

SPORTSMEN'S GUN CLUB MATCH SAFETY, CONDUCT AND PROCEDURE

DEFINITIONS

ALIBIS

ALIBIS SLOW FIRE: There are no alibis allowed in slow fire. If shooter cannot fix the problem and complete the match in the 5 Min. allowed it is an automatic disqualification and the match will have no score entered or counted. It is allowed for the Shooter to substitute another gun in the match if the Shooter can do it and complete the match in the time allotted with out penalty.

TO CLAIM AN ALIBI, SHOOTER CANNOT TRY TO SOLVE OR RESOLVE THE PROBLEM! GUN HAS TO BE PUT DOWN ON THE STAND FACING DOWN RANGE, STEP BACK OUT OF THE POINT AND RAISE HAND SO THAT A RANGE OFFICER CAN SEE AND CHECK THE SHOOTERS CLAIM AFTER THE SHOOTING STOPS.

An alibi is a malfunction of the gun, it can be a defect in the gun (it's mechanism, red dot or magazine), a failure to fire, a failure to eject, or a failure to feed. Alibis are confirmed by the Range Officer. Two alibis during a match will result in the disqualification of the shooter with no score entered or counted. If alibi is not approved, score is based on the number of shots fired into target and will be counted.

RANGE ALIBI: A range alibi occurs when circumstances disturb the running of the match, such as a malfunction of range equipment, excess noise or disturbing factor to 1 or more Shooters such as premature shooting by one or more Shooters before buzzer. No rounds may be fired by Shooter to call a Range Alibi. A Range Officer has to approve the Range Alibi. Range Alibis are not counted as part of the individual shooters 2 alibis.

SCORING ALIBI: If alibi is allowed, at the end of shooting the Range Master will direct the shooter to fire 5 rounds into target. The shooter is to add the total number of shots fired at target and enter the number on the target. Also indicate on the target that there is an alibi. Only the lowest 5 or 10 shots will be counted dependant on caliber fired.

Please note that prior to the start of a "slow fire match", if you are shooting a practice match, the Range Officer must be notified and your target appropriately marked. If this is not done, your score will be entered and counted.

Also note that up to 3 shots can be taken at the start of a slow fire match. If you are not happy for any reason, your performance/ your guns performance/ you are distracted thinking about your wife, girlfriend or mistress, or any other reason, advise the Range Officer that you are not continuing with the match or are continuing as a practice match. If a 4th round is fired without advising the Range Officer, your match will be scored and counted.

RANGE MASTER

It is the Range Masters, referred to as RM, responsibility to conduct the match in as safe a manner as possible. The RM has total authority for the conduct of the match and Range Officers are the extension of the RM authority.

The RM can halt a match, disqualify or remove a shooter at the RM's discretion.

RANGE OFFICERS

Range Officers (RO) are responsible for the conduct of the line. They report to the RM.

The RO duties;

Make sure the line is safe.

Check all guns before the match begins, slides (cylinders) open with magazines not inserted.

Check distance of targets (25 feet).

Enforce the conduct of the line from the call "shooters to the line, start 3 Min. prep time" to the end of the match when they will check Flags in every gun before they are packed up. Inspect a claim of an alibi after the shooting has stopped and the RM asks if there are any alibis. He approves or disapproves of the alibi. The alibi will not be approved if the RO can pick up the gun and shoot it.

SAFETY

ALL GUNS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED LOADED

ALL GUNS ARE TO BE POINTED DOWN RANGE

WHEN NOT SHOOTING ALL ACTIONS ARE TO BE OPEN AND NO MAGAZINES
INSERTED OR CYLINDERS LOADED

IF AND WHEN A GUN, WHICH IS NOT CASED, IS TO BE CARRIED FROM ONE POINT
TO ANOTHER, THE ACTIONS HAVE TO BE OPEN, NO MAGAZINES INSERTED AND
CYLINDERS EMPTY. PREFERREDLY WITH A FLAG INSERTED.

AT THE END OF EACH MATCH A FLAG HAS TO BE INSERTED IN THE ACTION UNTIL
A SAFETY OFFICER GIVES PERMISSION TO RETURN THE GUN TO THE BAG.

AT NO TIME IS A GUN TO BE OUT OF THE CASE IN THE LOUNGE.

CALLER (Range Master)

THE MATCH CALLER (RM) IS IN CHARGE; HE IS TO MAKE SURE THE MATCH IS
RUN IN A SAFE AND EFFICIENT MANNER.

AT ANYTIME HE CAN STOP THE MATCH TO ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERNS AND IF
NECESSARY EJECT ANYONE DEEMED UNSAFE.

SAFETY OFFICERS

THEY ARE THE CALLER'S (RM) EYES AND EARS,

THEY ARE THERE TO INSURE SAFE OPERATION OF THE LINE AND TO INFORM
THE CALLER (RM) OF ANY PROBLEMS.

AT THE END OF THE MATCH THEY ARE TO WALK THE LINE MAKING SURE EACH
GUN HAS A FLAG AND PROCEEDS TO ALLOW THE GUN TO BE PUT AWAY.

THEY ARE NOT TO BE DISTRACTED FROM THEIR JOBS!!

SHOOTERS

THEY ARE ON THE LINE TO COMPETE OR PRACTICE COMPETITIVE SHOOTING
THEY ARE TO LISTEN TO THE CALLER AND RANGERS AND FOLLOW ANY OF THEIR
DIRECTIONS.

WHEN CALLED TO THE LINE FOR 3 MIN. PREPARATION THEY SHOULD BE
PUTTING OUT THEIR TARGETS, LOADING THEIR MAGAZINES, OPENING THE SLIDE
OR CYLINDER FOR SAFETY OFFICERS TO OBSERVE AND MAINTAIN QUIET SO
THAT SHOOTERS CAN RELAX FOR THE COMPETITION. THIS ALSO PERTAINS TO
SAFETY OFFICERS. IT IS NOT A SOCIAL TIME!!

WHEN THE SHOOTER IS FINISHED THEY ARE TO REMAIN AT EASE, REMAINING
AT THEIR POINT, NO SWEEPING OF BRASS OR DISTRACTING SAFETY OFFICERS OR
CALLER.

CALLING THE MATCH

WITH THE COMMAND SHOOTERS TO THE LINE ALL NON SHOOTERS WILL VACATE
THE POINTS AS QUICKLY AS THEY CAN, MOVE TO THE REAR AND MAINTAIN
SILENCE TO OBSERVE THE MATCH OR GO TO THE LOUNGE AND WAIT FOR THEIR
TURN.

IF A PROBLEM OCCURS WHILE THE CALL, SHOOTER RAISES HIS HAND AND
STEPS TO THE REAR OF THE POINT.

THE RANGER WILL NOTIFY THE CALLER WHO WILL HALT THE MATCH!

IF IT IS A MALFUNCTION OF THE GUN DURING SLOW FIRE THE SHOOTER WILL TRY
TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND CONTINUE SHOOTING, IF IT IS AN UNSAFE
CONDITION OR A MALFUNCTION, PUT THE GUN DOWN FACING DOWN RANGE
AND WAIT UNTILL THE SHOOTING IS OVER. DO NOT TALK OR DISTRACT THE
OTHER SHOOTERS OR THE RANGERS. WHEN THE SHOOTING IS OVER THE
RANGER WILL HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND THE SHOOTER WILL VACATE THE
POINT.

TIMED AND RAPID MATCHES

IF YOU EXPERIENCE AN ALIBI, PUT THE GUN DOWN POINTING DOWN RANGE AND
RAISE YOUR HAND. THE RANGER IS NOT TO REPLY UNTILL AFTER THE FIRING IS
FINISHED. IF THE ALIBI IS ALLOWED, A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO
RESOLVE THE CONDITION WILL BE GIVEN. IF IT CANNOT BE RESOLVED QUICKLY
AS DETERMINED BY THE CALLER, THE SHOOTER WILL BE ASKED TO CLEAR THE
LINE LEAVING THE GUN FACING DOWN RANGE.

WHILE THIS IS OCCURRING THE REST OF THE SHOOTERS WILL HAVE THEIR GUNS
SAFE FACING DOWN RANGE AND WILL BE AT REST MAINTAINING QUIET.

AT ALL TIMES SHOOTERS ARE TO MAINTAIN QUIET AND NOT DISTRACT FROM
THOSE THAT ARE SHOOTING. THIS INCLUDES WAITING UNTIL THE MATCH IS
COMPLETED TO PICK UP BRASS, TALK TO OTHER SHOOTERS OR WALKING
AROUND WHILE OTHERS ARE STILL SHOOTING.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!! THE ABOVE DISTRACTS THOSE STILL SHOOTING AND
MOST OF ALL THE RANGERS AND THE CALLER!!

COMPETITION SLOW, TIMED AND RAPID MATCH

GUNS ARE TO BE MADE SAFE, SLIDES OR CYLINDERS OPEN. TARGETS TO BE RETURNED AND NEW TARGETS SENT OUT. NO DISTRACTING TALK, GATHERING BRASS ETC.

COMPLETION OF TOTAL MATCH

AT THE COMMAND TO MAKE GUNS SAFE INSERT FLAGS FOR SAFTY OFFICERS TO OBSERVE THAT NO GUNS WILL BE GOING HOME WITH A ROUND IN THE CHAMBER. GUNS ARE NOT TO BE PACKED UP UNTILL SAFTY OFFICER OBSERVES FLAG AND GIVES OK.

TARGETS ARE BROUGHT IN.

TARGETS ARE TO HAVE MEMBER #'S AND NAME. SLOW FIRE ON TOP THEN TIMED AND LAST RAPID FIRE.

SHOOTERS ARE TO CLEAR THE LINE AS SOON AS THEY CAN SO THE NEXT MATCH CAN BEGIN.

The following items were approved by the Membership at Club Meeting on April 22, 2022.

1. During the pistol 22 caliber matches, no other caliber will be allowed to shoot on the line. The larger calibers make much more noise and disturb the 22 shooters. There will be no exceptions. If a make up line is made available after the 22 lines, any caliber will be allowed to shoot if there is space available.
2. During CF or 45 ACP matches, any Center Fire caliber may be fired including 22 caliber if desired. If there is an open point on the line, a shooter should check with the Range Master prior to the match and taking the point.
3. Make up matches of any caliber will NEVER take place on Mondays. Monday is practice day.
4. Club Members are allowed to shoot a minimum of 27 matches during the match shooting season, consisting of nine (9) matches each of 22 LR, Center Fire, and 45 APC. If Members do not shoot one or more of the calibers, a Member may make up the remaining matches with practice matches until the 27 matches have been completed. Once the 27 matches have been completed a Member may continue to shoot only if there are open points on a line. Open sight 22, open sight Center Fire or 22 rifle matches are not included in the minimum 27 allowed matches.

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