2016 FN 3 GUN MATCH RULES

1. General Conduct & Dispute Resolution

- 1.1 Eye protection is mandatory for participants, spectators & officials at the event site.
- 1.2 Ear protection is mandatory for participants, spectators & officials while on or near a stage.
- 1.3 No participants or spectators shall consume or be under the influence of alcohol or non-prescription drugs at the event site. Any participant found to be impaired as a result of legitimate prescription drugs may be directed to stop shooting and requested to leave the range with no refund.
- 1.4 Participants and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsman-like manner at all times. Any person who violates this rule may be ejected from the event site at the Match Director's discretion with no refund.
- 1.5 Clothing with any offensive or obscene logos, sayings, pictures or drawings will not be worn or displayed while at the event site.
- 1.6 Participants may be subject to event disqualification for safety or conduct violations. A match disqualification will result in complete disqualification from the event, and the participant will not be allowed to continue nor be eligible for prizes.
- 1.7 A participant shall be disqualified from the event for unsportsmanlike conduct. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include:
 - 1.7.1 Cheating, such as:
 - 1.7.1.1 Intentionally altering a target prior to the target being scored to gain advantage or avoid a penalty.
 - 1.7.1.2 Altering or falsifying score sheets.
 - 1.7.1.3 Altering the configuration of firearms or equipment without permission of a Range Master.
 - 1.7.2 Abusive behavior, such as:
 - 1.7.2 Threatening or assaulting other participants or Event Officials.
 - 1.7.2.1 Disruptive behavior likely to disturb, distract or coach other participants while they are shooting.
 - 1.7.3 Willful disregard of an event official:
 - 1.7.3 Willfully disregarding the instructions of any official as it pertains to the safe conduct or peaceful atmosphere of the event.
- 1.8 Range Officers tasked with running the participant shall make the initial call on scoring, penalties or a disqualification. The Chief Range Officer for that stage shall be the first step in the appeals process. The Range Master shall be the final step in the appeals process.
- 1.9 The final decision on all disqualifications, scoring challenges and reshoots will be made by the Range Master.

1.10 Any rule not explicitly covered by this document will be resolved with a ruling by the Range Master(s) or their designee. Rulings by the Range Master(s), or their designee will be final, and will serve as a precedent for the duration of the event.

2. Safety

Any violation of a safety rule as found in Section 2 of these rules shall be grounds for a match disqualification.

- 2.1 All events will be run on cold ranges.
 - 2.1.1 Participants firearms will remain unloaded at the event site except under the direction and immediate supervision of an event official.
- 2.2 Firearms may only be handled and/or displayed in a designated safety area.
 - 2.2.1 Safety areas will be clearly marked with signs or designated by event officials.
 - 2.2.2 No firearm may be loaded in a safety area.
 - 2.2.3 No ammunition (including dummy ammunition or snap caps) may be handled in a safety area.
 - 2.2.4 No firearm may contain or have attached any ammo or simulated ammo of any kind in the safe area.
- 2.3 Firearms may be transported to, from and between stages only in the following conditions:
 - 2.3.1 Handguns must be cased or holstered, de-cocked and with the magazine removed.
 - 2.3.2 Rifles and shotguns must be cased, secured muzzle up or muzzle down in a stable gun cart/caddy, carried slung with the muzzle up or down or carried muzzle pointed toward the ground. Detachable magazines removed and the use of high-visibility empty chamber indicator devices is required as a courtesy to other event participants.
- 2.4 A participant who causes an accidental discharge will be stopped by an Event Official as soon as possible, and shall be disqualified. Examples of accidental discharge include:
 - 2.4.1 A shot, which travels over a backstop, a berm or in any other direction deemed by Event Officials to be unsafe. Note that a participant who legitimately fires a shot at a target, which then travels in an unsafe direction, will not be disqualified.
 - 2.4.2 A shot which strikes the ground within 10 feet of the participant, except when shooting at a target closer than 10 feet to the participant.
 - 2.4.2.1 Exception a shot which strikes the ground within 10 feet of the participant due to a "squib".
 - 2.4.2.2 In the case of a shot striking a prop where the projectile is deflected or does not continue to strike the ground, if an Event Official determines that the projectile would have struck the ground within 10 feet of the participant had it not been deflected or stopped by the prop, the provisions of 2.4.2 shall apply.
 - 2.4.3 A shot which occurs while loading, reloading or unloading any firearm.
 - 2.4.3.1 Exception a detonation which occurs while unloading a firearm is not considered an accidental discharge. A "detonation" is defined as the ignition of the primer of a round, other than by action of a firing pin, where the projectile or shot does not pass through the barrel (e.g. when a slide is being manually retracted or when a round is dropped etc.).

- 2.4.4 A shot which occurs during remedial action in the case of a malfunction. Remedial action is defined as an action to clear a firearm malfunction or ammunition feeding device malfunction after it fails to fire.
 - 2.4.4.1 A remedial action is complete once the firearm is capable of discharging a round.
- 2.4.5 A shot which occurs while transferring a firearm between hands.
- 2.4.6 A shot which occurs during movement, except while actually engaging targets.
- 2.5 A participant who performs an act of unsafe gun handling will be stopped by an Event Official as soon as possible, and shall be disqualified. Examples of unsafe gun handling include:
 - 2.5.1 Dropping a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, at any time after the "Load" or "Make Ready" command and before the "Range Is Clear" command. A dropped firearm is defined as a firearm that hits the ground and the competitor no longer has a hand grasping and exercising control of the firearm. Accessories attached to the firearm at the time of the dropped firearm are considered part of the firearm.
 - 2.5.1.1 Dropping an unloaded firearm before the "Load" or "Make Ready" command or after the "Range Is Clear" command will not result in disqualification, provided the firearm is retrieved by an Event Official.
 - 2.5.2 Use of any unsafe ammunition as defined in Section 3.
 - 2.5.3 Firearms may only be abandoned in one of the following conditions:
 - 2.5.3.1 Loaded, safety fully engaged, in a manner designated by the written stage briefing, with muzzle pointed in the designated safe direction.
 - 2.5.3.2 Completely unloaded (no ammunition in the firearm), in a manner designated by the written stage briefing, with muzzle pointed in the designated safe direction. Safety does not have to be engaged.
 - 2.5.3.3 If the firearm is not abandoned in one of the two above conditions, but has muzzle pointed in the designated safe direction, in a manner designated by the written stage briefing, and there is no possibility of the shooter or any match staff being downrange of the firearm during the course of fire the penalty shall be one 20 second procedural in lieu of a match DQ.
 - 2.5.4 Rule removed 1/12/16
 - 2.5.5 Re-Holstering a loaded handgun
 - 2.5.5.1 Re-Holstering of a loaded firearm is prohibited even if the firearm is placed on safe. Re-Holstering of a loaded firearm shall be a Match Disqualification.
 - 2.5.5.1.1 A competitor may Re-Holster a firearm during a course of fire if a safe abandonment container has not been provided on the stage. If the competitor Re-Holsters the handgun during a course of fire, it must be completely unloaded with no ammunition in the firearm prior to Re-Holstering. If ammunition is found in a Re-Holstered handgun, it shall be a Match Disqualification.
 - 2.5.6 Unloading any firearm in an unsafe manner, or discharging a firearm while not legitimately engaging a target or in the direction of a target.
 - 2.5.7 Allowing the muzzle of a firearm to break the 180 degree safety plane.
 - 2.5.7.1 In the case of a participant facing downrange, the muzzle of a loaded handgun may point slightly uprange while drawing or reholstering, so long as it does not point outside an imaginary circle of three (3) feet radius from the participant's feet.

- 2.5.7.2 In the case of a unloaded slung firearm, the participant is not required to maintain the 180 degree rule until ammunition is placed into the firearm, ie: magazine being inserted or rounds being loaded into the tube.
- 2.5.8 Engaging a steel target in an unsafe manner, such as by:
 - 2.5.8.1 Engaging steel targets with handgun ammunition at a range of less than 30 feet.
 - 2.5.8.2 Engaging steel targets with shotgun birdshot shot ammunition at a range of less than 30 feet.
 - 2.5.8.3 Engaging steel targets with rifle ammunition at a range of less than 100 feet.
- 2.5.9 Allowing the muzzle of a firearm to point at any part of the participant's body during a course of fire (i.e. sweeping).
 - 2.5.9.1 Exception sweeping of the lower extremities (below the belt) while drawing or re-holstering a handgun, provided that the competitor's fingers are clearly outside of the trigger guard.
- 2.5.10 Using a tube-type shotgun speed-loading device without a primer relief cut.
- 2.5.11 Pointing a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, in any direction deemed by event officials to be unsafe.
- 2.5.12 Competitors shall have the responsibility to ensure their firearm is in safe working condition at all times during the event. Mechanical breakage does not relieve the competitor of the core responsibility for abandoning the firearm in an unsafe condition.

3. Ammunition

- 3.1 Handgun ammunition shall be .355 in diameter (9mm parabellum) or larger, unless otherwise stipulated under equipment division rules.
- 3.2 Rifle ammunition shall be .223 Remington (5.56x45mmNATO) or larger, unless otherwise stipulated under equipment division rules.
 - 3.2.1 Rifle ammunition containing any type of steel core or steel penetrator shall **NOT** be used during the match. Rifle ammunition may be checked at any time during the duration of the match by any match official.
- 3.3 Shotgun ammunition shall be 20 gauge or larger, unless otherwise stipulated under equipment division rules.
 - 3.3.1 Birdshot must be no larger than #6 birdshot, and be made from lead or bismuth only. Iron/steel/tungsten birdshot is unsafe and prohibited.
- 3.4 Ammunition containing tracer, incendiary, armor piercing, steel jacketed or steel/tungsten/penetrator core projectiles is unsafe and prohibited. Participants will be given an opportunity to replace the prohibited ammunition with ammunition that is approved by the match and be allowed to continue to participate. If that competitor is discovered a second time utilizing prohibited ammunition, then the competitor will be disqualified from the event. Any damaged steel as a result of any use of prohibited ammunition will be replaced by the competitor found to be using the prohibited ammunition regardless of first offense or not.

4. Firearms

4.1 All firearms used by participants must be serviceable and safe. Event officials may inspect a participant's firearms at any time to check they are

functioning safely. If any firearm is declared unserviceable or unsafe by an event official, it must be withdrawn from the event until it is repaired to the satisfaction of the Range Master(s).

4.2 Firearms capable of fully automatic- or burst-fire ("machine guns") may NOT be used during the event.

- 4.3 Participants must use the same firearms (handgun, rifle and shotgun) for the entire event.
 - 4.3.1 If a participant's firearm becomes unserviceable, that participant may replace their firearm with another of a substantially similar model, caliber and sighting system only with the approval of the Range Master(s).
- 4.4 Participants <u>MAY NOT</u> reconfigure any firearm during the course of the event. Explicitly prohibited acts include changing caliber, barrel length, shotgun magazine tube length, sighting systems and/or stock style. Explicitly permitted acts include changing of chokes, installing or removing support devices (e.g. bipods), slings and other minor accessories (e.g. scope covers).
 - 4.4.1 If a participant's firearm becomes unserviceable, that participant may repair their firearm with directly equivalent replacement parts. If replacement parts result in a significant change to the firearm configuration, then the repair must be approved by the Range Master(s).
- 4.5 Unless otherwise stipulated in the stage briefing, required firearms will begin the stage in the following ready conditions:
 - 4.5.1 Handgun: Loaded to division start capacity and holstered. In the case of single-action autos or double-action autos with manual override safeties, the safety catch must be in the "safe" position. In the case of double-action only autos & revolvers, the hammer must be down/forward.
 - 4.5.2 Rifle: Loaded to division or designated capacity and held in the low ready or port arms position. Safety catch must be in the "safe" position.
 - 4.5.3 Shotgun: Loaded to division or designated capacity and held in the low ready or port arms position. Safety catch must be in the "safe" position.
 - 4.5.4 Participants may not touch or hold any firearm loading device or ammunition after the "Standby" command and before the "Start Signal" (except for unavoidable touching with the lower arms).
 - 4.5.5 Any firearm that the competitor decides to be staged maybe loaded up to division capacity with the chamber empty and the competitor may choose not to engage the external manual safety.
 - 4.5.6 In the event of a slung firearm at the start, the sling must be attached to the firearm and the sling must be touching a collar bone on the participant in such a manner that it will support the weight of the firearm without any other assistance.

5. Equipment Divisions

- 5.1 Participants will declare one equipment division at the beginning of the event.
 - 5.1.1 Equipment divisions are: Open, Tactical Scope, Tactical Limited and Heavy Metal Scope.
 - 5.1.2 Failure to meet all of the equipment and ammunition requirements for the declared division shall result in the participant being placed into Open division. If the requirements of Open division are not met, the participant's scores will be excluded from the final event results.

5.2 Open division

5.2.1 Handgun holsters must safely retain the handgun during vigorous movement. The holster material must completely cover the trigger on all semiautomatic pistols. Revolver holsters must completely cover the trigger and the cylinder. The belt upon which the handgun holster is attached must be worn at waist level. Shoulder holsters and cross draw holsters are prohibited.

5.2.2.1 Magazine length may not exceed 170mm.

5.2.3 Rifle

5.2.3.1 Supporting devices (e.g. bipods) are permitted, and may begin any stage folded or deployed at the participant's discretion.

5.2.4 Shotgun

- 5.2.4.1 Speed loading devices and/or detachable box magazines is permitted.
- 5.2.4.2 Tubular speed loading devices must feature a primer relief cut.

5.3 Tactical Scope division

5.3.1 Handgun holsters must safely retain the handgun during vigorous movement. The holster material must completely cover the trigger on all semiautomatic pistols. Revolver holsters must completely cover the trigger and the cylinder. The belt upon which the handgun holster is attached must be worn at waist level. Shoulder holsters and cross draw holsters are prohibited.

5.3.2 Handgun

- 5.3.3.1 Electronic sights, optical sights, extended sights, compensators, weight(s), or barrel porting are prohibited.
- 5.3.3.2 Magazines length may not exceed 170mm in the case of single column magazines, and may not exceed 140mm in the case of staggered column magazines.

5.3.3 Rifle

- 5.3.3.1 Not more than one (1) electronic or optical sight is permitted.
- 5.3.3.2 A supplemental magnifier may be used with the permitted optical sight provided the magnifier does not contain an aiming reticle and cannot be used as an aiming device by itself, and remains mounted in the same location on the rifle for the duration of the event. A participant may use the magnifier in either the magnified or unmagnified mode without restriction.
- 5.3.3.3 Supporting devices (bipods, etc.) are prohibited.
- 5.3.3.4 Compensators and muzzle brakes may not exceed 1 inch in diameter and 3 inches in length (as measured from the barrel muzzle to the end of the compensator).
- 5.3.3.5 Drum magazines are prohibited. Coupled magazines are permitted (no more than two may be coupled together).
- 5.3.3.6 Magazines may not be loaded with more than 30 rounds at any time after the start signal. Magazines utilized during a course of fire that have more than 30 rounds will result in the competitor being moved to the open division.

5.3.4 Shotgun

- 5.3.5.1 Only tubular magazines are permitted.
- 5.3.5.2 Electronic or optical sights are prohibited.
- 5.3.5.3 Supporting devices (bipods, etc.) are prohibited.

- 5.3.5.4 Barrel devices designed/intended to reduce recoil or muzzle movement (e.g. compensators, barrel porting) are prohibited.
- 5.3.5.5 Speed loading devices and/or detachable box magazines are prohibited.
- 5.3.5.6 Magazine tube extensions are permitted.
- 5.4.5.7 Not more than nine (9) rounds total may be loaded at the beginning of any stage.

5.4 Tactical Limited division

5.4.1 Handgun holsters must be a practical/tactical carry style and must safely retain the handgun during vigorous movement. The holster material must completely cover the trigger on all semiautomatic pistols. Revolver holsters must completely cover the trigger and the cylinder. The belt upon which the handgun holster is attached must be worn at waist level. Shoulder holsters and cross draw holsters are prohibited.

5.4.2 Handgun

- 5.4.2.1 Electronic sights, optical sights, extended sights, compensators, weight(s) or barrel porting are prohibited.
- 5.4.2.2 Magazines length may not exceed 170mm in the case of single column magazines, and may not exceed 140mm in the case of staggered column magazines.

5.4.3 Rifle

- 5.4.3.1 Not more than one (1) non-magnified electronic or optical sight is permitted. Electronic or optical sights originally designed to be capable of any magnification (whether used or not) are prohibited.
- 5.4.3.2 Supporting devices (bipods, etc.) are prohibited.
- 5.4.3.3 Compensators and muzzle brakes may not exceed 1 inch in diameter and 3 inches in length (as measured from the barrel muzzle to the end of the compensator).
- 5.4.3.4 Drum magazines are prohibited. Coupled magazines are permitted (no more than two may be coupled together).
- 5.3.3.5 Magazines may not be loaded with more than 30 rounds at any time after the start signal. Magazines utilized during a course of fire that have more than 30 rounds will result in the competitor being moved to the open division.

5.4.5 Shotgun

- 5.4.5.1 Only tubular magazines are permitted.
- 5.4.5.2 Electronic or optical sights are prohibited.
- 5.4.5.3 Supporting devices (bipods, etc.) are prohibited.
- 5.4.5.4 Barrel devices designed/intended to reduce recoil or muzzle movement (e.g. compensators, barrel porting) are prohibited.
- 5.4.5.5 Speed loading devices and/or detachable box magazines are prohibited.
- 5.4.5.6 Magazine tube extensions are permitted.

5.4.5.7 Not more than nine (9) rounds total may be loaded at the beginning of any stage.

5.5 Heavy Metal Scope Division

5.5.1 Handgun holsters must be a practical/tactical carry style and must safely retain the handgun during vigorous movement. The holster material must completely cover the trigger on all semiautomatic pistols. Revolver holsters must completely cover the trigger and the cylinder. The belt upon which the handgun holster is attached must be worn at waist level. Shoulder holsters and cross draw holsters are prohibited.

5.5.2 Handgun

- 5.5.2.1 Electronic sights, optical sights, extended sights, compensators, weight(s) or barrel porting are prohibited.
- 5.5.2.2 Magazines length may not exceed 170mm in the case of single column magazines, and may not exceed 140mm in the case of staggered column magazines. Magazines may not be loaded with more than 10 rounds at any time after the start signal. Magazines utilized during a course of fire that have more than 10 rounds will result in the competitor being moved to the open division.
- 5.5.2.3 Minimum caliber is .44".
- 5.5.2.4 Minimum power factor (bullet weight x velocity/1000) is 165.

5.5.3 Rifle

- 5.5.3.1 Not more than one (1) optical sight is permitted.
- 5.5.3.2 A supplemental magnifier may be used with the permitted optical sight provided the magnifier does not contain an aiming reticle, cannot be used as an aiming device by itself, and remains mounted in the same location on the rifle for the duration of the event. A participant may use the magnifier in either the magnified or unmagnified mode without restriction.
- 5.5.3.3 Supporting devices (bipods, etc.) are prohibited.
- 5.5.3.4 Compensators and muzzle brakes may not exceed 1 inch in diameter and 3 inches in length (as measured from the barrel muzzle to the end of the compensator).
- 5.5.3.5 Magazines may not be loaded with more than 20 rounds at any time after the start signal. Magazines utilized during a course of fire that have more than 20 rounds will result in the competitor being moved to the open division.
- 5.5.3.6 Magazines may not be coupled together
- 5.5.3.7 Minimum caliber is .30".
- 5.5.3.8 Minimum power factor (bullet weight x velocity/1000) is 320.

5.5.4 Shotgun

- 5.5.4.1 Only tubular magazines are permitted.
- 5.5.4.2 Electronic or optical sights are prohibited.
- 5.5.4.3 Supporting devices (bipods, etc.) are prohibited.

- 5.5.4.4 Barrel devices designed/intended to reduce recoil or muzzle movement (e.g. compensators, barrel porting) are prohibited.
- 5.5.4.5 Speed loading devices and/or detachable box magazines are prohibited.
- 5.5.4.6 Magazine tube extensions are permitted.
- 5.5.4.7 Not more than nine (9) rounds total may be loaded into the firearm at any time. Tubes must be plugged or otherwise limited to hold no more than eight (8) rounds at any time and may be inspected by match officials for compliance. If tube holds more than 8 shooter is moved to Open.
- 5.5.4.8 Minimum bore size is 12 gauge.

6. Scoring & Awards

- 6.1 Stage score will be based on straight time plus penalties.
 - 6.1.1 Unless otherwise stipulated in the stage briefing, the participant must have one of the following:
 - 6.1.1.1 One (1) hit in the upper A–zone or B-zone.
 - 6.1.1.2 One (1) hit in the lower A-zone or 1 hit in the center 8" ring of the 3GN targets.
 - 6.1.1.3 Two (2) hits anywhere in the scoring area, in any combination of the C-zone and/or D-zone or two anywhere in the 17" scoring area of the 3GN target.
 - 6.1.1.4 Heavy Metal division only one (1) hit is required anywhere on a cardboard target with a handgun or rifle.
 - 6.1.2 IPSC cardboard "shoot" or 3 Gun Nation targets that are not neutralized will incur time penalties as follows:
 - 6.1.2.1 One (1) hit in the C-zone, D-zone or the outer scoring area only = 5 second penalty (Failure To Neutralize).
 - 6.1.2.1.1 This penalty shall not apply to the Heavy Metal division participants.
 - 6.1.2.2 No hits on target, but target was engaged = 10 second penalty (Un-hit Target).
 - 6.1.2.3 No hits on target and target was not engaged = 15 second penalty (Target Not Hit and Not Engaged).
 - 6.1.3 Only holes made by bullets/slugs/pellets will count for score/penalty. Evidence that the bullet made the hole must be present on the target (i.e. crown or grease ring/mark). Holes made by shrapnel, fragments, wads or flying debris will not count for score/penalty.
 - 6.1.3.1 All cardboard targets are considered impenetrable and any hit as a result of a pass through shot from one target to another that does not touch the non-scoring border will count as a miss on the second target.
 - 6.1.3.2 Any hit a cardboard target that does not touch the non-scoring boarder and that shot hits a knock off piece of steel causing the target to fall shall incur the penalty found in 6.1.5.2.
 - 6.1.4 Knock-down targets (e.g. Pepper Poppers and Plates) must fall to score. Swinging/flashing targets must react in the manner prescribed in the stage briefing. An event official may call hits.

- 6.1.5 Knock-down/swinging/flashing targets that do not fall/react will incur time penalties as follows:
 - 6.1.5.1 Target did not fall/react, but target was engaged =10 second penalty (Un-hit Target).
 - 6.1.5.2 Target did not fall/react and target was not engaged = 15 second penalty (Target Not Hit and Not Engaged).
 - 6.1.5.3 Long range steel target (as designated in the stage walk through) that does not react = 20 second penalty (un-hit long range target).
 - 6.1.5.4 Long range steel target (as designated in the stage walk through) that does not react and target was not engaged = 30 second penalty (un-hit long range target and was not engaged).
- 6.1.6 Knock-down targets will be calibrated before the event begins.
 - 6.1.6.1 Handgun targets will be calibrated with a 9mm handgun using factory ammunition.
 - 6.1.6.2 Shotgun targets will be calibrated with a 20 gauge shotgun, barrel length not to exceed 26", using a factory 2 dram, % ounce load of #7. or #8 birdshot.
 - 6.1.6.3 The Range Master(s) will designate specific supplies of 9mm and 20 gauge ammunition and one or more handguns and shotguns to be used as official calibration tools only by the Range Master(s) or designated testing personnel. Designated calibration firearms and ammunition are not subject to challenge.
- 6.1.7 Frangible targets (e.g. clay pigeons) must break by gunfire to score. A target with a significant piece visibly detached is considered "broken".
- 6.1.8 Frangible targets that do not break will incur time penalties as follows:
 - 6.1.8.1 Target did not break, but target was engaged = 10 second penalty (Un-hit Target).
 - 6.1.8.2 Target did not break and target was not engaged = 15 second penalty (Target Not Hit and Not Engaged).
- 6.1.9 Scoring hits on designated "No Shoot" targets will incur a 10 second penalty per hit, up to a maximum of 2 hits per no-shoot. Steel "No Shoot" targets must fall to receive a penalty. Frangible "No Shoot" targets must break to receive a penalty.
- 6.1.10 Failure to follow the procedure in the stage briefing will result in a 20 second penalty. If a competitive advantage is deemed to have been gained, procedural penalties may be applied on a "per shot" basis.
 - 6.1.10.1 Failure to ground a firearm in a manner designated by the written stage briefing shall result in a 20 second procedural penalty per occurrence.
 - 6.1.10.2 Abandoning two firearms whether loaded or unloaded in the same location, i.e. putting a shotgun and rifle in the same abandonment container, shall result in a 20 second penalty per occurrence, except where allowed by written stage briefing.
 - 6.1.10.3 If it is determined by the Range Master that a participant started a stage in a position other than that as stated in the stage description, a procedural penalty shall be applied and if the opinion of the range master a competitive advantage was gained a 60 second procedural penalty shall be applied. Either penalty shall be applied without consideration of the competitor being given a reshoot.
- 6.1.11 Stage Not Fired (SNF) penalty is 500 seconds per stage not fired.

- 6.1.12 Unless clearly stated as being otherwise in the official stage briefing the maximum time for completing any stage will be 180 seconds. If a participant exceeds the stage time limit, they will be stopped by an event official and the stage will be scored as shot with all applicable miss and FTE penalties.
- 6.1.13 Rule removed 1/12/16
- 6.1.14: The signing of a competitors score sheet by either the Range Officer or the competitor shall not be a final act. The signing of a score sheet will not be relief from further penalties or disqualification should Match Officials deem it necessary.
 - 6.1.14.1 In the event of electronic scoring (ie: tablets), once the competitor hits the next shooter and save button, the scores are not subject to any other actions with the exception of 6.1.14 above.

6.2 Match and Stage times

- 6.2.1 Total stage time will be by time plus with the time adjusted for any penalties incurred.
- 6.2.2 The order of finish from top to bottom will be determined by hit factor value based on the fastest time by division.
- 6.2.3 Each stage will be weighted based on anticipated length of time to shoot the stage. Any point value may be given to a stage before the match.
- 6.3 One or more of the following individual participant categories may be recognized at the discretion of the Match Director:
 - 6.3.1 Lady: Participants who were of the female gender at birth.
 - 6.3.2 Junior: Participants who were under the age of 18 years on the first day of the event.
 - 6.3.3 Senior: Participants who were over the age of 55 years on the first day of the event.
 - 6.3.4 Super Senior: Participants who were over the age of 65 years on the first day of the event. Super seniors may enter senior category only if Super Senior is not being recognized.
 - 6.3.5 Military: Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard or honorably retired military personnel.
 - 6.3.6 Law: Current, retired full-time or reserve law enforcement officers with arrest/apprehension authority.