

PISTOL 50-YARD SLOW-FIRE STAGE COMMANDS & 25-YARD TIMED/RAPID-FIRE STAGE COMMANDS

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PISTOL PROCEDURES AND COMMANDS

Note: These "Procedures and Commands" are provided as a model. They are based on procedures and commands used by the CMP Range Staff in conducting National Matches Pistol events. You may need to make minor adaptation in order to use them for Pistol events that are conducted on your range.

COMMAND	INSTRUCTIONS/ALTERNATE ACTIONS
50-YARD SLOW-FIRE STAGE COMMANDS	
Turn targets to edge WELCOME TO THE CMP-SANCTIONED (Match Name) PISTOL MATCH. RELAY (number), (MATCH NAME). TAKE YOUR POSITIONS ON THE FIRING LINE. PLACE YOUR PISTOL BOXES ON THE BENCH. DO NOT OPEN YOUR BOXES IS THE LINE CLEAR?	<i>After calling competitors to the firing line, pistol boxes or cases must be placed on the bench. They must remain unopened until after competitors go forward and place their targets.</i> <i>Range Officers must confirm that the line is clear.</i>
Range Officer(s) must check each pistol box or case to be sure it is closed (any uncased pistols must have actions open with safety flags inserted).	
Turn targets to face THE LINE IS CLEAR, GO FORWARD AND PLACE A 50-YARD SLOW-FIRE TARGET.	
After competitors return to the firing line	
ARE ALL PERSONNEL BACK FROM DOWNRANGE? Turn targets to edge THE RANGE IS CLEAR. SHOOTERS TO THE LINE. YOU MAY OPEN YOUR BOXES AND HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS. YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN IN TWO MINUTES.	<i>Range Officers must confirm that all competitors and other personnel are back behind the firing line before proceeding.</i> <i>Competitors in that relay may open their pistol boxes or cases after this command. Competitors may handle their pistols, but they may not dry fire and safety flags must remain inserted with pistol actions open until the preparation period begins.</i>

TIME: Two (2) Minutes; after two (2) minutes	
YOUR THREE-MINUTE PREPARATION PERIOD BEGINS NOW. Turn targets to face	<i>Competitors may continue to prepare for firing. They may remove safety flags, close pistol actions or dry fire. They may not load their pistols.</i>
TIME: Three (3) Minutes; after three (3) minutes	
Turn targets to edge. THE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED. THIS STAGE WILL BE 10 SHOTS SLOW FIRE, FIRED IN A TIME LIMIT OF 10 MINUTES...LOAD (Pause to give time to load) IS THE LINE READY? THE LINE IS READY READY ON THE RIGHT (3-5 second pause) READY ON THE LEFT (3-5 second pause) READY ON THE FIRING LINE After 3 seconds... Turn targets to face	<i>Competitors may not insert magazines containing cartridges in their pistols until after the command LOAD.</i> <i>If the line is not ready, command:</i> THE LINE IS NOT READY <i>After confirming that the line is ready, resume commands</i> <i>Competitors may continue firing and reloading until they have fired ten shots.</i>
TIME: Ten (10) Minutes; after ten (10) minutes	
Turn targets to edge CEASE FIRE, UNLOAD, MAGAZINES OUT, SLIDES BACK, CYLINDERS OPEN, INSERT SAFETY FLAGS, PLACE PISTOLS ON THE BENCH. MAKE THE LINE CLEAR.	<i>If competitors must move their equipment to a separate 25-yard firing line, instruct competitors</i> PLACE YOUR GUNS IN THE BOX
Range Officer(s) must check each pistol to be sure it is cleared with a safety flag inserted	
IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE RIGHT? IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE LEFT? THE LINE IS CLEAR ... GO FORWARD...SCORE AND REPLACE TARGETS WITH A 25-YARD TIMED-FIRE TARGET. MOVE YOUR TARGETS (OR EQUIPMENT) TO THE 25-YARD LINE. Turn targets to face	<i>If the line is not clear, command:</i> THE LINE IS NOT CLEAR. <i>Resolve the issue then resume commands</i> <i>Competitors must go forward with scorecards and new targets (or pasters). Competitors may score to their left—pass scorecards to their right or odd-even firing point competitors can exchange scorecards and score.</i>
After all personnel are back from downrange, continue with the timed/rapid-fire commands below.	

Turn targets to edge CEASE FIRE, ARE THERE ANY SAVED ROUNDS OR REFIRES? I SEE NONE (OR) THERE ARE REFIRES ON POINT (point numbers) UNLOAD, MAGAZINES OUT, SLIDES BACK, CYLINDERS OPEN	<i>If a competitor has a malfunction during a 5-shot series, they must keep the pistol pointed downrange without attempting to clear it and raise their non-shooting hand.</i> <i>A Range Officer must determine if any malfunction is ALLOWABLE or NON-ALLOWABLE.</i> <i>Competitors may keep pistols in their hands between series.</i>
Targets remain edged THIS WILL BE YOUR SECOND TIMED/RAPID-FIRE SERIES. WITH FIVE ROUNDS...LOAD IS THE LINE READY? THE LINE IS READY READY ON THE RIGHT (3-5 second pause) READY ON THE LEFT (3-5 second pause) READY ON THE FIRING LINE After 3 seconds... Turn targets to face	<i>Competitors may not insert magazines containing cartridges in their pistols until after the command LOAD</i> <i>If the line is not ready, command:</i> THE LINE IS NOT READY <i>After confirming that the line is ready, resume commands</i> <i>Competitors must be in the prescribed ready position as defined in Rule 5.1.1 at the command READY ON THE FIRING LINE.</i>
TIME: 20 or 10 seconds; after 20 or 10 seconds	

Turn targets to edge CEASE FIRE, ARE THERE ANY SAVED ROUNDS OR REFIRES? I SEE NONE (OR) THERE ARE REFIRES ON POINT (point numbers) UNLOAD, MAGAZINES OUT, SLIDES BACK, CYLINDERS OPEN. PLACE YOUR PISTOLS ON THE BENCH OR IN THE BOX. MAKE THE LINE CLEAR. IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE RIGHT? IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE LEFT? THE LINE IS CLEAR	<i>If a competitor has a malfunction during a 5-shot series, they must keep the pistol pointed downrange without attempting to clear it and raise their non-shooting hand.</i> <i>A Range Officer must determine if any malfunction is ALLOWABLE or NON-ALLOWABLE.</i> <i>After clearing pistols all competitors who are not firing refires must bench their pistols and step back from the firing line.</i>
25 YARD TIMED/RAPID-FIRE ALIBI SERIES	
Targets remain edged THE NEXT COMMANDS ARE REFIRE SHOOTER(S) ONLY THIS WILL BE THE TIMED-FIRE/RAPID-FIRE SERIES FOR YOUR ALIBI TIMED/RAPID-FIRE SERIES...WITH FIVE ROUNDS...LOAD IS THE LINE READY? THE LINE IS READY READY ON THE RIGHT (3-5 second pause) READY ON THE LEFT (3-5 second pause) READY ON THE FIRING LINE After 3 seconds... Turn targets to face	<i>The Range Officer may announce the firing points that are authorized to refire.</i> <i>Competitors may not insert magazines containing cartridges in their pistols until after the command LOAD.</i> <i>If the line is not ready, command:</i> THE LINE IS NOT READY <i>After confirming that the line is ready, resume commands.</i>
TIME: 20 or 10 seconds; after 20 or 10 seconds	

Turn targets to edge. CEASE FIRE, UNLOAD, MAGAZINES OUT, SLIDES BACK, CYLINDERS OPEN INSERT SAFETY FLAGS, PLACE PISTOLS ON THE BENCH OR IN THE BOX. MAKE THE LINE CLEAR.	
Range Officer(s) must check each pistol to be sure it is cleared with a safety flag inserted.	
IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE RIGHT? IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE LEFT? THE LINE IS CLEAR... GO FORWARD...SCORE AND REPLACE TARGETS Turn targets to face	<i>If the line is not clear, command:</i> THE LINE IS NOT CLEAR. <i>After confirming that the line is clear, resume commands.</i> <i>Competitors must go forward with scorecards and new targets/target centers (and pasters). Competitors may score to their left—pass scorecards to their right.</i>
After all personnel are back from downrange: If the stage just completed was the timed-fire stage, continue with the rapid-fire stage by returning to the start of the TIMED AND RAPID-FIRE COMMANDS; if the stage just completed was the rapid-fire stage, continue with the final commands below.	
THE LINE IS CLEAR...PLACE YOUR PISTOLS IN YOUR BOX...SECURE YOUR BOX. MAKE THE LINE CLEAR. IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE RIGHT? IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE LEFT? THE LINE IS CLEAR GO FORWARD AND SCORE. BOTH THE SCORER AND COMPETITOR MUST SIGN THE SCORECARD. SIGNED SCORECARDS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE RANGE OFFICER BY THE SCORERS. RELAY (#), REMOVE YOUR EQUIPMENT FROM YOUR FIRING POINT AND POLICE YOUR BRASS AND TRASH. THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS CMP-SANCTIONED (Match Name) PISTOL MATCH	<i>All pistols must be boxed or cased or have actions open and safety flags inserted before they can be removed from the firing line.</i>