

25 m BLACK POWDER – RAPID FIRE STAGE

Before the competition:

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

Preparation and Sights:

Check range is clear of personnel

“PREPARATION TIME BEGINS NOW”

- Start stopwatch
- Check that all personnel are wearing eye protection (mandatory)
- 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”

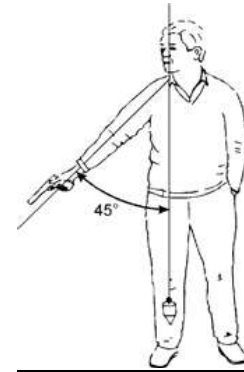
- Deal with any malfunctions/misfires
- Repeat the procedure above for each series

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

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

Target

PA Service Pistol Target



Course of Fire

Preparation Time = 10 minutes

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

Misfires

- 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**.
- For revolvers with **swing-out cylinders**, the shooter must wait **FIFTEEN** seconds with the revolver in a safe direction **before opening the action**.

Also:

- Loading machines and powder flasks must be approved by Equipment Control before use.
- **All personnel must** wear eye protection from the time PREPARATION TIME is announced, until the completion of the stage.



SAFETY

- **‘NO SMOKING’ signs must be displayed and enforced.** There is to be NO smoking or naked flames on a Black Powder range.
- **Extra percussion caps** must be covered while firing is in progress.
- **Loaded chambers** must be greased.