



MONOCACY PISTOL CLUB

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BOWLING PIN MATCH SHOOTING AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

PURPOSE

To shoot five standard bowling pins off the table in the shortest period of time. The event is timed using an electronic timer that records each shot that is fired.

COMMANDS

Shooter At The Line – The Shooter will go to the line with his firearm empty, and either encased or holstered and awaits further instructions from the Range Safety Officer, (RSO).

Shooter On Deck - Shooter on Deck will stand behind the Shooter at the Line and be prepared to retrieve brass, magazines, speed-loaders, etc., once the line has been declared clear and the command to go forward has been given.

Shooter In the Hole - Shooter in the Hole will be in the process of preparing to shoot, (i.e. loading magazines, moon clips, speed loaders, etc.), then will wait in the ready area, to the rear of the scoring table, and will advance when called.

PROCEDURES

This match is conducted under very strict supervision of the RSO. Shooters act only at the direct command of a RSO, unless necessary to prevent an immediate emergency.

Loading – The Shooter at the Line will load his firearm only at the direct command of his attending RSO. Firearm(s) may be loaded to full capacity. Two firearms of the same type are permitted. Shooter at the Line should announce to the attending RSO, whether he will stop shooting when his firearm is empty, or will continue to reload and shoot until the table is clear.

Shooter Ready - The shooter must lower his firearm so that his firearm, hand or forearm is touching the rail/table. The Shooter will then give the attending RSO a ready sign. The RSO will then tell the Shooter to “Stand By”, and then start the timer, which will emit a beep as a signal to commence firing.

Firing – When the timer beeps, the Shooter at the Line may commence firing at the bowling pins. The best technique is to start at one end, continue to the other, then go back and pick up any pins left on the table. The Shooter at the Line has two scoring options. One is to shoot and reload if necessary until all pins are off the table. The other option is to shoot until empty then stop and accept penalties. The attending RSO will observe the time on the timer, add five seconds for every pin lying on the table and ten seconds for every pin left standing, and then record the adjusted time.

Make The Firearm Safe - When the Shooter at the Line has ceased firing, he will immediately unload his firearm to make ready for inspection by the attending RSO. For a revolver, that is to open the cylinder and eject the shells. For a semi-automatic pistol, that is to drop the magazine and lock back the slide. If the attending RSO determines the firearm to be in a safe condition, he will give the Shooter at the Line the command to "Holster", which means to return the firearm to its container of carry. The Shooter at the Line will then step back off of the Firing Line, at which point then the attending RSO shall inform the other RSOs that his position is clear.

Go Forward And Reset The Pins - After all firing points have been declared clear by the attending RSOs, a central command will be given for all Shooters at the Line to go forward and reset the pins in the "bucket" pattern, which is two pins on the raised platform and three pins on the innermost spots of the front line of spots on the tables. Meanwhile, the Shooter(s) on Deck should be completing retrieval of brass, magazines, speed-loaders, etc.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

ALL PERSONS IN THE VICINITY, WHETHER SHOOTERS OR SPECTATORS, MUST WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES. BOWLING PINS THROW SPLINTERS INCREDIBLE DISTANCES. THE CLUB WILL ENFORCE THIS RULE AND VIOLATORS WILL BE ASKED TO VACATE THE RANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER.

All firearms must be carried to and from the firing line in an unloaded condition and in a container, such as a holster, box or pistol rug.

The only ones that should be on the firing line when the firing line is "hot", are the Match RSOs and the shooter that is currently ready to fire.

While at the line, Shooters should maintain the muzzle of their firearms within a 160 degree arc, oriented toward the backstop. Persons found pointing the muzzle of their firearm in an unsafe direction can be asked to leave the premises at the discretion of the RSO.

If a Shooter has a serious malfunction while firing, including a jam, hang fire, or squib load, then the attending RSO will declare the clock stopped and allow the shooter to clear the stoppage. The Shooter will be allowed to restart from the rail/table, with the time segments added together. This is done as a safety procedure so that no one is trying to clear a loaded firearm under any kind of pressure.

If a firearm is to be repaired or displayed, it should be taken in safe carriage to a rear area work table and pointed toward the enclosing bank.

A First aid kit is available for minor injuries.

In the event that a serious medical emergency develops, a land line telephone is available in the stat shed. Persons in attendance may be asked to string out down Linganore road to guide emergency personnel to the range.

THE COMMANDS OF ANY RANGE SAFETY OFFICER ARE TO BE IMMEDIATELY OBEYED.

During the match, non-members are not permitted to shoot on any other range unless under the direct supervision of a club member.

MATCH FEES

\$1.00 each for club members and their immediate family.

\$5.00 each for guests.