

WEST COAST RANGERS
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

As adopted at Annual General Meeting, January 14, 2018

A. MEMBERSHIP POLICY

1. All members **MUST** write their name in the **sign-in book** every time they come to the Range. Members are also responsible to ensure that their guests do the same.
2. Members must be part of Black Powder and participate in the re-enactment lifestyle which includes appropriate dress worn during the 1840s Fur Trade era.
3. Members are expected to:
 - Learn and use the rules posted on the range by the firing line
 - Become familiar with the trails and use trail etiquette
 - Attend as many meetings as possible
 - Assist in supporting club activities, including trail clearing and maintenance, participating in club events and being alert and reporting any safety concerns
 - Follow posted vehicle parking instructions during events
 - Keep all dogs on leash at all times, cleaning up after dogs and depositing dog waste into your OWN garbage. Designated off-leash areas for dogs are the gravel pit area, the road in outside the gate and the range past the firing line.
 - Take all garbage home
 - Help new members with concerns or assistance as needed
 - Participate in maintaining grounds and trails and participating in club events

- Not divulge the main lock combination to non-members (friends and family may use the wood-cutters' lock and that combination changes regularly).
4. Guests may not camp at the Range unless member sponsors are in attendance.

B. RANGE AND TRAIL POLICY

1. All members and guests must sign in, using their legal name, each time they come to the Range. The sign-in book is kept in the warm-up shed located beside the covered range.
2. The West Coast Rangers club will maintain the range and other shooting venues for its members.
3. All shooting venues, the range proper and all trails marked shooting sites are covered by this policy.
4. Use of the range and trails for shooting has priority over all other uses of the club facilities, except for meetings of the members.
5. Scheduled times of range use and closures will be set by the executive.
6. The executive may authorize or restrict the type, colour and use of targets used on the Range.
7. The Range may be closed by authority of the club president or designate.

C. RANGE SAFETY

1. Alcohol and smoking are PROHIBITED under the covered area and on the firing line.
2. Ear and eye protection are highly recommended when shooting.

3. Red and green flags MUST be used when shooting, both during scheduled events or on your own time.

GREEN FLAG: All guns must be discharged of powder and benched on the back wall, then hang the green flag to close the range. No firing permitted while green flag is displayed.

RED FLAG: Range is open for shooting. NO ONE is permitted to walk past the firing line.

Remove your targets, replace the flags and leave the range tidy when you are on your own.

5. *Guns must be loaded prior to approaching the firing line.*
6. *Do not prime your gun until you are at the firing line.*

5 and 6 to be reviewed by executive and voted on at February/18 general meeting.

7. In the event of a misfire, keep the firearm pointed down range for at least 60 seconds, then unload.
8. Put any unused ammunition into the locked box that is positioned in the covered area.

D. CANNON SAFETY

1. Cannon events will have a Range Master present.
2. No open shooting boxes around the firing area.
3. Listen and follow the Ranger Master's instructions.

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Club leases the land we use from Island Timber and they have specific stipulations regarding how we may use this land. These stipulations form a part of these Policies and Procedures.
2. The Club must follow specific stipulations set by the Fire Arms Branch and the Range is inspected every five years.
3. Wood cutting permits for firewood can be obtained from the Club. No other wood is to be removed from the Range.
4. A yearly calendar of events is available to read on-line. This includes other gun clubs use of the range.
5. BEFORE any structures are built, including partitions, fences, woodsheds or shelters, they must be approved by the executive.

F. CHAIN SAW SAFETY

1. In the C-can there is safety equipment that MUST be worn while using a chain saw. This consists of chaps, hard hat, eye and ear protection.

G. ACCESS TO RANGE

1. All paid-up members will be given the combination to the main lock. This combination may change from time to time and members will be informed.
2. It is important that the numbers on the lock are returned to "0" after use.

3. It is VERY IMPORTANT that the combination is not given to any non-member. There is a family and wood-cutters lock that can be shared, and that combination changes regularly.

H. CAMPING POLICY (reviewed by executive November 30, 2017)

1. It must be recognized that we are a shooting club and our primary activity is black powder shooting. Camping is supportive of that function.
2. West Coast Rangers will provide camping to all entrants during Rendezvous and Shooting Events sponsored by the Club. There will be an entrance fee.
3. Members are permitted to camp at other times by following the guidelines in this policy.
4. Only paid-up West Coast Ranger members may use the range for camping.
5. Members may have visitors camp with them, family or friends. However non-members may not camp on the Range unless a sponsoring member is in attendance. Liability insurance does not cover them.
6. **Everyone camping must sign the shooters (range) book for each day camping. Multiple days may be put on one line, up to seven.**
7. Members camping must not leave their tent or camper unattended for periods of longer than 30 days without permission from the executive of West Coast Rangers.
8. If a camper or tent is unoccupied, the surrounding area must be left tidy. The executive has the right to require members to clean up around their camp areas.
9. Camps at the range may be set up beginning March 15th or Easter weekend each year, whichever is first. All campers and tents must be down and off the property by November 10th each year. Failure to do this will be dealt with by the executive.
10. West Coast Rangers and Island Timberland are not responsible for damage or vandalism to camping units while on the Range.

11. This policy will be provided to all members upon joining the Club and will be posted on the web page.
12. No new camping sites may be created without authorization from the executive. New members must check with the executive before establishing a seasonal campsite.
13. Members who have developed a seasonal campsite may retain that site from year to year.

I. **BOOSHWAY GUIDELINES**

Ask for volunteers to help you. A monthly meeting is a good place to start.

1. Check with members who have volunteered to maintain a specific trail (knife & hawk, rifle trail, etc.) to see that it is done or what they need. ALL TRAILS MUST BE NUMBERED IN DIFFERENT COLOURS FOR DIFFERENT EVENTS (rifle, squirrel, etc.).
2. Check all targets and stands. If some need fixing, advise the executive.
3. Name someone to be responsible for cleaning outhouses and supplying toilet paper as needed during the rendezvous.
4. Name someone to be responsible for parking, to tell entrants to move vehicles if necessary. Make sure there is a plan for parking.
5. Name someone to make trinkets.
6. Name someone to be responsible for registration and a score keeper. This should be someone who has done it before, or who consults with someone who has done it before.
7. Set up a schedule for Range Masters for all times the Range is used during an event. The Range Master must not shoot while he/she is on duty.
8. Volunteers are needed to put up and take down cannon targets.

9. Shotgun is best done on the final day of the event. Make sure the trap machine battery is charged.

10. Work bees must be scheduled before the Rendezvous to clear trails, set up targets, get firewood, etc.

11. A volunteer is needed to organize and run the Candy Cannon, if desired.

12. Make sure markers are available at the shooting sign-up board and that fire extinguishers are in place.

13. Prepare a Flyer before the Rendezvous which shall be given out at registration and at the shooters meeting, that includes:
 - Everyone responsible for their own eye and ear protection
 - Schedule of events
 - Whether or not there is a blanket prize
 - Where and when score cards are to be handed in
 - All dogs on leash
 - Shooters must use sign-up board to indicate when they will shoot

14. Boosway is responsible to arrange for trophies and awards.

15. At the Thanksgiving pot-luck, a spouse is included in the shooter's fee. Guests will be charged an extra fee and should contribute to the pot luck.

GLOSSARY

Hot When a gun or cannon is loaded, it is "hot". The weapon must be shot before anyone stands in front of it or walks down range.

Rendezvous a shooting and knife & hawk competition. During the Fur Trade era (1750-1820) Mountain men would meet to sell furs, trade for supplies, socialize and take part in friendly competitions.

Booshway person in charge of an event, such as a Rendezvous

Secundo the assistant

Priming putting a cap on your rifle, or putting gun powder on the flash of your flint

Knife & Hawk a competition requiring throwing a knife and a hawk at a target which may or may not be moving

Midnight Hawk a late-night activity involving a group of people armed with one hawk, a lantern and a beverage do the knife & hawk trail. Each person throws the hawk at a target—if you miss you have to take a drink of the beverage.

Handles a game in which a person tries to break the handle of a thrower's hawk. Each person takes a turn to throw their hawk and stick it so that the next person cannot knock it out.

Possibles Bag a leather bag carried by the mountain men that contained all the equipment and ammunition needed to load and repair his firearms.

Capote

a wool coat usually made from a Hudson's Bay blanket. This kept the mountain man warm and dry during the winter.

Leggings

a piece of cotton cloth used by women that wrapped around each leg and tied just below the knee. When it was hot, it kept their legs clean and protected from poison plants and insects. In winter these may be made from wool to keep the legs dry and warm. Women would often decorate leggings with beads and leather.