

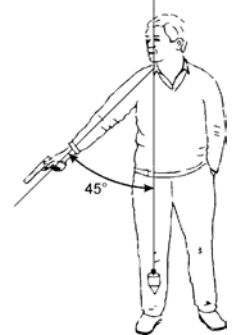
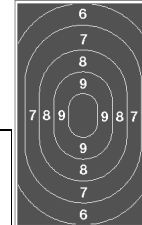
Guide for Range Officers

PA 25M BLACK POWDER - RAPID FIRE STAGE

Before the competition

- 'NO SMOKING' signs displayed (**mandatory**)
- Eye protection (**mandatory for all**)
- Your hearing protection
- Stopwatch
- Targets
- Patches
- Score sheets (Registers)
- Be familiar with operation of the timer

Targets
PA Service Pistol Target at 25m



Check the range is clear of personnel

“PREPARATION TIME BEGINS NOW”

- Start stopwatch
- Check that all personnel are wearing eye protection (mandatory)
- (for competition) check:
 - Shooters in the correct bays,
 - Pistols and other equipment approved
 - Shooters wearing Start Numbers if provided
- Firing Caps is permitted **only** after the Range Officer has checked that there is no exposed powder and given permission.

After 10 (ten) minutes, stop stopwatch, and call...

“SIGHTING (first, second, third, fourth) SERIES ... LOAD, BUT DO NOT CAP”

- Shooters load their revolvers at the loading table behind the firing line.

When all the shooters appear to have loaded (but not capped) their pistols, the Range Officer checks that the range is clear and gives the command...

“RANGE CLEAR”

- The shooters bring their pistols to the firing line, put them in the half-cock condition and place them on the firing bench.

When all the shooters have brought their pistols to the firing bench...

“CAP PISTOLS”

- The shooters cap their pistols, put them in the half-cock condition and place them on the firing bench.

When all the shooters have capped their pistols, and returned them to the firing bench...

“ASSUME THE READY”

After 30 (thirty) seconds...

“ATTENTION” turn the targets away, and start the timer sequence

After the series...

“STOP ... UNLOAD”

- Deal with any malfunctions/misfires

Repeat the procedure above for each series

At the end of the relay

Clear all pistols for casing and removal

Complete Range Report, and forward to Classification Office

SAFETY

- 'NO SMOKING' signs **must be displayed and enforced**. There is to be NO smoking or naked flames on a Black Powder range.
- All personnel must wear eye protection from the time PREPARATION TIME is announced, until the completion of the stage.
- For a misfire (i.e. the hammer falls without discharge) for whatever reason, the shooter must wait **FIVE** seconds with the revolver in a safe direction **before re-cocking**.
- There is one re-shoot allowed per series.
- Extra percussion caps must be covered while firing is in progress. Loaded chambers must be greased.
- In all cases, the Range Officer must clear the pistol before it may be removed from the firing line.
- **Targets are scored** at the target line

Course of Fire

Sighting series

1 series of 5-shots, each at a 3-second exposure

Competition series

4 series of 5-shots, each at a 3-second exposure

Re-shoots

Only one re-shoot per series

