

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Dirty Harry

Overview/Description of Discipline

- Shooting police style revolvers at steel silhouette targets. Two or three speedloaders of any style are suggested. Speedloaders may be staged at the firing line or carried on the shooter's body. Each match is shot in several stage scenarios. The number of scenarios is determined by the Match Director.

Equipment Required

Weapon

- One safe, centerfire revolver with swing out cylinder.

Ammunition

- Any safe centerfire cartridge loaded with a lead bullet and a maximum velocity of 1000 fps.

Target

- Reactive steel plates – as provided on the range.

Ear & Eye Protection

- Must be worn at all times when the range is "hot".

Clothing/Costuming

- No special requirements.

National Affiliate Organization

- None

Rules observed in addition to FWGC

- NRA

Special local rules

- All FWGC Range Rules will be observed.
- FWGC Special Rules for Cowboy Range will be observed.
- 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.

Overall safety rules

- Spectators must wear eye and ear protection while the range is "hot" and must stay behind the indicated barrier. Children must be supervised at all times.

Firearm handling

- Revolvers will only be loaded at the firing line, under command of the Range Officer. Upon completion of firing and before leaving the line, the

shooter will demonstrate to the Range Officer that the revolver is unloaded including the removal of empty brass.

Firearm storage

- A holster of any style is suggested to store the revolver while not at the firing line. Revolvers not stored in a holster, must be stored at the firing line on a table designated by the Range Officer. No firearm will be stored behind the firing line unless holstered on a belt worn by a competitor. Loaded revolvers will never be holstered or otherwise left unattended.

Loading areas

- Revolvers will be loaded only at the stage loading area and witnessed by the Range Officer after his command to load. Speedloaders may be filled at any loading table at any time.

Unloading areas

- In the event a revolver needs to be unloaded it will be done at the active stage loading table under the direction of the Range Officer.

“Safe area”

- There is a designated area where any gun malfunction or repair may be dealt with. Other than on the firing line, this area is the only location where a firearm may be manipulated. Each Match Director and Range Officer will be familiar with its location.

Match Information

Prerequisite training required

- All new shooters will have basic safety rules explained to them before the match begins.

Match Director

- Is in charge and has the final word regarding issues of safety and competition.

Schedule

- 5th Sunday (approximately 4 times per year).

Shooting categories

- Open – Optic sights, moon clips.
- Limited – Factory stock gun with iron sights.

Shooting commands

- “Load and make ready” – Shooter loads his revolver and points muzzle at a 45° angle to the ground.
- “Do you understand the course of fire?” – Range Officer verifies that the shooter understands the scenarios course of fire.
- “Is the shooter ready” – Range Officer confirms that the shooter is composed and ready to shoot.
- “Indicate ready by nodding your head” – Range Officer confirms that the shooter is ready and waits for head nod.
- “Stand by” – Range Officer indicates that the timer signal is pending.
- Audible buzzer signal from timing device. Shooter begins shooting scenario.

- “Stop” – Range Officer indicates that the shooter must stop immediately and safely lay revolver on table.
- “Down range” – Range Officer indicates that it is safe for individuals to go down range and reset targets or props.
- “Cold range” – Range Officer indicates that the entire firing line is “cold” and all guns must be grounded (not handled for any reason).
- “Line is hot” – Range Officer indicates that the firing line is “hot” and shooting can begin.
- “Clear” – Range Officer indicates that shooter’s gun is clear of ammo and spent brass.

Starting position

- Loaded revolvers will never be holstered or otherwise left unattended. The stage scenario will indicate the starting position. Usually, the revolver in hand, pointed at a 45° angle to the ground or on a designated table at the firing line.

Firing position

- The stage scenario will indicate the firing position.

Scoring procedures

- This is an elapsed time scoring event. Final score will be elapsed time plus penalties. A five second penalty will be added for each target missed. A ten second penalty will be added for a procedural error. A procedural error is assessed when the shooter fails to shoot the scenario as indicated.

Awards

- Ribbons

Safety Violations

- Major safety violations shall result in a Match Disqualification. A competitor that is disqualified must stop firing and remove their equipment from the firing area. A minor safety violation will result in a ten second penalty added to the competitor’s total time for the stage. Examples are as follows:

Major

- Firing a revolver over the berm
- Firing a round that hits within 5 feet of any person
- Breaking the 170° rule with a closed cylinder revolver
- Dropping a loaded revolver

Minor

- Breaking the 170° rule with an open cylinder revolver
- Handling a revolver while not at the firing line
- Dropping an unloaded revolver at the firing line

Incident reports

- Will be filed on the Club provided form for all injuries and all match disqualifications.

Fees and Sign-in

- \$5.00 per match. Sign-in time will be posted in the Club newsletter.

Emergency procedures

- The entry/exit road shall remain clear and both the main and range gates shall remain open on match days to allow access by emergency vehicles. At least one lane of vehicular access to the shooting area must remain open on match days. There is a telephone on the range sign-in box which will be used to activate the 911 emergency response system when necessary. There is also a first aid kit in the sign-in building. In the event of an emergency, the Match Director or assistant will designate someone to stand at the main gate to direct the emergency vehicle down to the range. An Incident Report will be filed for all injuries.

Practice

- Organized practice is ordinarily held on Monday evenings during Daylight Savings Time.
- Practice will be accomplished using FWGC Range Rules and FWGC Special Rules for Cowboy Range.