

# PISTOL AUSTRALIA GUIDE FOR RANGE OFFICERS

## WA 1500 v3.1

WA 1500 is a 'holster' match, and may only be conducted for shooters who have a current PA holster approval.

### Before the competition

- Eye protection (**mandatory for all persons**)
- Hearing protection
- Stopwatch
- Targets
- Be familiar with operation of the timer.

### Target PA Service Pistol target



### Course of Fire

#### MATCH 1

##### Stage 1, at 7 yards

##### **12-shots in 20 seconds**

- Revolver double-action only
- Standing without support

##### Stage 2, at 15 yards

##### **12-shots in 20 seconds**

- Revolver double-action only
- Standing without support

**Change target**

#### MATCH 2

##### At 25 yards

##### **18-shots in 90 seconds**

- Revolver double-action only
- 6-shots Kneeling
- 6-shots Standing, left hand, left hand side of post
- 6-shots standing, right hand, right hand side of post

**Change target**

#### MATCH 3

##### At 50 yards

##### **24-shots in 165 seconds**

- 6-shots Sitting
- 6-shots Prone
- 6-shots Standing, left hand, left hand side of post
- 6-shots Standing, right hand, right side of hand post

**Change target**

#### MATCH 4

##### At 25 yards

##### **12-shots in 35 seconds**

- Revolver double-action only
- Standing without support

**Note special command in panel**

##### **12-shots in 35 seconds**

- Revolver double action only
- Standing without support

**Change target**



### General

#### Check the range is clear of personnel...

##### **"6 ROUNDS LOAD AND HOLSTER"**

Shooters load at the firing line, holster the firearm and assume the start position

#### After the competitors have assumed the start position...

##### **"IS THE LINE READY"** pause

If a shooter calls 'NOT READY', the Range Officer calls

##### **"THE LINE IS NOT READY"**;

the shooters then have one (only) 15 seconds delay before

**"IS THE LINE READY"** is called again

#### After about 3 seconds...

**"THE LINE IS READY – STANDBY"**, turn the targets away (or initiate the signal timing)

#### After the series has finished...

##### **"UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR"**

Clear all revolvers and pistols. After a shooter has the firearm cleared, he must holster it and not remove it until the next command 'Load...'

#### When all the shooters have holstered their cleared firearms...

##### **"THE RANGE IS CLEAR"**

### Match 4 – after the first 12-shot series

##### **"CLOSE PISTOLS AND HAMMER DOWN"** instead of **"UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR"**

The shooters do not holster, but wait for the next command.

#### After a short pause...

**"6 ROUNDS LOAD AND HOLSTER"**, etc. for the second 12-shot series.

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**When changing position the gun must be obviously 'clear', and the gun must be pointing down range at all times!**

### **'READY' POSITION:**

- The **READY** position is with the gun in a conventional strong-side holster. The competitor must stand erect with both arms hanging at the sides.
- After holstering the competitor's hand may not touch the gun or holster before the target starts to turn or the signal to commence firing has been given.
- The shooters have to be at the applicable 'Ready' position for the start of each series (premature start = 10 points penalty).

### **SITTING POSITION:**

- The buttocks must be on the ground with the body facing the target.
- A hand may be extended to the rear for support, the elbow may not touch the ground.
- Back cannot touch the ground and one or both of the knees may be raised.
- Arm or arms, hand or hands may be supported on or by the knees.
- The gun may be held by one or both hands, but may not be supported or steadied by either foot.

### **PRONE POSITION:**

- Body extended on the ground parallel to the line of sight, head toward the target.
- "Roll-over" prone position may be used as long as the body is extended on the ground generally parallel to the line of sight and the position does not interfere with another competitor.
- The gun may not touch the ground, but may be supported by one or both hands which may touch the ground, and which are extended towards the target.

### **KNEELING:**

- Kneeling on one knee, the other knee extended toward the target.
- Buttocks may be on the heel or side of the foot but cannot touch the ground.
- One arm may be supported on the forward knee. The gun may be held by one or two hands.  
or
- Kneeling on both knees, the buttocks clear the ground but may rest on the heels. The gun may be held by one or two hands.

### **STANDING WITHOUT SUPPORT:**

- Standing, with bent or straight legs
- Gun held by one or both hands.
- All portions of shooters clothing, body or gun clear of artificial support.

### **POST SUPPORT:**

- Standing using support for the hand/s
- The pistol may not touch the post when firing.
- The feet may not extend past the firing line or a line from the appropriate edge of the post.

### **LOST EQUIPMENT:**

- Any item dropped after the command "6 ROUNDS LOAD AND HOLSTER" may not be retrieved until the next command "THE RANGE IS CLEAR".

## Course of Fire

### **MATCH 5**

#### **Stage 1, at 7 yards**

##### **12-shots in 20 seconds**

- Revolvers, double-action only
- Standing without support

#### **Stage 2, at 25 yards**

##### **18-shots in 90 seconds**

- Revolvers double- action only
- 6-shots Kneeling
- 6-shots Standing, left hand, left hand side of post
- 6-shots Standing, right hand, right hand side of post

**Change target**

#### **Stage 3, at 50 yards**

##### **24-shots in 165 seconds**

- 6-shots Sitting
- 6-shots Prone
- 6-shots Standing, left hand, left hand side of post
- 6-shots Standing, right hand, right hand side of post

#### **Stage 4, at 25 yards**

##### **6 shots in 12 seconds**

- Revolvers double-action only,
- Standing without support

**Change target**

**Clear all pistols for casing and removal,**

**or**

**Where a supervised Staging Area is available, at the completion shooters holster their firearms, and go to the Staging Area to unholster and case the firearm.**

