

Shooters Meeting Checklist

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General Topics:

Welcome Shooters & Start with Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer (If one is going to be done)

Recognize Dignitaries & Sponsors

Introduce Match Officials (Match Director, Chief Range Master, Head Scorekeeper, Arbitration Committee)

The Contest:

- Match Format (Especially if not pre-advertised)
- Winning format: Last Man Standing (or) Championship Shoot-off (Fabulous 5 or Magnificent 7)
- "X" count (2x, 3x, 4x etc.)
- Formats: 2 out of 3 (Two Winning Hits), 3 out of 5 (3 Winning Hits), Nevada 8 for side matches, etc.
- Match Director, must declare in advance if natural or man-made backstops are sufficient to offset, Safety Rule #8, Firing a Shot Over the Back Stop.
- Equipment checks: Who, Where, and What Time. (Should be announced before Shooter's Meeting)
- Reminder: Equipment can be rechecked at any time during the match

Spirit of the Game: Safety First, Fun Second, and Competition Third.

Settling Disputes

- All Shooter's hereby agree that they understand, accept and will compete under all rules and regulations stated in the latest edition of the Gunslinger's Rules, Guidelines, and Handbook.**
- Must be settled before the next shot is fired **ON THAT TARGET PAIR.**
- Arbitration committee may be called on to settle a dispute, according to CFDA Guidelines.

Safety Topics:

- All registered shooters and officials are Safety Officers, in all contestant areas and ranges.
- Everyone on the range must wear eye protection; ear protection is mandatory for youth shooters
- No one on the range but match officials, shooters, Range Officers and other authorized people such as parent and guardians when youth are shooting and media (Supervised by the Range Master.)
- Please do not encroach on another shooter's lane.

Five Places a Gun May Be Out of Your Holster

- On the firing line
- In the dry fire area
- At the cleaning table Plus 2 more. (Removing & replacing in gun bag – Equipment inspection)
- Removing & replacing between your holster and gun case. (While keeping the muzzle pointed down)
- At the Equipment Inspection Table

Note: (Muzzles must be kept pointed in safe direction at all times when guns are unholstered)

Major Safety Violations - (PLEASE AVOID MATCH DQ'S)

- ALWAYS Keep Firearms Pointed in a Safe Direction, Loaded or Not, ANYWHERE!**
Warning: This applies to Cleaning Tables, except when cylinder is removed.
- Loading or Unloading Ammunition Anywhere Other Than the Firing Line! (Laser Cartridges Exempt)**
- No .45 Long Colt Ammunition is Allowed Anywhere in the Contestant Area!**
- Alcohol Consumption or Being Under the Influence is Strictly Prohibited in a Contest Area!**

Basic Range Procedures (Please Review All Range Commands on Page 27 - 10th Edition)

Loading and unloading is done only on the firing line: Shooter may not un-holster their gun until "Load and make ready" command has been given by Range Master.

Down Range Command – make sure all guns are holstered and **STAY HOLSTERED.**

Freeze Command – just freeze, stop what you are doing.

170 degree rule: The muzzle of any firearm must always be pointed straight down range, plus or minus 85 degrees, whenever it is un-holstered, loaded or not. 45 degrees is recommended.

Removing a broken gun from the firing line: A gun that becomes inoperable and cannot be unloaded on the Firing Line may be removed from the Firing Line to a Safe Area by authorized match personnel.

Bringing a backup gun to the line: If a backup gun is needed, it must be brought to the line holstered or encased; and must have been inspected during the equipment check.

Challenging a round: A potentially defective round can only be challenged by the shooter if their opponent has hit their target.

Inspecting Ammo: It is the Shooter's Responsibility to check for visible defects of Host Supplied Ammo before placing it in their guns. i.e., high or backwards primers, deformed casings, etc. There no alibis for visibly defective ammunition.

Retrieving a dropped gun: To be done ONLY by the Range Master, not the shooter or hand judge.

Fanning: If fanning or operating the hammer with the off-hand, including recovery shots, the hand may not be moved in front of the body after the set command and before the start light comes on.

Anticipation: A nervous or shaking hand; or body movement without moving the gun in the holster or activating the hammer is a "No Call". Rocking the hammer or moving the gun in the holster after the "set" command is a Procedural Violation, resulting in loss of shot.

Time limit on a hit: There is a **1.250 Time Limit** to record a "**winning hit**" in Men's & Ladies Division in Titled Championships.

Technical Rule #17: Discharging the Gun with the Muzzle Behind the Front Cut of the Holster - Not Allowed
No Smoking on the Range or Score Tables (Hosts have the authority to declare smoking and non-smoking areas)

Hand Judges: *(Please Review Hand Judging Procedures on Page 31 - 10th Edition)*

The "**next shooter on the line**", will serve as the Hand Judge for the Shooter on the lane preceding them.

Hand Judges have 4 main functions:

- Assist the shooter in loading and unloading, but not to the level of coaching in Titled Championships.
- Watch for Technical, Procedural and Safety Violations on the firing line.
- Watch and verify hits and misses on both targets in the bout you are judging.
- Watch the muzzle of the gun to make sure it is front of the front cut of the holster pouch.

Hand Judge Procedures:

- The Hand Judge will hand the ammo to the shooter.
- The Hand Judge should sit down to indicate to the Range Master that their shooter is ready.
- The Hand Judge should stand up and raise their hand if there is an issue.
- Communicate issues with the Range Master, not the Announcer.
- Both Hand Judges will go down range with the Range Master when checking targets for hit and misses.
(Please keep hands 12" from targets when inspecting for hits, so as not to falsely mark the grease on the target.)
- The Hand Judge must verify that all chambers of the gun are empty without breaking the 170 Rule before the Shooter is allowed to leave the firing line.

Target Tenders: If the Host hasn't provided Target Tenders, we ask that the shooters on the two outside lanes to go down range and grease the targets once the Range Master has cleared the range. **There should be only a very thin coat of grease on the lens.**

Cleaning Tables: Please don't leave bags on tables. Small amount of cleaning gear on table is OK.

Only Match Officials are allowed in the scoring area. If any competitor has a scoring issue, please bring it to the attention of the Match Director or Chief Range Master.

Questions / Comments??

A Big YEA – HAW and Let's Shoot!