



OPEN MEETINGS for REPEATING PISTOLS

BASIC RULES, REGS and PROCEDURES, 2018



SURREY BRANCH

OVERVIEW:-

Pre-squadded and self-squadded; Courses of Fire based on traditional pre WW1 NRA Revolver Matches; Offhand (one hand!) and Two-handed; AWARDS according to scales published by the organising Club / Association. These may include Medals, NRA Historic Arms illuminated Place Certificates; Skilled Shot Certificates; Special Awards within Matches. **✘ Please see the Programme issued by the organising Club / Association.**

ENTRY:- Unlimited Multiple Entries with different firearms (*even if only the Serial Number is different!*); Registration Pre-Meeting or “On the Day”.

FIREARMS:- A wide range of repeating pistols – original and reproduction percussion cap OR “modern design”.

Black Powder substitutes, caps and/or primers as appropriate to the Proof status of the firearm and as permitted by the Course of Fire.

→→→ A “simpler” type of firearm may be used in a “higher” Match but not vice-versa.

Many courses available for “Supported” (2-hand hold) as well as “Offhand” (1-hand hold.)

PERCUSSION CAP REVOLVERS (3 classes)

Black Powder substitutes are permitted for Reproduction revolvers.

Class “S” = STANDARD PERCUSSION* REVOLVER – *(NOTE --- PERCUSSION CAP ONLY)

a 19th Century design with no “improvements” or “specials”; Black Powder substitutes are permitted for Reproduction revolvers.

S1 -- Supported by ONE hand at instant of firing ; S2 -- Supported by TWO hands at instant of firing.

Class “T” = PERCUSSION* TARGET REVOLVER -- Supported by ONE hand at instant of firing ;

Any metallic sights, modified grips permitted, “tuned” & “Special” versions allowed; includes Ruger “Old Army”.

Class “F” = “FREE” PERCUSSION* REVOLVER -- *Percussion cap only, any sights except laser; One or two hand hold.

PRIMER FIRED REVOLVERS and MAGAZINE / BLOCK LOADING PISTOLS

“MODERN MUZZLE-LOADING PISTOL” (ANY including “Patriot” and smokeless revolver conversions using battery cup primers).

M1 -- Supported by ONE hand at instant of firing – “STANDARD MML” – as manufactured, iron sights only

M2 -- Supported by TWO hands at instant of firing – “FREE MML”

any sights (except laser), modified grips permitted, “tuned” & “Special” versions allowed;

Firearms must not be single-loaded – i.e., must not use only one “charge hole” in the cylinder or block. Firers are required to load ONLY 5 chambers for each series. Firearms must be “Of Proof” for the type of powder and ignition system used.

COCKING may be done with the NON-firing hand. **For OFFHAND Matches**, the firearm must not be supported by two hands at the instant of firing.

AMMUNITION:-

Commercially-produced Black Powder and/or Black Powder substitute or Smokeless propellant, percussion caps and/or primers, *as appropriate to the Firearm and as specified in Match Conditions (q.v.).* *** **N.B. original 19th Century firearms must only use Black Powder.**

PLEASE NOTE that “grease” at the chamber mouth is NOT required if wads are used (*this is only mandatory for MLAIC “Precision” under MLAIC Rules*).

Some Clubs / Associations may not permit BP-substitutes, or the use of Powder flasks. ✘ Please see the Programme issued by the organising Club / Association

MATCHES and COURSES OF FIRE:-

Entry to Matches is by SCORECARDS, completed* by the firer before access to the Firing Point is granted.

Firers will be required to show their “**Shooter Certification Card (SCC)**” or to be supervised by a person so certificated.

COURSES OF FIRE

EITHER 15✘ or 20✘ Scoring shots fired in 5-shot SERIES: Matches may include a short optional Sighting Series✘. Loading Time is allowed before each series. ✘ Please see the Programme issued by the organising Club / Association. The Surrey Branch / SLRC Meetings will use 3 series of 5-shots.

The pistol or revolver must be at 45degrees or touching the bench before each exposure

The tables below are for 15-shot Matches. ONE target is used, scored after the three 5-shot series HPS (except for “Surrenden”) = 105.

20-shot Matches use TWO targets, each of 2 x 5-shot series, scored after 10 shots. HPS (except for “Surrenden”) = 140

The 15-shot course has been introduced following comments from firers at the first five Open Meetings --- saying that they were getting “very tired” after shooting the full range of courses -- - i.e., loading more than 100 rounds. The 15-shot course is also slightly shorter to complete, allowing more flexibility for the organising Club / Association.

| COURSE NAME | DESCRIPTION | Capping Off* is included in the sighting series. Loading Time on |
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| SLOW-FIRE | One target, of [3 series of (5 shots in 3 minutes)], scored after 15 shots; HPS = 105 | |
| TIMED-FIRE | One target, of [3 series of (5 shots in 1 minute)], scored after 15 shots; HPS = 105 | |
| RAPID-FIRE | One target, of [3 series of (5 shots in 30 seconds)], scored after 15 shots; HPS = 105 | |
| “BOBBER” (Duelling) | One target, of [3 series of (5 shots, target “exposed” for 5 seconds and “edged” for 10 seconds)], scored after 15 shots HPS = 105 The pistol or revolver must be at 45degrees or touching the bench before each exposure. <i>NOTE:- where fixed targets are used the intervals shall be indicated by Word, Whistle or Klaxon.</i> | |
| “SURRENDEN” (Against the Clock) | One target, of [3 series of 5 shots “against the clock” *** scored after 15 shots. ***The RCO will record and announce the time taken for each separate series. The TOTAL time (in whole seconds) for the three series will be subtracted from the combined 15-shot target score. | |

AWARDS ✖ EXAMPLE of Awards at the Surrey Branch / South London Rifle Club meetings.....

Scaled according to number of entries. Special NRA Illuminated Certificates and Medal eligibility for WINNERS and Places (according to entry), Skilled Shot Certificates and “Special Awards” within Matches – e.g., Highest “Offhand” in “Free Percussion Pistol”, highest “Open frame revolver” in “Standard Pistol”, highest “Original Revolver” etc... *At LEAST 50% of entrants will receive an award.* Winners may purchase a Medal at a subsidised cost.

| WINNER: Special Certificate + entitlement to purchase Medal at subsidised cost (reduces Entry Fees for all!) PLACE CERTIFICATES according to entry CERTIFICATES – Awarded according to the number of entrants in each Match, %-age basis, rounded up. Top 10% = Marksman, next 15% = First Class Shot, next 25% = Skilled Shot | No. of Entrants | Winner Award | Skilled Shot Certificates | | | Number & Percentage of Awards |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | Marksman | First Class | Skilled shot | |
| | 4 | 1st | 0 | 0 | 1 = 2nd | 2 = 50% |
| | 8 | 1 st & 2 nd | 0 | 1 = 3rd | 2 = 4 th & 5 th | 5 = 62.5% |
| | 13 | 1 st – 3 rd | 1 = 4 th | 2 = 5 th & 6 th | 3 = 7 th – 9 th | 8 = 61.5% |
| | 21 | 1 st – 3 rd | 2 = 4 th & 5 th | 3 = 6 th 7 th & 8 th | 5 = 9 th – 13th | 12 = 60% |

SPECIAL AWARDS will be given for certain categories of firearm -- e.g., highest “Open-Frame” Revolver (e.g., Colt M1851 type). within “Standard Revolver”. **RAPID-FIRE** and/or “SURRENDEN” Courses will have separate Awards for “s-a” and/or “d-a” revolvers.

TARGETS

Shots will be gauged *inwards* with a nominal 54-bore (.45”) gauge. (The shaded area in the table represents the black aiming mark)

| SCORING | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| HBSA 25m-scaled * | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2.90” | 4.27” | 6.32 | 9.05 | 12.47 | 16.57 | N/A |
| MLAIC 25m (mm / inches) | 50 / 1.97 | 100 / 3.94 | 150 / 5.91 | 200 / 7.87 | 250 / 9.84 | 300 / 11.81 | 350 / 13.78 | 400 / 15.75 | 450 / 17.72 | 500 / 19.67 |

*For zero and practice purposes on the “home range” a 4¼” (108mm) diameter black aiming mark on a white background will suffice, easily produced.

Where it is not feasible to adjust the sights of a Standard Revolver the firer may - with the EXPRESS permission of the R.C.O. - apply a **TEMPORARY / SUPPLEMENTARY** Aiming Mark of not more than 4.25” diameter in a manner which will not inconvenience other firers.

MATCH LIST

You may want to shoot a particular Course several times -- e.g., Offhand and Supported with the same revolver --- OR – once with an Open-Frame (e.g., Colt M1851 type) and then with a Closed-Frame (e.g., “Remington” or “Rogers & Spencer”) --- OR ---- twice in “Modern Muzzle-loader – once with a “Patriot” and once with a “Westlake”

→→→ A “simpler” type of firearm may be used in a “higher” Match but not vice-versa.

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| Matchcode | <p>The tables below are for 15-shot Matches. ONE target is used, scored after the three 5-shot series HPS (except for “Surrenden”) = 105.</p> <p><i>The 15-shot course has been introduced following comments from firers at the first five Open Meetings --- saying that they were getting “very tired” after shooting the full range of courses -- - i.e., loading more than 100 rounds. The 15-shot course is also slightly shorter to complete, allowing more flexibility for the organising Club / Association.</i></p> | For your use |
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(Class S) STANDARD PERCUSSION REVOLVER – a 19th Century design with no later “improvements”.
Each Course is available as two separate Matches -- Class S1 = OFFHAND (one-handed), Class S2 = SUPPORTED (2-hand hold).
 Some Matches are sub-divided into HAMMER ACTION (“Single action” – cocked and then fired) or TRIGGER ACTION (“Double action” fired using the trigger only)

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|---------------|---|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| S1-S | SLOW-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 3 minutes)/ | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | S1-S | |
| S2-S | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | S2-S | |
| S1-T | TIMED-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 1 minute)/ | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | S1-T | |
| S2-T | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | S2-T | |
| S1-R-H | RAPID-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 30 seconds)/ | HAMMER ACTION (“Single action”) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | S1-R-H |
| S2-R-H | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | S2-R-H |
| S1-R-T | | | TRIGGER ACTION (“Double action”) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | S1-R-T |
| S2-R-T | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | S2-R-T |
| S1-B | “BOBBER” (Duelling) | 1 target of [3 x 5 shots], the target facing for 5 seconds at 10 second intervals) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | S1-B | |
| S2-B | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | S2-B | |
| S1-A-H | “SURRENDEN” (against the clock) | 1 target of [3 x 5 shots], <i>against the clock</i>] | HAMMER ACTION (“Single action”) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | S1-A-H |
| S2-A-H | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | S2-A-H |
| S1-A-T | | | TRIGGER ACTION (“Double action”) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | S1-A-T |
| S2-A-T | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | S2-A-T |

(Class T) PERCUSSION TARGET REVOLVER ----- ONE HAND HOLD only

Any metallic sights, modified grips permitted, “tuned” & “Special” versions allowed; Ruger “Old Army” permitted. “Standard Percussion Revolvers” are, of course, eligible. There *may* be Special Awards for revolvers with FIXED sights.

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| T-S | SLOW-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 3 minutes)/ | T-S |
| T-T | TIMED-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 1 minute)/ | T-T |
| T-R-H | RAPID-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 30 seconds)/ | T-R-H |
| T-B | “BOBBER” (Duelling) | 1 target of [3 x 5 shots], the target facing for 5 seconds at 10 second intervals] | T-B |
| T-S | “SURRENDEN” (against the clock) | 2 targets each of [2 x (5shots), OR 1 target of [3 x 5 shots], <i>against the clock</i>] | T-S |

(Class F) “FREE” PERCUSSION REVOLVER -- Any sights except laser, any grips; hold and type of action optional.

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| F-S | SLOW-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 3 minutes)/ | F-S |
| F-T | TIMED-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 1 minute)/ | F-T |
| F-R | RAPID-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 30 seconds)/ | F-R |
| F-B | “BOBBER” (Duelling) | 1 target of [3 x 5 shots], the target facing for 5 seconds at 10 second intervals] | F-B |
| F-A | “SURRENDEN” (against the clock) | 2 targets each of [2 x (5shots), OR 1 target of [3 x 5 shots], <i>against the clock</i>] | F-A |

(Class M) “MODERN MUZZLE-LOADING PISTOL”

ANY pattern including smokeless revolver conversions and purpose-built revolvers on a “modern” frame using battery cup primers.

The “Patriot” mechanical action pistol is specifically eligible and is classified as “Hammer Action”.

Most Courses are available as two separate Matches -- Class M1 = OFFHAND (one-handed), Class M2 = SUPPORTED (2-hand hold).

Some Matches are sub-divided into HAMMERA CTION (“Single action”) or TRIGGER ACTION (“Double action”)

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| M1-S | SLOW-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 3 minutes)/ | Action optional (S-A or D-A) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | M1-S |
| M2-S | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | M2-S |
| M1-T | TIMED-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 1 minute)/ | Action optional (S-A or D-A) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | M1-T |
| M2-T | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | M2-T |
| M1-T-H | RAPID-FIRE | 1 target of [3 x (5 shots in 30 seconds)/ | HAMMER ACTION (“Single action”) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | M1-T-H |
| M2-T-H | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | M2-T-H |
| M1-T-T | | | TRIGGER ACTION (“Double action”) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | M1-T-T |
| M2-T-T | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | M2-T-T |
| M1-B | “BOBBER” (Duelling) | 1 target of [3 x 5 shots], the target facing for 5 seconds at 10 second intervals) | Action optional (S-A or D-A) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | M1-B |
| M2-B | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | M2-B |
| M1-A-H | “SURRENDEN” (against the clock) | 1 target of [3 x 5 shots], <i>against the clock</i>] | HAMMER ACTION (“Single action”) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | M1-A-H |
| M2-A-H | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | M2-A-H |
| M1-A-T | | | TRIGGER ACTION (“Double action”) | OFFHAND --- one handed hold only | M1-A-T |
| M2-A-H | | | | SUPPORTED -- two handed hold | M2-A-H |

PROCEDURES:-

Normal NRA Procedures will apply except where stated herein. (For more details, advice and illustrations please see the “Informal Notes for Repeating Pistol Meetings”)

LOADING: Some Clubs / Associations may not permit BP-substitutes, or the use of Powder flasks. ✘ Please see the Programme issued by the organising Club / Association

A loading period is allowed before each series. **Pre-weighed charges** in phials are recommended for accuracy but are NOT mandatory ✘. Firers may CHARGE cylinders from a Powder flask but after capping the cylinder the Flask and all other caps **MUST** be placed under cover. CAPPING may only take place on RCOs command.

Firers are required to charge no more than 5 (five) chambers for each series. “Single-loading” is NOT permitted. (i.e., using only ONE chamber / charge hole).

Commercially-produced Black Powder and/or Black Powder substitute or Smokeless propellant, percussion caps and/or primers, *as appropriate to the Firearm, its Proof status and as specified in Match Conditions (q.v.).* *** **N.B. original 19th Century firearms must only use Black Powder.**

PLEASE NOTE that “grease” at the chamber mouth is NOT required if wads are used (*this is only mandatory for MLAIC “Precision” under MLAIC Rules*).

After the firearm has been loaded, all primers, powder flasks or containers MUST be covered before firing a series may commence.

LATE SHOTS fired after the final signal in a time-limited series will be penalised by the loss of the highest-scoring shot on that target.

MISFIRES and MALFUNCTIONS: No allowance will be made for misfires or malfunctions. At the end of a series in which an (un-cleared) misfire/malfunction occurs the firer must call the RCO and await instructions. With the permission of the **CRO** a disabled firearm may be replaced by another eligible for the Match (not necessarily of identical design but of the same Class/Type).

SCORING and PATCHING:

Firers will be required to ship, patch and collect targets as required and may be required to score the targets for each other. Scoring is INWARDS gauging, shot-holes gauged using a 54-bore (nominal .45”) gauge. **COUNTING OUT** for single-target Courses is from numbers of highest scoring shots. . Where two targets are used, counting out is backwards from the last target fired . If two targets are exposed on the same target frame the **UPPER** one shall be “**Target #1**”. Scores are entered on the Scorecard as required. The firer must sign to accept the entered scores and any totals (which may be subject to correction by Stats.)

RANGE COMMANDS – OVERVIEW:-

Emergency command --- STOP, STOP, STOP – firer IMMEDIATELY benches pistol, sits down and awaits instructions.

STARTING POSITION -- Pistols benched unloaded and firers seated.

① “TAKE UP PISTOL” – the firer may handle firearms and ammunition;

② “FOR YOUR ***** (DESCRIPTION) SERIES ***** (e.g., *second rapidfire series of 5 rounds in 30s*) (RE)LOAD” – the firer may CHARGE but not cap;

③ “CAP” – after checking the line is ready... (This command may be modified according to local requirements)

④ “THIS IS YOUR ***** (DESCRIPTION) SERIES *****

⑤ “ARE YOU READY?” - if not, firer CALLS OUT “Not Ready”—one NOT READY ALLOWED per series, then

⑥ “YOU ARE READY” – (delay of about 3 seconds) -- FIRE!” – signal by WORD, WHISTLE, KLAXON or as required.

Slow- and Timedfire Courses only ---- TEN SECONDS BEFORE THE END OF THE TIME--- the following caution may be used

⑦ “STAND BY...” AT THE END OF THE SERIES ----- ⑧ “STOP!” **All firearms must be either touching the bench or put down.**

PRIZEGIVING:(If held) As soon as feasible following the last detail. Medals and Certificates remain the property of the Winner(s); Challenge Trophies (if awarded) must be signed for and returned to the Organisers in good time before the next Open Meeting. Full results will be available as soon as possible and firers will be sent these, together with any AWARDS and/or CERTIFICATES.