



Trap Range Safety Rules

- Safe gun handling is required at all times.
- Keep your unloaded shotgun in the gun rack –action open– until your squad is called to the firing line. Unloaded break-action shotguns may be stored on the rack breech closed. Autoloaders that don't lock open must have a breech flag, (supplied by the club).
- When walking with your shotgun, it must always be unloaded, action open or flagged, with the muzzle kept pointed in a safe direction.
- Shooting while impaired by drugs or alcohol is not allowed.
- Hearing and eye protection must be worn when at the firing stations.
- Each shooter must have their own gun while on the firing line. The practice of sharing a gun on the firing line is dangerous and will not be allowed.
- Pick up your empties after you're done shooting your round, never during a round or while others are shooting.
- A **shotgun is considered loaded** when a shell is in any part of the action, breech or magazine, regardless if the action is open or closed.
- Shotguns are normally kept unloaded. You may only load when standing at your assigned station on the firing line, while awaiting your turn to shoot in your squad's shooting order. Your action or breech must remain open until it is your turn to shoot.
- Any person can call a '**Cease Fire**' at any time for any reason.
- '**Cease Fire**' means that: all shooting stops immediately and loaded guns are kept pointed in a safe direction.
- '**Range is Closed**' means that: all shooting stops and shotguns are immediately unloaded. Shooters may be asked to leave their shooting stations and place their shotguns in the gun rack.
- 'Range is Closed' must be called before going forward of the firing line for any reason. Please call out '**Going Forward**' before stepping forward.
- '**Range is Open**' means that it is safe for the squad to resume shooting.
- One shell only is to be loaded at a time for singles and handicap and two shells for doubles.
- For safety, only low-brass 2-3/4" shells in shot sizes 7.5, 8, or 9, with a max. 3 dram equivalent 1-1/8 ounce load, are permitted. No magnum or high-brass shells.
- The Fernie Rod and Gun Club reserve the right to refuse shooting privileges to any individual possessing faulty firearms and/or ammunition. The Fernie Rod and Gun Club also reserve the right to expel any individual who, in the opinion of shoot management, disrupts the harmony of other shooters.
- The Fernie Rod and Gun Club assume no responsibility for injuries or damages resulting from the use of firearms. The Fernie Rod and Gun Club assume no responsibility for the use of faulty firearms or ammunition.
- The Fernie Rod and Gun Club reserve the right to refuse shooting privileges to individuals who, in the opinion of shoot management, are not in a mental or physical condition to handle a firearm.