

MIDWEST REGIONAL - MATCH BRIEFING

Please take the time to read and understand all of the contents of these match rules. Our goal is that every competitor has a great time and the last thing we want to see happen is for a competitor to be sent home early for a safety violation.

COLD RANGE - Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club maintains a cold range. Firearms MUST NOT be handled anywhere on the range except in designated safety areas or under the direct supervision of a staff Safety Officer. Safe areas at ARPC are identified by large signs and are at several locations throughout our bays. Handling of firearms in the parking areas is deemed unsafe gun handling and will result in a DQ.

Upon arrival to the match, if you are actively carrying the pistol you wish to compete with, please immediately seek out a Safety Officer (red polo shirt) and inform them that you are carrying a "loaded" firearm. They will assist you in unloading your firearm. Do NOT unload or handle ammunition at a safe area. Your firearm should remain unloaded on the range for competitor safety.

SAFETY AREAS - Safety areas are located around the range to un-bag and holster or unholster and bag your firearms. You may also dry fire practice and do gun repair in the safe areas. No ammunition may be handled in any safe area at ARPC.

RULES - The match rules are found in the IDPA Rules Handbook, current Edition and addendums.

THIS IS AN IDPA SANCTIONED MATCH AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE CURRENT IDPA RULEBOOK, INCLUDING HOLSTER, COVER GARMENT AND EQUIPMENT RULES. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SHOOTER TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE RULES AND IN COMPLIANCE.

Our Safety Officers will attempt to give warnings for cover and movement violations whenever possible, but not receiving a warning does not excuse the violation. The responsibility for following the rules belongs to the contestant.

Please understand that for multiple use of cover or movement violations within a single string, the competitor may receive a Failure to Do Right (FTDR), not just a single Procedural (PE). This will certainly apply whenever a competitive advantage of more than 3 seconds could be realized by the multiple violations.

Round Dumping - Firing extra rounds to allow for a slide-lock reload or to make a reload more convenient is round dumping and is an FTDR. This is hard to call, but sometimes very obvious and will be called if necessary.

Stage Briefing - No sight pictures, gun or finger. No choreographing the stage. All contestants will receive the exact same briefing by the SO on every single stage. Please do not take any action that appears to be an individual rehearsal of the stage. Violators will be warned and then earn a procedural. If it continues, you will earn an FTDR.

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OBEY “YOUR” SAFETY OFFICERS - Our Match Safety Officers are identified by red polo shirts. They are responsible for running the actual stages and ensuring that safety is maintained. Please follow their instructions and commands. Our SO’s are not sounding boards or complaint takers. They have volunteered their time to be here for your safety, not your criticism. If you have a complaint or disagree with a call, please seek out or call for a Match Director. We will be your sounding board and complaint takers.

SET STEEL AND TAPE TARGETS - Competitors are expected to stay together as a squad to tape and set steel on every stage. The only way to keep the flow of the match moving in a timely matter is to work together. The Safety Officers and staff shot on Friday and they taped and setup just like we ask you to do. Please, if you have a medical condition that causes you not to be able to help your squad, let your squad and the SO’s know. We have all been there and we will understand. We ask all of the shooters within a squad to tape the targets unless you are the next shooter or on deck.

LOST BRASS - This match is a “Lost Brass” match. This means that we ask you not to pick up brass. Out of consideration for all of their hard work, the brass on each stage is given to the Safety Officers on each stage. Please do not collect the brass. While it may not exactly be stealing, at a “Lost Brass” match, it is certainly not the right thing to do.

ALCOHOL - Alcohol and drugs are not allowed at ARPC and any violation of this rule will result in an immediate request for you to leave the range. No exceptions!

DRESS CODE - IDPA shooting is a sport. No camouflage outfits (excluding active duty military), controversial slogans or other items of dubious taste are to be displayed or worn. The Match Directors will be the final arbiter of dubious taste.

SCORING DISPUTES - Benefit of the doubt goes to the shooter.... but, there must be some doubt! Common sense applies (i.e. on a moving target at 10 yards, it’s probably not a perfect double hit). With any dispute - the SO will pull the targets and call a Match Director. **The MD’s decision is final!**

Radial tears and paper tears are not the same thing.

HARD COVER/SOFT COVER - Currently, none of the stages have any “Soft Cover” and all props should be considered “Hard Cover” even if not painted black. Shots through props will be scored as misses. Additionally, all walls should be considered as going all the way from ground to ceiling.

EYE & EAR PROTECTION - All competitors must wear eye and ear protection while on the line. Eye protection is required to be worn by everyone while on the range, including spectators.

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CHRONOGRAPH & EQUIPMENT - The Equipment check will be done at registration and again on your first stage. You will be asked to provide 5 rounds of ammunition off of your belt at any given time during the match for use through the chronograph.

You are required to make the minimum power floor for your division. In addition to the chronograph, your gun will be weighed, measured and inspected for safety. If you are disqualified for equipment issues, we may allow you to continue to shoot the match, but we will not include your scoresheets in the final results. You will not be allowed to continue to shoot if your equipment is deemed unsafe.

HANDICAPPED SHOOTERS - As a shooter that has shot competitions with injuries, I understand the issues that arise. Competitors may request a penalty in lieu of the stated course requirements by reason of incapacity or previous injury. This must be requested prior to shooting the stage. Only the CSO or MD can accept any such requests and the MD will make the decision as to what penalty will apply.

STAT SHACK - We have a very small room that we will use as the scoring shack for this match. We all would like to see the scores correctly entered in a timely manner. Please help us accomplish this by leaving the staff in the score shack alone. We will post preliminary scores throughout the competition on the outside of the score shack. Inevitably there will be mistakes on class and divisions and even stage errors. If you find one, seek out one of the Match Directors (bright orange polo shirts) and tell us. DO NOT enter and talk to the score shack personnel, as they can only accept changes from MD's. If you slow down the score shack it hurts everyone.

REST ROOMS - There are air-conditioned rest rooms attached to the score shack, as well as port-a-potties positioned throughout the range. We do ask each shooter to please clean up after yourself. Remember that someone has to use the facilities after you.

LUNCH - We will all break for lunch promptly after your 5th stage of the day, approximately 11:50am and start shooting again promptly at 12:50, that is 45 minutes to relax and eat, and 15 minutes to get back to your squad and hear the walkthrough for your next stage. Please return to your squad and bay just as soon as you are done eating.

SPECTATORS - We encourage spectators and will allow pictures and videos to be taken during the match. However EVERYONE must wear eye protection on the range and hearing protection when near the firing lines. While you might see designated personnel on the walls, please do not attempt to climb the walls to watch or take pictures. Children must be under the direct supervision of a parent. Dogs must remain on a lease at all times and please clean up after your animals.

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It is vital that the stages move quickly. Our goal is to maintain an average time of no more than 3 to 4 minutes per shooter, start to start. Please help us in making this happen.

The Match Director's Job to make this happen: We have over 30 (thirty) of the best Safety Officers in the Midwest to run the competitors through the courses of fire. Each stage will have three Certified Safety Officers to ensure safety and movement of the match. The time keeper's job is to watch the muzzle of the firearm and to ensure the safety of the shooter and the fellow competitors. The score keeper will ensure that cover is used properly and targets are shot in the correct order. Most procedurals will be issued from the score keeper. While any of the three SO's will be doing various jobs, there is one SO on each stage that is the CSO (Chief Safety Officer). The SO team's goal is to make sure things run as efficiently and smoothly as possible. Listen closely to the stage descriptions. Most questions will be answered if you just listen.

Your Job to make sure this happens: Your job is to simply help us make sure things run smoothly and safely. Please ensure that everyone within your squad is ready on each stage and that everyone helps paste targets and setup the stages between shooters. Please appoint a squad leader, this person will be responsible for gathering all of the score sheets. Make sure each score sheet has the correct sticker matching the stage you are shooting and that score sheets are in the order which you would like the squad shoot.

Everyone is responsible for safety and is required to help with safety during the match. If you EVER see an unsafe act or a reason to stop the action, please do not hesitate to yell out "STOP".