



United States Practical Shooting Association matches on the second Saturday of each month at the Redding Gun Club

SAFETY RULES AND RANGE PROCEDURES

COLD RANGE

No loaded weapons are allowed anywhere in the range area. You may only load your weapon on upon the command of a range officer and only when you are in a designated shooting box. All weapons will be kept in holsters, EMPTY, hammer down, magazine out or empty cylinders, hammer down.

DESIGNATED SAFE AREA

This is the only area on the range where you may handle your weapon other than during the course of fire. Practice draws and dry firing are ok, but ABSOLUTELY NO AMMO IN THIS AREA. You may charge (load) your magazines anywhere else. The NO AMMO rule includes no snap caps, empty cases, dummy rounds, etc.

RANGE PROCEDURES AND COMMANDS

Shooters will be assigned to “squads” which will be announced when the Match Director describes the courses of fire at the “walk-through.” Shooters will stay with their assigned squad throughout the day. Each squad is expected to tear down the final stage they shoot. Each squad will have experienced Range Officers (ROs) that will run the stages. New shooters will be paired with an experienced shooter for their first match.

The standard range commands are

“MAKE READY” – After this command you may handle your weapon, load (unless the stage description indicates otherwise), take a sight picture, apply sight black, etc. The standard ready condition for single-action autos is magazine seated, round in the chamber, safety engaged, holstered. Double-action autos start with a magazine seated, round in chamber, hammer down (except hammerless models), holstered. Revolvers start with full cylinders, hammer down and holstered. Assume the start position as described in the course outline, and then the RO will ask,

“ARE YOU READY.” – If you are ready, wait for the next command. If you are not ready, please shout “NOT READY”

“STANDBY.” – After 1 to 4 seconds, the RO will give the

“SIGNAL TO FIRE.” – This may be a beep or buzzer or some other start signal. You will now proceed to address the course of fire SAFELY. When you appear to be finished the RO will ask

“IF YOU ARE FINISHED UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR.” – Remove the magazine, clear the chamber(s), hold or lock back the slide, and allow the RO to view the empty chamber.

“IF CLEAR, HAMMER DOWN, HOLSTER.” – Let the slide go forward, pull the trigger while the muzzle is pointed downrange, and then safely holster your weapon.

“RANGE IS CLEAR.” – No person may advance forward until this command is given. This includes people taping targets and policing brass.

CRITERIA FOR MATCH DISQUALIFICATION (DQ)

The following is a list of safety rules which, if violated, will cause you to be disqualified from the match. They are not intended to scare anyone away, but breaking these rules can create a serious safety problem and therefore must be obeyed by all.

BREAKING THE 180 – There is an imaginary 180 degree plane, parallel to the spectator area, which extends to both sides and above and below the shooter as he proceeds through the stage. At any time the muzzle of your gun breaks this plane towards the spectator area, you will be disqualified from the match. During the course of fire, keep the muzzle of your weapon pointed downrange at all times! If you hear the RO shout “MUZZLE” or “DOWNRANGE” this means you are about to “break the 180” correct the problem and point the muzzle downrange.

FINGER IN THE TRIGGER GUARD – The finger MUST be out of the trigger guard during reloading and while moving between shooting positions.

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE (AD) – Any shot fired in an unsafe direction, including shots into the ground within 10 feet of the shooter or those that go over the backstop, will result in a DQ. Any shot fired prior to the commencement, or while loading, unloading, during movement, or during remedial action of a malfunction will be considered an AD and will result in a match DQ.

DROPPED GUN – A dropped gun may be cause for a match DQ. ALL dropped guns are to be retrieved by a match RO who will take the necessary precautions and pick up the gun up.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR – Total disqualification from the event will be invoked in the event of gross unsportsmanlike behavior.

DRUGS / ALCOHOL – Shooting under the influence of drugs or alcohol will result in match DQ.

EQUIPMENT

Basic requirements are a pistol, 9mm or 38 special or larger; and a holster which covers the trigger guard of the weapon. Some provision for extra magazines or speed loaders is recommended but not necessary. Eye and ear protection are required for all shooters and spectators at all times. We will gladly loan you the required protection equipment if you need it.

CLASSIFICATIONS

ABILITY BASED CLASSES: We use USPSA classifications at Shasta Shooters. If you are a new shooter, you will shoot in our “unclassified” class until you have shot three matches with us as a USPSA member. At that time the USPSA will assign you a class. The class designations are Master (85%+), A (75% - 84.9%), B (60% - 74.9%), C (40% - 59.9%), and D (39.99% and less.)

Additional Information

Who: All family members who can safely handle a handgun are welcome.

When: Second Saturday of each month. : Gate open by 08:00am, Sign-up starts at 08:30am, Walk through at 09:00am, Match ends about 1:00pm.

How Much: First-time shooters -Free! -Match Fees: \$20/members, \$25/non-members.

What To Bring - For your first match, you need to bring: Eye protection (to be worn at all times), Ear Protection, Centerfire handgun -.38 special, 9mm or larger, Belt with a holster (that covers the trigger guard) and mag pouches to hold two magazines or speed loaders, 150 rounds of ammunition , *Some loaner gear is available, contact a club officer at the Shasta Shooters website below.*

Where - Directions: 1) Old Alturas Road to Seven Lakes Lane. 2) Continue on 7 Lakes Lane after the road curves 90 degrees to the right. 3) Take the next left on the gravel road. 4) Take the first right and proceed to the range.

More Info – Shasta Shooters: <https://www.facebook.com/shastashooters> or www.actionpistol.org/shasta/shasta.htm
USPSA www.uspsa.com