

[MATCH BRIEFING]

Welcome and thank you for participating, this will serve as your shooters briefing.

SAFETY: USPSA rules will be followed and we operate a cold range. Safe areas are provided for your use and there will be no gun handling of pistols at your vehicle. Long guns may be transferred safely to carts as needed. Chamber flags are required and must be inserted prior to shooting and between stages.

SHOTGUN AMMO: Birdshot is limited to #6's or smaller. 3" OK. Lead only. No steel, tungsten, bismuth, or any other metals.

RIFLE AMMO: No Steel projectile or jacket. Very simple; if your bullet sticks to a magnet you may not use that ammo and will be DQ'ed if you have. Easy test, please test it. Some of the Bi-Metal jackets you can't tell by looking at them but they will stick. While that particular ammo may not be unsafe, the magnet test is the only practical way we have to test.

SLINGS: Will not be required.

RULES: We will be following the current edition of the USPSA rulebook.

GUN HANDLING

This is a USPSA match, ran under USPSA rules. Rule book can be found online or the mobile app. Please read the rules and follow them. However this was an area of the match the MD wanted to make more clear, so here is the standard as best as I can describe it in plain English. I have talked with the DNROI and the RM for the match and am posting the following info with their blessing. This section is not intended to be a rule book, they have one of those. I'm just trying to make some things more clear.

SAFE AREAS: Provided around the range. These are the same as safe areas for a USPSA pistol match. You may handle firearms, dryfire, perform maintenance, pet it, whatever but may not handle ammunition in the safe area. Pistols may ONLY be handled in the safe area, or under the direct supervision of a Range Officer.

STAGING AREAS: These will be provided at each stage using long guns. Staging areas are for storage of long guns, you may handle long guns. These staging areas will also be used as a preload table for shotguns if necessary on the stage. You will preload under the direction of the Range Officers on that stage. They know you need to preload and will tell you that you may do so as soon as is practical for their stage. You may change chokes in the staging area provided you are not preloaded. If you are preloaded just tell an RO you need to change a choke and they will accommodate you. You may store your rifle in the staging area before and after your run on the stage. In a bag or not laying on or under the table. There will also be room to park baby buggies facing the berm next to the staging area. Staging area and shotgun preload areas are the same.

YOU MAY NOT HANDLE YOUR PISTOL in the staging area. This includes taking off your holster with the pistol in it. This is explicitly against the rules. Just don't do it.

CARTS, BUGGIES AND ATV'S: Long guns are to be carried vertically (ish) muzzle up or down in a cart, buggy or ATV (conveyance). If your long guns are carried horizontally (laying on a red wagon for example) they are to be bagged. Most common practices are muzzle up in the back of a UTV/ATV or muzzle down at 45 degree on a baby jogging stroller. If one of these or similar you MAY remove your flagged long gun keeping the muzzle in whatever direction its in (up or down) and proceed to the stage or to the staging area at your discretion. Same for replacing it. You do not need to be close to a berm to take these actions provided your muzzle stays in the same orientation the whole time.

COMING TO THE LINE: In the interest of match flow we want the on deck shooter to be as ready as possible depending on the stage. You MAY bring your gun(s) to the start position without RO direction when you are on deck. You may not stage them in a barrel, or on a table, or anything. You may bring them to the line, muzzle up or down and wait for the Make Ready command. Example: Rifle/Pistol stage as they are nearing the end of scoring you can and should be at the starting position with your unloaded pistol holstered and your flagged rifle muzzle up or down awaiting commands. This includes bringing said rifle off of your conveyance without direct supervision or direction.

10.5.4.3 – Bottom line, you may not sweep any person with the muzzle of a firearm at anytime for any reason. Loaded, unloaded, flagged, not flagged. Common sense gun handling and also a rule. So again, just don't do it. Hope this makes it more clear and not more confusing. Read through the rule book and if you have questions or concerns just ask before you do.