

Skill Merits Update

The following changes have been made to the Royal Rangers skill merits available since the last LEAD conference in March 2019.

The following skill merits have been UPDATED and released for outpost use via TracClub:

1. BB Gun (blue)
2. BB Gun (green)
3. Air Rifle (green)
4. Air Rifle (silver)
5. Black Powder Safety (formerly "Black Powder")
6. Black Powder Shooting
7. Smallbore Safety
8. Smallbore Shooting
9. Shotgun Safety
10. Shotgun Shooting
11. Marksmanship
12. Bible Doctrines
13. Global Missions (blue)
14. Rope Craft

The following NEW merits have been created and released for outpost use:

1. Air Gun Safety (blue)

The following merits have been DISCONTINUED and are no longer available on TracClub:¹

1. Firearm Safety
2. Advanced Marksmanship

Air Gun Safety replaces Firearm Safety as the prerequisite to all air gun shooting merits. Firearm Safety has been discontinued since similar safety content is already included in all the firearm-specific "safety" merits and is therefore no longer needed as a separate merit. Content from Advanced Marksmanship has been moved to Marksmanship and Air Gun Safety.

(see next page for prerequisite flowchart)

The shooting merit updates were driven by three objectives:

1. Reduce the number of prerequisite merits boys are required to earn before they can begin shooting.
2. Separate firearms instruction from air gun instruction to provide younger boys with a means for participating in shooting sports that do not involve firearms.
3. Ensure all shooting merits comply with current shooting safety standards.

¹ Discontinued merits are no longer available on TracClub and inventories of award patches are no longer maintained. However, these merits may still be earned provided outposts already have merit teaching materials and award patches on hand.

Prerequisite Flow Chart for Air Gun & Firearms Shooting Merits:

