

# **Thompson Mountain Sportsmen Association**

## **RANGE REGULATIONS**



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## **TMSA House Rules & Guidelines 2015**

1. Until further notice and amendment, the following House Rules and Guideline (HR&G) shall apply to all activities conducted on the Thompson Mountain Sportsmen TMSA (TMSA) property and shall be strictly adhered to. Failure to do so may result in suspension of membership privileges and expulsion of day cardholders, as the case may be.
  
2. MEMBERSHIP
  - a. Membership entitles the member to use the TMSA's facilities subject to the bylaws and Range Regulations of the TMSA. A condition of membership is strict compliance with the bylaws of the TMSA and these Range Regulations. All members shall have all licenses and permits required to own, possess and transport the different classes of firearms they wish to use on the range facilities.
  
  - b. TMSA has the following classes of Membership:
    - i. Associate Membership – Associate Members have no voting privileges.
    - ii. Charter Membership – Charter Members have voting privileges.
    - iii. Family Membership – Allows additional members of a Charter or Associate Member's immediate family living in the same household to become a Member of TMSA at a reduced rate. Family Members have no voting privileges.
    - iv. An Associate or Family Member who wishes to become a Charter Member of TMSA will be required to apply to the Board of Directors (BOD) in writing for vetting, and will have to meet the requirements for a Charter Membership.
  
  - c. Charter, Associate and Family Members shall:
    - i. Enjoy all privileges provided by the TMSA; and
    - ii. Be obligated to promote the welfare of the TMSA in all its activities; and
    - iii. Conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times; and uphold the Constitution and comply with the House Rules and Guide Lines (HR&G) that are in effect at the time.
    - iv. Notify the TMSA of any changes in their address.
  
  - d. An Associate Member of the Thompson Mountain Sportsmen TMSA who wishes to become a Charter Member will meet the following criteria:

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- i. Be an Associate member in good standing for a period of two (2) consecutive years.
  - ii. Have attended two (2) work parties in each of those years; and
  - iii. Must maintain all required paper work as required by law to own, possess and carry firearms.
  - iv. Only one (1) individual under a Family Membership can hold a Charter Membership at one time. This member is the "main" member of the family membership. A family member (having paid just the add-on fee) is not eligible.
- e. All Executive Council Members are required to hold a Charter Membership.
  - f. Associate and Family Members have no voting privileges and are not eligible to hold a position on the BOD.
  - g. All members and guests must stop and sign in with the Range Warden upon arriving at the range, and sign out prior to leaving the range.
  - h. All after hours access members will sign in the After Hours book regardless of reason for visiting the range. The gate must always remain closed and locked after hours.
  - i. When using TMSA facilities, each member and guest must display their membership card or a day card upon their person in a visible manner when they sign in with the Range Warden, and at all times while upon TMSA property.

### **3. DAYCARDS**

- a. Any person not a member of the TMSA and wishing to use or visit the TMSA facilities must purchase a day card. The day card will be worn in a visible manner upon the person at all times while they are on the TMSA property.
- b. Once an individual has purchased a day card they become a member of the TMSA for that day. They shall obey the bylaws and HR&G of TMSA and shall be subject to the same controls as members.

### **4. RANGE WARDEN**

- a. The operation of the TMSA property shall be under the direction of the Range Warden whose responsibility it shall be to ensure that these regulations and the bylaws of TMSA and all other directives of the Directors are strictly obeyed.

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- b. The Range Warden has the right and responsibility to suspend the privileges of any member for noncompliance of the rules of TMSA. Such suspension to be effective until the date of the next BOD meeting, where the Range Warden will submit a written report detailing the incident, for the BOD review.
- c. In all matters not covered by these regulations or in case of emergency situations or other situations not contemplated by these bylaws, each member shall follow and comply with the directions of the Chief Range Warden or the Range Warden on duty.
- d. No matter what a member's position is, (Executive, BOD, Associate, Charter, etc) while on the range, the Chief Range Warden or the Range Warden on duty has ABSOLUTE Control & final say on any issue related to a member's conduct, range operation, and especially SAFETY! **His/her word while on the range is FINAL!**
- e. If a member disagrees with the decision of the RW, they may file a complaint with the BOD as explained in section 9 below.

### **5. TMSA PROPERTY**

- a. It shall be the responsibility of each member to ensure that they do not damage TMSA property.
- b. That they promptly and immediately report any damage of TMSA property to the Range Warden.
- c. No member shall remove any TMSA equipment from TMSA property or have any TMSA property in his possession without leave and authority of the Range Warden or written permission from the BOD.
- d. No member shall cut any timber or other vegetation from TMSA property without the authority of the Range Warden or written permission from the BOD.
- e. No wildlife shall be injured or killed upon TMSA property.
- f. When wildlife is present upon any of the ranges, all firing shall cease until such wildlife has been removed.
- g. No fires shall be lit on any TMSA property without the permission of the Range Warden.
- h. It shall be the responsibility of each member to ensure that after using TMSA facilities and property they remove

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any target, paper or other debris that has been left by their activities.

- i. The use of tin cans or bottles as targets or any other unauthorized targets on TMSA property is not permitted.
- j. All vehicles on TMSA property must be parked on the main road or in designated areas.
- k. All persons using the TMSA facilities will insure that firearms are discharged in a safe direction at all times down range into a berm or bullet trap.
- l. No climbing of berms or the placing of targets or stands on the berms or on a back stop is permitted anywhere on the CMPS or TMSA ranges or Pads
- m. The TMSA range facility is a "NO" Smoking property. Smoking will be allowed only in one of three designated smoking areas, which are clearly marked and have a "JUSTRITE SMOKERS CEASE-FIRE CIGARETTE RECEPTACLES" available for their use. The indiscriminate disposal of cigarette butts will not be tolerated and any member or guests will have their range access privileges suspended, pending BOD review.

### **6. RANGE CONTROL**

- a. The control of all activities shall be according to the bylaws and HR&G under the immediate supervision of the Range Warden.
- b. Any person wishing to use TMSA facilities shall stop and sign in at the gate or with the Range Warden before using the Range so that the Range Warden can make them aware of the range rules.
- c. Any children, under the age of 16 years, on TMSA property shall be under the direct control and supervision of an adult at all times.
  - i. Children under the age of 16 are permitted, under strict adult supervision, to use handguns and rifles on the public range, and rifle range only.
- d. All pets brought onto TMSA property shall be leashed or otherwise confined and no responsibility is assumed by the TMSA for the safety of such animals.
- e. Any firearms handled or viewed away from the firing line shall be so handled and viewed in a safe manner that being in a muzzle up condition with actions opened in a designated "Safety Zone".
  - i. Under no circumstances will any firearms away from the firing line be charged or chambered with any live

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ammunition. Any faulty firearm will be ruled off the range, noted by the Range Warden in his log, and will not be used again until a note from a recognized gunsmith is produced attesting to its reliability.

- f. Firearms will at all times be carried in a muzzle up condition with actions opened with the exception of handguns which may be carried holstered, but they must be empty at all times when being transported. All "Safe Storage and Transportation Regulations" apply while on TMSA property.

### **7. FIRING LINE**

- a. Rifles and handguns will not be left unattended.
- b. Except when in use, all firearms will be in a visible safe condition. This includes the engagement of safeties and/or the opening of all actions.
- c. Firearms may be loaded only at the firing line during periods in which firing is allowed and they must be pointed down range at all times.
- d. On the call for a ceasefire, actions shall be opened and the firearms shall be unloaded, including the removal of magazines from firearms. The shooters will leave their firearms on the firing line with barrels pointed down range and will stand back from the firing line.
- e. During a cease-fire no firearms may be handled.
- f. Under no circumstances is live ammunition to be disposed of upon TMSA property.
- g. Only authorized ammunition may be used on club property. The use of incendiary, armour piercing, tracer or flechets is expressly prohibited.
- h. Muzzle loading firearms shall be charged from safe containers, dropping measured loads of powder. Such loads shall at all times be safe and well within the limits of the firearm as set by various loading manuals. There shall be no open containers of powder on the firing line.
- i. There shall be no consumption of alcoholic beverages while shooting is in progress. Any person who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or a drug, or is suspected of being under the influence, shall at the request of any member cease shooting and remove himself from the firing line.
- j. Ear and eye protection is required equipment for all shooters and spectators, while on the TMSA property. Eye

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and ear protection will be worn at all times when shooting is occurring on designated ranges and pads.

- k. Upon command of the Range Warden or at the request of other members on the firing line that there shall be a cease fire, all firearms shall be unloaded, actions opened and members shall stand back from the firing line. Upon a call for cease fire, should any person have a loaded firearm they wish to discharge, they shall raise their hand and call "loaded" and shall then ensure that no one has advanced beyond the firing line before discharging the firearm at the earliest possible time.
- l. No firing shall be done at other than approved targets at ranges any closer than 10 yards from the firing line.
  - i. Approved targets include cardboard or paper targets, approved steel targets for handgun and shot gun only, and frangible approved clay pigeons.
  - ii. No explosive or other dangerous target shall be used and no target shall be used that will make clean up of debris difficult or impossible.
  - iii. Non-approved targets include any glass, tin cans, shell casings, metal gongs, steel plate, pipe or posts.
- m. After shooting, each member shall be responsible for cleaning up their debris left from targets on the range.
- n. Upon finishing their shooting, each member shall retrieve all shell casings and brass expended by him and either takes the same from the range or deposit it in such containers as may be provided.

### **8. RANGE HOURS**

- a. Ranges hours are subject to change and are published on the TMSA web site. [WWW.TMSA.NET](http://WWW.TMSA.NET)
- b. To confirm Range openings please call 604-761-2069 for information

### **9. COMPLAINTS**

- a. All complaints or issues that members have should be directed to the attention of the range warden. The range warden will present all issues, in writing, at the monthly BOD meeting.

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### **Coast Mountain Practical Shooters (CMPS)**

- a. Only CMPS members are allowed to use the CMPS ranges and pistol pads unless designated by the Range Warden or a member of the Board of Directors.
- b. All TMSA Range Rules apply to the CMPS ranges and pistol pads.
- c. Only authorized, steel or paper targets are to be used on the CMPS pads or ranges.
- d. Steel pepper popper targets and B zones are not to be propped up or used in a reverse manner to disable their falling or reactive action

### **Tactical/Action Rifle members (TAC)**

- a. There is a further rules addendum specifically designed for members wishing to join the Tactical/Action Rifle Group. These further rules and conditions are available from the Chief Range Warden, The TAC Rifle Coordinator, &/or on the TMSA.net website. Once finalized, they will be added to this rule book.



# TMSA Facilities Map

