

# **Pennsylvania Class Three Competitors**

## **Certification Briefing Sheet – 2012**

Safety is of the utmost importance and is everyone's responsibility. Any safety problems are to be brought to the attention of range personnel immediately.

Any continued or intentional unsafe practices will be cause for immediate disqualification. Anyone disqualified for safety breaches will not shoot again that day and will be required to take a recertification from range personnel before shooting again.

First Aid kits are available at several locations on site and emergency medical services are a phone call away, including Geisinger LifeFlight.

The range will be run as a cold range at all times. This means that:

- Firearms will be kept in the "firearms only" area
- Ammunition will be kept in the "ammunition only" area

Magazines will NEVER be inserted in a firearm except under the direct supervision of a Range Officer.

The "sight picture" area will be an area directly into the back berm at the firearm grounding table. This will be used to check sights, check weld, and for pertinent gun handling. Save "show and tell" for home!

All competitors will wear eye and ear protection. Spectators must wear eye protection and ear protection is recommended.

**ALL FIREARMS WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM THE FIRING LINE UNLOADED, WITH THE MUZZLE POINTED AT THE GROUND, SAFETY ON, MAGAZINE REMOVED, AND WITH THE BOLT OPEN ON CLOSED BOLT GUNS AND CLOSED ON OPEN BOLT GUNS.**

**ANY MOVEMENT WILL BE DONE WITH THE SHOOTERS FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER AT ALL TIMES.**

We are located on a hillside, therefore all movement will be done with firearms pointed "down and downrange". This should assure that any AD rounds will impact the ground or on a berm. This shall include movement around walls and barricades, and during magazine changes.

"The 180" is a reference to an imaginary vertical plane going through your body shoulder to shoulder as you face downrange. The muzzle of the shooter's firearm should never break this imaginary plane and to do so would be grounds for an immediate DQ since this action could put range personnel, other shooters, and spectators in possible danger.

A full list of rules is available upon request for review on site. Rule highlights include:

- All firearms will be fired in full auto mode only.
- No laser sights will be allowed and batteries and/or pressure switches must be removed.
- Point shooting is defined as un-aimed fire with the stock of the firearm located somewhere between the waist/hip and sternum/shoulder area(s) with the sites at chin level or below.
- Foot faults will be defined as shooting from outside the designated area.

The Range Commands will be as follows:

1. Clear the Range (All persons immediately come up range behind the firing line.)
2. Shooter to the Line (The next shooter picks up their firearm and moves to the line.)
3. Does the shooter understand the course of fire? (Shooter may ask any last minute questions.)
4. The range is going hot, eyes and ears. (Everyone puts eye and ear protection on.)
5. The shooter is clear to load and come to the ready (If starting loaded.)
6. Is the shooter ready? (An audible yes or no is preferred.)
7. The shooter is ready, standby. (The Range Officer starts the delay clock.)
8. The start “BEEP” (Shooter begins executing the course of fire.)
9. Freeze or ceasefire. (Used to stop the shooter immediately during the course.)
10. Unload and show clear. (The shooter complies.)
11. The range is clear. (The target setters and other personnel may move forward.)

Special considerations:

To assure fair target color contrast, colorblind shooters should make this known to range personnel.

Left handed shooters should make this known to range personnel in the event that a stage may be run ambidextrously.

Shooters with suppressed firearms should make this known to range personnel so that they can be sure to obtain an accurate reading on the clock. Any suppressed firearms are to be integral, bi or tri-lock. Screw-on types are not allowed as they may loosen.

It is recommended that all participants wash their hands to remove lead and other contaminants after shooting, especially before eating.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Print Name) understand the above safety rules and agree to abide by and uphold them.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_