

Practical Pistol Competition SOP

Range(s): P3 (original 50-yard pistol range)

Purpose & Skill Focus: Practice and proficiency with handguns (various distances, positions, and time constraints)

Who May Participate: Everyone may participate. Minors must be capable of safely handling a firearm and must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Disabilities will be accommodated as long as safety of all members is ensured.

Fee 2019: \$3 per round with a possibility of 3 rounds

Chairperson Qualifications: The Chairperson must be competent to oversee range safety and must have passed the PA State Police criminal background check and the Child Abuse Clearance.

Chairperson Duties (may be delegated to assistants, but the Chair is ultimately responsible):

Set up targets and backstops prior to start of shoot

Collect fees and file income reports with the Treasurer

Ensure participants sign the event waivers (file in small documents safe)

Clearly explain course of fire and rules

Observe that all safety rules are obeyed

Start and stop all timed fire stages

Change targets between courses of fire

Explain scorekeeping procedure

Collect and check all scorecards; maintain records of each shooter's score for entire season

Remove all targets; collect all trash from range, store targets and backstops after event

General Management & Promotion

Ensure assistants have submitted PSP and PA Child Abuse Clearances as needed and are fully trained

Immediately notify the Director with oversight of any issues or potential issues

Immediately file an Incident Report with the Recording Secretary for any safety incident and notify the Safety Director

Maintain inventory of equipment and ensure proper working order

Submit orders for targets

Seek ways to promote wider involvement, especially of youth

Make available the activity brochure listing all SLCFSA activities

Encourage participants to make available photos/videos for publicity (photo waivers required, on back of event waiver)

Firearm Requirements & Restrictions: Firearms must be in safe working condition and may be inspected by Chair.

Revolvers, .32 caliber and larger. Maximum 6 inch barrel length. Double action. Open sights.

Semi-autos. .32 caliber and larger. Maximum 5 inch barrel length. Open sights.

Auxiliary Equipment Requirements & Restrictions:

Ammunition: Target loads preferable. No magnum, high speed or armor piercing loads permitted.

Hearing and eye protection are mandatory.

Hip or belt holster that safely contains the firearm while moving. No shoulder holsters, cross draw or leg tie down holsters permitted.

Revolver shooters need at least 3 speed loaders. Auto shooters need at least 4 magazines.

All shooters should have a box or pouch to carry all ammo and accessories.

Range Setup/Design: For every shooter a target and backstop are needed. Each shooter is assigned a target lane 1 through 12. Barricades for each lane as needed as well. Distances are 3 to 25 yards in 5 different stages (3, 5, 7, 15 and 25 yards) with an average of 3 rounds per stage.

Placement of Loading/Unloading Tables: NA

Event Procedures:

Stage 1. At whistle, shooters will draw and fire 6 rounds right-handed and 6 rounds left-handed in 25 seconds from 3-yard line.

Stage 2. At whistle, shooters will draw and fire 12 rounds two-handed in 30 seconds from the 7-yard line.

Stage 3. At whistle, shooters draw and fire 6 rounds two-handed in 12 seconds from 15-yard line. At conclusion of stage 3, scoring of targets and replacement of target centers occur.

Stage 4. At whistle, shooters draw and fire 12 rounds in 35 seconds from 15-yard line.

Stage 5. At whistle, from 25 yards, shooters draw and fire 6 rounds from kneeling position, then from standing position fire 6 rounds from left side of barricade, then 6 rounds from right side of barricade in 90 seconds. At conclusion of stage 5, targets are scored and replaced.

Targets: Targets are B-27 silhouettes.

Scoring: At the conclusion of stages 3 and 5, each shooter scores the target of the shooter to their right. Cards are collected by the range officer. Cards are reviewed by range officer to determine total score of all 5 stages. Scores of all shoots are maintained by range officer for the entire season. Average is determined from shooter's 6 highest scores.

Safety Rules: Each shooter's first responsibility is for their own safe conduct while participating in any phase of the shooting match. All shooters on the range should consider themselves Safety Officers and are expected to remain alert for any unsafe actions. All participants should immediately report unsafe conditions to the Chairperson(s), and if necessary, call a ceasefire.

Eye and hearing protection must be worn by all shooters while shooting. Such protection is recommended for everyone in the range area.

Firearms Safety

Treat every firearm as if it were loaded at all times.

Keep track of muzzle direction. Do not "sweep" other participants or spectators between stages or when moving firearms to and from gun carts or tables.

All firearms will remain unloaded except at the loading table and under the direction of the Range Officer.

When changing location during a stage, all firearms must be made safe. Actions must be open and chambers and magazines empty.

The Range Officer MUST inspect all firearms before they leave the shooting stage. All firearms must have actions open, chamber flags in place, magazines removed (if applicable) and on safe (if applicable).

There will be no handling of any firearms when people are down-range.

Duties of Range Safety Officers: Ensure all shooters are following safety procedures/rules.

Duties of Timers: Explain the current stage. Ensure all shooters are ready. Blow whistle at start of timer. Blow whistle to signal end of shoot when timer goes off.

Duties of Scorekeepers: Maintain a record of scores and inform participants of their scores

Duties of Coaches: Support shooters needing instruction while supporting the Chair in maintaining range safety

Duties of Spotters: NA

Duties of Shooters: Adhere to all range safety rules. Obey commands of the Range Officers.

Duties of Observers: Remain behind firing line at all times. Wear ear and eye protection. Do not distract shooters. Follow all directions of the Chairperson and Range Officers and alert them if any unsafe situation is observed.