

An Introduction to the Springfield Sports Club Fredericton Recreational Shooting Association (FRSA)



Introduction

Welcome to the Springfield shooting range (the range), this facility contains a 1000m, 600m, 100m and a number of pistol ranges (50m, 25m).

The topics covered in this document are intended to give a member new or otherwise an overview of the expected conduct, the way to safely use the range and what the range has to offer its members.

The ranges activities and management is conducted by " the Board", which is comprised of duly elected members at the annual general meeting. To see a list of the current members of the board simply visit the web site. <http://www.frsa.ca/> board members are named in the AGM minutes.

The web site has information regarding the rules of the range, calendar of events, club shoots and the documents to obtain a membership with the range

First Entering the Range

When first entering the range you will encounter a locked gate (only open when special events or club shoots are occurring). When you visit the range for a session of shooting the gate will be unlocked by you to gain entry.



Prior to entering the gate please change the sign at the entrance indicating that the range is occupied and shooting is occurring.



After entering the gate please lock the gate after you have entered.



Proceed to the main building at range 5 to sign the entry log. This is required to indicate your presence for insurance purposes and as well to track the usage of the range.



How do I use the range properly?

Depending on the type of shooting you will be conducting you will enter a range to conduct your shooting. You will place your targets at the distances you prefer to shoot. If you are using the range target stands then you would place your target on the stand at the distance you prefer to shoot. The stands are not intended to be moved so if you would want to shoot at a closer distance then you would move to the distance from the stand rather than rearranging the range stands. This is only if you and your party are the only shooters at that specific range. When others are present at a range for a session of shooting establish the firing line so that each member will be in alignment to shoot. If you are shooting in the ranges intended for pistol shooting then you would only use pistol caliber fire arms or rim fire firearms as is indicated on the signs posted at those range bays. The steel located in these bays is not to be shot with steel jacket ammo or center fire rifles (unless the rifles are pistol caliber). If you are in ranges 1 or 4 these are specially designed ranges the props/ walls are not to be moved. If the steel is present it can be arranged for your shoot with the expectation that it will be put back as found prior to you shooting. Care is a necessity while shooting on these ranges so as not to strike the props or walls with your shots. Steel targets are not to be moved from these ranges and placed on other ranges.

In the other range areas (2,3,5,6 and the 600/1000m range) the target stands are placed at specific distances and are not to be rearranged. The shooting benches need to be left in place as moving them damages the benches.

Prior to beginning to shoot you will need to place the red shoot flag to display that the range is active for shooting.



If or when the green flag is displayed no firearms are to on the range they must locked and put away. The green flag could be displayed when work is being conducted or a shoot is being set up for club use later. The green flag is to indicate that no fire arms should be present (unless in a closed case) and no shooting is conducted at that range while the green flag is displayed.



Once you have finished your shooting activities you will clean up your shot casings and any targets or other garbage. If any steel was moved it would be placed back where it was found prior to you shooting. Please leave the range in better condition than what you found it in and it will be around for all to enjoy for many years. Remember to take down the red flag and place it back in the tube for the next shooter to display.

RSO – Range Safety Officer

You might see someone wearing a cap with a Range Safety Officer designation, if you encounter a person with this type of hat they are present to ensure each shooter is safe and the shooting activities are conducted in a safe manner. If you have a question regarding range safety please ask a Range Safety Officer they will be happy to help. Please only approach them when they are not on the line as they will need to pay close attention to the shooters. An RSO has participated in the Range Safety Officer training at the range with the purpose of being a member that can assist in the range being as safe as possible. If you are interested in becoming a Range Safety Officer please inform a Board member or the Chief Range Safety Officer (they are listed on the website). An RSO is there for everyone's safety so please follow their instructions and as always be respectful of them and other shooters.

If there is more than one shooter present in a range then an informal range safety officer must be designated to coordinate the shooting conduct to keep all present safe. Remember to listen to the Range Safety officer whether it is the official or unofficial RSO. As they may need to call a cease fire, inspect fire arms on the line to ensure they are empty before anyone will go down range to check or place targets, or indicate when shoots can safely be conducted.

Leaving the Range

Once you leave the range you will need to exit the gate and lock it, if you are the last person to leave please change the sign at the entrance indicating no more shooting is occurring at that time.



These are simple instructions to follow to keep everyone safe and to maintain the range for all to enjoy. The web site contains more information regarding the range and most importantly the safety rules of the range. (see Appendix A)

Appendix A

Safety Rules

1. Rifles, Pistols and Shotguns may be utilized in line with range approval and Action Shooting Sports
2. Do not discharge firearms above the back stop and side Berm
3. Red Flag indicates Range in Use; Green Flag indicates range is safe
4. No Glass or Aerial Targets are to be used on this range
5. No incendiary or armour piercing ammunition may be used, no steel shot to be discharged at steel targets
6. Pistol Calibre only at steel < 100 metres from shooter
7. Shooters must not be under the influence and No alcohol or drugs on the range property
8. Emergency #911 location is 10.8 Km from junction of Hwy 105 & 615 on 615 Location code 4149
9. Shooting safety
 - a. An RO must be assigned when more than one person is on the firing line
 - b. Eye & Ear protection is compulsory
 - c. Load all firearms on the firing line "or at a designated loading area only", otherwise all firearms must be made safe in accordance with shooting format and the RO
 - d. Control the muzzle. Do not sweep the firearm
 - e. When in use, all firearms must be pointed down range and below the berm

Range Procedures

- Close and Lock the gate when entering and leaving the range unless there is a scheduled shoot. Last person out must lock the gate. If there is a scheduled shoot, then the last person out locks the gate.
- Post the Range in use sign
- All shooters and guests must sign the Range book (in buildings)
- Do not shoot the target stands, No Shotguns at Target Stands and do not shoot props
- Pick up your garbage; including brass (leave the range cleaner than when you arrived) **Carry out your garbage.**
- Carry your Membership card as proof of membership

A member may challenge anyone on the range regarding membership. If the person challenged does not comply they will be deemed to be there as a trespasser and the Police may be notified

Please be Courteous

Violation of Safety Rules may result in cancellation of your membership. Violation of Range procedures may result in a review of your membership status by the Board of Directors.

Appendix B

Club Shoots

Club shoots are organized and managed on behalf of the Springfield Sports Club Board to provide an opportunity for members and non-members to enjoy casual and competitive interests in shooting.

All club shoots are developed and managed by a group of volunteers that plan and manage the club shoots for the members benefit. A shoot schedule is produced and added to the web site in order for members to plan their event attendance.

Formats may include but are not limited to:

- 22 Rim fire Rifle
- Bulls-eye pistol (22 & centre fire)
- Practical Pistol, IDPA / CDP action shooting
- Cowboy action shooting both Single Action and Wild Bunch
- Long-Range rifle
- Rifle

All club shoots attract a fee as per the fee schedule SM 2013-000. This fee is required to support the activity for targets, heat, supplies, awards etc., now and in the future.

Appendix C

Important to Know

The Springfield Range is located at 1040 Route 615 Springfield York County, NB E6E 1V4 ,10.8 KM from junction of 105 & 615

Board of Directors have determined that Binary exploding targets are **PROHIBITED** on the Springfield range

Guest Policy

Maximum of 2 guests per visit for a member **Bring your Children <19 as often as you wish.**
Maximum of 2 visits per year for each guest