

AMERICAN ACTION SHOOTING ASSOCIATION RANGE RULES FOR COMPETITIONS AND A.A.S.A. AFFILIATED CLUB SHOOTS

1. A.A.S.A. ranges are COLD ranges. Firearms are to be unloaded, magazine wells empty, and hammers down except when the shooter is on the line and under Range Officer (R.O.) supervision.
2. The SAFETY AREAS are marked with signs. NO AMMUNITION may be handled in the SAFETY AREAS. **AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION (DQ)** if ammo handled in safe area.
3. Eye and ear protection is **MANDATORY** for contestants and spectators. Ricochets are an inherent danger in steel shooting and eye protection for all persons is mandatory.
4. OBEY RANGE COMMANDS! If you hear the command **FREEZE!**, stop immediately and wait for R.O. instructions. If the R.O. believes that your gun handling is becoming unsafe, the R.O. will try and warn you. If the R.O. sees that your gun handling has become unsafe, the R.O. will take immediate corrective action.
5. **DO NOT CLIMB ON THE BERMS. REMAIN IN DESIGNATED AREAS.**
6. Pistols will not be loaded except as directed by Contest Officials. LOADED indicates a firearm with a cartridge in the cylinder or chamber or a loaded magazine in place.
7. During loading or unloading, and during corrective action in the event of a malfunction, the muzzle of the pistol must be directed downrange.
8. After a bout, no contestant may leave his position until his pistol has been unloaded and then inspected by an R.O. and deemed "clear".
9. In the event a pistol cannot be unloaded due to a broken or failed mechanism, the contestant will notify a contest official who will take such action as he thinks best and safest. In no case will a contestant leave the firing line with a loaded pistol in his possession.
10. If a competitor's pistol breaks or becomes unserviceable while shooting, he/she will lose the bout provided the opponent finishes without faulting. If that competitor has another pistol in their shooting bag, so long as their bag is on the same range, they may continue or they may use another competitor's gun to finish. They may not leave the range or hold up the match.
11. During the contest, contestants not firing will refrain from handling any firearms except in designated areas. The normal condition of pistols not actually engaged is holstered and unloaded with the hammer down.
12. The READY condition of firearms in competition shall be:
 - a. Double-action revolvers - hammer fully down.
 - b. Single-action revolvers: fully loaded with hammer at ½ cock, or fully down if no ½ cock.
 - c. Semi-auto pistols - hammer fully down or fully cocked with the thumb safety on "safe", never on half-cock. Double action autos may not be carried fully cocked or "ready" if their safety mechanism drops the hammer when actuated.

13. A contestant MAY NOT pick up a dropped pistol except under the direction of a contest official or R.O.

14. Safety violations that result in **Stage Disqualification**. Violations include, but not necessarily limited to:

- a.** Pointing an **unloaded** pistol up range (toward the spectators).
- b.** Dropping an **unloaded** pistol.
- c.** Leaving the firing line with a **loaded** pistol.

15. MATCH DISQUALIFICATION Violations - The commission of a disqualification violation will subject the violator to **AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION** from the **ENTIRE MATCH**. Disqualification violations will include, but not necessarily limited to the following:

- a.** Pointing a **loaded** pistol up range (toward spectators).
- b.** Dropping a **loaded** pistol. Handling **loaded** ammo in Safe Area.
- c.** Any shot in the holster or into the ground closer to the firing line than six feet. The firing line will be an infinite line drawn 90 degrees from a line to the target at the contestant's most forward point.
- d.** Consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs during the course of competing in the contest.
- e.** Any accidental discharge. This does include a discharge while loading or clearing the pistol.
- f.** Handling a loaded pistol anywhere except on the firing line not under the direction of an R.O.
- g.** Practice of any kind on official ranges will result in disqualification from the competition. Function firing will be acceptable only on the ranges specified for that purpose.
- h.** Gross unsportsmanlike conduct or profane, foul and abusive language.

16. The Match Director has the sole responsibility of determining the issuing disqualifications. It is not necessary for the Match Director to personally witness a violation. The Match Director may act upon violations that are reported to him by his/her officials. The Match Director may also determine that an act or omission not listed in Rule 13 or Rule 14 constitutes a violation. **If disqualification occurs, you will NOT lose your points. You will go to the prize table in order of points already earned in your Division/Class.**

17. Any range equipment failure (plate bouncing back up, etc.) that occurs BEFORE the run has been won will result in a mandatory re-shoot of that run. Any range equipment failure that occurs AFTER the bout has been clearly won, will NOT result in a re-shoot.

18. Ammunition: Any safe load. Hollow points, tracer, armor-piercing, and multiple-projectile ammunition is NOT allowed. Frangible ammo is O.K. NOTE: Plates are calibrated to minor caliber load. (125 Power factor - Bullet weight times velocity in fps divided by 1,000 = 125 P. F.) 115 grain minimum bullet weight for center fire, .22 Long Rifle for rim fire, NO MAGNUMS.

19. Dress Code: Camouflage or paramilitary clothing or shirts with controversial slogans of dubious taste will NOT be allowed. The Match Director shall decide "dubious taste".

20. The same gun, holster, and holster position must be used throughout the match. If a contestant's equipment becomes disabled, equipment of a similar make or model may be used as a replacement with the approval of the Match Director. If the contestant's equipment should malfunction during the course of shooting a stage, the contestant may retire for repairs before resuming, but the bout will be forfeited. All final decisions will be made by the Match Director. There will NOT be an Arbitration Board or process employed.