

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Steel Plate

Overview/Description of Discipline

- There will be a total of eleven (11) steel plates to shoot. These will consist of ten (10) target plates and one (1) stop plate. There will be two plate racks with five (5) steel plates on each rack set either at the same distance or at different distances and one (1) stop plate on a separate stand. This will be at the discretion of the Match Director, as will the sizes of the plates to be used at that particular match. Two shooters will be called to the firing line at which time they will come to the firing line with an unloaded pistol and two magazines loaded with ten rounds each. The shooters will be instructed to load and make ready. They will then load and stand at the low ready position. At the sound of the whistle they will begin firing, knocking off the ten (10) steel plates first and then the stop plate. The first shooter to knock off the steel plates and then the stop plate will be the winner. If a shooter knocks off the stop plate before clearing the other plates they will lose that set. A shooter will continue to shoot sets until that shooter has lost three sets. The winner of the match will be the shooter who does not have three losses.

Equipment Required

Weapon

- One semi automatic pistol in .22 caliber and two magazines with ten (10) round capacity. There will be a class for both iron sights and enhanced.

Ammunition

- Any safe .22LR cartridge. No jacketed or gas checked ammunition.. No Magnums.

Target

- Assorted steel silhouette plates.

Ear & Eye Protection

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

Clothing/Costuming

- No special requirements.

National Affiliate Organization

- None

Rules observed in addition to FWGC

- NRA

Special local rules

- All FWGC Range Rules will be observed.

Overall safety rules

- Spectators must wear eye and ear protection and must remain clear of the firing line while the range is “hot”. Children must be supervised at all times.

Firearm handling

- Carry to and from the bench, to and from the staging area with muzzles up, held above the head height, actions open and bolts back
- No gun can be handled on the line in any fashion when the range is “cold”. All targets are reset only on a “cold” range (see Shooting Commands below).
- While on the firing line muzzles will be within a 170° cone related to the placement of targets and the berm.
- If a loaded gun needs to be carried to the SAFE AREA it will be done at the direction of the Range Officer.

Firearm storage

- All guns must be stored, unloaded on the back bench, with muzzles pointed into the roped SAFE AREA when not being used on the firing line.

Loading areas

- Loading firearms is performed at the firing line only at the direction of the Range Officer. The range must be “hot” for all firearm loading operations.
- Magazines and speedloaders can be loaded on the back bench.

Unloading areas

- Unloading of firearms is normally done at the firing line at the direction of the Range Officer.
- Misfire/malfunction will be unloaded on command of the Stage Position Timer or Range Officer.
- If a loaded gun needs to be carried to the SAFE AREA it will be done at the direction of the Range Officer.

“Safe area”

- There is a dedicated area where any gun malfunction or repair may be dealt with. Firearms 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

- Is in charge and has the final word regarding issues of safety and competition.

Schedule

- 2nd Sunday of each month starting promptly at 1PM and ending at about 5PM.

Shooting categories

- Rimfire – Unlimited automatic. Stock automatic.

Shooting commands

- A whistle is used to commence firing.
- “Cease fire”. Any Shooter, Range Officer, or Timer can call this command. When it is called, all guns are put down awaiting the “Cold Range command from the Range Officer.
- “Range is hot”. Shooting may commence at the whistle.
- “Range is cold”. No gun may be touched for any reason.

Starting position

- Firearm will be held at the low ready position, finger off the trigger and out of the guard until the starting whistle is blown.

Firing position

- At the bench.

Scoring procedures

- The Match Director will keep a record of wins/losses and season totals.

Awards

- Trophies

Safety Violations**Major**

- Accidental discharge will result in match disqualification. A FWGC Incident Report will be prepared by the Match Director and submitted to the Chief Range Officer. Match disqualification will be noted on the shooter’s score sheet.

Minor

- Violations of the firearms handling rules above may result in a target disqualification. Target disqualification will be noted on the shooter’s score sheet.
- Spectators are not allowed on firing line when the range is “hot”.
- All FWGC Range Rules must be observed.

Incident reports

- Will be filed on the club provided form for all injuries and all match disqualifications.

Fees and Sign-in

- \$5.00 per match. Shooters must be signed in prior to 1 PM.

Emergency procedures

- There is a telephone in the target stand shed which can be used to call 911. There is also a first aid kit in the shed. In the event of an emergency requiring police, fire equipment, or an ambulance the Match Director or assistant will designate someone to tend the gate and direct emergency vehicles. A FWGC Incident Report will be completed and filed for all injuries.

Practice

- None. Since steel reactive targets are used, shooting is approved only at the designated matches.