

MATCH PROCEDURES...

A great beginning to overcoming “match jitters” is thorough familiarity with the general range commands necessary to conduct a pistol match smoothly and safely. Most targets in the New London County Pistol League are clipped to a holder which always faces the shooter, and a buzzer signals the beginning of a match stage. Some ranges mount targets on swivels which allow the target to be turned edge-on to the shooter. When the time sequence begins, the target automatically turns to face the shooter and turns back to the edge-on position at the end of the allowed time. Advice on aiming procedure, stance, alibi handling, and other details is readily available from other competitors before or after matches.

SLOW FIRE COMMANDS

—This will be the Slow Fire Stage of the National Match Indoor Gallery Course, ten rounds in ten minutes with optional loading; you may clear your own alibis (malfunctions or misfires).

—With from one to ten rounds, load

—Is the firing line ready? (three seconds)

—The firing line is ready (three seconds)

—Ready on the right (three seconds)

—Ready on the left (three seconds)

—Ready on the firing line (three seconds...)

followed by sound of buzzer or by target facing)

[After all shooters have completed firing, or after the full ten minutes has concluded, the buzzer will sound.]

—Have all shooters completed firing? If so, make your pistols safe and reel in your targets and prepare for the timed-fire stage.



TIMED/RAPID COMMANDS

—This will be the Timed (Rapid) Fire Stage of the National Match Course, two strings of five rounds in twenty (ten) seconds each. For your first string, with five rounds, load

—Is the firing line ready? (three seconds)

—The firing line is ready (three seconds)

—Ready on the right (three seconds)

—Ready on the left (three seconds)

—Ready on the firing line (three seconds...)

followed by buzzer or targets facing for 20 (10) seconds before buzzer sounds again or targets turn.)

[After the time expires, place your firearm on the bench. If you have had a malfunction or misfire—an “alibi” or “refire”—keep your firearm pointed safely downrange in your shooting hand and raise your other hand so that the range officer can check you. Alibis do not include failure to load properly or to fire all shots within the time limit. Ten points are deducted for each early or late shot.]

—Are there any alibis?

If there is an alibi, the range officer will say:

—There is an alibi on firing point x; stand easy on the line

[The range officer will check the alibi; during the inspection, other shooters should not handle their firearms. If approved, the shooter is eligible to re-fire five rounds, but only the lowest ten shots on the target will count for score. Only one alibi is allowed per stage.]

—The alibi is allowed (or, not allowed)

The alibi string will be fired at the conclusion of this stage

—Prepare for the second string of timed (rapid) fire

—For your second string of timed (rapid) fire, with five rounds, load

—Is the firing line ready?

—The firing line is ready

—Ready on the right

—Ready on the left

—Ready on the firing line

Buzzer/targets turn for 20 (10) seconds.

—Are there any alibis?

If there is another approved alibi:

—There will be an alibi string for points x and y. Others stand easy on the line. Points x and y, with five rounds load

—Is the firing line ready?

—The firing line is ready

—Ready on the right

—Ready on the left

—Ready on the firing line

Buzzer/targets turn for 20 (10) seconds.

—Make your firearms safe, and reel in your targets.