

DUNNVILLE DISTRICT HUNTERS and ANGLERS – Precision Rimfire Series

General Safety Rules: PRS (Precision Rifle Series)

Definitions:

DDHA – Dunnville District Hunters and Anglers

MD – Match Director

RO – Range Officer

COF - Course of Fire

DQ – Disqualification

PR – Precision Rifle

PRS – Precision Rifle Series

AD – Accidental Discharge

ND – Negligent Discharge

Chamber Flags



.22 Long Rifle vs. .22 Magnum

1040 -1400 fps

1800-2300 fps



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General: Range Safety

1. Keep muzzles pointed in a safe direction at all times regardless of the status of the rifle. Do not point any firearm at anything outside of the COF. This is considered “flagging” and will not be tolerated. The “High Carry” is the preferred method of transitioning with any firearm.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
3. All PRS events will be run on cold ranges. A cold range is defined as keeping firearms unloaded until it is the competitor’s turn to shoot.

The following rules apply to all participants of a PRS event. They do not apply to a shooter who is actively shooting a COF.

4. While conducting any movement with a firearm at a PRS shoot, the participant will ensure all of their firearms are pointed in a safe direction at all times.
5. All participants will ensure their rifles are always cleared with the magazine out.
6. Chamber flags or other Empty Chamber Indicators will always be utilized and must be fully inserted into the chamber (not just the breach).
7. No person shall consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs such as common narcotics during the match or other such that may alter actions or behaviour.
8. Any person found to be impaired and unsafe because of legitimate prescription drugs shall be directed to stop shooting and shall leave the range.

The following rules apply to shooters who are actively participating in a COF(course of fire)

9. Chamber flags will remain in the rifle until the RO gives the command of “Load and make ready.”
10. It is the shooter’s and RO’s responsibility to fully understand the COF and how to prepare their rifle prior to starting.

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11. All transitions and movements during a course of fire must be done with open bolts and an empty chamber. An exception will be made for Semi-Automatic Rifles but only at the discretion and approval of the MD (Match Director) and RO. The “High Carry” is the preferred method of transitioning with any firearm.

If the MD does permit transitions and movements with a hot rifle, the rifle must be on safe and the shooter must give an audible “ On Safe” before moving, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

12. The 120-degree rule must always be adhered to. No shooter will point their muzzle any more than 60 degrees off the direction of fire in either direction.

13. Shooters must maintain positive control of a firearm during all stages (loaded or unloaded). Positive control is defined as *“maintaining at least one point of bodily contact with the rifle or a sling type attachment to the body of the shooter”*.

14. Accidental/Negligent Discharges (AD/ND's) are taken very seriously at any PRS event. An AD/ND is defined as any round unintentionally discharged from a firearm. A competitor who causes an accidental discharge shall be stopped by a Range Officer immediately. An accidental discharge is defined as follows:

“A shot, which travels over a designated backstop, a berm or in any other direction outside the range span” **This shall be, specified in the written stage briefing or match rules as determined by the match director.** *Note that a competitor who legitimately fires a shot at the wrong target or with incorrect data, but remains within the established range span, will not be disqualified.*

“ A shot which occurs while loading, reloading or unloading a firearm”.

“A shot which occurs during remedial action in the case of a malfunction”

“A shot which occurs during movement/transition, except while shooting at targets”.

“ A shot which occurs before the shooter intended to shoot, regardless if the shot remains in the range span, target berm or the target itself”.

“A shot which occurs during a ceasefire period”.

“A Shot that impacts the prop from which the shooter was shooting from”.

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15. If it can be established that the cause of a discharge is due to a broken or defective part of the firearm the firearm must be immediately presented for inspection to the MD (Match Director) and the RO (Range Officer) who will inspect the firearm to establish that a broken or defective part caused the discharge. The competitor shall withdraw from the range. The MD and RO will determine if a disqualification is warranted for the discharge. Should the competitor fail to present the firearm or suspect defective part for inspection prior to leaving the course of fire, disqualification will be applied and further action may be initiated by the DDHA.
16. All rifles must be chambered in .22 Long Rifle. A match DQ will result in any rifle that does not meet this qualification. 17 HMR, 22 Magnum, and .22 short cartridges are not permitted.
17. Ammunition: Commercially available standard velocity .22LR ammunition only.
18. All .22 Long Rifles are permitted, however rifles with removable magazines are recommended and encouraged. .22 Long rifles equipped with fixed tubular magazines are not permitted as they pose a greater safety risk, “Tube” magazines are not easy to make safe.
19. Equipment restrictions shall be determined by the DDHA and the MD (Match Director). COF may dictate the use or non-use of certain equipment. Any scope, iron sights, or electronic sights may be used but magnified rifle scopes with externally adjustable turrets and reticles are recommended.
20. All firearms shall be sighted and ready prior to commencing at PR League, PR Event or an Evolution. Time to do so will not be granted unless approved by the league organizer, MD and/or RO.

Range Officer’s Responsibilities (RO):

20. The RO is responsible for all aspects of the COF at all times during any event or evolution. They must have a complete understanding of exactly how the range and COF is to be executed. Any questions regarding the rules and the COF must be addressed with the MD prior to the start of the event and evolutions.
21. The RO must have a full understanding of the official PRS Rimfire Rules.
22. Multiple RO’s (Range Officers) may be utilized.
23. Where more than one RO is utilized a Lead RO must be appointed.
24. Lead RO’s must ensure the rules are the exact same for each shooter.

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25. Lead ROs will provide an Evolution Brief and COF prior to the start and all questions must be asked and answered prior to the start of the first shooter.

26. Lead RO's will point out each target to all shooters except on "blind" components in which case no shooter will be told the location of any target.

27. Lead RO's will provide the assigned amount of time to conduct a walk-through of the evolution which is not to exceed two minutes. If the stage is to be a "blind" stage it is up to the RO/MD as to whether a walkthrough of the COF is permitted.

28. RO's will use the following verbiage to start each shooter;

RO - "Shooter do you understand the course of fire?" Shooter must verbally reply with "Yes or No" If there are no questions then;

RO: "Load and/or make ready" (insert magazine)

RO: "Stand by" (prepare to fire or get ready to move)

RO: "Engage" (Within the next 1-3 seconds the RO will start the shooter with the beep of a reliable shot-timer or a verbal "Engage". Shooter will engage or begin movement.)

RO: "Hit/Strike" - shooter hit engaged target

RO: "Miss, Wrong Target, Wrong position, Incorrect target"

RO: "Time" (stop firing make rifles safe)

RO command to the competitor when they are done shooting; "if you are finished unload and show clear, if clear secure chamber" (Insert chamber flag (drop magazine, empty the chamber, move bolt to rear. The range officer shall clear the shooter off the line)

RO: range is considered clear once rifle chambers are secured.

RO: "Cease Fire" An unsafe act occurred, target malfunction, etc. (Stop Firing Make Rifles Safe)

29. If a "hit or strike" has been called by the RO/Spotter incorrectly; for a wrong target, wrong position, out of sequence the RO or Spotters will audibly say "No Call" after the shot and as soon as they recognize the error.

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30. If the RO/Spotter was not corrected after giving an incorrect call of “Impact” the shooter will only receive “hits or strikes” for shots that followed the COF.

31. If at any point during the COF if the RO/Safety Officer observes an unsafe act, they shall call a cease-fire.

32. Only one Lead RO, RO or designated spotter will call hits or strikes during a COF and only required to call “hit or strike”. The call word shall be determined and agreed on prior to commencing the event. Shooters shall know and understand the word used to let the shooter know the target engaged was struck with a bullet and will be scored as a hit.

33. The Lead RO, RO or designated spotters are not permitted to signify in any way to a shooter where their rounds are impacting during the COF. MDs may establish exceptions for safety reasons – wrong targets, lack of backstops etc. Only ROs, not fellow shooters may make the approved corrections for safety reasons.

34. Any shooter aiding other shooters, with the exception of youth category shooters, will receive a DQ. Assisting shooters after they have finished shooting is encouraged and permissible.

35. For all timed courses of fire, the RO will make every effort to ensure the shot timer registers the shooter’s final shot. Shooters will be automatically granted additional time at the discretion of the MD and the RO. Shot timers must be used for every evolution at any event.

36. RO’s and/or designated spotters and scorekeepers must show and brief each shooter their score for the completed evolution. When using an approved electronic scoring system, shooters can be verbally briefed and/or hit the “approve” button after each shooter completes a stage. But this does not fulfill the ROs responsibility to review the scores after the evolution or event is complete.

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Scoring for Precision Rimfire:

A spotter will call out a positive target strike by using the term “Hit” or “Strike”

If a “Hit or Strike” has been called by the RO/Spotter incorrectly; for a wrong target, wrong position, out of sequence. The RO or Spotters will audibly say “No Call” after the shot and as soon as they recognize the error.

Precision Rimfire scoring shall follow the standard of one impact on a target will be worth one point.

Half points, double points, or increased values for increased difficulty is prohibited.

Half points shall be awarded at the discretion of the MD and or the RO where predetermined time has lapsed and a hit or strike was made.

Bonus points will not be assessed.

The total number of points available on the course of fire stage cannot exceed the total number of targets.

Point deductions are not permitted for incorrect target engagements, simply the target strike will not count.

Timing of the evolution(s) shall be communicated in advance; although the typical evolution timing is 2 minutes the MD may alter the timing, provided it is clearly communicated prior to commencing the match or evolution to the RO(s), Spotters and all participating shooters.

A timer with use of an external timing device, preferably audible, shall be used.

The MD may forgo timing of a COF. Instead, requiring a number of hits/strikes on a number of targets, **for example; this shall be communicated in advance of the event or evolution and shall be clearly communicated to the RO(s), Spotters and participating shooters.**

- 15 or 20 shots to hit 12 designated targets with various levels of difficulty such as distances and size of the targets.

Any shooter aiding other shooters, with the exception of youth shooter, will receive a DQ. At the discretion of the RO.

Range Reminders:

Keep muzzles pointed in a safe direction at all times regardless of the status of the weapon.

Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

Chamber flags or other Empty Chamber Indicator will always be utilized and must be fully inserted into the chamber.

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Acknowledgement:

I, _____ the undersigned have read, understand and agree to the rules and conditions noted in this document. At no time will I hold “DDHA”, its executive committee, trainers, supervisors or members responsible for any misinterpretation of these rules and conditions. Further I understand that not following these rules and conditions may result in any or all of the following penalties;

- Monetary
- Event and Range Expulsion
- Suspension
- Range Privileges Revoked (Temporary and or Permanent)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Approved by: _____

Signature: _____