

# **RANGE PROCEDURES FOR SENIOR BOYS AND GIRLS NOT CARRYING RIFLES**

## **1. SENIOR BOYS and SENIOR GIRLS**

As Senior Boys and Senior Girls do not carry rifles while skiing the trails during a competition, but are required to shoot in both the standing and prone positions; the following procedures shall be used for them during all shooting bouts:

### **1.1 Procedures**

- a. Prior to the start of the competition, all Senior Boy and Senior Girl rifles will be placed in racks to be located on the left or right side of the trail, as decided by the TD based on circumstances, in the vicinity of the 10 m line at the entrance to the range.
- b. Competitors will do a complete stop on the mats located in front of these racks to pick up their rifles and place them in the correct carrying position on their backs.
- c. Competitors will then ski to their firing point and carry out normal range procedures, according to IBU rules, for the removal of the rifle and shooting.
- d. After firing, competitors proceed to the rifle racks located on the left or right side of the trail in the vicinity of the 10 m line at the exit of the range and will do a complete stop on the mats located in front of these racks and place their rifles in the racks and continue with the competition. The rifle actions must be open when they are placed in the rack.

#### **1.1.1. Penalty**

Any safety violation during the above procedures may lead to a 2 minute penalty by the Competition Jury. The Competition Jury according to applicable principles and common sense, shall handle other issues arising from the procedures.

### **1.2. Responsibilities**

The organizing committee is responsible for providing a sufficient number of rifle racks. Racks are located outside the zone of silence on a level area and should be placed so that the rifles on the racks are accessible on both sides. The mats are to be placed under the rack and extend to both sides by a minimum of 30cm. Furthermore, the Organizing Committee must provide a minimum of eight (8) officials / volunteers for the Sprint and Relays and 14 (fourteen) officials / volunteers for Individual and Pursuit to shuttle the rifles back to the rifle racks located at the entrance of the range so that they are ready for the competitors' next shooting bout. As well, the organizer must have one official at both the entrance and exit racks to supervise the removal and recovery of rifles by the competitors. If 26 (June 2011)

coaches wish to perform the transfer of rifles from the exit to the entrance rack, this is permitted but the coach must inform the organizer prior to the start of the competition. Coaches are responsible for placing the rifles in the range entrance racks prior to the competition. Competitors must not be interfered with when placing rifle into the racks.

### **1.3. Rifle Racks**

An adequate number of rifle racks must be located on the shooting range to allow each competitor a place for his or her rifle. The racks must be made of wood and must facilitate easy deposit and removal of rifles by the competitors, and must prevent accidental falling down of the rifles. The distance between the notches to accept the rifles must be at least 35 cm. The racks must be numbered with the start numbers of the competitors placed on the notches to indicate where the rifles must be placed. The label size should be approximately 5 cm<sup>2</sup> and the number mark done with a permanent marking pen that doesn't run in the rain or snow.

### **1.4. Rifle Identification Marking**

Rifles placed in the racks must be marked with the start number of the competitors, at the top part of the fore stock, so that it is clearly visible while the rifle is in the rack.

### **1.5. Action When Rifles Not In Place**

If a rifle is not in place in the rack for a competitor to pick it up on arrival, an official with a stopwatch will record the time for the delay and the Competition Jury will make a decision about a time adjustment based on the circumstances.