

## L.S.S.S.A. BULLSEYE PISTOL MATCHES

### OVERVIEW:

This discipline has so many variables that only a broad description is possible: the NRA PISTOL RULES book has 72 very long pages. Hopefully this descriptor will provide most of the information germane to the discipline. Conventional pistols and revolvers are the only firearms allowed (no mare's legs, etc.); distances are 25 and 50 yards. All matches are 900's (ninety shots for record, no sighters); absolutely NO MAGNUM LOADS may be used (match director has discretion to stop you if he feels your "standard" ammunition is too hot/yes, a shooter once brought a Redhawk with BLAZING .44 spl loads to a match); no artificial support allowed (one handed without any support including straps, use of the other hand or arm, wrist or elbow braces) other than legal support (feet on the ground, not leaning on or into anything, free hand anchored in pocket, at side, or behind back). The rule book goes so far as to disallow the wearing of a wrist watch on the shooting hand/arm. All that being said, it is a fast and continuous match for competitors and, at least in the match director's opinion, a fun one.

### COURSES OF FIRE:

Two courses of timed fire, two courses of rapid fire, one National Match Course (hereafter referred to as an NMC), and two courses of slow fire.

Timed fire course comprised of two 20 second strings of five shots each.

Rapid fire course comprised of two 10 second strings of five shots each.

Slow fire course comprised of one 10 minute string of ten shots.

An NMC is composed of one ten minute relay of ten shots at 50 yards on a B-6 target; at 25 yards there are two 20 second relays of five shots each on a B-8 target, and two 10 second relays of five shots also on a B-8 target. Our particular match has the slow fire as the last part of this sequence. It is still legal and sanctioned by the NRA. We are a bona fide LEAGUE.

### EQUIPMENT:

At the present time we are shooting three caliber designations: .22 rimfire, Any Center Fire (A.C.F.), and .45. A.C.F. is any caliber from .32 to .45. The firearm may be either semi-auto pistol or revolver — PERIOD!

Trigger pulls are as follows: .22 no less than two pounds, A.C.F. and .45 no less than 2.5 pounds for a revolver/3.5 pounds for a semi-auto.

Spotting scopes are very much allowed, encouraged even.

EYE and EAR PROTECTION: **REQUIRED!**

CLOTHING: non supportive.

### SPECIAL LOCAL RULES:

All Laguna Seca Parks and Recreation Rules apply. The Range Master has authority over Everyone—including the Match Director. The Range Master is the designated Range Safety Officer, but the Match Director and any other trained R.S.O. should always be aware of any safety issues. Range safety is, however, **EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!**

## OVERALL SAFETY RULES:

Firearm handling: safety first, second, foremost, and **ALWAYS**. Muzzles must be pointed down range at all times. Muzzle must never be pointed at anyone—violation of this rule will result in disqualification and ejection from the line. The Range Master may have other consequences if he so chooses. Firearms must remain in their case or box until they are brought to the firing line. Violation of any safety rules may result in disqualification and ejection. **SAFETY FIRST!**

## MATCH INFORMATION:

New shooters will have basic safety rules explained to them before the match.

Match Director is in charge and has final word on disputes and safety issues, unless Range Master over-rides him. **NO ONE** argues with the Range Master!

Schedule is posted on the L.S.S.S.A. website.

Make every effort not to cross-fire (your neighbor may not like how you shoot).

## SHOOTING COMMANDS:

If there is more than one relay, command will be “Relay No. 1 (2, 3 etc.) to the firing line.” If it appears that everyone is on the firing line, the command will be, “The preparation period starts now.” There is a three minute preparation period. At the end of this period, the command will be, “Preparation period has now ended.” If the following event is a slow fire, the command will be, “This is a ten shot slow fire, ten shots in ten minutes.” If the event is a timed or rapid fire, the command will be, “With a magazine or cylinder of five rounds load.” Take note, **FIVE ROUNDS ONLY!**

The next sequence goes as follows,

“Is the firing line ready?” If a competitor is not ready, they signify by raising the non-shooting hand and stating, “Not ready on target Number (whatever target they are shooting). Match Director will go the competitor and check to see if problem is corrected. The next command will be,

“The firing line is ready.”

“Ready on the right.”

“Ready on the left.”

“Ready on the firing line.”

After an approximate wait of three seconds, the firing sequence will begin in one of the following ways: “COMMENCE FIRING!” delivered in a loud voice; a short loud blast of a whistle; or in a **REALLY UPTOWN** match, the targets will turn and face the shooters.

At the end of the prescribed firing period, the command is “CEASE FIRING! Are there any refires?” Again, a command or whistle may be used, or the turning targets will do a 90 degree turn away from the firing line. Do not fire after the cease firing command--bad things will happen. If the firearm is still loaded, eject the round and place a cleared safe weapon on the bench, action broken (empty cylinder swung out/ slide back and magazine removed). The Match Director will check to see if the problem can be corrected; if so, and if a refire is warranted, it will be done after the course of fire has been completed. During the timed and rapid fire events which are conducted in strings of two, the command will be given to load and make ready for the appropriate and designated string. When the event is finished, the firearm must be on the bench, safe, unloaded, and with an empty chamber indicator inserted. Shooters are allowed a total of two “alibis” in a match.

## SCORING:

Your target is your score card—at the present time your target is scored by the shooter on your immediate left; the shooter on the far right will score the shooter on the far left. A value is accorded the higher value if the leaded part of the hole touches the ring of the higher value, but not if it is only in the white. Only the match director or the scoremaster may use a scoring gauge on a contested or unclear score. Ties are broken by X COUNT.

## AWARDS:

Points are given for the top three scores: 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1.

All participants receive one participation point.

## SAFETY VIOLATIONS AND CONCERNS:

Accidental discharge: possible disqualification/ejection.

Pointing firearm in unsafe direction: automatic disqualification/ejection.

Handling of firearm during “cold” period: automatic disqualification/ejection.

Shooting stations for shooters only/no spectators at firing line.

Inexperienced shooters may participate if sponsored and supervised by an experienced club member.

Match director or Range Master has final say in all of the above.

Talking on the firing line during any course of fire DISCOURAGED. Go back to the fence for that.

## INCIDENT REPORTS:

Reports will be filed on range-provided forms for all injuries.

## FEES AND SIGN-IN:

\$15.00 (\$10.00 to the range, \$5.00 to the club)

Match director may sign participants up at the base of the range just below the range shack, or if the Range Master has already opened the gate, participants go up and are assigned stations.

All shooters must sign the LAGUNA SECA RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE waiver.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

Range Master has control of ALL emergencies: the club also has a trauma kit in the shed.

## MATCH ETTIQUETTE:

Rudeness, abuse, or any other form of disruptive or untoward behavior directed at ANYONE will be grounds for disqualification. This includes gamesmanship of any sort. Participants are expected to remain nonverbal at the firing line (barring emergencies) **UNTIL** each firing period is concluded. The match director will make a judgment call at the time of infractions. Conversationalists may always colloquy out of earshot WAY behind the firing line.

Be fair, be friendly, be **SAFE!**