



Range Rules & Safety Orientation for Drumheller & District Shooters Association

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General Facility Rules

Drumheller & District Shooters Association Compliance

The Drumheller & District Shooters Association (DDSA) must comply with:

- Canadian Firearms Act & Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges Regulations
- Alberta Chief Firearms Officer
- Insurance Providers
- Alberta Societies Act
- Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association Lease Agreement

Membership

Membership is based upon a calendar year, and will expire at the end of the calendar year irrespective of the date the membership was granted.

Membership in good standing is required for access privileges to the range.

Violation(s) of any of the Range Rules may result in the immediate permanent loss of your membership, and forfeiture of your membership fees.

Range Facility

The Drumheller & District Shooters Association has the following ranges;

- Range “A”, Rifle range, 25m, 100m, 200m, 300m
- Range “B”, Pistol range, 5m to 15m
- Range “C”, Pistol range, 5m to 15m
- Archery range, 50m

Hours of Operation

Range Hours of Operation

- 9:00am - 8:00pm or “Sunset”, whichever comes first. No firearms may be discharged outside these times. Disregarding the posted hours may result in the immediate loss of your membership and forfeiture of your membership fees.
- Consult the website calendar for any closures, Eg. Club events, non-club rental of facility



Access

Members receive a gate code when they complete their range safety orientation. There is a single code per single or family membership.

Providing a gate code to non-member voids the members insurance coverage provided through the club, and makes the member personally liable.

The main entry gate requires entry of the assigned access code with the “#” sign at the end of the code entry to open the gate. Gate must remain closed at all times, the only exception is strictly by range executive.

Additionally, the red flag at the entry gate must be raised.

The gate will record use of the gate code, which is stored by DDSA.

Additionally, a camera security system is in place to monitor all ranges.

Emergency Access

Emergency Personnel are provided with an emergency access code.

- Town of Drumheller Fire Department
- Emergency Ambulance Services
- RCMP

Parking

There are gates to provide access in the event of an emergency or maintenance operations. These are clearly marked with no parking signs, as is a handicap parking area. Parking on the gravel, or on the grass along the wooden parking blocks is allowed.

Guest Policy & Fee

Members are allowed to bring in 2 guests up to 5 times a year. Members accept full responsibility for their guests and are responsible to supervise them at all times.

The Guest fee is posted on the lockbox, and must be paid. (Insurance costs)

Personal Protective Equipment

Members must familiarize themselves with the permitted firearms use as posted at each range. Also possess the skill and personal protective equipment necessary to conduct themselves in a safe manner in all activities they engage in while on DDSA property. Eye and ear protection is required on all firearm ranges. Eye and ear protection is not required on the Archery ranges.



Harassment & Bullying

Unwanted offensive or threatening behavior will not be tolerated. Report any such behavior to a Board member for investigation.

Etiquette

Never enter any dynamic range (A-C) when the red flag is displayed without announcing yourself and being invited by the users.

Dogs

Dogs must be always leashed when on DDSA property.

Supervision of Children

Children under the age of eighteen (18) must be supervised by a PAL-holding club member while on the property and must be within arms-reach of the adult member if engaging in shooting. Children running around or put in the range shelters while parents shoot will not be tolerated.

Drugs & Alcohol

The use of, or being under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, illegal drugs, or any medications that cause impairments is strictly prohibited on DDSA property.

Smoking & Vaping

Smoking is allowed outside and on the ranges, with the exception of no smoking in the case of black powder being utilized.

Ensure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and disposed of.

Sign-in Book

All members must sign in upon entering the facilities. The sign in book is located in the clubhouse. Members must sign in with their membership number only. If members is bringing guests, the full name of the guest must also be provided, (Insurance requirement).



General Range Rules

These rules apply to all. DDSA range members must refer to additional information on each specific range. The range rules set down by the CFO (Chief Firearms Officer) for Alberta are displayed on the bulletin board in the clubhouse as well as posted on the wall of each shooting shelter. It is your responsibility to know and understand these rules.

Incidents & Injuries

Incidents and/or abuse of the rules may be reported to:

info@d-dsa.ca or complete an incident form located in the clubhouse and forward to any executive member.

Injuries

In case of emergency call 9-1-1, advise the municipal address is **SW 31-28-19-W4** (Also posted in each shelter)

- Make sure that you state there's been an **ACCIDENT**. Any other dialogue may result in a delay of critical emergency response
- Report any accident/incidents by filling out the incident form (found in the clubhouse), and send that report to the club at info@d-dsa.ca
- Inform the club executive at **403-823-0155**

Serious Injuries, as a result of a firearms accident, require the club to file a Personal Injury Report with the Alberta Chief Firearms Office, and RCMP.

The members present are required to work with the DDSA Executive to file the injury report.

Small First Aid Kits are located in each shelter, and the clubhouse. Please inform the club if any of them require restocking.

Range Closures

Consult the website calendar to view any closures, Eg. Club events, non-club rental of facility.

Safe Firearms Handling

All firearms must be unloaded except on the firing line. Rifles must be unloaded, with actions open, standing upright in gunracks when a "Cease Fire" is in effect. (Special conditions may apply during RSO supervised matches). Handguns must be unloaded, and actions open or holstered (those with appropriate qualifications). No ammo is allowed in the safe areas. See Appendices.



Cease Fire

Any person on the range may call a “Cease Fire” if they sense or see something wrong. This should be given loudly and clearly. Once the concern is rectified, the acting RO, give the range is “Hot” command. See Appendices.

Range Officer

When more than two (2) shooters arrive at the range, they must agree who will function as the Range Officer (RO). All commands of the range officer are to be obeyed. DDSA also has numerous RSO's that regularly attend the range, observing activities, checking memberships and guest passes as well as helping members with questions.

Holsters

Holsters are allowed to be used by members on the pistol bays only. No concealed carry is allowed.

- If moving between range “B” and “C” only, handguns must be proved safe and holstered, or cased. At all other times handguns must be cased to be moved.
- Cross-draw, or shoulder holsters are not permitted.

Prohibited Ammunition

Steel core, tracer, combustible, igniting, or explosive materials are prohibited on all ranges.

Targets & Direction of Fire

Each bay is equipped with rubber belting target boards; bring your own targets and stapler. Ensure you take the time to remove your spent targets from the belting and place them in the garbage bin provided prior to leaving the range.

- All firing shall be directed down range into the impact berm behind each target.
- Absolutely no diagonal or cross-firing is allowed.
- Only club approved and installed target boards to place paper targets on, and club installed gongs may be utilized.
- No cans, glass or other objects may be utilized.
- No shooting towards side safety berms.
- No climbing on berms.
- Handgun range steel gong, a minimum distance of 10 meters back from the gong is required.

Wildlife

Both Provincial and Federal law forbids the shooting of animals on the range. Immediately call a **Cease Fire** if wildlife wanders onto the range. Note: shooting at animals on the range is a reportable offense and will also result in termination of membership.



Clean up

- All shooters are required to pick up their brass, and misfired ammunition
 - Containers for both brass and misfired ammunition are available at all firing lines
- Remove everything you bring to the range.
 - Includes all garbage, etc.
- If garbage can is full, remove the bag and deposit it in the large bin by the entrance road.
- Double check before leaving that you have all your firearms or equipment. DDSA will not accept any responsibility for items left behind.

Range Safety & Warning System

The DDSA range is a non-manned range. As such, the FIRST member on an individual range is automatically designated the range officer, and is responsible to ensure all range safety rules are followed.

Any directions given by the designated range officer MUST be followed by ALL members and guests present upon the shooting range.

- Flag System
- Ranges “A”, “B”, and “C” all have a flag system in place.
- Red Flag must be up when range is “Hot”, range is live and in use
- Green Flag must be up when range is “cold”, (all firearms cleared and racked)

Range “A” Rifle Range

- No shotguns regardless of ammunition type are allowed
- Use of handguns, and rifles up to .338 caliber, including black powder is allowed
- Absolutely no shooting ahead of the fixed firing line.

Range “B” & “C” Pistol Range

- Absolutely no rifles, shotguns, or carbines, (pistol caliber rifle), allowed on the pistol bays.
- No IPSC style shooting is allowed on any of the bays.
- Largest pistol caliber is .44 magnum

Archery Range

- No firearms of any sort are permitted on the Archery Range
- Crossbows are NOT allowed on the Archery Range.
- Ensure your arrow will land in a safe area if you miss the target.



Appendix “A” Map





Appendix “B” Rifle Range Rules

Range “A” Rifle Range Rules

[Rimfire, Handgun, Black Powder, Centerfire up to .338]

1. **Safety** First! **Safety** is **Everyone’s** responsibility. The first person on the range automatically assumes **Range Officer** duties for **Safety Flag** operation.
2. Wear **Eye** and **Ear** protection. Check with shooters before shooting and ensure they have protection in place.
3. Declare a **Cease Fire** among all shooters to retrieve or post targets.
4. Preparing for **Cease Fire**:
 - a. **Unload Firearm** and **Open / Clear Action**
 - b. **Rack** or **Case** Long Firearms
 - c. **Case**, or **Rack** Handguns
 - d. Remove **Red Flag**,
 - e. Raise **Green Flag** on firing line
5. **Never Handle a Firearm** during a **Cease Fire**, unless cased.
6. **Never Step in Front** of the **Firing Line** while **Range is Live**.
7. **No Firearms on the Range** past the **Firing Line**.
8. **No Exploding Targets, No Steel Jacketed, Penetrator, or Tracer** Bullets.
9. **Reduce Ricochet** Danger:
 - a. Use only Club approved gongs, target stands and paper targets
 - b. Position targets so bullets strike the backstop, not the ground or the berms
 - c. Never shoot at stones or targets resting on the ground
10. Do not abuse target stands on the range.
11. Report abuse of rules at, contact:
 - a. info@d-dsa.ca or
 - b. Call the President or Vice President of the DDSA



Appendix “C” Pistol Range “B” & “C” Rules

Range “B” & “C” Handgun Range Rules

[Handgun only, up to .44 mag]

1. **Safety** First! **Safety** is **Everyone’s** responsibility. The first person on the range automatically assumes **Range Officer** duties for **Safety Flag** operation.
2. Wear **Eye** and **Ear** protection. Check with shooters before shooting and ensure they have protection in place.
3. Declare a **Cease Fire** among all shooters to retrieve or post targets.
4. Preparing for **Cease Fire**:
 - a. **Unload Handgun** and **Show Clear**: Magazine Out, Chamber or Cylinder Empty, and Hammer Down on Empty Chamber
 - b. Place **Firearm** on “**Safe**” **Bench** pointing in a safe direction, **Case, Holster,** or **Rack**
 - c. **Case,** or **Rack** Handguns
 - d. Lower **Red Flag** on firing line
 - e. Raise **Green Flag** on firing line
5. **Never Handle a Firearm** during a **Cease Fire**, unless cased.
6. **Never Step in Front** of the **Firing Line** while **Range is Live**.
7. **No Firearms on the Range** past the **Firing Line** except:
An unloaded and proved “SAFE” Holstered Handgun is permitted.
8. **No Exploding Targets, No Steel Jacketed, Penetrator,** or **Tracer** Bullets.
9. **Reduce Ricochet** Danger:
 - a. Use only Club approved gongs, target stands and paper targets
 - b. Position targets so bullets strike the backstop, not the ground or the berms
 - c. Never shoot at stones or targets resting on the ground
10. Do not abuse target stands on the range.
11. Report abuse of rules at, contact:
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 - b. Call the President or Vice President of the DDSA



Appendix “D” Archery Range Rules

Range “D” Archery Range Rules

[Bow and Arrow ONLY: No Firearms]

1. **Safety** First! **Safety** is **Everyone’s** responsibility. The first person on the range automatically assumes Range Officer duties.
2. Communicate with each other and check with shooters before shooting.
3. Declare a **Cease Fire** among all shooters to retrieve arrows.
4. Preparing for **Cease Fire**, Range Officer monitors the Firing Line and Puts a No Shoot Marker Up:
 - a. **Bows**, and **Arrows: Do not nock** Arrows
 - b. **Leave Bows** at Firing Line
 - c. Retrieve Arrows; If alone **Put a No Shoot Marker Up**
5. Use **Only Field Points, No Broad Head** Arrow **Points**, on field butts and animals.
6. **Never Step** in **Front** of the **Firing Line** while archery range is live.
7. **No Cross Firing**; Make sure of your target, **Aim Down Field** and ensure arrow lands safely if you miss.
8. **Never Fire High** into the **Air**.
9. **Reduce Ricochet** Danger:
 - a. Never shoot at the ground; Use target butts and animal targets provided
 - b. Ensure Arrows Strike the End Berm if you miss.
10. Do not abuse target stands on the range.
11. Report abuse of rules at, contact:
 - a. info@d-dsa.ca or
 - b. Call the President or Vice President of the DDSA @ 403-823-0155



Appendix “E” Emergency Contacts

1. **Emergency Phone Numbers**

- Police, Fire, Ambulance: 9-1-1
- Town of Drumheller (24hr): 403-823-2512

2. **Non-Emergency Phone Numbers**

- Police: 403-823-7590
- Town of Drumheller: 403-823-7590
- Range Phone# 403-823-0155

3. **Hospitals**

The location of area hospitals is listed below:

Drumheller Health Center (Travel time – 10 minutes)

351 9 Street NW, Drumheller, AB T0J 0Y1



Appendix “F” Member Sign Off

I _____ have read and understand all rules and regulations from the DDSA.

Signed on this date _____

Signature of the Member _____

Signature of DDSA representative _____ (DDSA)

DDSA Member Number _____ (DDSA)

DDSA Gate Access Code _____ (DDSA)