enter directly into a backstop. Typically used on ranges #5A & #6
- **Spinners (steel or plastic) and ground targets are not permitted.**

Do not shoot at bottles or cans, posts, rails, trees, or any other objects.

Inspect the backstop when posting your target and remove any rocks or debris that may cause a ricochet.

**Shotguns are not rifles. Whether shot or slugs.
Not to be used on any club provided board.
No exceptions.**