

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

.22 Fun Match

Overview/Description of Discipline

The purpose is to improve the pistol-shooting skills in a safe club setting, with less mental pressure than at a regular Precision Pistol match. New participants will receive help, instruction, and encouragement from other shooters. Shooting will be on NRA B-8 targets from the offhand position at 25 yards and 15 yards for score. Participants may shoot with one or two hands but no other support is allowed. 10 shots per target/stage, and scoring is performed after each 10 round stage. Slow fire is 10 shots in 5 minutes. Timed fire is 5 shots in 20 seconds. Rapid fire is 5 shots in 10 seconds.

Course of fire as follows:

Target/stage 1 – Slow fire

Target/stage 2 – Slow fire

Target/stage 3 – Slow fire

Target/stage 4 – Two 5 round strings of timed fire

Target/stage 5 – Two 5 round strings of Rapid fire

Target/stage 6 – Two 5 round strings of Timed fire

Target/stage 7 – Two 5 round strings of Timed fire

Target/stage 8 – Two 5 round strings of Rapid fire

Target/stage 9 – Two 5 round strings of Rapid fire

Targets 3, 4, and 5 make up what is called the National Match Course

Equipment Required

Weapon: .22 caliber pistol (semi-automatic) or revolver with iron or optic sights. If using pistol it is recommended to have 2 magazines.

Ammunition: 100 rounds of .22 LR ammunition (no magnums).

Target: NRA B-8 (25 yard timed/rapid fire) targets used throughout match.

Ear & Eye Protection: Must be worn at all times when the range is “hot”.

Clothing/Costuming: No costumes requirement, but no tank tops. Not required but helpful to have baseball cap.

Other equipment: ECI (empty chamber indicator), stapler, pen/pencil, masking tape to cover errant shots, small clipboard to hold score sheet, any tools required to correct potential malfunctions of your firearm.

Shooters fire beneath a covered shelter and matches occur rain or shine (if it is raining, bring a raincoat/umbrella). Matches will be canceled only in the event of severe weather.

National Affiliate Organization: NA this is not a NRA sanctioned match.

Rules of FWGC observed.

Match will follow NRA Precision Pistol rules

(<http://rulebooks.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/Pistol/pistol-book.pdf>) with the following exceptions: slow fire stages will be at 25 yards rather than 50 yards and all targets will be the NRA B- 8 style.

Special local rules: The Match Director will appoint a Range Officer for each match. The Match Director may act as the Range Officer if he/she so chooses.

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Overall safety rules: Spectators are not allowed on firing line when the range is “hot”. All spectators must wear eye and ear protection while the range is “hot”. Children must be supervised at all times.

Firearm handling: Carry to and from the shooting position and vehicle with muzzles up, held above the head height, actions open, semi-auto bolts locked back, if not enclosed in gun case. No gun may be handled on the line in any fashion when the range is “Cold”. All targets are reset only on a “Cold” range (see Shooting Commands below). While on the firing line muzzles will be within a 170° cone related to the placement of targets and the berm. If a loaded gun needs to be carried to the SAFE AREA it will be done at the direction of the Range Officer.

Firearm storage: All guns must be stored, unloaded, actions open, ECIs in place, barrels pointed down range on the bench at shooter's firing position.

Loading areas: Guns are loaded at the firing line only upon command of the Range Officer/Match Director.

Unloading areas: Guns are unloaded on the firing line when the range is “Hot”. If a loaded gun needs to be carried to the SAFE AREA it will be done at the direction of the Range Officer/Match Director.

“Safe area”: There is a dedicated area where any gun malfunction or repair may be dealt with. Firearms handling rules will be observed when transporting to and from the safe area. Match Information Prerequisite training required. All new shooters will have basic safety rules explained to them before the match begins.

Match Information

Prerequisite training required: New shooters plan to arrive 45 minutes early for an explanation of match rules, commands, scoring and range safety.

Match Director: Is in charge and has the final word regarding issues of safety and competition.

Schedule: 4th Sunday at 1:00 PM Should take approximately 1.5 hours.

Shooting categories: NA

Shooting commands

“The range is hot, shooters may handle their weapons”

“On the line with 5 rounds, load”

“Is the line ready?”

“The line is ready”

“Ready on the right”

“Ready on the left”

“Ready on the firing line”

after a 3 second pause, “FIRE”

(After stage is complete), “CEASE FIRE”

Range Officer then checks for alibis (if there is a malfunction preventing the shooter from completing the stage). If a competitor has an alibi he/she must lower the gun with barrel pointing

down range and notify the Match Director/Range Officer. The next string will be shot by all shooters. If further alibis occur, all competitors who experienced an alibi will shoot the alibi string. Commands will be given as above. When all shooting is finished for the string, these commands will continue.

“Magazines out, slides back, cylinders open and empty, ECIs (Empty Chamber Indicator) in place”

“The line is cold”

“Go forward and score targets”

Competitors will not score their own target, usually they will score the competitor to their right or left. This may vary due to the number of competitors.

Starting position

The gun is held either resting on the bench and pointed down range or pointed at the ground approximately 10 feet in front of the shooter with trigger finger outside of the trigger guard. Guns are not to be loaded until commanded to do so. See “Shooting Commands” above.

Firing position

Competitors will take their position at the firing line in such a manner as not to interfere with competitors on either side.

Standing at the firing line gun held in one or two hands.

No portion of the shooter’s body may rest upon or touch the bench when firing.

Competitors will load only when commanded to do so. See “Shooting Commands” above.

Scoring procedures

Each target is scored using the “best edge” rule for a maximum of 100 points and total X's. All protests are handled by the Match Director whose decision is final. Alibi scoring will be done according to NRA rules, recording the lowest 10 shot score.

Awards: NA

Safety Violations

Major: Accidental discharge will result in match disqualification. A FWGC Incident Report will be prepared by the Match Director and submitted to the Chief Range Officer. Match disqualification will be noted on the shooter’s score sheet.

Minor: Violations of the firearms handling rules above may result in a target disqualification. Target disqualification will be noted on the shooter’s score sheet.

Incident reports: A FWGC Incident Report will be completed and filed for all injuries.

Fees and Sign-in: \$3.00 per member and \$5.00 for non-member which includes targets. Plan to arrive at least 20 minutes early to sign in and set up targets.

Emergency procedures: There is a telephone in the target stand shed which can be used to call 911. There is also a first aid kit in the shed. In the event of an emergency requiring police, fire equipment, or an ambulance the Match Director or assistant will designate someone to tend the gate and direct emergency vehicles. A FWGC Incident Report will be completed and filed for all injuries.

Practice: NA

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