

# Whistler Olympic Park

## Biathlon Range Agreement

*Agreement to comply with these range rules, guidelines, and insurance requirements, and to be bound by these indemnity and waiver requirements when using the biathlon range at Whistler Olympic Park.*

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### Governance

- 1) The Biathlon Range at the Whistler Olympic Park is operated pursuant to the Canadian Firearms Act. It is a certified shooting range under the Canadian Firearms Act.
  - 2) These Range Rules and Guidelines shall be enforced by the approved Range Safety Officers, Whistler Olympic Park staff, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).
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### Permitted Range Users

- 3) All range users must:
  - a. Be shooting in pre-assigned lanes at pre-booked practice times;
  - b. Have signed this Agreement to be bound by the Biathlon Range Rules, Guidelines and Insurance, Indemnity and Waiver Requirements;
  - c. Be under the supervision of an approved Range Safety Officer, and;
  - d. Abide by any posted signage and written Rules & Guidelines.
- 4) Adult supervision is required for any range user under the age of 18 years. The approved Range Safety Officer will be responsible for ensuring that the range user adheres to all the Range Rules and Guidelines.
- 5) Any introductory group must be booked in advance and have an approved Range Safety Officer who is not involved with the coaching or instruction of the range users.
- 6) Although not required, it is recommended that all clubs using the Biathlon Range at the Whistler Olympic Park register as Shooting/Gun Clubs under the Canadian Firearms Act.

#### Whistler Olympic Park

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## Range Safety Officer

7) Only persons over 18 years of age who have participated in the Whistler Olympic Park orientation session and have their Range Safety Officer certification will be permitted to act as Range Safety Officers;

- a. The Coordinator for Sport and Programming, Whistler Olympic Park, will schedule training sessions for Range Safety Officers.

8) The Range Safety Officer is responsible for:

- a. Opening and closing the range
- b. Enforcing all rules and guidelines
- c. Being present at all times the range is in operation

9) During biathlon competitions, the Chief of Range, or his/her designate, is the Range Safety Officer.

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## Range Scheduling

10) All range use must be booked in advance with the Whistler Olympic Park. Please note we need 72 hour notice.

- a. Regular weekly training times, special events, and training camps must be booked in advance with the Sport and Programming Coordinator.

11) A schedule will be made available to Range Safety Officers notifying of any range closures. Absolutely no range use will be permitted during these times.

12) All special events, time trials, or non-regular practice sessions must be applied for.

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## Range Operation

13) During operation of The Whistler Olympic Park Biathlon Range is open from 1000 to 1230 and 1245 to 1515. These times may vary for our summer program(s). The assigned Range Officer or Whistler Olympic Park staff opens and closes the range.

14) Red and green safety flags, under the control of the Range Safety Officer, must be used when the range is being operated. The red flag indicates that the range is open for shooting. The green flag indicates that the range is closed to shooting. The green flag must be

prominently displayed when it is necessary to step in front of the firing line. All range users must remain behind the firing line when the red flags are up and the range is in use. Regardless of the flag in place it is imperative that all users of the range be safety conscious. The last person on the range, or Range Safety Officer, must fly the green flag.

15) When the range is closed, all firearms must be unloaded. When the range is closed during training, range users must unload their firearms and step well away from any firearms on the firing line.

16) Target papering, painting, or any other travel down range must be coordinated with other user groups and Range Safety Officer.

17) The only targets, firearms and ammunition permitted on the range are as follows:

- a. International Standard .22 in. (5.6 mm) Long Rifle (LR) rim fire ammunition. The bullets must be made of a uniform substance, lead or a similar soft material such as a lead alloy. The muzzle velocity must not exceed 380 m/s, measured 1 m after leaving the muzzle.
- b. The only approved targets are the metal (electronic) targets provided and proper paper zeroing targets are to be used (absolutely no other objects to be used).
- c. No other part of target is to be fired at, for example paddles to cover target spot or orange paddle, lane numbers, back wall, etc.
- d. Air rifles and air rifle targets will also be permitted on the range. Air rifle targets must be provided by the club and must be visually similar to the biathlon targets provided (metal target device and paper zeroing targets).

18) Any ejected live rounds and or miss-fired shells must be immediately reported to the supervising approved range safety officer and properly disposed of when it is safe to do so, or immediately following the completion of practice.

19) Each individual range user is responsible for the safe handling of his/her firearm, in accordance with the rules and guidelines outlined by the International Biathlon Union (Section 8.5 in the IBU Event and Competition Rules).

20) Pursuant to the Canadian Firearms Act, all range users must be lawfully entitled to possess the firearm in use. The use of a firearm by any other person must be under the direct and immediate supervision of the person lawfully entitled to possess the firearm. This is particularly important for range users new to the sport and younger athletes. During a competition, the Chief of Range (or any other Biathlon Official) is not responsible for said supervision.

21) Firearms and live ammunition must not be left unsupervised at any time. When not in use,

unloaded firearms must be placed in a firearm rack with the bolt open. Unsupervised firearms and ammunition will be seized.

22) When transporting a firearm, the firearm must be in a case (hard or soft), unless on the range or competition trail.

23) Firearms may only be carried on designated Biathlon trails. Firearms are not allowed on Cross Country, Nordic Combined or Biathlon Connector trails.

24) Any unsafe handling of a firearm will not be tolerated. In such a case, the approved Range Safety Officer has the power to immediately suspend range use privileges of the offender. Any suspension must be reported as soon as possible to the Whistler Olympic Park Administration Office by the approved Range Safety Officer for further action that may include provincial or federal charges.

25) When assigned a shooting lane and target, it is the range user's responsibility to leave both the firing lane and target area clean and free of all garbage, including paper targets. If an assigned lane or target area is found to be dirty, report the condition immediately to the Administration Office at the Whistler Olympic Park Day Lodge. The club or group previously using that lane will be liable for damages or clean up.

26) Set-up and removal of paper targets must be done for each practice (daily). Resetting of paper must only be done in co-ordination with other user groups and Whistler Olympic Park Staff. Painting of targets and snow clearing will be the responsibility of Whistler Olympic Park Staff.

27) All garbage must be removed and deposited in the animal proof containers provided. Mats, ropes, shovels, racks, flags and other equipment shall be stored in their proper places.

28) Any damage or problems with the range or range equipment must be reported immediately to the Administration Office at the Whistler Olympic Park.

29) Smoking on the firing ramp is not allowed. Persons under the influence of, or in the possession of, alcohol or drugs are not permitted in the range area.

No foul language or arguing in range area is permitted. Cooperation among user groups is expected.

30) Dogs are not permitted in the range area at any time.

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## Consequences

31) Range use in violation of these rules and guidelines may result in the loss of privileges and possible charges under federal and provincial legislation.

32) Approved Range Safety Officers who are found to be in violation of the Range Guidelines will be reprimanded and may lose range safety officer and range use privileges.

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## Liability

33) As a range user I hereby agree to, at my own expense or the expense of my organization or association and without limiting my liabilities herein, maintain Liability Insurance, in accordance with the BC Insurance Act in an amount not less than \$5,000,000 inclusive per occurrence, insuring against bodily injury, personal injury and property damage including loss of use thereof. Such insurance may be obtained by virtue of membership to the appropriate organization or association.

34) As a range user I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Whistler Olympic Park from any and all third party claims, demands, actions or costs (including legal costs on a solicitor-client basis) for which I am legally responsible, including those arising out of negligence or willful acts by me. This hold harmless provision shall survive this Agreement.

35) As a range user I hereby waive my right of recourse against Whistler Olympic Park with regard to damage to my property.

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## Acceptance

I hereby agree to carry out my activities in accordance with the Rules and Guidelines outlined above.

I further agree to comply with all applicable federal and provincial statutes and regulations and to comply with lawful instructions given by Whistler Olympic Park staff.

I hereby agree to comply with the insurance requirements and to be bound by the indemnity and waiver requirements all set out above.

I acknowledge that failure to comply with the any of the above-noted rules; guidelines, laws or instructions may result in immediate suspension of all activity.

I agree to repair, replace or reclaim, to the satisfaction of Whistler Olympic Park staff, any and all damages that result from my activities.

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*The personal information being collected is for the purposes of enabling the Whistler Olympic Park to carry out this responsibility. If you have any questions regarding the collection of this information, please contact:*

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## Range Users

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## Range Safety Officers

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