

Message for Air Pistol Shooters and Coaches - 2021

Hello,

My name is Ed Meyer, and I am the Chief Range Officer for the Air Pistol Event at the 4-H National Championship Match. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a few items to help your match go smoother. If you use CO₂ please read synopsis and be aware of cylinder size that is allowed. Air will be provided at the event. However, if you elect to bring your own cylinder, within the shooting venue, all cylinders must be kept in the designated room. Make sure your cylinders are clearly marked with your name. I suggest you bring your own adapters and tools and keep them with you. Triggers will be weighed during the Equipment Check-in. Along with other shooting attire such as glasses and shoes. Please test your trigger weight prior to arrival if you have access to a set of weights. If not, make sure you know the procedure for adjusting the weight on all your air arms.

To reduce crowds, we will squad the Rapidfire and Slowfire events by state. When possible, the entire state team will shoot at the same time. An effort will be made to post squad starting times so that state teams can come and go as a group, making more room for spectators.

The first event will be the Single Shot Rapidfire competition which I feel requires some comments. This event involves the "Ready Position", as defined by the USA Shooting Pistol Rules. Coaches should make sure that their shooters have read and understand Rule 8.7.2, Rule 8.7.3, and Rule 8.7.4. During the 20 second interval following the "LOAD" command the pistol may rest on the table which is provided at the firing point. When the "ATTENTION" command is given, the shooter must immediately come to the Ready position and remain with their arm extended at a 45-degree angle for the entire 7 second period until the targets face. There should be no evidence of firearm movement during this interval.

The problem arises because the tables are introduced into the picture. Shooters of a shorter stature cannot lower the pistol enough to achieve a 45-degree angle. In this case the shooter should only raise the pistol enough to clear the table. The tables we use are approximately 30 inches above the floor and should not present a problem for taller shooters. In any case, I would ask that coaches work through these issues prior to arrival at the match and if you have any questions, please contact me.

The Silhouette Match will be fired at white targets on pastel green background. The green color is called "Pistachio", made by Krylon / Mfg. # 53563 / UPC # 724504535638. The target and backstop paint will be touched up between relays to give an equal sight picture to all. On the practice day, paper targets will be furnished at each distance for the purpose of sighting

in. On the day of the match, no sighting shots will be allowed. NRA Rules will govern the Silhouette Match.

Please make sure to read the rules so everyone is on same page respectfully.

The Slowfire Match will be fired on the Kongsberg Electronic Scoring system. A shorter shooting time is used with electronically scored targets and is outlined in the Synopsis.

This year's event is a little different than we have had in the past, social distancing will be used this year. So please read all the items that come with your packets. My assistant range officer/s and I will be wearing face masks while in building and online. I don't think that that anyone will have issues to hear commands and we will know at our practices.

In the past, some entry forms list contact information for some Extension official rather than the coaches and shooters. This creates problems if I need to contact someone. I ask that all coaches contact me so that I can record your current phone number and email address. I can be reached at (660) 815-0108. E-mail: edwardo761@hotmail.com

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