

Biathlon Yukon
Range Operating Instructions

Reviewed and approved Biathlon Yukon Board

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to provide range operating instructions (ROI's) that cover the use of the facilities and range operated by Biathlon Yukon on Canyon (Grey) Mountain road in the City of Whitehorse, Yukon.

GENERAL:

1. All Range Officers (ROs) and range users at or over the age of 13 years are required to read and sign these instructions yearly. Users under the age of 13 years shall be briefed yearly, on safety rules by the RO or designate.
2. Requests for exemptions from any provisions of these ROI's shall be submitted in writing to a member of the Biathlon Yukon Board, for approval.

RANGE:

1. Biathlon Yukon has one firing range:
 - a. Location: Grey Mountain
 - b. Description: 50m rifle range
 - c. No. of firing points: 20-26
 - d. Firing Distance: 50m, 10m
 - e. Approved firearms: .22 cal rimfire, .303 cal (cadets only), .177 cal air rifle
 - f. Maximum approved caliber: .303 cal (cadets only)
 - g. Approved targets: standard metal biathlon targets, paper targets
 - h. Approved ammo: .22 cal. rifle, lead pellet, .303 cal ball (cadets only)

PERSONNEL:

1. The Chief Range Operator shall be the president of Biathlon Yukon. This person or designate, shall represent Biathlon Yukon in all dealings with the Chief Firearms Officer with respect to range facilities.
2. An RO must be:
 - 18 years of age.
 - possess a valid Canadian Possession and Acquisition Licence.
 - be approved by the Biathlon Yukon Board or active coach of Biathlon Yukon.
3. The RO has authority on the range and stadium area. RO's have the responsibility to supervise all persons present on the range and all those handling firearms in the range and stadium area.

4. Minimum qualifications for RCMP and Military/Cadet personnel are the RCMP Range Master Course and the Canadian Forces Range Safety Officer Certification. A standard first aid certificate is also required or the presence of an assistant possessing such certification.

RANGE OPERATIONS

1. The following flags shall be flown and are clearly visible from the main entrance to the range whenever the range is in use:
 - a) A **red** flag shall be flown at least at one end of the firing ramp when firing is in progress.
 - b) A **green** flag shall be flown at least at one end of the firing ramp when all firearms have been cleared and the RO has closed the range.
2. At no time shall cans, glass, or similar improvised targets be used on the range.
3. The use of tracer, incendiary, explosives or similar ammunition is prohibited. Only authorized types and calibers of ammunition may be used on the range.
4. All shooting should occur in the designated range.
5. There shall be no firing on the range unless at least 2 people, both of whom are 18 years of age and over and one who is an approved RO, are present. If those shooting are under 18 years of age, one adult must undertake the responsibility of remaining on the range.
6. Loaded firearms shall not be left unattended.
7. Firearms may only be loaded when the user is in the firing position.
8. When not in use, rifles will be placed on a rifle rack with the bolt open.
9. The detonation of explosives device is prohibited on the range property except for construction approved by the Executive and carried out under the supervision of qualified persons.
10. No hunting is permitted in the area leased to Biathlon Yukon from the City of Whitehorse.
11. Burning of garbage or waste wood is prohibited except during work parties authorized by the Board and the appropriate government authority.
12. On completion of practice/ race, the RO shall lower all flags, secure all equipment and buildings, note any deficiencies and advise the Board of same.

SAFETY

1. Due to the proximity of the ambulance station, a range safety vehicle is not mandatory when the range is accessible by road. When snow or mud bars vehicle traffic, no firing shall take place unless a vehicle or snowmobile capable of transferring a casualty to the road. The vehicle and snowmobile will be prepared for us by having it as close to the active firing line as is practical, and also has keys in the ignition.
2. Spectators shall follow the directions of the RO and shall not be permitted forward of the fence behind the firing ramp.
3. Any person deemed by the RO to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to shoot or to remain on the premises.
4. Smoking is not permitted on Biathlon Yukon property.
5. Spectators are not permitted forward of the fence separating the range from the Stadium.
6. Guests, including children, are the responsibility of the Biathlon Yukon member who accompanied them. Children must remain under an adult's control at all times.

7. All injuries resulting from the use of a firearm must be immediately reported to the RCMP.
8. No person shall use the range unless they have access to a working radio or telephone line to emergency services.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Ambulance 911

Fire 911

RCMP 911

The Whitehorse Hospital is located on Hospital Road. Turn right on exiting the range and follow the Grey Mountain road to the bottom. Turn right on Alsek Road, and then right on Lewes Boulevard and the take the next right to reach Hospital Road.

ACCESS

1. Access to the facility is restricted to members and guests.
2. Access to buildings will be controlled by the Executive. An electronic alarm system will be in place and only persons authorized by the Executive shall be given alarm deactivation codes.
3. Access to firearms storage will be restricted to adults possessing a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) who are approved by the Board.

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