

PA 25m BLACK POWDER - RFS

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

Check the range is clear of personnel

10 minutes before the match start time call...

“PREPARATION TIME BEGINS NOW”

- Start stopwatch.
- Check that **everyone** on the range is wearing eye protection
- Firing caps is permitted but only after the Range Officer has checked that there is no exposed powder and has given permission.

After 10 minutes stop stopwatch and call...

“SIGHTING SERIES....LOAD BUT DO NOT CAP”

- Shooters load at the loading table behind the firing line (or bench)
- When all shooters appear to have loaded (but not capped) call

“RANGE CLEAR” (OR optional: “RANGE CLEAR – PISTOLS FORWARD”)

- Shooters bring their pistol 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 pistol to the firing bench call

“CAP PISTOLS”

- Shooters cap their pistol, put them in the half cock condition and place them on the firing bench

When all the shooter have capped their pistols call

“ASSUME THE READY POSITION”

After 30 seconds call

“ATTENTION” and activate the targets

After the series call

“STOP.....UNLOAD”

Deal with any misfires/malfunctions

Clear Pistols, then call (**not if using alternative loading procedure**)

“FIRST (or 2nd, 3rd, or 4th) SERIES....LOAD BUT DO NOT CAP”

Once pistols have been taken back to the loading tables allow scoring personnel forward

- Shooters load at the loading table behind the firing line
- When **all personnel have returned** and all shooters appear to have loaded (but not capped)

Continue, using the highlighted procedures, for a total of 4 scoring series.

**** Alternative loading procedure LOAD command must not be given until all personnel have returned and the range is clear.**

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

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



Targets



PA Service Pistol Target

Targets are scored on the line.

Course of Fire

Preparation Time

- 10 minutes

Sighting Series

- 1 series – “duelling”

Competition series

- 4 series – “duelling”

The Ready Position



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. **Loading procedure using benches behind the firing line (rule 6.7)**
 - a. Shooters may load **but not cap** their pistols while personnel are forward of the firing line.
 - b. Once loaded the pistols must remain in the half cock condition on the loading bench until the RANGE CLEAR command has been given.
 - c. At that stage pistols may be transferred to the front bench and left in the half cock condition.
 - d. **Capping must not be done** until the command CAP PISTOLS has been given.
4. **Alternative Loading procedure** – if the **'alternative loading procedure'** – rule 6.8 – is used it must be used in its entirety; all shooters on the range must use the same loading procedure. **Loading may NOT commence until all personnel have returned and the range is clear.**
5. **Misfires**
 - 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
6. **Recapping** – must only be done under direct supervision of the RO and after two (2) attempts to fire the shot have been made.
7. Loading machines and powder flasks must be approved by Equipment Control before use.
8. Extra percussion caps must be covered while firing is in progress
9. Loaded chambers of revolvers must be greased
10. In all cases the Range Officer must clear the pistol before it is removed from the firing line
11. Removing a loaded & capped cylinder may only be done under direct supervision of the RO

MISFIRES AND BREAKAGES

Refer also to items 5 & 6 above

12. **Break and Cease**
 - a. The shooter may repair or replace the pistol (replacement pistol must be of the same type and calibre (8.1.3) and have been approved by Equipment Control (8.1.7))
 - 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.
13. **Misfires**
 - a. In a precision series – no limit to number of times the shooter may recap BUT he must comply with the rules relating to recapping.
 - b. In a RF series – he may continue to fire remaining shots and will then be permitted a maximum of two reshoots to complete the series. There is no limit to number of times he may attempt to fire the remaining shots within the 5 exposures.