

ACTION MASTERS PISTOL CLUB

PRECISION RIFLE GUIDELINES

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IN ORDER TO CREATE A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF PRECISION RIFLE (CENTERFIRE & 22 RIMFIRE) SHOOTING COMPETITIONS; THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY ACTION MASTERS PISTOL CLUB (AMPC) FOR THEIR MATCHES. ALL RANGE OFFICERS (RO'S) ARE TO STRICTLY ABIDE BY THE PROCEDURES WITH EVERY COMPETITOR.

GENERAL RIFLE SAFETY

ALWAYS POINT YOUR RIFLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION. TREAT ALL RIFLES AS THOUGH THEY WERE LOADED. ALL SHOOTERS ARE TO BE MADE AWARE OF THE 180* PLANE THAT MUST NEVER BE BROKEN WHILE HANDELING THEIR RIFLE.

ACTION MASTERS PISTOL CLUB IS A "COLD RANGE". THAT IS TO SAY THAT A SHOOTER MAY NEVER LOAD THEIR RIFLE UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY A RANGE OFFICER. RIFLES WILL BE CARRIED WITH MAGAZINES OUT, MUZZLES UP AND CHAMBER FLAGS INSERTED. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY THAT NO SHOOTER MAY CARRY A PISTOL ON THEIR PERSON DURING THE COURSE OF FIRE, UNLESS THE STAGE REQUIREMENT SPESICFY OTHERWISE.

RIFLES ARE TO BE STAGED IN A SAFE MANNER WHEN PREPARING FOR A STAGE. THAT IS BOLT OPEN, MAGAZINE OUT AND CHAMBER FLAG INSERTED.

RIFLES ARE NOT TO BE LOADED UNTIL SHOOTER IS GIVEN THE COMMAND TO DO SO BY THE RO. KEEP YOUR FINGER OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL READY TO FIRE.

KNOW YOUR TARGET AND EVERYTHING BEYOND. **NO SHOTS ARE TO BE TAKEN UNLESS THE SHOOTER IS SET IN THEIR POSITION AND HAVE THEIR HEADS ON THE STOCK, LOOKING AT THEIR TARGET.**

WHEN TRANSITIONING OR MOVING POSITIONS DURING A STAGE, BOLTS WILL BE OPEN AND SEMI AUTOMATICS WILL BE PLACED ON "SAFE"! COMPETITORS SHOOTING SEMI=AUTOMATICS ARE TO "VERBALLY" ANNOUNCE THAT THEIR RIFLE IS ON "SAFE" WHEN TRANSITIONIONG.

STAGES WILL COMMENCE WITH THE MAGAZINE INSERTED AND BOLT BACK, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

DURING THE COMPLETION OF THE STAGE, THE SHOOTER MUST BE COGNIZANT OF THE 120* RULE. THAT IS SHOOTER MUST REFRAIN FROM BREAKING 60* OF DIRECTLY AT THE TARGETS AND MUST NOT "SWEEP" (POINT THEIR MUZZLE) AT THEMSELVES OR ANY OTHER PERSON. THERE MAY ALSO BE SITUATIONS WHERE THE RO MAY REDUCE THE 120* RULE FOR ADDITIONAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

WEAR PROPER EYE AND EAR PROTECTION

ACTION MASTERS PISTOL CLUB DOES NOT ALLOW ANY CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL, BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER A MATCH.

SAFETY VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

ANY SHOOTER WHO VIOLATES THE "COLD RANGE" RULE, WILL RECEIVE A "WARNING" FOR THE FIRST INFRACTION, A "STAGE DQ" FOR THE SECOND AND A "MATCH DQ" FOR A THIRD VIOLATION. THIS INCLUDES A LIVE ROUND IN CHAMBER, MAGAZINE INSERTED, CLOSED BOLT OR "CHAMBER FLAG" NOT BEING INSERTED.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE 120* OR "SWEEPING" RULE WILL RESULT IN A STAGE DISQUALIFICATION FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE AND A MATCH DISQUALIFICATION FOR A SECOND. "UNSAFE" TRANSITIONING DURING THE STAGE WILL REQUIRE THE RO TO CORRECT THE "UNSAFE" ACTION AND FOR THE SHOOTER TO BE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO THE START OF THE TRANSITION POINT AND BEGIN THE TRANSITION CORRECTLY. A SECOND TRANSITION VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN A STAGE DISQUALIFICATION AND A THIRD OFFENSE WOULD RESULT IN A MATCH DISQUALIFICATION..

"NEGILIGENT DISCHARGE", A NEGLIGENT DISCHARGE OCCURS WHEN A SHOOTER FIRES A ROUND UNINTENTIONALLY DURING A TRANSITION, WHEN RELOADING, OR RIFLE MANIPULATION. WHETHER DURING THE COURSE OF FIRE OR FOLLOWING THE CEASE FIRE COMMAND. THIS ACTION WILL RESULT IN A MATCH DISQUALIFICATION.

"ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE", IS WHEN A ROUND IS UNINTENTIONALLY DISCHARGED FROM A RIFLE DUE TO OPERATOR OR MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION. THIS ACTION WILL RESULT IN A MATCH DISQUALIFICATION.

FALSE START, IS WHEN A SHOOTER FIRES PRIOR TO THE MATCH START SIGNAL. THE ACTION WILL RESULT IN A STAGE DISQUALIFICATION

IF A SHOOTER IS JUDGED TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR NAROCOTIC, THE SHOOTER WILL RECEIVE A MATCH DISQUALIFICATION

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS A FOUNDING PRINCIPAL FOR SHOOTING COMPETITIONS. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP HELPS TO GROW THE SPORT. CREATES POSITIVE ROLE MODELS AND PROMOTES A PROFESSIONAL DEMEANOR FOR THE MATCH.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT IS TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY. EXAMPLES OF UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT ARE: THE TREATMENT OF PARTICIPANTS OR RANGE STAFF WITH DISRESPECT, UNWARRANTIED COMPLAINING, UNPLEASANTNESS OR UNRULY ATTITUDE AND CHEATING.

PENALTIES FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT MAY INCLUDE, WARNINGS, STAGE ZERO'S AND/OR MATCH DISQUALIFICATION.

SHOOTERS RESPONSIBILITIES

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE LOOKED UPON AS SAFETY OFFICERS; SHOULD THEY WITNESS AN UNSAFE ACT, THEY SHOULD CALL UPON THE RANGE OFFICER (RO) TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION NEEDED TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS THE UNSAFE ACTION.

IT IS THE SHOOTERS; RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION.

SHOOTERS SHOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN STAGE BRIEFINGS. WHEN ASKED BY THE RO WHETHER THEY UNDERSTAND THE COURSE OF FIRE, THEY SHOULD ONLY ANSWER AFFIRMATIVE, IF THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THIS IS THEIR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY ANY DOUBTS THEY MIGHT HAVE AND ANY ARGUMENTS THEY MIGHT HAVE FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, IS INVALID, UNLESS SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE OTHERWISE.

SHOOTERS SHOULD BE GOOD SQUAD MATES BY ASSISTING IN POLICING BRASS AND ASSISTING THE RO AND FELLOW SHOOTERS IN MAKING THE COMPETITION RUN SMOOTHLY.

MATCH DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITY

MATCH DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL DIRECTION OF THE MATCH.

MATCH DIRECTORS WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN STAGE DESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL COMPETITORS TO BE ABLE TO REVIEW PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION OF THE STAGE.

MATCH DIRECTORS WILL ASSURE THAT THEY HAVE A MINIMUM OF ONE CHIEF RANGE OFFICER ("CRO") FOR THE SUPERVISION OF EACH STAGE OF FIRE. A "CRO" IS ONE WHO HAS THOROUGHLY READ AND IS FAMILIAR WITH THE AMPC PRECISION RIFLE GUIDELINES. IT IS ENCOURAGED THAT TWO QUALIFIED PERSONS ARE PROVIDED, WHEN POSSIBLE. THE "CRO" IS TO ASSURE STRICT SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR THE STAGE AND SEE THAT HE/SHE HAS PERSONNEL IN PLACE FOR SPOTTING AND SCORE KEEPING. THE 2ND RO WILL COORDINATE THE SPOTTING AND SCORE KEEPING DUTIES. THE SHOOTER SHOULD NOT BE STARTED UNTIL THESE POSITIONS ARE IN PLACE.

MATCH DIRECTORS WILL INSTRUCT THE "CRO'S" TO UTILIZE THE STANDARD RANGE COMMANDS OF: **"SHOOTER, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE COURSE OF FIRE?"IF NO QUESTIONS ARE ASKED....."SHOOTER, YOU ARE CLEAR TO LOAD AND MAKE READY"ONCE THE SHOOTER HAS MADE READY.....THE START TONE OR COMMAND WILL BE GIVEN.**

ONCE THE STAGE OF FIRE HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE "CRO" WILL ASK THE SHOOTER "ARE YOU FINISHED".....UPON GETTING AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY, HE WILL THEN STATE "UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR"....THE SHOOTER WILL DROP THEIR MAGAZINE, OPEN THEIR BOLT OR ACTION, REMOVE ANY ROUND IN THE CHAMBER AND SHOW THE RIFLE TO THE RO....**IT IS THE SHOOTERS ULTIMATE**

RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THAT HIS/HER RIFLE IS INDEED "CLEAR"! "CRO" WILL THEN STATE "**IF CLEAR**", DROP BOLT AND SQUEEZE TRIGGER IN A SAFE DIRECTION DOWN RANGE. SHOOTER WILL THEN BE INSTRUCTED TO INSERT SAFETY FLAG. AT THIS TIME RO WILL DECLARE RANGE CLEAR AND ASSURE THAT COMPLETE SCORING AND POSTING OF SCORES IS ASSURED.

MATCH DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSURING THE SAFE, ACCURATE AND TIMELY SCORING OF THE MATCH RESULTS.

RANGE OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY

RANGE OFFICERS ARE ANY PERSONS ASSISTING IN RUNNING THE COMPETITION, WHETHER IT BE RUNNING A STAGE, A SPOTTER OR SCORING AS DESIGNATED BY THE MATCH DIRECTOR OR "CRO".

ANY RANGE OFFICER WITNESSING AN UNSAFE ACT SHALL CALL A CEASE FIRE AND CORRECT THE UNSAFE ACT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

"CRO'S" WILL HAVE A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING FOR EVERY STAGE OF FIRE WHICH THEY ARE CHARGED WITH ADMINISTERING. THEY ARE TO CONDUCT A STAGE BRIEFING FOR ALL SHOOTERS, PRIOR TO EACH STAGE. THE BRIEFING IS TO INCLUDE THE EXPLANATION OF THE STAGE PROCEDURES, THE LOCATION OF TARGETS AND ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE SHOOTERS. THEY WILL ALLOW 5 MINUTES FOR ALL OF THE SHOOTERS TO LOCATE THE TARGETS AND FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH STAGE PROCEDURE. AT THIS POINT THEY WILL CALL OUT THE SHOOTING ORDER AND COMMENCE THE STAGE REQUIREMENTS, LISTING THE SHOOTER, THE "ON DECK" SHOOTER AND THE "IN THE HOLE" SHOOTER. THEY WILL ADVISE THE "ON DECK" AND "IN THE HOLE" SHOOTERS THAT THEY SHOULD BEGIN THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THEIR TIME, IN ORDER TO ASSURE A SAFE AND TIMELY RUNNING OF THE COMPETITION.

"CRO'S" WILL INSURE THAT THEY HAVE DESIGNATED SPOTTERS AND SCORERS IN PLACE, THAT ARE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE TASK. SPOTTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CALLING "IMPACTS" ON TARGETS THAT ARE HIT. "CRO" MAY INSTRUCT SHOOTER TO "REENGAGE" OR "MOVE TO NEXT TARGET" AS NEEDED, IF THE SHOOTER REQUESTS. "CRO'S" ARE CHARGED WITH ASSURING THAT SHOOTERS COMPLY WITH SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND ARE NOT TO CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH DOWN RANGE TARGETS!

SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

IN A 'TIMED FIRE' STAGE, SHOTS TAKEN UP TO .25 SECONDS AFTER THE TONE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SCORE. THE RO WILL ALWAYS STRIVE TO GIVE THE SHOOTER THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT IN THESE SITUATIONS, HOWEVER. IF THE RO DEEMS THERE WAS INDEED A LATE SHOT, HIS CALL WILL BE FINAL ANY SHOTS UNABLE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SHOOTER WITHIN THE TIME ALLOTTED WILL BE SCORED AS MISSES.

RESHOTS: FROM TIME TO TIME, REHOOTS OF STAGES MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY. AN RO MAY PROVIDE FOR A RESHOOT BASED ON CIRCUMSTANCES THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE. A SHOOTER MAY

REQUEST A RESHOOT IF THEY BELIEVE IT IS WARRANTED. RESHOOTS MAY REQUIRE THE SHOOTING OF THE ENTIRE STAGE OR BEGINNING AT A SPECIFIED SPOT IN THE STAGE, BASED ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

EQUIPMENT

RIFLES MAY BE ANY CALIBER BETWEEN 223 REMINGTON AND 300 WINCHESTER MAGNUM

NO CARTRIDGE IN EXCESS OF 3200 FPS OR CONSISTING OF A 'SOLID CORE' PROJECTILE, MAY BE USED.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS MAY BE GRANTED FOR MEMBERS TO BE ABLE TO SHOOT THEIR LARGE CALIBER OR HIGH VELOCITY RIFLES. THAT EXCEPTION IS ONLY AVAILABLE VIA THE MEMBER REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FROM A BOARD MEMBER. IF GRANTED, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS THE RANGE STEEL TO BE FIRED AT, MEMBER WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SHOOT THE RIFLE ON PAPER, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!

RIFLES MAY BE BOLT ACTION OR SEMI-AUTOMATIC.

SHOOTERS ARE TO USE ONLY ONE RIFLE FOR A COMPETITION. IF THE COMPETITORS RIFLE MALFUNCTIONS, THE SHOOTER MAY REQUEST TO SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER RIFLE. THIS SUBSTITUTION MAY ONLY BE ALLOWED AT THE RANGE MASTERS' DISCRETION. HE WILL INSPECT THE MALFUNCTION AND THEN ASSURE THAT THE REPLACEMENT RIFLE IS WITHIN THE SAME CONFIGURATION AS THE ORIGINAL.