

U. S. Secret Service 2010 Practical Pistol Match

Match Safety, Course, Equipment and Rules

Range Safety Rules

- #1 No handling of weapons allowed by ANYONE unless
- a) In the designated cold “safe area”, with no ammunition present
 - b) At the designated loading / unloading area
 - c) While on a course of fire under the direct supervision of a Match Safety Officer.

The cold “safe area” must be kept free of all live ammunition. No loaded magazines or loose ammunition on your person or in any container with you. This area is designed for dry-firing, weapons maintenance or repair.

The hot “loading/unloading” area is strictly for those two purposes. There is only **ONE** of these areas. When you enter the complex, you will be directed to the indoor ranges where the “loading/unloading” area will be located. At which time all personnel will empty their weapons and make them safe. If you chose, you may load them in this area immediately before you leave the complex. If you need to handle your weapon beyond those two tasks, go to a designated safe area.

#2 Keep your muzzle downrange at all times while shooting the course of fire (COF)

#3 keep your finger off the trigger unless actively engaging targets

#4 Do not enter the “downrange” target area unless the Safety Officer on **YOUR** stage tells you it is safe to do so.

#5 Be courteous and respectful of other competitors, bystanders, and Match officials.

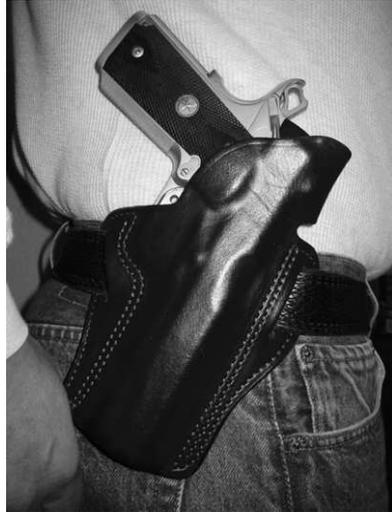
#6 Safety is everyone's responsibility. Please yell "**cease fire**" or "**stop**" if you see an unsafe condition.

Any violation of these rules will be brought to the attention of the Match Director, and could result in a match disqualification.

Pistol and Equipment Rules

1. Must be a pistol or revolver of standard police caliber (9mm luger, .357SIG, .40 S&W, .45 ACP, 10mm, .38 Special, etc.)
2. 3 pound minimum trigger press for all actions. Triggers will be weighed.
3. Must be agency issue or typical of police issue (Glock, SIG P series, M&P, Beretta, XD, etc). Single Stack 1911s are acceptable, but no "competition" pistols.
Example: If your agency issues a Beretta, but you prefer to shoot a Glock, you may use your personal Glock provided your equipment meets the other standards.
4. Semi-auto pistol magazines will be loaded to no more than 10 rounds (+1 in the chamber), in order to limit the advantage higher capacity magazine have over lower capacity magazines.
5. Ammunition must be factory produced ammunition (store bought). **NO HAND LOADED AMMUNITION!!**
6. Shooters must use either a full duty-belt rig (radio & tazer optional) or an off-duty/plainclothes holster typical of all-day carry, which must be worn under some sort of concealment garment (jacket, vest, etc) so as to be a "concealed carry".





7. Holsters must be worn on the strong side of the belt and must securely retain the firearm and be fastened to your body. No shoulder, cross draw or small of the back holsters will be allowed. Issued thigh rigs are acceptable.
8. Shooters will need at least 2 spare magazines on their belt, but may wear more at their discretion.
9. No add-on equipment to the pistol will be allowed (i.e.: no lasers, flashlights, optical sights, large extended magazine-wells, compensators, etc.)

The match staff reserves the right to inspect all firearms and equipment for safety, proper operation, and adherence to the rules.

Any questions concerning the suitability or eligibility of a caliber, ammunition, weapon, weapon accessories, holsters and related equipment should be submitted to the pistol match committee at usss2010pistolmatch@usss.dhs.gov, for clarification prior to arrival at the match to avoid disqualification.

Course of Fire Rules

1. Shooters are under the control of the Match Safety Officers, and will obey all range commands.
2. When it is their turn, shooters will be called to the line. They will assume the starting position designated by the course of fire description, and given the command to load their firearm. Once loaded, they will be asked the question **"Is the shooter ready?"** The Safety Officer will wait for either no response, or an affirmative response to announce **"The shooter is ready"**, before giving the command **"Standby"**. A few seconds after **"Standby"**, the shooter will hear a loud electronic **"Beep"** indicating their course of fire has begun, and they may draw and begin engaging targets.

Shooters familiar with competitive pistol events will recognize many of our rules from other sports, and may notice many rules that do not appear.

Having a very large, overwhelmingly descriptive set of rules to “cover all situations” could intimidate and discourage shooters not familiar with pistol competitions from signing up.

This basic set of rules is meant to be easier to read and understand, particularly for those who may not have shot their service pistol beyond agency training and qualification. We want to strongly encourage this type of shooter to be involved, to come shoot some very enjoyable courses of fire and to test their skills beyond the scope of a standard requalification.

Any shooter deemed to be operating outside of the spirit of this competition will be notified of his/her error, and given the chance to correct the error. The match director reserves the right to give the competitor an “incomplete” for one or more stages of non-compliance, or in serious cases, disqualification.