

## Rio Salado Practical Red Mountain Action Rifle Rules / Procedures

(Notes on squadding, at bottom.)

### **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 (Rob Kowalczyk acting) Co-Match Directors
- Steve Leach, Paul Thompson – Asst Match Directors

### **II. Cold Range**

- Rifles must arrive at range unloaded and cased (or slung), with action locked back & empty chamber indicator.
  - There will be a staging table in each bay where “on deck” and “in the hole” shooters will place rifles before their turn to shoot.
  - Rifles remain on staging table until the RO calls the shooter to the start position.
  - Rifles remain unloaded with muzzle up 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
- Rifle 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). Note that M855/SS109/green tip and 7N6 are considered “steel core” and are banned from use. Bi-metal w/ lead (only) core are okay.*

### **IV. Match Procedure**

- Pre-register at Practiscore.com, select a start / squad time. Arrive 15 minutes prior to squad time in order to have enough time to get scoresheet from stats and get to your first stage.
    - Note: If you're shooting both RMAP and RMAR that day, ensure that start times for your squads are staggered (more below in squad notes).
  - Pick up score sheet at stats window.
  - Price:
    - \$15 members, \$17 non-members, kids under 16 free.
    - \$7 for shooters also shooting the pistol match (RMAP) on same day.
    - 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 Practiscore and posted on the RMAR web site.
  - Start on assigned bay with assigned squad. Turn in card
  - Look for Stage Descriptions as posted. Note starting position, targets, shooting areas, barricades & any special instructions.
  - **Prior to starting, rifle squads must ensure the stage is set correctly for the rifle match.**
    - All falling pistol steel targets (plate racks, poppers, etc.) must be in the down position. Engaging these targets with rifle will result in a match DQ.
  - **All rifle competitors (including PCC) must shoot the stage as described for the rifle match when shooting with their rifle squad. The pistol stage description only applies to those shooting as part of a RMAP / USPSA / "pistol" squad.**
  - Shooter order to be announced: Shooter, on deck, in the hole.
  - At least 2 called for stage reset
  - At least 2 called for brass
- \* 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.

### *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 or 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, hammer down
  - Insert empty chamber indicator, muzzle up
  - 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
- Rifle squads will continue to score on paper scoresheets which will travel with the squad from stage to stage.
- Results
  - Praciscore.com, search for “RMAR”.
  - Web: Results will be posted to the RMAR web page following each match.

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Squads:

**RMAP / RMAR moving to squads in August 2017:** Starting in August, RMAP / RMAR will begin running squads. Our plan is to pilot this process and make adjustments once we have enough information to change course. We'll essentially be running RMAP and RMAR at the same time, separated by squads, each with unique stage descriptions and scoring procedures. Both matches will show up in Practiscore for preregistration and squad selection.

**What this mean for competitors:** Shooters will need to pre-register at Practiscore, including selecting their division and a squad. Registration will work like other squadded matches at Rio - sign up, choose a squad, etc. Squads will be based on the match (pistol shooters grouped into pistol-only squads, rifle shooter grouped into rifle-only squads) - this will simplify scoring and stage reset. Morning rifle squads and afternoon pistol squads should help make the start time more predictable for rifle shooters and provide additional flexibility for anyone who prefers to shoot earlier or later. Those who wish to shoot both matches will simply register for both matches, making sure squad times do not overlap (ex: squad for pistol at 7, rifle at 10).

**Procedures:**

- Rifle (only) squads will be working through the bays at the same time as the pistol (only) squads.
- Stage descriptions for each match (rifle vs. pistol) will be posted in each bay.
- RMAP participants must shoot the stage as per the pistol stage description.
  - Ensure stage is reset with pistol steel (white) in up position.
  - Pistol shooters who engage rifle-only paper (will be marked as such) or steel (black) target will not receive a penalty - they'll simply be wasting time
- RMAR participants, including PCC shooters in RMAR, must shoot the stage as per the rifle stage description.
  - All pistol steel must be set in the down position prior to the rifle squad beginning the stage.
  - A rifle hit on pistol steel (white) will result in a match DQ.
- No changes to scoring - pistol shooters.
  - RMAP shooters will score on IPADs that will remain on the bays.
  - RMAR shooters will score using paper sheets that will travel from stage to stage with the squad.
- Squad members are responsible for ensuring safety and that match and range rules (rifle ammo restrictions, etc.) are followed.
- If you have questions / concerns, please find a match director.