

STANDARD REVOLVER RULES

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STANDARD REVOLVER MATCH RULES

SECTION 1. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 Standard revolver shooting is intended to offer a challenging & active sport which will test the capacity of the competitor and their equipment.
- 1.2 Standard revolver shooting is open to all reputable persons.

SECTION 2. FIREARM SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 PRINCIPLES

- 2.1.1. Single & Double action revolvers will compete together without handicap.
- 2.1.2 Revolver competition is a test of expertise in the use of standard revolver and equipment.

2.2 HANDGUNS GENERAL

- 2.2.1 Handguns shall be restricted to double or single action revolvers. All revolvers to retain hammer spurs.
- 2.2.2 Grips - Standard or left and right hand grips. No palm shelf or orthopedic type grips that provide support to the hand or wrist.
- 2.2.3 Minimum calibre allowable for Centrefire competition shall be 9mm.
- 2.2.4 Sights - Open sights only, removable sights may be replaced with a similar type.
- 2.2.5 There shall be no restriction on the weight of the trigger pull provided it functions safely and as originally intended.
- 2.2.6 Barrels - must retain original specifications if replaced. No barrel weights, compensators or ported barrels will be allowed. Barrels drilled and tapped for a scope mount may retain the mount for the competition.
- 2.2.7 Handguns used in the match shall be serviceable and safe. If any handgun is observed to be unserviceable or unsafe it shall be withdrawn at the request of the range officer.
- 2.2.8 Competitors handguns may be inspected at anytime throughout the conduct of a competition to ensure that they comply with the rules.
- 2.2.9 Trigger shoes or extensions of any kind will not protrude beyond the dimensions of the trigger guard.
- 2.2.10 One handgun only will be used by a competitor in all stages of a match. If during a match the original handgun becomes unserviceable the competitor may continue to compete using another handgun, provided the competitor doesn't gain an advantage over their prior handgun.

2.3 AMMUNITION

All ammunition used must be safe. Metal piercing and tracer ammunition is prohibited from all matches. Any ammunition considered unsafe by the range officer must be removed from the range.

2.4 MISFIRES

In the event of a misfire with either a rimfire or centrefire due to faulty ignition of the cartridge, the competitor shall notify the Range Officer who will inspect the round and if it shows a firing pin indentation, another round shall be allowed. Only 3 misfires will be allowed to be replaced in a match.

SECTION 3. EQUIPMENT AND MODE OF DRESS FOR COMPETITORS

3.1 **HOLSTERS** A holster shall be used to carry an unloaded revolver on the range.

3.2 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

3.2.1 Ear and Eye protection must be worn at all times the competitor is engaged in the match.

3.2.2 Closed shoes or boots must be worn at all times a competitor is on the range.

3.2.3 A competitor may wear medical equipment which may be seen as giving support if a medical certificate confirming the competitors need to wear such a device for health reasons is submitted before a match.

3.3 **CLOTHING** Camouflage or pattern disruptive clothing is discouraged.

SECTION 4. STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND DUTIES

To conduct a registered tournament the following are the minimum requirements.

4.1 **MATCH DIRECTOR:** The official in charge of the entire match including design, construction, administration, squadding, scheduling, co-coordinating other staff and services.

4.2 **SAFETY OFFICER:** The official responsible for range safety.

4.3 **CHIEF RANGE OFFICER:** Will be responsible for the overall conduct of the course of fire, briefing competitors and answering questions about the course of fire. The Chief range officer is responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the match, directing the range officers for the stages, directing the competitors and spectators in matters concerning safety.

4.4 **RANGE OFFICERS:** There shall be at least one Range officer per stage of the match. They are responsible for conducting the competitors through the stage, ensuring that the rules are applied equally and impartially to all competitors. The Range officer's prime concern is safety.

4.5 **CHIEF SCORER:** The official who receives all score cards from the range staff, enters the scores in the computer and publishes the results.

4.6.1 **SCORERS:** There should be at least two scorers per stage. They will work closely with, and as instructed by the Range Officer.

4.6.2 PATCHERS: There should be enough patchers so the match does not get held up, they will follow the scorers and patch the targets.

4.6.3 PROTESTS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE Refer Section 11

SECTION 5 COURSE OF FIRE - REVOLVER MATCH

Five sighters will be allowed at 50 metres **only** on the first target.

5.1 STAGE 1 50 Metre PRECISION EVENT

Range 50 metres, 10 shots in 8 minutes, using any field position, no artificial rests to be used, if a post or shed upright is available a shooter may use them providing that the post is on the 50 metre line and does not contravene safety and is in line with their respective target.

Target: 50m BLACK POWDER TARGET

5.2 STAGE 2 25 metre PRECISION EVENT

Range 25 metres, 10 rounds in 8 minutes, from the offhand position.

Target: 50 metre INTERNATIONAL SLOW FIRE TARGET.

5.3 STAGE 3 TIME FIRE

Range 15 metres, targets face the shooter for 3 seconds and away for 7 seconds, 1 shot will be fired for each 3 second exposure. 2 x 5 rounds to a total of 10 rounds. **Target:**

Rabbit

5.4 STAGE 4 15 METRE RAPID FIRE

Range 15 metres, five rounds in 10 seconds, and 2 x 5 rounds for a total of ten rounds on the target. **Target: Fox**

5.5 STAGE 5 FIVE TARGET EVENT

Range 10 metres, the shooter faces a cluster of five fox heads on one target, one shot is fired at each fox head in 10 seconds, 2 x 5 rounds for a total of 2 rounds on each target. **Target: Cluster of Five Fox Heads**

5.6 STAGE 6 10 METRE RAPID FIRE

Range 10 metres, 5 rounds in 10 seconds, 2 x 5 rounds for a total of 10 rounds on the target. **Target: Bear**

SECTION 6 SCORING

6.1 Where the outside diameter of the shot touches the line it will be given the higher value. A plug gauge or overlay scoring slide of the appropriate calibre may be used by the scorer to check value of a shot, a bullet hole shall only be gauged once.

6.2 On a turning or disappearing target, any bullet hole greater than one and one half calibres in diameter will not be scored.

6.3 Crossfire's - If more than the required number of shots appear on the target, any shot which can be identified as having not been fired by the competitor assigned to the target, or having been fired in the previous string, those shots will be disregarded and will not be scored. If more than the required number of shots, then remains on the target, the competitor will receive the highest scoring shots.

- 6.4 Visible shots and Close groups - As a general rule only those shots which are visible will be scored. An exception will be made in the case where a group of three or more shots is so close that it is possible for the required shots to have gone through the enlarged hole without leaving a mark and there has been no evidence that the shots have gone through elsewhere on the assigned target. In such a case the shooter will be given the benefit of the doubt and scored hits from non-visible shots, on the assumption they passed through the enlarged hole.
- 6.5 It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the correct scores are entered on the score sheets.
- 6.6 After the stage has been shot a competitor shall not approach to within less than 1 metre of their target until the score has been entered onto the score sheets, any competitor failing to observe this rule will have the target scored as a "missed target" (no score) and will be called before the disputes committee.
- 6.7 A competitor may challenge the score on any target. In the first instance the Range Officer will rule on the target but their decision may be appealed to the Chief Range Officer or Match Director. Their decision may only be challenged by raising a formal protest with the Disputes and Appeals Committee. The target will not be patched until the challenge is settled and it may be removed for further consideration if necessary.
- 6.8 Once the score sheet has been signed by the competitor and the Range Officer/Scorer it may not be changed except to change arithmetic errors.

SECTION 7 SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Safety Violations - An accumulation of two safety Violations in any single match requires automatic disqualification. A safety violation shall disqualify the competitor from the stage in which it occurred. Safety violations will include, but not limited to-

- a. Pointing an unloaded handgun up range.
- b. Dropping an unloaded handgun
- c. Leaving the firing area with a loaded handgun or holstering a un cleared handgun
- d. Playing with or handling a handgun without the R/O'S permission, or outside the safety area.
- e. Handling live ammunition in the safety area.
- f. Any accidental misfire while at the ready.
- g. Allowing the handgun to swing excessively from the down range position (more than 15 degrees)

Breaches of Safety

A breach of safety in any match requires an automatic disqualification. Breaches of safety will include but not limited to-

- a. Pointing a loaded handgun up range.
- b. Dropping a loaded handgun.
- c. Consumption of alcohol or drugs before or during a match

SECTION 8. RANGE PROCEDURES

8.1 READY POSITION: HANDGUNS

Unless otherwise stated in the course of fire the ready position for handguns will be with the handgun at 45 degree pointed down the range.

8.2 RANGE COMMANDS

8.2.1 "DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE COURSE OF FIRE"

The competitor can ask for any information or clarification on the course of fire. If the competitor says "yes" the range officer will give the next command.

8.2.2 "LOAD AND MAKE READY"

The competitor will face down range, fit ear protection, load the firearm and make it ready then adopt the ready position as specified in the course of fire.

8.2.3 "ARE YOU READY"

If a competitor is not ready they must clearly state "not ready". If no answer is given The Range Officer will give the next command.

8.2.4 "STAND BY"

The competitor must remain in the ready position until the cue to commence firing is given. The cue may be verbal, visual, audible, or self starting and will be given within 5 seconds of the "stand by" command being given.

8.2.5 SHOOTER UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR" When the competitor is finished the firearm will be unloaded and held ready for inspection by the range officer. Revolvers will have the cylinder swung out and empty. Unloading and inspection must be carried out with the muzzle pointing down range at all times.

8.2.6 "CLEAR ACTION CLOSED HAMMER DOWN AND HOLSTER" The competitor will close the cylinder and holster the revolver.

8.2.7 "RANGE IS CLEAR MOVE FORWARD AND PATCH"

The range officials may move forward to score and patch the targets.

8.2.8 Spotting Scopes - may be used by a shooter at 50 and 25 metres only. A shooter will not be allowed to have anybody spotting for them.

SECTION 9 COMPETITORS

9.1 It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their equipment meets the rules and is serviceable.

9.2 In the event of a malfunction of the firearm and the malfunction can be rectified before the end of the detail, the competitor may continue until the time limit expires for the end of that detail.

9.3 All competitors and their guests shall behave in a sportsmanlike manner as befitting membership of the SSAA and should refrain from boisterous conduct on or behind the firing line during the conduct of an event. A shooting range is no place for pranks and any shooter failing to observe this will be disciplined by the range officer. In the event of boisterous or unsportsmanlike behavior by a competitor the range officer shall caution the offender once, and if there is any repetition of such conduct the offender

shall be disqualified and asked to leave the firing line immediately.

- 9.4 **STUCK LIVE ROUND** - In the event of a competitor experiencing a jammed live round (stuck live case). The round may be removed from the breech end only. Under no circumstances can a rod of any description be dropped down the barrel (on any part of the range site) to remove the stuck live round.
- 9.5 It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they understand the course of fire. Competitors may ask as many questions as necessary of the Range officials to ensure they understand the published details of the stage but not be given any help on solving the tactical problems of the stage.
- 9.6 A junior competitor shall be any SSAA member under the age of 18 years at the date of the competition.

SECTION 10 REGISTERED MATCHES

- 10.1 An Association of branch of the SSAA Inc wishing to host a registered match shall notify their state delegate, who will inspect the range (if necessary) and notify the National Chairman no later than 7 days before the match.
- 10.2 No state or club level match will be registered at the same time as a National registered match and only one State or club level match will be registered for one time within a state.
- 10.3 Once a match is registered the host club shall be responsible for advertising the match to all the relevant clubs.
- 10.4 The host club will decide and advertise the nomination fee.
- 10.5 The host club will be responsible for providing the range equipment, targets, range staff and trophies for the shoot.
- 10.6 The minimum trophies required for a registered match will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd Aggregate for each stage for the rimfire and centrefire class and one trophy for the top junior competitor.
- 10.7 Host clubs may choose to award additional trophies for stage winners, ladies, veterans if they wish.
- 10.8 For National Titles the SSAA Discipline Chairman will make available SSAA National medals as per section 10.6.
- 10.9 A different trophy pattern may be negotiated with the National Chairman where a particular type of shoot is contemplated but medals will only be available for aggregate scores.
- 10.10 All competitors in a registered match must be financial members of the SSA Inc.

SECTION 11 PROTEST AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

- a. At all registered tournaments there shall be a Protest and Appeals Committee (hereinafter called the "appeals committee"), which shall be formed by the host association or club organisers to hear and decide protests and appeals.
- b. The Appeals Committee shall consists of a minimum of three people one of whom shall act as chairman, any of whom may be competitors in the competition, but in no case shall an appellent or protester be included as part of the Appeals Committee (notwithstanding any rule or rules of law to the contrary). In tournaments where more than one state is represented a delegate from any of the state may be appointed to be a members of the said committee and such appointments shall be at the discretion of the host association or club.
- c. A protest may be lodged by a competitor who feels aggrieved by a decision of the Range Officer, the target scorers, or any other organizational matters or methods of conducting the competition. A competitor may protest the conduct of another competitor(s) or that another competitor(s) has not fulfilled his obligations according to these rules, or has not properly obeyed the rules.
- d. The protest must be lodged in writing and accompanied by a fee, the amount of which shall be nominated by the organisers of the competition. If the protest is disallowed then the fee shall be forfeited to the organisers conducting the competition.
- e. The protest is to be lodged with the Range Officer or other persons nominated by the organisers of the competition to receive the protest or appeal. A protest may be lodged during the conduct of a competition or after the competition has been completed but no later than 30 minutes after the scores for that competition have been announced or posted. When received the protest or appeal must be given to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as possible.
- f. The chairman shall convene the appeals committee without undue delay and the appeals committee shall be empowered to hear evidence from the protester, the appellent, and persons involved in the protest, to inquire the range officers, scorers or organisers to produce targets score sheets, or other material relevant to the protest; to call evidence from any other person(s) who may be able to help the appeals committee and to do all such things that the appeals committee believes will enable it to reach an unbiased and just decision.

AN ACCUSED PERSON SHALL

- 1 Have a right to be heard before the appeals committee and to remain in attendance during each session of the appeals committee.
- 2 Be advised of the time and place the appeals shall hear evidence of the protest and appeal.
- 3 Be entitled to remain in attendance before the appeals committee until the appeals committee adjourns the proceedings to make its decision.
- 4 Be informed of the evidence or allegations made.
- 5 Be supplied the details of verbal or written statements made against that person or persons.
- 6 Be given an opportunity before the appeals committee to correct or contradict any allegations made.
- 7 Immediately the appeals committee has made a decision, the chairman shall verbally announce it to a gathering of competitors, summoned to hear the decision, or post the decision of a notice board. The decision of the appeals committee shall be final and binding of the protest and on all persons concerned therein.