

SEATTLE RIFLE AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION  
BULLS EYE PISTOL PRE MATCH SAFETY BRIEFING

1. INTRODUCTIONS
  - A. Self
  - B. Other match officials, if any
  - C. Match Officials
    - (1) Range Safety Officer
      - (a) Ensure safety
      - (b) Conduct the match
    - (2) Other Match Officials
      - (a) Ensure Safety
      - (b) Assist the Range Safety Officer
  - D. Identification of match officials
  - E. Where Range Safety Officer and match officials will be located
  
2. PURPOSE
  - A. To SAFELY conduct a competitive Pistol Match, shooting the NRA National Match course.
  
3. OVERVIEW OF THE MATCH
  - A. The match will be a three gun event
    - (1) .22
    - (2) Any center fire
    - (3) .45
    - (4) A .45 is a center fire, and can be used during the Center Fire portion of the Match
    - (5) Shooters may use either a revolver or a semi-automatic
    - (6) Shooters may use open sights, scopes or dots
  - B. Shooters will shoot three courses of fire with each gun
    - (1) Slow Fire
      - (a) 50 yards
      - (b) 10 rounds
      - (c) 10 minutes
    - (2) Timed Fire
      - (a) 25 yards
      - (b) 10 rounds fired in 2 5 shot stings
      - (c) 20 seconds per string
    - (3) Rapid fire
      - (a) 25 yards
      - (b) 10 rounds fired in 2 5 round strings
      - (c) 10 seconds per string
  - C. Shooting sequence
    - (1) Relay 1 will begin by shooting .22 slow fire. After scoring, Relay 1 will shoot Center Fire Slow Fire, using the same targets used for the .22.
    - (2) After scoring or Relay 1's Center Fire Slow Fire target, Relay 2 will shoot .22 Slow Fire and Center Fire Slow Fire using new targets in the same sequence as Relay 1.
    - (3) After scoring or Relay 2's Center Fire Slow Fire target. Relay 1 will shoot .45 Slow Fire, using new targets.

- (4) After scoring Relay 1's .45 Slow Fire targets, Relay 2 will shoot .45 Slow Fire, using new targets.
- (5) After all slow fire is completed, the 50 yard target stands will be removed, and stowed.
- (6) After Slow Fire target frames are stowed, Relay 1 will shoot .22 Timed Fire. After scoring, Relay 1 will shoot Center Fire Timed Fire, using the .22 Timed Fire targets.
- (7) After Scoring Relay 1's Center Fire timed Fire targets, Relay 2 will shoot .22 Timed Fire and Center Fire Timed Fire in the same sequence using new targets.
- (8) After scoring Relay 2's .22 Timed Fire and Center Fire Timed Fire targets, Relay 1 will shoot .22 Rapid Fire. After scoring, Relay 1 will shoot Center Fire Rapid Fire.
- (9) Upon completion of scoring Relay 1's .22 Rapid and Center Fire Rapid Fire Targets, Relay 2 will shoot .22 Rapid Fire and Center Fire Rapid Fire in the same sequence using new targets.
- (10) Upon completion of Relay 2's .22 Rapid Fire and Center Fire Rapid Fire, Relay 1 will shoot .45 Timed Fire. Upon completion of scoring Relay 1's .45 Timed Fire Targets, Relay 1 will shoot .45 Rapid Fire, using new targets.
- (11) Upon completion of scoring of Relay 1's .45 Rapid Fire targets, Relay 2 will shoot .45 Timed Fire and .45 Rapid Fire in the same sequence.
- (12) Upon completion of Rely 2's .45 Rapid Fire, the match will be completed.

#### 4. TIME ALLOWED

- a. The shooting portion of the match will begin at about 0930, and run until all relays have completed all courses of fire.
- b. There will be no other shooting on either the rifle or pistol ranges while the match is in progress
- c. Conduct of the match includes set up, shooting, scoring, and clean up.

#### 5. READY POSITION

- A. In the ready position, a shooter will hold his/her gun in their shooting hand.
- B. The muzzle will be pointed DOWN RANGE, above the bench, and down toward the ground
- C. The non-shooting hand will be raised.

#### 6. RANGE LAYOUT AND LIMITS

- A. The RIGHT LIMIT of the pistol range is the tree line to the east of the firing line
- B. The LEFT LIMIT of the pistol range is an imaginary line running at a right angle beginning at the end of the shooting bench at position 1, and ending to the earthen berm just beyond the 50 yard targets.
- C. The UPPER LIMIT of the pistol range is the bottom of the baffles.
- D. The IMPACT AREA is the earthen berm just beyond the 50 yard targets.
- E. The 100 yard RIFLE RANGE is immediately to the west of the pistol. It will not be in use during the duration of the match.
- F. There are 10 firing points, numbered 1-10, beginning at the west end of the shooting bench
- G. The FIRING LINE is composed of the long, white bench. Firing points are numbered on the bench
- H. The SHOOTING AREA is the area forward of the yellow line is the.
- I. The WAITING, SPECTATOR AREA is the area behind the yellow line.

#### 7. RANGE SAFETY RULES

- A. All shooters will follow the NRA Fundamental Rules For Safe Gun Handling
    - (1) ALWAYS keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
    - (2) ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
    - (3) ALWAYS keep your gun unloaded until ready to shoot.
      - a. During the match you will keep your gun unloaded until given the command "LOAD" by the Range Safety Officer
      - b. You may load magazines at your convenience.
  - B. Seattle Rifle and Pistol Association rules are posted in several places on the walls behind the firing area.
  - C. When chambering a round, and shooting, your muzzle will be no higher than the target level. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!
  - D. When working the action of a semi-automatic handgun, people tend to hold it so that the muzzle points about 45 degrees to their left or right. If an accidental discharge were to occur in this situation, the round would leave the boundaries of the pistol range. When working the action of a semi-automatic handgun, ensure the muzzle is pointed at the target corresponding to your firing position, even if you have to reposition your feet.
  - E. SHOOTING A BAFFLE IS UNACCEPTABLE! A bullet striking a baffle is a bullet that could have left the range. If a baffle is struck:
    - (1) All shooting will stop.
    - (2) The person shooting the baffle will fill out a Baffle Strike report form
    - (3) The person shooting the baffle will be required to leave the club property, forfeiting match fees, and will not be permitted back until permitted by the Board of Directors.
  - F. IF YOUR GUN FAILS TO FIRE:
    - (1) This could be due to:
      - (a) An unchambered round
      - (b) A "squib" load
      - (c) A hang fire
      - (d) A misfire.
    - (2) DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHOOT AGAIN. A "Squib Load" could have left a round in the barrel. A "Hang Fire" could fire momentarily
      - (a) Assume the "Ready Position"
      - (b) Keep your gun pointed down range, below the target level, but ABOVE THE BENCH!
      - (c) Await instructions from the Range Safety Officer.
  - G. Violation of these rules can result in the expelling of the violator from the Range, with no return of entry fees
8. HYGIENE GUIDELINES
- A. Refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, applying makeup, or placing your hands in the proximity of your nose or mouth while on the range or cleaning a gun.
  - B. Washing facilities are available in the club house.
  - C. Change and wash clothing after a shooting or gun cleaning session to minimize exposure to airborne particulate lead or solvent and cleaning product residues.
9. SPECIAL CONCERNS
- A. Pregnant women, children seven years of age or younger, and others who have concerns should consult a physician before visiting shooting ranges.

## 10. REMINDER OF NRA RULES REGARDING RANGE COURTESY

### A. NRA Rule 9.27 Disorderly Conduct

Disorderly conduct and intoxication are strictly prohibited on the range. Any anybody guilty of same will be expelled from the range. Expelled competitors will be disqualified from the competition with no return of entry fees.

### B. Rule 9.10

Coaching is prohibited.

### C. Rule 10.2.a Loud Language

Loud or abusive language will not be permitted. Competitors, scorers, and range officers will limit their conversation directly behind the firing line to official business. TNOTE: the area behind the yellow line is "directly behind the firing line".

## 11. FIRING LINE COMMANDS

- A. The Range Safety Officer Will Call "RELAY \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE LINE". They will announce the course of fire.

(1) Upon arrival at the line, your guns will be placed on the bench with cylinders and actions open, magazines out, empty chamber indicators inserted, and muzzles pointed down range. Empty chamber indicators will be inserted in all guns that are visible

- B. The Range Safety Officer will announce the commencement of the three minute preparation period.

(1) During the three minute preparation period, you will be permitted to remove empty chamber indicators, handle your guns, load magazines only, sight on targets to obtain your natural point of aim. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LOAD YOUR GUN UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO.

- C. After three minutes have elapsed, the Range Safety Officer will announce "THE THREE MINUTE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED. IS ANY MORE TIME REQUIRED?"

At this point, you will again bench your guns, with muzzles pointing down range. If no more time is required, preparations to shoot will continue. If one or more shooters require more time, their individual situations will be evaluated.

- D. The Range Safety Officer will again announce the course of fire, the details of the course of fire, and proceed with firing

#### (1) Slow Fire

"THIS WILL BE .22/CENTER FIRE/.45 SLOW FIRE"

"YOU WILL FIRE 10 ROUNDS SLOW FIRE, 10 ROUNDS IN 10 MINUTES"

"YOU MAY LOAD"

When all shooters have loaded

"IS THE LINE READY?"

If no shooter indicates that they are is not ready

"THE LINE IS READY"

"READY ON THE RIGHT"

"READY ON THE LEFT"

"READY ON THE FIRING LINE"

"COMMENCE FIRE"

There will be a 3 second pause between commands

After ten minutes have elapsed, the Range Safety Officer will command  
"CEASE FIRE"

All shooting will immediately cease

The red lights will be energized.

"UNLOAD"

"CYLINDERS OPEN"

"SLIDES BACK"

"MAGAZINES OUT"

"INSERT EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATORS"

"PLACE GUNS ON THE TABLE WITH MUZZLES POINTING DOWN RANGE"

"POLICE BRASS"

"WHEN FINISHED, MAKE THE LINE SAFE, AND STEP BACK BEHIND THE  
YELLOW LINE"

There will be a three second pause between commands

When all shooters are behind the yellow line, the Range Safety Officer will  
walk and the line, and inspect for:

Open cylinders

Slides back

Magazines out

Empty cylinders/chambers

Empty chamber indicators inserted

Muzzles pointed down range

When the line is safe, the Range Safety Officer will announce

"THE LINE IS SAFE"

The Range Safety Officer will then command

"GO FORWARD AND SCORE TARGETS"

Persons involved in scoring will go forward and score targets

Persons not involved in scoring

Will remain behind the yellow line

Will not handle firearms

May load magazines on the tables behind the yellow line, but not at the  
firing line benches

After the completion of all slow fire, the 50 yard target frames will be  
removed, and returned to the pistol shed.

(2) Timed and rapid fire

THIS WILL BE .22/CENTER FIRE/.45 TIMED/RAPID FIRE

For timed fire

"YOU WILL FIRE 10 ROUNDS TIMED FIRE IN TWO FIVE ROUND STRINGS"

"YOU WILL HAVE TWENTY SECONDS PER STRING"

For rapid fire

"YOU WILL FIRE 10 ROUNDS RAPID FIRE IN TWO FIVE ROUND STRINGS"

"YOU WILL HAVE 10 SECONDS PER STRING"

Continuing with preparations to shoot

"WITH FIVE ROUNDS LOAD"

There will be a three second pause between commands

When all shooters have loaded the Range Safety Officer will ask

"IS THE LINE READY"

If no shooter indicates that they are not ready, the Range Safety Officer will announce

“THE LINE IS READY”

“READY ON THE RIGHT”

“READY ON THE LEFT”

“READY ON THE FIRING LINE”

If turning targets are being used

“FIRE WITH THE TARGETS”

When the targets have turned, you may commence fire

When the targets begin turning away, you will cease fire.

The Range Safety Officer will simultaneously command

“CEASE FIRE”

If turning targets are not being used

“COMMENCE FIRE”

The Range Safety Officer will start the stop watch

Upon completion of the elapsed time, the Range Safety Officer will command

“CEASE FIRE”

The red lights will be energized.

“UNLOAD”

“CYLINDERS OPEN”

“SLIDES BACK”

“MAGAZINES OUT”

“INSERT EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATORS”

“PLACE GUNS ON THE TABLE WITH MUZZLES POINTING DOWN RANGE”

“POLICE BRASS”

“WHEN FINISHED, MAKE THE LINE SAFE, AND STEP BACK BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE”

There will be a three second pause between commands

When all shooters are behind the yellow line, the Range Safety Officer will walk and the line, and inspect for

Open cylinders

Slides back

Magazines out

Empty cylinders/chambers

Empty chamber indicators inserted

Muzzles pointed down range

When the line is safe, the Range Safety Officer will announce

“THE LINE IS SAFE”

The Range Safety Officer will then command

“GO FORWARD AND SCORE TARGETS”

Person involved in scoring will go forward and score targets

Persons not involved in scoring

Will remain behind the yellow line

Will not handle firearms

May load magazines on the tables behind the yellow line, but not at the firing line benches

If there is more than one relay, each relay will shoot both timed and rapid fire before the next relay shoots

#### 12. CEASE FIRE

- A. When the command to “cease fire” is given, immediately cease firing and/or the preparation to fire
- B. Assume the ready position
- C. Remain in position
- D. Await further commands from the Range Safety Officer
- E. May be signaled by
  - A. A verbal command
  - B. An audible signal. An audible signal, if used, will be identified prior to beginning the match
  - C. The targets beginning to turn away during timed or rapid fire
- F. Any person observing an unsafe condition will call “cease fire”.

#### 13. FIREARM MALFUNCTIONS

- A. Assume the ready position
- B. Keep your fire arm in your shooting hand with the muzzle pointed down
- C. Raise your non-shooting hand
- D. Await direction from the Range Safety Officer

#### 14. SCORING

- A. Scoring With One Relay
  - (1) When there is only one relay, shooters will pass their score sheets to the person to their right, who will score their target. The shooter on the last position on the right will have their target scored by the shooter in position 1
- B. When There Is More Than One Relay
  - (1) Relay 2 will score the targets of Relay 1 shooters
  - (2) Relay 3 will score the targets of Relay 2.
  - (3) Relay 1 will score the targets of Relay 3.

#### 15. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- A. Immediately cease fire
- B. Render aid
  - (1) There is a first aid kit in the stat room
  - (2) The door will be unlocked during pistol matches
  - (3) Ask “are there any medically trained people in attendance?”
- C. If outside help is required
  - (1) Call 911
    - (a) There is a land line in the stat room. The door will remain unlocked during pistol matches. The telephone number is (425) 334-4335
    - (b) Use your cell phone or that of somebody else
    - (c) Give the 911 dispatcher
      - The phone number from which you are calling
      - The range address:

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Snohomish, WA 98290

- (a) Remain on the line until directed to hang up
- (b) Send somebody to the gate to direct emergency personnel
- (c) Take notes on what you observed
- (d) Have others take notes on what they have observed