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1. Background

Since the sport of target pistol shooting began, the basic service pistol has been used in competition. As competitions developed over the last 100 years, pistol design was refined to improve accuracy, function and speed. NSW APA Classic Service Pistol Match recognises the importance of the early handguns used in the development of our sport, and provides a competitive environment for their continued safe and valued use.

2. Definitions

- Pistol means any self loading pistol or double action revolver allowed as per these Rules.
- T1-Left side target
- T2-Right side target

3. Pistol Eligibility

- Pistols as per the approved list in **Appendix 1** to these rules.
- Modern pistols may also be used but will compete in a separate division.
- All pistols must meet the minimum legal **barrel length of 100mm for Revolver and 120mm for Semi Auto**
- Modern reproductions are allowed providing they **conform to the original type without modification** to frame, trigger, barrel, sights, grips and magazines. Adjustable sights are not allowed unless commonly fitted to the original pistol.
- Original pistols must be unmodified and in good working order
- Calibre minimum .32 centre fire type pistols only.
- Calibre maximum .38

4. Ammunition

Lead projectiles only may be used. Ammunition must be safe, and the same load must be used throughout the match.

5. Targets

The Service Pistol Match target will be used. Two targets per shooter, placed so top of target is approximately 1.8 metres from the ground, and approximately 0.75 metres apart, centre to centre.

6. Course of Fire

The course of fire will consist of 48 rounds. The maximum scores is 480.

The course of fire commences with strings shot at 10 meters, and concludes with strings shot at 25 meters.

All strings are 6 rounds. Only 6 shots may be fired in any one string, with penalties for extra shots.

The start position for all strings is with the pistol loaded, hammer down where appropriate, and held at 45 degrees ready position. Safety catches do not need to be engaged.

Holsters may be used for securing an unloaded pistol but must not be used under the clock, nor may any loaded pistols be holstered during any course of fire.

All strings are to be shot standing and free of support. Competitors may use a freestyle two handed grip, except where the use of the strong hand only is specified.

The start signal will be by turning targets where available, or by audible signal of a timing device.

The end signal will be by targets turning away where available, or by audible signal of a timing device.

Part 1 - 9.14 Meters or 10 Yards (all strings consist of 6 shots)

String 1: 3 shots on T1 and 3 shots on T2 (or vice versa) in 8 seconds

String 2: 3 shots on T1 and 3 shots on T2 (or vice versa) in 8 seconds, strong hand only

String 3: 3 shots on T1 and 3 shots on T2 (or vice versa) in 6 seconds

Score and patch at the completion of String 3

String 4: 6 shots on T1 in 4 seconds

String 5: 6 shots on T2 in 4 seconds

Score and patch at the completion of String 5

Part 2 - 22.85 Meters or 25 Yards

String 6: 6 shots on T1 in 15 seconds

String 7: 6 shots on T2 in 15 seconds

String 8: 3 shots on T1 and 3 shots on T2 (or vice versa) in 15 seconds

Score and patch at the completion of String 8

7. Range Commands

The range commands will be:

- **“Load and Make Ready”** at the commencement of the match, and at the beginning of String 4 and String 6.
- **“Are You Ready”** once all shooters are loaded and showing they are ready.
- **“Standby”** followed by a 2-3 second pause before the start signal for the string.
- **“Reload and Make Ready”** at the end of String 1, String 2, String 6 and String 7.
- **“Unload and Show Clear”** at the end of String 3, String 5 and String 8.

Should a Range Officer need to immediately stop a String for safety reasons, the command will be:
• **“Cease Fire!”** followed by the unload command if necessary.

Pistols should be unloaded and secured in a bag, tray or holster when scoring and patching is taking place.

8. Scoring

Targets will be scored as per the marked scoring areas, with the centre area scoring 10, and each ring scoring from 9 down to 6. Shots touching a scoring line will be scored as the higher of the scoring zones. Shots outside of the 6 zone will be scored as misses, even if they are on the target.

- Scoring commences after String 3, and there should be 9 shots on each target.
- Targets are scored again after String 5, and there should be 6 shots on each target.
- Targets are scored a third and final time after String 8, and there should be 9 shots on each target.

If there are more than the required number of shots on either target, the lowest scoring correct number of shots will be scored, and there will be a 10 point penalty for each additional shot over the required number.

If there is less than the required number of shots on either target, missing shots will be scored as zero.

Once targets are scored, they are patched or replaced as necessary.

All shooters will start the match with new targets. There will be no penalty for additional shots on a target that are clearly identified as having been shot by another competitor. If shots from another competitor are on a target, and the correct shots cannot be identified, the shooter will re-fire the strings requiring scoring. The shooter who has shot on the wrong target will not re-fire the strings.

Shooters will also be penalised 10 points for any of the following procedural errors. The penalty will be applied for each and every time the procedural error occurs:

- Raising the pistol from the start position before the start signal
- Firing a shot on another competitor's target.
- Having any part of the body or apparel grounded over the firing line.
- Shot fired in String 2 with the weak hand supporting the pistol or the shooter's strong arm or hand.
- Shot fired after the audible timer for the end of a string. No penalty if turning targets are used.
- Firing shots out of sequence.

The match score is the aggregate score of the 8 strings, less any scoring penalties or procedural penalties. In the event of a tied score, the tie will be broken by the most tens 10s scored on Strings 6-8. If there is still a tie, then the tie will be broken by the most 10s scored on Strings 4-5. If there is still a tie, then the tie will be broken by the most 10s scored on Strings 1-3.

If scores are still tied, shooters will repeat String 8. If scores remain tied, shooters will continue to repeat String 8 with a reduction of 1 second of the time allowed for each subsequent refire until the tie is broken.

9. Disqualification

A shooter will be disqualified from the match for any of the following:

- Dropping the pistol during the match, whether loaded or unloaded.
- Pointing a loaded pistol in an unsafe direction.
- Pointing the pistol up range(past the 180 degrees), whether loaded or unloaded.
- Firing a shot in an unsafe direction, including any shot landing within 2 metres of the shooter or any other competitor.
- Abusive behaviour or language.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Failure to obey the Range Officer's commands.

Apendix 1

Astra

400
600
900

Browning

1903
Hi Power

Colt

New Navy/Army
Official Police
Commando
Officers Model Match
Police Positive
Pocket Positive
1900/1902

CZ

CZ 38

Enfield

No 2 Mk1
No 2 Mk 1*

Feg

Model 58
Tokagyp
Firebird
Parabellum

Harrington & Richardson

Premier
Hammerless
Defender

Husqvarna

1907
M40

Iver Johnson

Safety hammer Model
Safety Hammerless Model

Lahti

L35

Le Francais

Army

Lebel/MAS

1892 French Ordnance

Llama

Model IX
Model 8

Luger

P 04/08 Navy
LP 08

Mannlicher

1901

Mauser

C 96

Negant

1895 Russian Ordnance

Orbea

1925

Radom

Vis M35

Roth Steyr

1905/07

Ruby

Extra 12/13

Smith & Wesson

Double Action
Safety Hammerless
Hand Ejector
M & P
Victory
Regulation Police
Model 10 [5 screw]

Steyr

1911/12

Star

Model B
Model B Super
Military

Tokarev

TT 30
TT 33

Walther

P 38
P1

Webley

Mk 3
Mk 4
Webley/Fosbery Model 1913

NB Some of these guns need a barrel modification to comply.
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This is a guide and there maybe others that fit the criteria