

# Range Safety Rules

It is the participant's responsibility to read and understand these rules prior to beginning participation in the match. Participants are responsible and liable for any misuse or mishandling of firearms. Participants assume all responsibility and risks upon registering for the event.

## **LIABILITY AND LIABILITY WAIVERS:**

All participants are required to sign a **Waiver of Liability** before being allowed on the firing line. Any participant who fails or refuses to sign the Waiver Forms before the Competition will not be allowed to compete.

Accommodations for the Disabled/Handicapped: With safety at the forefront, we will make all reasonable accommodations for the disabled during the Competition. The participant must demonstrate safe handling of their firearm. Each individual will be handled on a case-by-case basis, with safety as the utmost concern.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL** will be on stand-by at the range during the Competition.

Competition/Match will be run on a **COLD RANGE**

**Definition of COLD RANGE:** Competitors' firearms will remain unloaded at the match site except under the direction and supervision of a Match Official and/or Range Officer.

**EYE AND EAR PROTECTION** is mandatory for competitor's, spectators and range personnel while on or near the stages of fire.

**DESIGNATED SAFETY AREAS:** Safety Areas will be clearly marked with signs. Participants can handle their unloaded firearms in this area to case/uncase/holster their firearm. Handling of ammunition in this area is strictly prohibited and will result in a match disqualification. You may **NOT** load/unload magazines in this area.

**FIREARMS** should be unloaded and cased or remain in the participant's holster with the magazine removed. All firearms used by competitors shall be serviceable and safe.

**SAFETY BRIEFING:** A mandatory meeting will be held prior to the start of the match to ensure that all competitors are familiar with these standardized rules.

**MUZZLE SAFETY:** 180-degree plane is an imaginary infinite vertical plane drawn through the centerline of the competitor's body. Any firearm muzzle that crosses the 180-degree plane will be disqualified.

## GENERAL SAFETY AND COMPETITION GUIDELINES

All competitors are liable and responsible for the care and handling of their own firearms in a safe and secure manner.

No food or drinks will be allowed on the firing line.

No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the range.

No competitor or spectator shall consume or be under the influence of alcohol or non-prescription drugs at the match site before and during shooting. Any competitor found to be impaired and deemed unsafe will be asked to leave the range.

Eye protection and ear protection must be worn on the range at all times during shooting on the range; there are no exceptions.

Only the competitor called to fire will be allowed on the firing line.

Pay strict attention to the Range Officers while on the firing line. Do not anticipate the range commands as called by the Range Safety Officer.

All firearms will remain in holsters or carrying cases until the shooters are on the firing line and ready to fire. Firearms will be pointed down-range at all times when not in a holster or carrying case.

All firing will begin from the "Low Ready" position, with the firearm pointed at the ground at an angle of 45 degrees in front of the competitor, down-range with the finger off the trigger (indexed).

Firearms will remain holstered or cased until the command to make ready is given by the Range Officer.

Competitor should report to the firing line when called with all equipment necessary to fire the course.

### Competitors **Must** Have the Following to Participate in the Competition:

- Hearing protection and eye protection.
- Authorized Firearm, 2-3 magazines/loading devices
- All ammunition must be provided by the competitor
- Holsters specifically designed for the firearm used or carry case/bag.
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Firearms: Firearms to be used in the match must meet the following specifications:

- Semi-automatic or double-action revolver, 9mm to .45 caliber
- Three to six inch barrel length. No carbine pistols (AR pistols)
- No electronic or dot-type (i.e., Aimpoint, etc.) sights. No laser sights allowed.
- No after-market compensators are permitted.

Ammunition: Magnum, +P, or +P+ ammunition is not allowed.

Holsters: Firearms will be carried to and from the firing line in a holster or a case. The holster will be designed to properly fit the firearm carried in it. The holster will be of a type to be worn on the shooter's strong side, outside of the pants, and attached to the belt. This means that a cross-draw, ankle, competition speed holster, quick-draw and shoulder holsters are not permitted.

## **RANGE COMMANDS:**

“Load and Make Ready” – competitor will load firearm

“Shooter ready?” – if competitor is ready, he/she must respond verbally or with an obvious nodding of the head.

“Standby” – this command is given after the competitor is ready at the Low Ready position. This command will be followed by an audible start signal to commence firing.

“If Finished, Unload and Show Clear” – this command will be given once the competitor has completed the course of fire. All ammunition will be removed from the firearm and a clear chamber/cylinder will be shown to the Range Officer.

“If Clear, Slide Forward or Close Cylinder” – this command will be given once the Range Officer has inspected the firearm and found it to be clear.

“Pull the Trigger” – the competitor will point the firearm at the berm and pull the trigger to further verify that the chamber is clear.

“Holster or Case Firearm” – competitor will safely holster or case firearm keeping muzzle in a safe direction.

“Range is Clear” – Range Officer will give this command after competitor has safely holstered/cased their firearm.

**TARGETS:** NRA-D1 Tombstone targets will be used.

## **SCORING:**

Scoring per stage will be Time Plus Penalties.

X/A ring = No deduction

B ring = 1 second penalty

C area = 2 second penalty

Miss (no hit) on target = 5 second penalty

**STEEL** must fall to score. 5 seconds penalty if steel does not fall.

**SHOOTING TEAMS:** Teams will consist of (4) members. *Team members need not fire together.* One score will be used for both team and individual scores. No competitor may fire as a member of more than one team.

Strict discipline must be maintained on the range. Carelessness cannot and will not be tolerated. Violation of any of the rules, or the commission of any other act considered by any Range Officer to be unsafe, may result in immediate disqualification and removal from the range.

All decisions of the Range Master are final and are not subject to appeal.

# Scoring for NRA D-1 Target

Bullet holes that touch the perforation on a Shoot target count for the higher score. Bullet holes on a No-Shoot must be a FULL BULLET DIAMETER to incur the penalty. Holes in non-scoring areas must be a FULL BULLET DIAMETER to incur the miss.

