

# **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

## **ENEMY AT THE GATE**

### **Overview/Description of Discipline**

- The purpose of this match is for people who enjoy shooting military rifles. There will be three (3) classes as described in the weapon section below.

### **Equipment Required**

#### **Weapon**

- Any bolt action rifle that was used by any of the world militaries regular issue or any facsimile thereof that is made to military specifications. They will be equipped with iron sights only. They may have military slings and these may be used during the match.
- Any semi-automatic action rifle that was used by world militaries in regular issue or any facsimile thereof that is made to military specifications. They will be equipped with iron sights only. They may have military slings and these may be used during the match.
- Any semi-automatic action carbine that was used by the world militaries in regular issue or any facsimile thereof that is made to military specifications. They will be equipped with iron sights only. They may have military slings and these may be used during the match.

#### **Ammunition**

- Military ammunition may be used. It may be hand loaded.

#### **Target**

- NRA B-8/B-16

#### **Ear & Eye Protection**

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

#### **Clothing/Costuming**

- No special clothing or costuming required for this discipline.

### **National Affiliate Organization**

- None

### **Rules observed in addition to FWGC**

- NRA

### **Special local rules**

- All FWGC Range Rules will be observed.
- The Match Director will appoint a Range Officer for each match. The Match Director may act as 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**

- The entire range is a “Cold Range” unless deemed otherwise by the Range Safety Officer assigned to the match. This means NO handling of firearms until a “Hot Range” is called by the Range Safety Officer. The Range Safety Officer may also call for a “Hot Range” to allow for cleaning of the guns between targets. Firearms are to remain unloaded with bolts open between targets and while transporting from and to vehicles. While transporting, actions will be open and muzzles will be pointed up until the reaching the shooting bench, then they will pointed down range. While at the bench, muzzles will be within a 170 degree cone related to placement of the targets and the berm.

### **Firearm storage**

- Firearms will be stored in the shooter’s vehicle when not in use.

### **Loading areas**

- Firearm loading will be done at the bench when the range is “Hot”. Magazines may be loaded at the bench at any time.

### **Unloading areas**

- Firearm unloading will be done at the bench when the range is “Hot”. Magazines may be unloaded at the bench at any time.

### **Safe area**

- There is a dedicated area where any malfunction or repairs may be dealt with. Firearm 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 Director**

- The Match Director is in charge and has the final word regarding issues of safety and competition.

### **Schedule**

- 1st Saturday of each month at Noon

### **Shooting categories**

- No special categories

### **Shooting commands**

- “Cold Range” – Range Officer indicates that entire firing line is “cold”, No firearms may be touched and bolts are open and flagged.
- “Hot Range” – Range Officer indicates that the firing line is “hot” and shooter may fire at the sound of the whistle.
- “Cease Fire” – All shooting MUST stop.

### **Starting position**

- Shooters will be called to the line by the Range Officer
- From the standing position muzzle is pointed up/downrange with finger outside of the trigger guard. Actions will be open or safety engaged.
- From the shooting table muzzle is pointed downrange with finger outside of the trigger guard. Actions will be open or safety engaged.

### **Firing position**

- From the standing position or the shooting table muzzle is pointed down range at the target. Shooters will commence firing at the sound of the whistle. When finished they will keep the muzzles pointed up/downrange. Actions will be open or safety engaged.
- At the command all shooters will retire their firearms to the rack provided and the range will be called cold at which time the targets will either be moved to the next position or retired if the shooter is finished.

### **Scoring procedures**

- One match will consist of four (4) stages. The shooter will fire five (5) rounds in five (5) minutes from each position at the sound of the whistle. Stage 1 will be shot first and Stage 4 will be shot last.

Stage 1. The target will be at 25 yards. The shooter will stand and fire five (5) rounds from the firing position without supporting their body against any device (chair, uprights, table). They may use a sling if the rifle is so equipped.

Stage 2. The target will be at 50 yards. The shooter will be seated at the shooting table and the rifle will be fired from a rest provided. The sling may be used if the rifle is so equipped. The shooter will fire five (5) rounds from this position.

Stage 3. The target will be at 75 yards. The shooter will be seated at the shooting table and the rifle will be fired from a rest provided. The sling may be used if the rifle is so equipped and a spotter may be used to assist the shooter. The shooter will fire five (5) rounds from this position.

Stage 4. The target will be at 100 yards. The shooter will be seated at the shooting table and the rifle will be fired from a rest provided. The sling may be used if the rifle is so equipped and a spotter may be used to assist the shooter. The shooter will fire five (5) rounds from this position.

- At the end of each Stage all targets will be scored. The high total for the four stages will win the match. In case of a tie, the number of hits in the X ring will be used to determine the winner.

### **Awards**

- To be determined by the Match Director.

### **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 zero score for the Stage in which the violation occurred.

#### **Major**

- Accidental discharge – Incident Report required.
- Breaking the 170° Rule with a loaded firearm – Incident Report required.
- Dropping a loaded firearm – Incident Report required.

#### **Minor**

- Handling a firearm while the range is “Cold”.
- Breaking the 170° Rule with an unloaded firearm.
- Dropping an unloaded firearm.

### **Incident reports**

- Will be filed on the Club provided form for all injuries and all Match Disqualifications.

### **Fees and Sign-in**

- \$5.00 for each gun entered.
- Registration at 11:00AM
- Shooting begins at 11:15

### **Emergency procedures**

- 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**

- Practice will be accomplished using FWGC Range Rules.