



The new course of fire for smallbore pistol at the Oahe Downstream shooting range will be as follows.

All shots will be scored by the competitors on score sheets provided by the Range Officers.

All targets will be changed after every 10 rounds fired, or 15 if there is an alibi.

The first 2 strings of fire will be 10 rounds each fired in 5 minutes per string (20 rounds total). Between the 2 strings the competitors will, on a cold range, go down range to score the target of the person on their left. The scoring process will be described both at the end of this section and at the range.

The next 4 strings, timed-fire, will be 5 rounds each in 20 seconds (20 rounds total). After each round of 2 strings the competitors will, on a cold range, go down range to score the target of the person on their left. Alibis will be discussed at the end of this section. During each 10-round string the Junior age competitors will have an unlimited number of allowable alibis to get their 10 rounds off. Senior age shooters will have 1 allowable alibi per 10 shot string.

The last 4 strings, rapid-fire, will be 5 rounds each in 10 seconds (20 rounds total). After each round of 2 strings the competitors will, on a cold range, go down range to score the target of the person on their left. During each 10-round string the Junior age competitors will have an unlimited number of allowable alibis to get their 10 rounds off. Senior age shooters will have 1 allowable alibi per 10 shot string.

Scoring: All scoring will be on a scorecard that will be provided at the range. On receipt of the scorecard the shooters will put their name and 4-H number on the top. They will then pass the card to the person on their right. They will be scoring for the person on their left. No 2 shooters from the same county may be next to each other. When the shooters go down range to score, they will first count to make sure there are 10 or fewer holes in their target. If there are extras, we will look for any crossfires.

Once the number of holes is confirmed, the scorer will put the scores in the top right corner of the target starting from X's and working their way down. Ex. X, X, X, 10, 10, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 working from the top down. When this is done, the shooter and scorer will get together and confirm the scores. If there is a question as to whether a hole is on, or adjacent to a scoring ring, the RO will provide a magnified scoring plug. If the hole has been previously disturbed, the lower score will be recorded. If there is still debate over the score the RO, Asst RO, and 1 other person will be the judges to settle the dispute. Once this decision is reached there will not be an appeal. The competitors and Range Officers will be the only ones involved in the scoring process. Once the score is settled on, it will be recorded on the scorecard with the highest scores on the left. The total will be added and entered in the last box on the right.

The Scorer and shooter will then sign the card. Once this is done, there will be no appeals. If desired, the next target may be placed over the existing target so the competitors can view their entire match on one target. If not, the target will be removed and kept by them. Again, there will be no appeals once the target is removed. All scoring will be completed by the competitors, with minimal input from the range officers. Coaches and parents will not be allowed input with the scoring.

If desired, Juniors may have 1 person to assist on the line. This assistance will consist of helping in case of a malfunction, or other possible safety issues. There will not be any coaching on the line, including hand signals for any reason. If it is noticed that coaching is occurring, the coach or parent will be required to leave the line.

Alibis: Allowable alibis consist of ammunition failures, misfires, dead rounds, etc. And firearms malfunctions. Stovepipes, failure to feed or eject, or a broken firearm. If the malfunction is caused by the shooter, the alibi will not be allowed.

Juniors will be allowed an unlimited number of allowable alibis until the correct number of shots has been fired. The time limit per shot will be 4 seconds per shot for timed fire and 2 seconds per shot on rapid fire. Example: Shooter gets 4 shots off on the first string of 5 and has 1 misfire. On the second string they get a stovepipe and only get 3 shots off. The alibi string will consist of 3 rounds. If this happens in timed fire, they will have 12 seconds to shoot these rounds. In rapid fire they will have 6 seconds.

Seniors will be allowed 1 alibi per 10 shot string on timed and rapid fire. The alibi will be shot as 1 complete 5 round string at the end of the 10 shots. The number of rounds successfully fired will be noted, but only the 10 lowest holes will be counted. This includes misses. Example: if the shooter fires 4 rounds successfully and 5 rounds successfully, they will fire a complete 5 round alibi string. There should now be 14 holes in the target. Only the lowest 10 holes will count for score. However, if they get 4 away in the first 5 round string and take the alibi, but on the second 5 round string they only get 3 off, since they took the alibi on the first string, they will have 2 misses included in their score, with the 8 lowest holes counting.

Equipment and other information

Target: NRA B-8 target will be used. 25 Yard Timed and Rapid-Fire Target Distance: 25 yards.

Shooting position: Juniors may use 2 hands standing. Seniors will use 1 hand standing.

Firearms: Version 2023 NRA Precision Pistol rules for Metallic Division (3.2.2 and 3.4)

(3.2.2) Metallic Division- Any semi-automatic handgun or revolver authorized by rules 3.4, 3.5, and/or 3.6, **with the exception that peep, ghost, optical or electronic sights are prohibited.** The firearm used shall be serviceable and safe. All operational safety features of the firearm must function properly. If any firearm is observed to be unserviceable or unsafe, it shall be withdrawn at the request of the Match Director.

(3.4) 22 Caliber Pistol or Revolver- Any pistol (single shot or semi-automatic) or revolver chambered for .22 caliber rim-fire long rifle may be used; barrel length, including cylinder, not more than 10 inches. Trigger pull not less than 2 lbs. Open (metallic) sights may be adjustable but not over 10 inches apart from the apex of the rear sight to the apex of the front sight. Any sighting device programmed to activate the firing mechanism is prohibited. All operational safety features of the firearm must operate properly. Barrel length, including cylinder, not more than 10 inches.

4-H rules prohibit the use of any add on muzzle devices. Muzzle-breaks and compensators are prohibited. The only thing allowed on the end of the barrel is a thread protector the same size as the outside diameter as the barrel and not extending past the muzzle. Recoil reduction devices, barrel weights, are prohibited.