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MATCH DIRECTOR'S BULLETIN ONE - 17 Aug 2008

1. The NRA WORLD ACTION PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 and KIWI CUP will be shot as per the 2008 NRA Action Pistol rulebook, official amendments thereof and any other conditions posted in Official Match Director's Bulletins.
2. Squadding times are shooting times, and competitors are expected to be present at the range at least 15 minutes prior to their allotted time. A final call will be made 5 minutes before start time, if the competitor is not present their score for the match will be zero.
3. All competitors must sign their score sheet even if they wish to protest. This requires the word PROTEST after their signature, and must accompany the Scoring Challenge fee of NZ\$50. Scoresheets for the Falling Plate range will be signed on the range before the competitor leaves the range. Scoresheets for the other matches will be signed at the official scoring centre once the targets have been scored.
4. All competitors must present their range log at each new range (range log issued in shooters kit at registration).
5. All competitors will be issued with range ID at registration and must keep it on their person AT ALL TIMES during the competition. All competitors must wear their issued number patch on their back whilst competing.
6. No disputes will be entered into on the range. Disputes will be dealt with as soon as possible by the Match Jury, with the NZ\$100 cash protest fee which will be refunded if the decision favours the competitor. Scoring challenges will cost NZ\$50, which will also be refunded if the outcome favours the shooter. All scoring challenges MUST BE MADE before 5pm on the day the that score was shot for Wednesday through Friday, or one hour after the final scores have been posted on for Saturday.
7. No holster retention tests will be carried out during the competition, but should any breach of holster retention rules occur, it will be dealt with as per the NRA Action Pistol rulebook.
8. Clearing shots from semi auto pistols will be an aimed shot at the back stop so as to avoid targets. Failure to observe this important safety rule may incur a safety violation. An aimed shot will be defined as using the sights of the pistol in the same manner as when engaging a target, but with the pistol aimed away from all targets at the berm.
9. Loud, abusive language or swearing will not be tolerated, and may incur disqualification after a warning.
10. Guns may not be handled anywhere but at Official Safety Zones, at the holstering area on each range, or under the direct control of a Match Range Official. Trade guns may be handled at the trade tables as per the directions of security staff. Dry firing will not be permitted at any time at any area, except the Official Test Range, with the permission of the Match Director or Deputy Match Directors, or in the Official Safety Zones in accordance with safe handling practices.
11. The range staff are all volunteers and are trained to ensure that all competitors are treated with equal and friendly attention, and we expect competitors to return the courtesy. The range staff have given up their time to ensure that all competitors have a safe and fair shoot so please remember to thank them.
12. Metallic Sights class will be operated as per rule 3.2 of the NRA Action Pistol rulebook, and any other special requirements for each individual match. These will be published in the Match Booklet you receive at registration. Only firearms approved by Match Officials prior to the start of the competition will be eligible for Metallic Sights class. Special conditions for Metallic Sights class include that the competitor must not touch the barricade with any part of their handgun while shooting.
13. The "Moving Target (Modified)" event must be completed by the competitor within seven and one half (7.5) minutes from the time the competitor steps into the shooting box at the 10 yard mark. Once this time has elapsed, any strings remaining (other than that being shot when the time expires) will be counted as misses on the target.
14. Chronograph testing of ammunition will be carried out using the six (6) rounds collected at each match.

15. All match and range staff are permitted to compete in the competition except the Match Director and Deputy Match Directors, Match Referees, Chief Scorers and Chief Range Officers.
16. Eye and ear protection will be mandatory at all times on all ranges where shooting is taking place, no exceptions.
17. No cell phones or pagers will be permitted on any ranges where shooting is taking place, no exceptions.
18. Throughout the competition, live ammunition may only be fired during the official matches and side matches, with the exception of the Official Test Range with the permission of the Match Director or Deputy Match Directors.
19. Only the mats supplied by the Organisers may be used. The mats may be moved at the discretion of the range staff, but must be kept flat with no folds or rolls. Mats may be moved within the shooting area allowed, or placed at different angles, but all parts of the mat must remain behind the shooting line.
20. Competitors may not alter the surface of prone platforms. If they feel there is a problem, then the range staff may make adjustments at their discretion, and their decision is final.
21. Sight pictures may be taken at the discretion of the Range Officer. A sight picture is not a practice, so you may NOT touch the trigger or practice your draw. To do so may incur a procedural error. The Range Officer will not allow you to unreasonably disrupt the flow of the match or the other/s competitors with time taken for sight pictures.
22. Adjustable butt pads may not be adjusted after the registration gun check on any handgun.
23. The Scoring Centre is out of bounds to everyone except official staff as required, no exceptions. Let them get on with the job. Competitors can check and sign for their scores at the Scoring Centre reception area.
24. The Range Staff are filling in a Range Report sheet, that records, late, missed or unfired shots and pistol malfunctions etc. This information is needed by the scoring staff, to fairly evaluate and score your targets.
25. The "Falling Plate" event will be scored and signed for on the range and continuations will be run at the end of the daily plate competition.
26. Competitors will clear and bag their guns on the range, or at the nearest safety zone, upon completion of each event shot. Competitors are asked not to keep pistols holstered while travelling between ranges or around the range complex.
27. Competitors are reminded that the start position is with hands above shoulders, or palms against the Barricade.
28. There will be an Official Bulletin Board in the clubhouse for all bulletins, score updates and other important information, and it will be the responsibility of each competitor to be aware of any information posted on this board during the course of the match.
29. All Match Director's Bulletins will be clearly numbered, and any contrary rulings will always be deemed to be current as of the latest Bulletin in which the ruling was published.
30. Due to time constraints, continuations for the "Falling Plates" event will commence with a 4 second string at the 10 yard position.
31. Please print your name in the Range Diary near the front door immediately you arrive at the range, and the names of any companions with you. Please wear the Range ID that you received at registration and arrange for any companions to receive an ID badge. All people at the range complex must wear ID at all times.
32. Only match staff, the current shooters, and shooters scheduled to immediately follow will be allowed into the preparation area of any of the main aggregate events.
33. The Match Director reserves right, at his sole discretion, to alter program at any time due to inclement weather or any other reason considered worthy. In the event of such a delay, it will be the competitor's responsibility to remain at the range until the revised shooting timetable is posted.
34. Scoring challenges, or challenges regarding statistical errors, must be made no later than 1pm of the day following the posted score. All scores posted on Saturday the 8th November may not be challenged after 1pm on that day.
35. Written protests must be lodged with the NZ\$100 fee to the Match Referee within 2 hours of the incident being protested occurring.
36. All AP-1 targets used in the World Champs and Kiwi Cup will be retained by the host club once they have been scored.
37. The Match Director will close all shooting ranges each day once all scheduled competition is concluded. There will be no firing on any range after this time each day.

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