

INTRODUCTION

The Ponoka Fish and Game Association, as one of its initiatives, has developed a facility at S/W-12-044-26-W4M for recreational use of firearms and archery. The property is accessed by exiting Highway 2 in a westerly direction on the Menaik Road (Township Rd. 442), then south one mile on Range Road 261.

The Ponoka Fish and Game Association have been approved as a Shooting Club by the Chief Firearms Officer of Alberta. The Club must abide by the Shooting Clubs and Shooting Ranges Regulations under the Firearms Act. The Ponoka Fish and Game Association has received approval for the Rifle and Handgun Range with specific conditions and restrictions. In addition, both Trap Ranges have been approved with specific conditions and restrictions. With respect to the Rifle and Handgun Range, only paper targets mounted on the provided wood framed holders are to be used. Metal, glass or other hard targets are prohibited. This range is approved for RCMP Template.

Groups:

- 338 Lapua Magnum
- 308 Winchester
- 223 Remington
- 357 Smith & Wesson Magnum
- 9mm Parabellum
- 22 long rifle HV.

Calibers within these Template Groups are listed on the Ponoka Fish and Game Association website.

The 50 caliber Browning is NOT permitted on the range.

With respect to the Trap Ranges, the use is for trap shooting only with shot sizes from 7 1/2 to 9. These ranges are not approved for rifles or handguns.

Note: Any changes during the membership year of Firearms License conditions, such as name, address, phone number, are to be reported immediately to the Ponoka Fish and Game Association.

Club Range Rules

All members and guests must sign in at the main gate and state reason for visit.

Post all signs and flags, close gates as required.

No shooting is permitted when club house grounds are rented.

Ranges are closed to general membership during club functions.

Hours of shooting are 8 AM to Dusk, or no later than 10 PM.

Schedule for organized shooting times after 5 PM.

Monday - Pistol

Tuesday – Trap (April to August)

Wednesday – Archery (March to August)

Thursday – Rifle

Sunday – Trap (September and October 1-5PM)

If no organized shooting is taking place the other ranges maybe opened and used by the membership. (Only one range can be active at a time)

Shotgun use on the rifle/pistol range is not allowed unless written permission is given by 2 Ponoka Fish and Game Executive. The permission slip is to be carried on your person while shooting shotgun on the range.

Check for range flags or no shooting signs.

One member may bring one guest. You as a member are responsible for your guest.

Children must be under direct supervision of their parent or guardian.

If there are 2 or more people on a range someone must assume responsibility of range officer. Unloaded firearms not in use are to be placed in the rack or kept in a case. They should be moved with the muzzle up or cased at the firing line.

Confirm muzzle direction is always down range.

Ensure that shooters keep their fingers out of the trigger guard until the shooter is in position to fire.

Ensure that shooters are not shooting at target holders or other range equipment e.g. distance marking stakes.

The use of eye protection is encouraged but is not mandatory.

The use of hearing protection is mandatory. (Excluding archery)

When handling or uncasing firearms, treat every firearm as a loaded firearm until you have “**PROVE**” it safe.

Range Officer Duties.

Safe Procedures at the range.

Club Rules establish the organization, responsibilities, rules and procedures to safely conduct recreational and sporting use of archery and firearms at the club, and to coordinate these activities with club use. Administration and control of the club ranges is as follows:

Range Officer-an individual who assume responsibility of the range.

When conducting the duties a Range Officer will use the following as a safety checklist and job description:

Make sure the range is clear of hazards.

That the action of any firearm must be open at all times except when actually being shot on the range.

Ensure that firearms are handled only at the firing line.

That no firearm is to be loaded until the range officer gives the command "*The Range Is Active*".

Upon the command "*Cease Fire*," all firing stops at once, firearms are unloaded, actions are opened and firearms laid on the shooting bench, muzzle pointing in a safe direction down range. Check firearms and confirm actions open, and no ammunition in breach. Magazines are removed, if possible, from the firearms.

During the cease-fire, no one will handle firearms, ammunition or equipment. Persons not engaged in changing targets down range should stand well behind the cease fire line. A range Officer may ask someone to leave club property for violation of the Club Range Rules. If that person refuses to leave, the Range Officer may request the RCMP to remove this person from the club property. The Range Officer must report this situation immediately to the Range Chair (see website for contact ponokafishandgame.ca)

Range Commands

The basic range commands are as follows:

Cease-fire

MEANING: Unload your firearms, put them down on the bench and step back behind the firing line

The line is clear.

MEANING: You may now go forward and check your target. No firearm handling is allowed.

The range is active.

MEANING: Load and fire upon your own time, be sure to reinstall your hearing protection. Only the acting Range Officer is to issue range commands. This eliminates any confusion and maintains control on the range. In case of an emergency anyone can yell "Cease-fire".

PROVE your firearms safe means:

P – Point your firearm in a safe direction.

R – Remove all ammunition.

O - Observe the chamber.

V – Verify the feed path for ammunition, including the magazine.

E – Examine the bore for obstructions.

When you unload your firearm, you can just “**PROVE**” it safe

In case of an accident call 911 club address is: S/W-12-044-26-W4M

Our range is 100 yards!

If you see a violation of any procedures or rules, please email the President or contact any executive members to report the infraction.

Procedure for Range Use

To be followed each time you are on the range

Unlock gate #1. To enter the grounds

All members and guests must sign in and raise flag.

Close gate #1 and lock.

Close gate #2 and hang appropriate signage.

If shooting trap raise trap flag.

In all other cases raise the flag at gate #3.

When firearms range is active red flag is to be raised on the tin building.

When member leaves, sign out and close gates.

When last member leaves lower all flags, leave gate #2 open and remove signage.

Sign out and lock gate #1.

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES WILL MOVE THE EXECUTIVE TO
REVOKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP**