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The OSS Challenge Rules, Regulations, and Procedures.

1. Range Safety Brief Format:

- a. Cadre introduction and task organization: Match Director (overall authority), Range Safety Officers (RSO), Medic (if available), identify medically trained participants.
- b. Range orientation: SAFE areas/table, range fan, limitations, capabilities, and facilities.
- c. Medical emergency plan: Beginning with incident through end state at emergency care facility and expected EMS response times. Include routes to emergency facility (if in a rural area or outside of emergency services reasonable response time window).
- d. Match rhythm and timeline explanation. Sponsor and special guest introduction.

2. Universal Rules of Firearm Safety:

- a. Always know the status of your firearms. "Treat all firearms as though they are loaded."
- b. Never let your muzzle point at, cross, or cover anything you do not intend to shoot.
- c. Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until you achieve sight alignment (gun parallel to the ground, above waist level, oriented directly at the desired target).
- d. Identify your target and what is in the forefront, background, left and right of it.

3. **Concept:** The OSS Challenge (OSSC) is a tactical fitness-oriented shooting game. OSSC will run twice per year, once in spring (Spring Edition), once in autumn (Mogadishu Mile Edition). Our primary goal is to engage athletes, law officers, firefighters, soldiers, fitness enthusiasts, and anyone who wishes to perform beyond standard flat range shooting or standard gym training. Our secondary goal is to raise money for worthy charities. The challenge is appropriate for all skill levels. It is currently restricted to ages 18 and up.

4. **Competitor Sex/Age Categories:** All competitors must be at a fair level of fitness for an OSSC event.

- a. Male
- b. Female
- c. Age categories are in development.
- d. Youth events are in development.

6. **Firearms:** Matches may be advertised and briefed as Pistol Only, Rifle Only, or Two-Gun. All competitors are scored the same, regardless of equipment set-up. Optics and Iron Sights,

compensators, suppressors are all scored the same. A rimfire division is in development. Authorized calibers follow:

a. Pistol: May be any commonly used tactical/duty pistol, centerfire, auto-loading in calibers .357sig, .38super, 9x19mm, 9x18mm, .40s&w, .45acp, .45gap, 10mm. NO MAGNUM AMMUNITION of any caliber. Other unique firearms or calibers may be fired at the match director's discretion, pending safety analysis. Any ammunition deemed unsafe or likely to damage the steel targets i.e., steel jacketed, steel core, tracer, and incendiary ammunition, etc. is unauthorized for OSSC competition use.

b. Rifle: May be any commonly used modern sporting rifle (MSR), centerfire, auto-loading. in calibers; .223, 5.56x45mm, 5.45x39mm, .300blk, 6.8mmSPC. Other unique firearms or calibers may be fired at match director discretion, pending safety analysis. Any ammunition deemed unsafe or likely to damage the steel targets i.e., steel jacketed, steel core, tracer, and incendiary ammunition, etc. is unauthorized for OSSC competition use.

7. **Commands and Other Verbiage:**

a. NEXT SHOOTER: Competitor moves to start point, pistols holstered, rifle slung, or bagged/boxed. Ammunition loaded in magazines.

b. MAKE READY: Competitor's time to prep, load firearm, holster.

c. ARE YOU READY: Requires an affirmative or negative response.

d. STAND BY: On "Stand-By", a loud audible beep will follow by 1-3 seconds, signaling the shooter to start the stage.

e. UNLOAD and SHOW CLEAR: Unload and lock slide open for visual inspection.

f. IF CLEAR, HAMMER DOWN and HOLSTER/ LET IT HANG: Ride the slide/bolt forward, dry fire on target and holster/sling.

g. RANGE IS CLEAR: It is safe to move down range.

h. STOP: Stop, freeze, do not move.

i. CEASE FIRE: Stop firing, finger off the trigger and out of the trigger well and stop all movement.

8. **Target and Range Guidelines:** An OSSC event may be conducted on a variety of ranges. There is no standard size or configuration. Current target guidelines are below.

a. Targets will be cardboard IDPA, IPSC, or PCS League standards, and IPSC 1/3rd silhouette. Exceptions may apply to achieve specific goals. Targets will be pasted/taped between each stage.

b. Steel plates, silhouettes, and poppers of assorted sizes may be used. Steel will be painted white or yellow. Steel will be re-painted for between each stage.

9. **Scoring:** Total time plus time penalties (IDPA: +0, +1, +3, miss is +10 seconds) (IPSC: A zone +0, C zone +3, D zone +5, miss +10 seconds). The fastest total time of all stages combined wins the match. Stages will be briefed individually and will state if scoring is Comstock/Unlimited or Virginia/Limited count methods.

10. **Stage Brief:** Each stage is briefed individually prior to stage execution. Any unique rules, scoring, or gameplay in the stage brief supersedes any generic match or range rules. Scoring may be different for any given stage to represent the best overall performance more accurately. OSSC matches may or may not adhere to standard USPSA, ISPC, or Tactical Games style scoring methods. One stage may emphasize speed over accuracy and vice versa. It is our goal to be as balanced and accurate as possible to reward overall skill and fitness.

11. **Basic Safety Rules of OSSC:**

a. All OSSC events will run a COLD range format. All firearms will be UNLOADED except in the shooters' start position, under a direct command of an RSO. Competitors that arrive at the range armed with a loaded firearm on their person (e.g., law enforcement officers, concealed carriers, etc.), will go to the SAFE area or berm to unload their firearm. Competitors may also leave their carry gun in their vehicle. A SAFE area will be briefed, easily accessible, clearly marked, and include a suitable impact zone.

b. During the match, participants will not un-holster or un-bag/box their firearms, except when instructed by an RSO, or in a designated area.

c. If a competitor violates the COLD range rule, an RSO will escort him to a SAFE area and inspect. Any competitor in violation will be disqualified.

d. Ballistic eye protection and hearing protection will be worn during live fire. All competitors, range staff, and spectators must adhere to this rule.

e. A trauma kit will be present in a designated staging area during all OSSC events. Medically trained personnel will be identified in the initial safety brief.

f. Always unload, clear, and lock slide/bolt to the rear when handing a firearm to another individual unless instructed otherwise by the RSO or designated instructor.

g. Anyone can declare CEASE FIRE when the potential for an unsafe action or unsafe conditions exists.

h. Dry fire may be conducted in a designated SAFE area only.

i. Shooters will only fire at designated targets.

j. Shooters will only fire within the designated range fan limits.

k. Anyone that is grossly negligent in firearm handling, i.e., points a gun at someone, by accident or on purpose, has a user induced ND, drops a loaded firearm, or handles a firearm in a non-designated area will be disqualified. Based on severity and match director discretion, that shooter may be disqualified and allowed to spectate, asked to leave the match for the day, or permanently banned, no refunds will be issued (refer to OSS Range SOP and cancellation policy).

l. In case of a negligent discharge (ND), CEASE FIRE command will be given, and all shooters will freeze in place until the RSO can assess the situation and determine a proper course of action.

m. In case of a dropped, loaded firearm, STOP all movement, the RSO will direct you to retrieve, unload, and clear the firearm.

n. Inability to finish a stage is not grounds for refund or disqualification (DQ). The stage will continue until the shooter finishes the event or runs out of ammunition. However, if a competitor shows signs of extreme physical exhaustion, heat exhaustion, visible dizziness, excessive cramping, etc. that could present a danger to the shooter or safety hazard, which may be grounds for DQ or did not finish (DNF) for that stage or the match. If a shooter gets a DQ under these conditions, that shooter will unload and bag all firearms but may stay to observe the match.

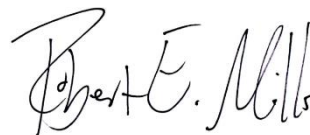
o. All participants, staff, shooters, and spectators will treat each other with common respect and manners befitting a family friendly environment. Lewd language or behavior may result in a warning, disqualification, and/or removal from the property.

p. No one, under any circumstance, will operate any firearm under the influence of alcohol or other foreign substances. Offenders will be permanently banned from OSS events.

q. Any participant may be asked to demonstrate basic safety knowledge and practical application before competing. This is a safety and liability precaution to be used at the match director's discretion. Refusal to comply will result in disqualification from the competition.

r. All competitors and spectators will sign a liability waiver prior to any OSS event.

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