

Volunteer Hours / Probationary Shoot Record

Membership Number: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

I) Volunteer Hours

	Date	Event/ Task Description	Hours	Approved
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
		<i>Total Hours</i>		

Volunteer hours must be approved by a Club Executive

II.) Probationary Shoots

	Date	Firearm Used/ Comments	Hours	Approved
1				
2				
3				

Shoots Completed (Date and sign): _____

Rejected (training required): _____

Probationary shoots must be approved by a authorized member and must be on separate range day visits under direction of the individual approving the shoot.

Range Commands

If you are sharing a range with another shooter, one of you must be designated the Range Officer (RO) and be responsible for coordinating activity on the shooting range. The RO can shoot along with the others in some cases, but will play the only the RO role whenever it is commonsense to do so. A fairly standard set of range commands may be used at the BF&GPA Range to keep everyone safe. Here are some basic commands, in the order they will likely be encountered by arriving shooters:

"Cease fire!"

Remove magazines and open the actions on your firearms. When you have done so, step to the rear of the shooting area!" You have just entered a cease-fire period, during which no firearms may be handled. Should you wish to leave the range, you must wait until the cease-fire period is over. If shooters are using holsters, verify the handguns are empty and then holster them (a gun in a shooter's holster is under his control, a gun laid on a bench 50 yards away is not).

"The range is clear! You may go downrange and check targets!"

Now is the time to go down and place targets at the distances you desire to shoot. Hang several of them, as it may be a while until the next ceasefire period. If you are preparing to leave, now is the time to pick up your empty brass and collect old targets. **PET PEEVE:** Don't get all the way down to the 50 yd target, only to remember your stapler is still back at the firing line! The minute you waste, belongs to everyone.

"When you return from downrange, step to the rear of the shooting area!"

The RO is trying to keep people away from firearms while people are downrange. Also, this often gives the RO a better field of view. Stay to the rear of the firing line so you're not tempted to handle any firearms laid on the benches. **"Has everyone returned from downrange?"** At this point, the RO is basically asking you to confirm what he already believes, that everyone is indeed back from downrange. Take a look downrange, and make eye contact with the RO. **PET PEEVE:** Why not help out by looking hard for someone who hasn't, rather than just nodding your head yes?

"The range is HOT! Commence fire!"

You are now in a shooting period, and may leave if desired- Let the RSO know you are doing so. You may handle a firearm and/or ammo without reproach from the RO. **PET PEEVE:** Do not use the firing period to try to get at rifle or pistol brass that is in the grass or gravel in front of the firing line! Do not remove a firearm from the firing line until it has been cleared by the RSO. During an IPSC or other official shooting event, the RO will issue other commands. These deal with the number of rounds to be loaded and duration of shooting period. Also the present course of fire, and scoring instructions. Also queries about "alibi" (my gun jammed/doubled, etc) shots, etc. It's involved, but mercifully self-explanatory. **A common tradition:** Anyone who appears to be of good character and admires your firearm, may be allowed to shoot a few rounds. It is good manners for that person to allow you to shoot a few rounds through something he/she owns, too. Finally, **firearms not in use must have actions open and magazines removed, or be kept cased or holstered,** at all times. **According to Canada's federal range regulations, whenever there is shooting on a firing line the range status sign to indicate that the "Range is in use" and the last person to leave the range must move the sign to "Range not in use".**

You may also hear: **"Load"**- this means you insert a magazine into the rifle or pistol.

"Ready"-this means that you can operate the firearm action to place a round in the firing chamber.

"Fire" (or whistle blast) this means you can engage the target.

"Ceasefire" see above.

"Unload all weapons, clear for inspection"-this means remove the magazine (if possible) open the action and ensure the chamber is empty. The RO will then perform a secondary inspection to prove clear.