



BORDER COWBOYS MOUNTED SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION – RANGES

BCMSA Range Request Package

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The intent of this document is to promote and grow our sport by providing the information BCMSA Range Operators require to operate safely within the expectations of the BCMSA as well as the Chief Firearm Officer. This document contains the following: 1) The Basic Process 2) Range/Arena Approval Certificate 3) Sign In sheet 4) Rules and Guidelines Overview. All Members are legally and personally responsible for THEIR actions and the BCMSA will NOT be held responsible if those actions are not in compliance of the Canadian Firearms Act and/or the direction of the Chief Firearm Officer. Ignorance of the Laws and rules is not an excuse.



BCMSA Arena Approval Process

- Arena operators/users must submit the following to the BCMSA Secretary @ P.O. Box 1905, Unity, SK. S0K4L0:
 - Restricted PAL # and photocopy of both sides.
 - Proof of a Valid BCMSA membership and AEF or SHF membership.
 - Completed BCMSA Arena Certification form.
 - Unless inspected by a BCMSA board member, photographs and /or videos of the facility.
 - The BCMSA Board will then approve or deny the arena.

Renewing your BCMSA membership will automatically renew your certification. Allowing your BCMSA membership to expire will automatically cancel your arena certifications.

The BCMSA President Harold Oliver is your first point of contact. All concerns should be addressed to Harold at 1-780-870-0712.

Arena Certification

Arena Certification # _____

Date of BCMSA Certification:



Approved by: BCMSA Board <input type="checkbox"/> Arena inspected by BCMSA. Photographs or video tours and land location are required in lieu of a personal inspection.
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<input type="checkbox"/> This is a NEW mounted shooting range <input type="checkbox"/> This range is fully enclosed (not with Barb wire)	<input type="checkbox"/> This is a RENEWAL of an existing mounted shooting range
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1. The shooting range/arena is (check only one): Indoor Outdoor Both
2. If the range/arena is difficult to access, attach road direction. Road directions attached
3. Range Contact: _____ Range Position/Title: _____

 Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

 Email Address: _____

 PAL #: _____ PAL expiry: _____
4. Range/Arena Land Location: _____
5. Range/Arena Mailing Address:
 Street/P.O. Box: _____ City: _____
 Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
6. I understand that approval is limited to the use of black powder blanks with NO projectile(s). No LIVE ammunition is permitted in Range/arena.
7. I understand and will adhere to the BCMSA rules and guidelines found at www.bordercowboymountedshooters.com and in this package.
8. I will also supply a sign in sheet at the range/arena.

Before signing this document, verify that the content you are signing for is correct.

X _____ Date: _____

***Any changes in the information above must be reported immediately to bordermountedshooters@gmail.com**

***Any questions, concerns or incidents are to be reported the current President of the BCMSA**

Sign In / Out Sheet



Arena: _____

Arena contact name & phone number: _____

Date	First & Last Name	Time In	Time Out	PAL, SHF or AEF & Club Membership is current?
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****Do NOT leave your guns unattended. Never bring LIVE ammunition to a mounted shooting range.**

**** Sign in is NOT required for Mounted Shooting events that require registration.**

BCMSA Arena Operator

Rules Overview

****All Participants are required to adhere to the Canadian Firearms Act****

Category	Precautions
Firearm Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ You MUST have your ATT, PAL and BCMSA card. Adhere to all firearm transportation and safety laws. ➤ Firearms that are not in use need to be locked up and stored safely out of sight (truck, trailer, or trunk of car). ➤ Never transport live ammunition to a mounted shooting clinic, event, practice or demonstration. ➤ Only black powder blanks with no projectiles are permitted at a mounted shooting event, practice, or demonstration.
Firearm Handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keep your firearms holstered or locked up. ➤ Do NOT cock (pull hammer back or lever) until immediately prior to engaging the target. ➤ Control the direction of the muzzle at all times. Do NOT point the muzzle towards a person or animal. ➤ Load and inspect your firearm with the muzzle pointing towards the ground or a wall. ➤ YOU are 100% responsible for your firearms. ➤ Dropped firearms should only be picked up by the owner, or a qualified individual with the permission of the owner. ➤ Balloon setters and volunteers that do NOT possess a restricted PAL should never touch a firearm. ➤ Spectators should NEVER touch a firearm. ➤ Do NOT “fan the crowd” with your firearm. Keep it pointed down and away from spectators or on target at all times.
Loading Firearms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Load and unload firearms in designated (Armourer table) areas. ➤ Load revolvers with five blanks with the firing pin resting on the empty chamber. ➤ Only load five rounds in rifle. Do NOT chamber a blank until immediately prior to engaging a target. ➤ Do NOT discharge a misfire or un-shot blanks. Only shoot at targets during your stage. Never shoot before or after crossing the timer line.



<p>Arena Safety</p> <p>*Arenas must supply an “Armourer” table that can be isolated from spectators for the safe loading and unloading of firearms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All shooters must sign in and out of the ranges including their full name, date, time in and time out. Shooters must acknowledge PAL, AEF/SHF and Club Membership are currently up to date. Events like competitions and clinics require shooter registration do not require a sign in sheet. ➤ If someone is practising mounted shooting, there must be at least ONE other person in attendance. ➤ Warn all spectators prior to firing your firearm to avoid alarm. ➤ Good footing shall be maintained to ensure safety for both horse and rider. ➤ Close gate(s) or doors prior to a run. Arena must be enclosed. Barbed wire is NOT considered an enclosure. ➤ If practicing without an official, announce your run (Fire in the hole!) and do not start shooting until you see that everyone has control of their horses and that the arena is safe. ➤ Do NOT begin a stage until all people (balloon setters etc.) are clear of the arena. ➤ Wait for permission to start your run. When in doubt, do NOT run until you feel it is safe to do so. You might see something the official does not. ➤ All targets MUST be 34 feet from the rail where spectators are present. ➤ Keep the entry and exit (gate) area clear of riders, horses and spectators. ➤ Always clean up after both you and your horse.
<p>Horse Safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Horses must be in a general healthy condition. ➤ Farrier work should be up to date. ➤ Earplugs for your horse are highly recommended. ➤ Tack must be in good working condition. ➤ Horses must be under control at all times. Disobedient or dangerous horses should be removed from the practice or competition. ➤ If your horse has bad behavioral issues (kicks, bites, cycling mare or stud) you must let everyone know.
<p>Rider Safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Absolutely NO drinking of alcohol before or during a shoot, practice or demonstration. ➤ NO drugs that may affect your judgement or reaction time before or during the shoot should be taken. ➤ No abusive or threatening behaviour or language is allowed. ➤ Earplugs for shooters and spectators are recommended. ➤ Safety glasses are recommended when shooting. ➤ Anyone under the age of 18 (wrangler) MUST wear a helmet. ➤ No participant under 18 (wrangler) shall fire ANY firearm while on horseback at any BCMSA event including a practice, jackpot, clinic and competition. ➤ Conduct yourself with professionalism and a sportsman like conduct before, during and after any mounted shooting event.

