

Ready American Personal Defense and Security LLC

READY AMERICAN STANDARD

Setup and Rules (All Tiers)

Distance: 3 yards (9 feet)

Target: 6 inch wide × 10 inch tall A-zone rectangle Official targets available by emailing ryan@rapds.com or by visiting www.rapds.com downloading the official printable PDF target.

Strings: Draw and fire 2 rounds

Scoring: All rounds must be completely inside the rectangle. Any line break (If any part of the round touches or breaks the line) = miss.

Firearms All Tiers: Factory trigger & recoil springs. Iron sights, pistol mounted optic, and Magwell flares acceptable. No race guns, trigger pull reductions, or modification to the stock recoil of the weapon.

Tiers 5, 4, and 3 Equipment: OWB= kydex, leather, or other outside the waistband holster that's only level of retention is essentially friction.

Tier 1 & 2 Equipment: Level 2 = one active mechanical retention device (e.g., ALS or SLS). Level 3 = two active devices (e.g., ALS + SLS hood).

To Earn a Tier: Perform the standard successfully 3 times on the same day. Both hands must be on the weapon at extension before firing the weapon. No close quarters shooting techniques.

Coin Earning & Supervision Rules

- Challenge coins are awarded only at the **Ready American, Advanced Ready American, and Elite Ready American** tiers.
- All attempts must be witnessed and video recorded by a coin holder. The unedited videos must be sent to ryan@rapds.com for review.
- **Only an Elite Ready American coin holder may score someone attempting the Elite Ready American challenge** (must be done in person, with the unedited video being sent to ryan@rapds.com).

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Tier Progression

Tier 5: The Prepared American — Time: 3.5 seconds or less

Gear: OWB holster, no retention other than friction required. No competition holsters. Factory trigger & recoil springs. Iron sights, red dots, and magwell flares acceptable. No race guns.

Challenge: Establish basic safety, eliminate fumbles, and build a clean sequence to get the gun out and on target.

Tier 4: The Capable American — Time: 3.0 seconds or less

Gear: OWB holster, no retention other than friction required. No competition holsters. Factory trigger & recoil springs. Iron sights, red dots, and magwell flares acceptable. No race guns.

Challenge: Flatten the presentation path into a clean, linear stroke straight to the eye-target line.

Tier 3: Ready American — Time: 1.50 seconds or less ★ Coin Eligible

Gear: OWB holster, no retention required other than standard friction holsters. No competition holsters. Factory trigger & recoil springs. Iron sights, red dots, and magwell flares acceptable. No race guns.

Challenge: High efficiency on open gear. Sights confirm naturally at full extension without a visual delay.

Tier 2: Advanced Ready American — Time: 1.50 seconds or less level 3. Level 2 Holsters 1.25 or less. ★ Coin Eligible.

Gear: Level 3 duty retention holster (hood + lever) or level 2 duty holster with Tier time requirement change. Factory trigger & recoil springs. Magwell flares and functional sights/dots acceptable. No race guns.

Challenge: Defeat both layers of active mechanical retention in a single, fluid stroke and drive the gun to the 6×10" rectangle with consistency.

Tier 1: Elite Ready American — Highest Tier — Time: 1.15 seconds or less. Level 2 holsters 1.00 seconds or less. ★ Coin Eligible

Gear: Level 3 duty retention holster (hood + lever) required or level 2 holster with Tier time requirement change. Factory trigger & recoil springs. Magwell flares acceptable. No race guns.

Challenge: Absolute mechanical automation. Defeat a full Level 3 duty holster and deliver both rounds purely through automated skeletal alignment, grip indexing, and recoil management.

The Elite Ready American Challenge

This challenge demonstrates the Ready American standard. This challenge is a tiered progression to aid the individual Ready American with Achieving this proves complete mastery of the, defeating retention, draw, presentation, and controlled pair, with recoil management under extremely difficult standards.

Failures are expected and encouraged — they reveal areas for improvement. Only dedicated shooters reach the highest tiers.