

Range Safety

CRGC Multi-Gun Section

For the exclusive use of the Campbell River Gun Club / Multi-Gun Section Members



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Range Safety

- These are the rules for the CRGC Multi-Gun Section.
- Other ranges may have additional rules that **MUST** be followed to participate in any practices or competitions. Check with the local range for details.
- Any rule not explicitly covered by this document will be resolved with a ruling by the Range Officer(s). Rulings by the Range Officer(s) will be final and serve as a precedent for the duration of the practice. The rule/action in questions will be reviewed and added to this document if deemed necessary.
- Any member that performs unsafe firearms handling will be asked to step away from the firing line or course of fire for the rest of the current practice. They may return to the next practice session.
- Any member that demonstrates consistent unsafe firearms handling may be removed from the section.
- The Multi-Gun Section reserves the right to deny access to the range or remove a member or non-member at anytime. Using the Multi-Gun Section resources and practicing Multi-Gun on the CRGC ranges is a privilege not a right.

Designated Safe Areas

- When needed - there will be designated Safe Firearms Handling Areas at each practice.
- Check in with the Range Officer on where to setup before bringing your firearms into the practice area.
- Unloaded firearms may be handled and/or displayed in designated areas only.
- Ammunition and loaded firearms must not be handled in any Safe Area.

Transporting a Firearm (walking from the car, between stages, to or from the Safe Area)

- Firearms should be in the case whenever possible for transportation.
- If hand carried or slung, the muzzle must be pointed straight up. Do not point the muzzle down at the ground to transport a firearm.
- Rifles & Shotguns must be transported with actions open and unloaded or with a chamber safety flag whenever possible.
- Handgun movement (without a holster) is done holding the Handgun in one hand raised above shoulder level - while the muzzle is pointed straight up. Slide is open.
- Only qualified members can use a Holster.

Transporting a Firearm (in a vehicle/during CRGC range use)

- Members must have the following information ready for inspection at anytime
 - An active Campbell River Gun Club Membership
 - Their current PAL
 - Any required Firearm Registration Certificates
 - Any required Authorization to Transport permits

Range Commands

On the range – commands are commands! They are not suggestions. They are words that demand a specific course of action. Get to know and understand the following commands and check with your RO onsite if you are not clear on the meaning or required action to any of the commands.

EARS AND EYES / RANGE IS HOT / RANGE IS LIVE

Ears and Eyes is a simple check to make sure your hearing and eye protection are in place before the Range Goes Hot

When firearms or ammunition are about to be moved into the Live Fire Area, the RO will let everyone know the “RANGE IS HOT/LIVE”. This means everyone should have his or her ears and eye protection on and everyone not involved in shooting should be in the appropriate area and the shooters are starting to get ready to fire.

RANGE IS CLEAR

When the course of fire is finished and all firearms are cleared and stored the Range Officer will say the “RANGE IS CLEAR”. This means people may go down range to check targets, pick up ammunition and generally move around the range.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE COURSE OF FIRE

The RO may take the time to remind the shooter(s) what the course of fire is or ask you if you know what it is. If you know and are ready respond with “YES”. If you have questions or are unsure about something – now is the time to speak up.

LOAD AND MAKE READY

When this command is given you are clear to load your firearm and place it in the ready position, as defined by the RO for the course of fire, with the safety on.

SHOOTER READY? or ARE YOU READY?

If you are ready you do not need to respond. If you are not ready say “NO” – and explain to the RO what your issue is.

STAND BY

You should be in the ready position, the firearm is now loaded, and on safe. A short delay will take place as the RO double checks everyone is ready.

BEEP or UP

Usually the command “Stand-By” will be followed by a timer beep that signals you may begin the course of fire. The RO may also decide to use the word “UP”. “UP” also means you are clear to engage the targets.

Range Commands

IF FINISHED UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR

This command can actually be given any time. If the RO wants to make a range safe, one of the first things they will ask you to do is to “UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR”. When this command is given you will PROVE your firearm is safe to the RO. If you are unsure on how to PROVE the firearm you are using please talk to the RO before you start the course of fire.

IF CLEAR HAMMER DOWN

If the RO agrees your firearm is clear then they will say “IF CLEAR HAMMER DOWN”. At that time you release the slide or action, point it down range and “Dry Fire” the firearm as a redundant proof that it is clear.

Hammer Down is a traditional command that may or may not apply to your firearm but is used as redundancy to PROVE the firearm. Maintain full control over the firearm during this procedure in case ammunition is actually still in the firearm by mistake.

SLIDE OPEN, SAFE ON THE TABLE or HOLSTER (Handgun)

ACTION OPEN, SAFE IN THE RACK (Shotgun and Rifle)

Once the “Dry Fire/Hammer Down” is complete the firearms need to be stored away. The command is slightly different depending on the firearms however the concept is always to place a safe firearm back in storage.

These commands depend on what firearm you are using but will always be similar. The commands are usually put together – as an example you would hear...

IF CLEAR HAMMER DOWN, SLIDE OPEN, SAFE AND HOLSTER or

IF CLEAR HAMMER DOWN, SLIDE OPEN, SAFE ON THE TABLE

Listen to the RO and follow the specific directions.

MUZZLE!! Or STOP!!

This command is usually said in a loud and curt voice. It means you have swept the muzzle of your firearm across a part of your body or another person.

STOP! STOP! STOP!

The “STOP” command may be given by anyone on the range at anytime. The command is said three times, in a loud voice. Its purpose is to immediately stop all shooting on the range. If you as a shooter hear that command, stop firing immediately, put your firearms on safe, and stand at the low ready start position until an RO tells you what to do.

The Low Ready Start position is - firearm pointed downrange, safety on, finger off the trigger.

Check with your Range Officer for additional commands while at the range and check the website often for this document to be updated.