Rio Salado Practical Red Mountain Action Rifle Safety Class Outline

Mandatory new shooter training will be held prior to shooting.
Location: In front of the stat shack.
New shooter = has not shot USPSA, Tuesday Night Steel or a 3-Gun match at RSSC.
Must shoot with match director supervision for at least one stage.

I. Match Staff
- Sandy Ruthven & Elizabeth Gosselin Co-Match Directors
- Steve Leach, Dan Coon & Chris Collins – Asst Match Directors
- Cheryl Carstensen – Registration and Scores
- Pete Carstensen – Webmaster and Email List

II. Cold Range
- Rifles must arrive at range unloaded and cased, with action locked back (or empty chamber indicator).
  - There will be a staging table in each bay where “on deck” and “in the hole” shooters will place rifle cases before their turn to shoot.
  - Rifles remain cased on staging table until the RO calls the shooter to the start position.
  - Rifles remain unloaded until instructed to “make ready” by the RO.
- Identify safety areas
- Gun handling only within the two safety areas
- Cleaning, repair, dry fire
- No ammo or mag handling within safety area
- Includes dummy ammo or practice magazines
- Can load magazines anywhere else

III. Equipment / Divisions
- Eye and Ear protection mandatory - Rio Salado Rule
- Divisions:
  - **Rimfire**: Any rifle chambered for a .22 rimfire cartridge (.22 Short, .22 Long, .22 LR or .22 Mag). Any number and type of sighting system is OK. Bipods OK. Any magazine OK.
  - **Centerfire Irons**: Any rifle chambered for a centerfire cartridge (Pistol, Intermediate or Large) with iron sights only. Bipods OK. Any magazine OK.
  - **Centerfire**: Any rifle chambered for an intermediate centerfire cartridge (e.g. .223 Rem/5.56 NATO, 7.62x39) or pistol caliber (9mm, 45ACP, etc.) Any number and type of sighting system is OK. Bipods OK. Any magazine OK.
  - **Large Centerfire**: Any rifle chambered for a large bottle-necked cartridge (7.62 NATO / .308, ‘3006). Any number and type of sighting system is OK. Bipods OK. Any magazine OK.
  - Ammunition ~75 – 100 required hits Bring 150 rounds to be on the safe side.
  - As per Rio Salado Range rules, no steel core / AP, tracer or incendiary ammunition (match DQ).
  - Shoes suitable for terrain
  - Intent is to have brass returned

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NOTE regarding bi-metal projectiles: Bi-metal bullets, such as those used in most Wolf Tula ammo, which attract a magnet but have a lead core are okay to use on bays 1, 2 and 4. However, on bay 3 (where we have steel targets), we are required to use lead / copper FMJ projectiles only with NO steel (must not attract a magnet). This is due to the risk of sparks caused by steel in the projectile hitting the steel target plates. Please check your ammunition prior to signing up for the match and make sure you have steel-free / non-magnetic ammo for bay 3. Red Army Standard sells 7.62x39 (both steel and brass cased) ammo that does not use a bi-metal jacket and will not attract a magnet.

IV. Match Procedure
- Match should begin at posted time (Rio Calendar) but is subject to change based on stage reset from pistol match.
- Pick up score sheet at stats window.
- Price:
  - $7 for shooters of morning pistol match (RMAP).
  - $15 members, $17 non-members, kids under 16 free.
  - Non-Members and parents of minors must sign the RSSC Waiver each time.
  - Shooters who wish to shoot through the match a second time may do so ($7 members, $8 non-members) but must obtain Match Director approval.
- Scores will be published via email and posted on the RMAP web site.
- Start on any bay – Look for Stage Descriptions as posted. Note starting position, targets, shooting areas, barricades & any special instructions.
- Turn in card, will go to bottom of deck. Listen for your name to help. This is a volunteer event, everyone is expected to help reset the stages to keep the match flowing smoothly.
- Shooter order to be announced: Shooter, on deck, in the hole.
- At least 2 called for stage reset
- At least 2 called for brass
- Range Officer duties:
  - Generally an experienced shooter will be the current RO
  - Current RO is in charge of the stage, subject to the Match Director who will make the final ruling in the event of a dispute.
  - Safety is primary responsibility
    - 180 rule
    - Finger off of trigger during movement unless engaging a target
    - Squibs
    - AD (over the berm, within 10 feet, during remedial action).
    - STOP at any point during COF if necessary
- Range Commands
- Verify hand position, eyes and ear protection in place
  - Make Ready
  - Are You Ready?
  - Standby
  - Start Beep within 1-4 seconds
  - If you are finished, Unload and Show Clear
  - If Clear, lock it back, muzzle up (if rifle doesn’t lock back, you must use an empty

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chamber indicator).
  o Range Is Clear

V. Scoring & Results
  • Stage time will be based on time to complete the stage plus applicable penalties.
  • Unless otherwise stipulated in the stage briefing, IPSC cardboard “shoot” targets must be neutralized by receiving either one (1) A-zone hit, one (1) B-zone hit or two (2) hits anywhere in the scoring area.
  • DQ - No score
  • Results
    o Email: If you aren’t on the Rio Practical Pistol email distribution, send Pete an email to be added & receive match scores and future information.
    o Web: Results will be posted to the RMAR web page following each match.

Questions?

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