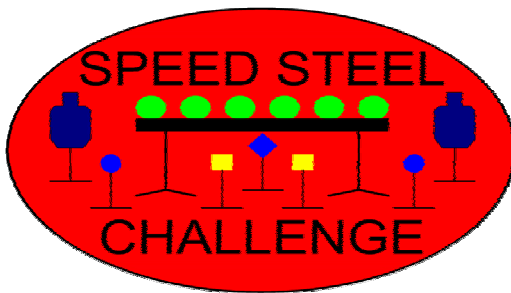


# Benton Gun Club's Speed Steel Challenge Rule Book



## **DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION:**

A competitors division is determined by the pistol they are using for that match round. (This being said a person using a stock service pistol cannot shoot in the OPEN DIVISION to ensure a win if there were only a few shooters in that division!!!)

### **STOCK SERVICE PISTOL DIVISION**

This division is intended for stock Double Action/Safe Action factory service pistols such as the Glock, Beretta, Ruger, and Sig.

Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded in a magazine is ten(10)

Holster and ammunition carriers must be specifically designed and marketed for concealed carry/duty use.

Allowed Modifications

- \* Change of sights to another conventional notch and post type.
- \* Change of grips to another style or material that is similar to factory configuration (no weighted grips).
- \* Slip-on grip sock and/or skateboard tape.
- \* Action work to enhance trigger pull as long as safety is maintained
- \* Reliability work to enhance feeding and ejection.
- \* Internal accuracy work to include replacement of barrel with one of factory configuration.
- \* Custom finishes.

### **ENHANCED SERVICE PISTOL DIVISION**

This division is intended for shooters using Single Action 9mm/.38 Super/.40 service pistols such as Browning HP, CZ 75, and EAA Witness.

Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded in a magazine is ten(10)

Holster and ammunition carriers must be specifically designed and marketed for concealed carry/duty use.

Allowed Modifications

- \* Change of sights to another conventional notch and post type.
- \* Change of grips (no weighted grips).
- \* Internal accuracy work to include replacement of barrel with one of factory configuration.
- \* Internal reliability work.
- \* Checker front strap and back strap.
- \* Checker or square and checker trigger guard.
- \* Cosmetic checkering/serrations.
- \* Extended thumb and grip safeties.
- \* Full length guide rod manufactured of material that is no heavier than common steel.
- \* Change of hammer and other trigger action parts to enhance trigger pull.
- \* Beveled magazine well and add-on well extensions.
- \* Custom finishes.

## **CUSTOM DEFENSIVE PISTOL DIVISION**

This division is intended for the 1911 style .45 single stack pistol such as Para-Ordnance, STI/SVI and Glock 20/21.

Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded in a magazine is eight(8)

Holster and ammunition carriers must be specifically designed and marketed for concealed carry/duty use.

Allowed Modifications

- \* Change of sights to another conventional notch and post type.
- \* Change of grips (no weighted grips).
- \* Internal accuracy work to include replacement of barrel with one of factory configuration.
- \* Factory installed cone style barrels are permitted on pistols with a barrel length of 4.2" or less.
- \* Checker front strap and back strap.
- \* Extended thumb and grip safeties.
- \* Full length guide rod manufactured of material that is no heavier than common steel.
- \* Change of hammer and other trigger action parts to enhance trigger pull.
- \* Beveled magazine well and add-on well extensions.
- \* Custom finishes.

## **REVOLVER DIVISION**

This division is intended for shooters using popular service revolvers such as S&W 66, 686 and Ruger GP-100.

Any Modifications Allowed

Use of any type of holster and ammunition carriers.

## **LIMITED DIVISION**

This division is intended for shooters using pistols modified for enhanced competition use.

Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded in a magazine is unlimited.

Use of any type of holster and ammunition carriers.

Allowed Modifications

- \* Porting of barrels or compensator.
- \* Change of sights to any other than Optics or Electronic sights.
- \* Change of grips (weighted grips allowed).
- \* Internal accuracy work to include replacement of barrel with heavy barrels and cone barrels.
- \* Extended over sized magazine release buttons.
- \* Extended over sized slide release.
- \* Add on weights, weighted magazines, tungsten guide rods and extended dust covers.

## **OPEN DIVISION**

This division is intended for shooters using pistols with any modifications and the use of Optics and Electronic sights.

Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded in a magazine is unlimited.

Use of any type of holster and ammunition carriers.

## **GENERAL MATCH INFORMATION**

The same gun, holster and holster position must be used throughout the match. IF there is a mechanical problem, equipment of similar make or model may be used as a replacement. If said guns or holsters are entered in a Division or Category event, the same guidelines, conditions or restrictions must apply. If these guidelines cannot be met with the replacement gun or holster, the contestant will not be eligible for awards in their Category, but will still remain eligible for Overall Awards.

Should a malfunction or breakage occur, the string of fire will be scored and competitor given the chance to retire for repairs or replacement of the equipment before resuming the course of fire. There are no alibi's or re-shoots for malfunction or breakage.

Contestants are to go to the line prepared with the appropriate number of magazines, or speed loaders and needed ammunition, to avoid causing unnecessary delays. (Single action shooters will understandably require more time to reload.) A contestant may have an assistant to help them in reloading if desired.

When a contestant has finished, the Range Officer will call the next contestant to the line. Practice drawing or sighting must be held to a minimum and will not be allowed after the first string of fire. Thirty (30) seconds will be the standard for making ready for each additional string of fire. If the contestant is not prepared in a timely fashion, the Range Officer will announce, "Make Ready Now". The contestant then has ten (10) seconds to make ready and notify the Range Officer upon having done so. When the shooter is ready they will raise their hands. Wrist must be above the shoulders. Shooter may not leave the box after loaded. If the contestant does not engage the course of fire when the audible start signal sounds, they will be given a maximum time for that string of fire.

Eye and ear protection for all shooters and spectators are required. Individuals observed without eye or ear wear will be required to leave the shooting area.

Competitors may fire as many rounds as they deem necessary for each string of fire.

Please understand that we need to establish a balance between the competitor's need to ready themselves and the amount of time available in each day. Your cooperation will be appreciated by the Match Staff and the other competitors.

All final decisions will be made by the Match Director.

## **HANDGUN CALIBER**

Center fire handguns only with the minimum caliber being 9mm/.38 special. Firearms shall be suitable for holster use.

## **HOLSTERS**

Holsters shall be mounted in the general vicinity of the waist. Holsters must retain the gun. Triggers may not be fully exposed with any holster. Exception - Limited Division and Open Division.

## **AMMUNITION**

There will be no multiple projectile or magnum loads allowed. Bullet velocity of 750 FPS is recommended to achieve full destruction of the bullet.

## **TARGETS**

Targets are variable in size, but are either 8", 10" or 12" circles and 10" x 10" rectangles, 8" x 10" rectangles and A zone IDPA targets which are made of at least AR 400 steel.

## **SCORING**

Your time is your score. Each target must be hit at least on time during each string of fire and a designated stop plate will be hit last to stop the time. The best four out of five runs will be counted as the total score for each stage. Any hits made after the maximum time allowance will not be counted. All shots fired at primary targets after the stop plate has been struck, will be scored with a 3 second penalty each. The maximum time allowed for each individual run is 30 seconds. The competitor will be stopped and asked to reload if they reach the 30 second limit. Three (3) second procedural penalties will be given for creeping or jumping before the start signal, foot faults, shooting at the wrong targets from the designated boxes, and incorrect or non movement.

All shooting boxes will be 3' x 3'.

It is the responsibility of the competitors to check their scores as written on their score cards and to sign their score cards when finished shooting. Any questions concerning the score card should then be asked of the Range Officials. If still needed, a Match Director will then be summoned.

## **SAFETY RULES**

The range is cold! Handguns will not be loaded except as directed by Match Officials. Semi-autos will have an empty magazine well, and all chambers and revolver cylinders will be kept empty.

During loading or unloading, engaging the course of fire and during remedial action in the event of a malfunction, the muzzle of the handgun must ALWAYS be kept pointed down range. If the limit line (180 degrees of the shooter box) is violated with a loaded gun, the contestant will be asked to unload and will be disqualified from the entire match.

After a string of fire, no contestant may leave their position until the firearm has been unloaded, inspected and cleared by the Range Officer. The firearm will then be holstered or placed in a protective sheath or bag.

In the event a firearm cannot be unloaded due to a broken or failed mechanism, the shooter will notify the Range Officer. In no case, will a contestant leave the line with a loaded weapon.

During the contest, contestants will refrain from handling their firearms, except when instructed by a match official or in designated areas.

Should a firearm be dropped during a course of fire, the contestant will not pick up the firearm, but allow the match official to do so. The match official will then unload and inspect the firearm this will result in disqualification.

## **SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

The following violations, any one of which may, and any two of which shall, result in disqualification.

Pointing an Unloaded pistol up range (break the 180 degree line).

Dropping of an Unloaded firearm.

Leaving the line with a loaded pistol.

Any grossly uncontrolled shot or accidental discharge.

Picking up a dropped firearm without the direction of a match official.

The following violations shall result in automatic disqualification from the tournament.

Pointing a loaded firearm up range.

Dropping a loaded firearm.

Any shot fired into the holster or into the ground within six feet of the contestant.

Unsafe handling of a loaded firearm.

Contestants under the influence of a controlled substance. (Alcohol or drugs)

Any behavior or action in violation of sportsmanship codes, or that which directly and/or adversely affects the performance of another competitor.