



As of 1 January 2019

The OSS Challenge Rules, Regulations, and Procedures.

1. Range Safety Brief Format:

- a. Introduce cadre 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. Explain the match rhythm, timeline, etc. Introduce any sponsors or guests.

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 align your sights on 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. An OSSC event will consist of one or two days of physically challenging shooting stages. Matches will consist of, up to, five stages per day. OSSC will be run twice per year, once in spring, once in autumn. Our goal is to engage athletes, law officers, firefighters, soldiers, fitness enthusiasts, and anyone who wishes to push beyond standard flat range shooting or standard gym training. The sport is appropriate for all genders, skill levels, and economic levels. It is restricted to ages 18 and up.

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

- a. Male
- b. Female

- c. Age categories are in development.
 - d. Youth event is in development.
6. **Firearms:** Each match will 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 will be 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 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. There is no distinction between optic or iron sights.
 - 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. There is no distinction between optic or iron sights.
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: Once ready, loud audible beep will follow the command "Stand By" 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. 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 what you are doing and all movement.
 - 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 follow below. A list of target variations will follow in a future amendment.
 - a. Targets will be cardboard IDPA or IPSC standard, and IPSC half silhouette. Exceptions may apply to achieve specific goals. Targets will be pasted/taped between each stage.
 - b. Steel plates, silhouettes, and poppers of various 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). Fastest total time of all stages combined wins match. Stages will be briefed individually and will state if scoring is Comstock or Virginia count methods.

10. Basic Safety Rules of OSSC:

- a. All OSSC events will run a COLD range format. All firearms will be UNLOADED except in the shooters box, 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 to unload their firearm. 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 is suspected of violating 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 always be worn during live fire.
- e. A trauma kit will be present, in a designated staging area during all OSSC events.
- 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 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 (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, allow the RSO to retrieve, and clear it.
- 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, that will be grounds for DQ. 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, both 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 match director 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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