

50m PISTOL BLACK POWDER

Before the competition

- No Smoking signs displayed (**mandatory**)
- Eye protection (**mandatory for everyone on the range**)
- Hearing protection
- Stopwatch
- Targets
- Patches
- Be familiar with the operation of the timer if used
- (for competition) check
 - Shooters in the correct bays
 - Pistols and other equipment approved
 - Shooters wearing Start numbers if provided

Preparation & Sighting Series

Check the range is clear of personnel

10 minutes before the match start time call...

“PREPARATION TIME BEGINS NOW”

- Start stopwatch.
- Check that **everyone** is wearing eye protection
- Firing caps is permitted with the RO's permission – must check there is no exposed powder before giving permission.
- **After 10 minutes stop stopwatch and call...**

“SIGHTING SERIES...LOAD AND START”

- Start stopwatch
 - **After 15 minutes stop stopwatch and call...**
- “STOP....UNLOAD”**
- Clear all pistols
 - Shooters who wish to clean a pistol must disassemble the pistol and have it inspected by the Range Officer. The pistol must remain obviously disassembled until the next command to “load and start”.
 - Allow personnel forward to change targets

Competition Series

Check the range is clear of personnel, call....

“FIRST (2nd, 3rd or 4th) SERIES...LOAD AND START”

Start stopwatch

After 30 minutes stop stopwatch and call...

“STOP.... UNLOAD”

- Clear all pistols
- Shooters who wish to clean a pistol must disassemble the pistol and have it inspected by the Range Officer. The pistol must remain obviously disassembled until the next command to “load and start”.
- Allow personnel forward to change targets

Repeat this procedure for a total of 4 series of 30 minutes

At the end of the relay and after all personnel have returned:

- Clear all pistols for casing and removal
- Complete Range Report, and forward to Classification Office



Targets

PA 50m Black Powder Target



Targets are scored in the Classification Office

Course of Fire

Preparation Time

- 10 minutes

Competition series

- 4 series each of 10 shots in 30 minutes, including loading

SAFETY – refer to notes on the back of this guide for mandatory safety requirements

SAFETY

1. **'NO SMOKING' signs must be displayed and enforced.** There is to be NO smoking or naked flame on a Black Powder range.
2. **ALL** personnel (including spectators) must wear eye protection from the time PREPARATION TIME is announced until the completion of the stage.
3. Shooters must be in alternate bays unless the bay width exceeds 1.5m or the bays are separated by screens of solid, flash proof material. The vacant bays may not be used for loading or storage of black powder.
4. **Misfires (also refer below - Misfires & Breakages)**
 - a. For a revolver without a swing out cylinder (i.e. the hammer falls without discharge for whatever reason) the shooter must wait **FIVE (5)** seconds with the revolver in a safe direction before re-cocking
 - b. For a misfire of a break-action pistol or revolvers with swing-out cylinders (i.e. the hammer fall without discharge for whatever reason) the shooter must wait **FIFTEEN (15)** seconds with the pistol or revolver in a safe direction before opening the action
5. Extra percussion caps must be covered while firing is in progress
6. Loaded chambers of revolvers must be greased
7. In all cases the Range Officer must clear the pistol before it may be removed from the firing line
8. Pistols may only be loaded at the firing line after the appropriate command is given
9. **Recapping** – must only be done under direct supervision of the RO and after 2 attempts to fire the shot have been made.
10. Removing a loaded & capped cylinder may only be done under direct supervision of the RO

MISFIRES AND BREAKAGES

Refer also to items 9 & 10 above

11. Break and Cease

- a. The shooter may repair or replace the pistol (replacement pistol must be of the same type and calibre (8.1.1.1) and have been approved by Equipment Control (8.1.1.2))
- b. If the repair is likely to take more than 15mins the shooter may ask for extra time – if granted he will complete the match at a time and place determined by the Jury.
- c. In the case of a. or b. 5 extra sighting shots will be allowed
- d. If the shooter effects the repair and
 - i. the break is during a precision series he will complete the series – the jury may allow extra time.
 - ii. The break is during a RF series he will complete the series with the next regular series.

12. **Misfires** – there is no limit to number of times the shooter may recap BUT he must comply with the rules relating to recapping.