



NROI Course of Fire Guidelines

Course Design Approval and Registration

Introduction

Practical shooting has been structured around certain guidelines, all aimed at determining the relevance of the technique and equipment.

The Responsibility of the Course Designers

The responsibility of the course designers is to recognize that USPSA/IPSC shooting is an international sport governed by internationally accepted rules.

For a Level III match, registration for the USPSA calendar must be 60 days prior to the match. For a Level II match, registration for the USPSA calendar must be 30 days prior to the match. It is recommended that the Course of Fire be sent to the Sedro Offices on a timely fashion. The rules are set out in the "IPSC Handgun Competition Rules USPSA Version, January 2004 Edition".

The Stage Information Sheet

Each stage should be described using the *Stage Information Sheet [B]*. All the information a Range Officer or competitor needs to know about the course of fire is included on the Stage Information Sheet. Note that the written stage briefing must be posted on each stage during the match. This briefing takes precedence over any other information pertaining to the stage and procedures.

The Application for Level III/Level II

Each Course of Fire package sent to the Sedro office for registration must have included in it, a completed application form [C].

Procedure

1. The match organizer should send the courses of fire with the completed [A], [B] and [C] forms to the Sedro office so that it may be added to the match calendar
2. After registering and posting on the match calendar, the Sedro office will send the course of fire package including the completed forms [A], [B] and [C] to the Director of NROI.
3. The Director of NROI or his delegate will check to insure that the Checklist [A] is correct and that [B] is properly set out. He then will send comments and/or corrections to the match organizer, once the Director of NROI has been supplied with confirmation that the corrections or suggestions offered have been resolved, he will then sign the application form [C] approving the match for Level III/Level II status, sending a copy of the application, form [C] to the Sedro office for filing and the Match Director for that match.
4. The Director of NROI will maintain a file for all matches approved for a period of one year in case of disputes, at the end of that time, these files will be destroyed.



[A] USPSA Course Design Handgun Guidelines and Requirements

Match Name: _____

Date of Match: _____ Today's Date: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Please check-off this list and attach it to your match to assist with the approval process. Then send your match package to the Sedro Woolley office by snail mail or fax 1-360-855-0380.

Stage definitions and guidelines:

No stage shall require more than 9 scoring hits from any one position or view. Stage design must not allow a competitor to eliminate a location or view by shooting all available targets from an earlier location or view. Rule 1.2.1, 1.2.1.1, 1.2.1.2 and 1.2.1.3.

Long courses shall not require any more than 32 rounds to complete. Rule 1.2.1.3.

Medium courses shall not require more than 16 rounds and no more than 3 shooting locations. Rule 1.2.1.2.

Short courses shall not require any more than 9 rounds to complete and nor more than 2 shooting locations. Rule 1.2.1.1.

Standard Exercises must not require more than 24 rounds to complete. Component strings must not require more than 6 rounds (12 rounds if a mandatory reload is specified). Rule 1.2.2.1.

Please refer to the Course Design Notes

01. Yes, the match will be conducted strictly in accordance with the IPSC Handgun Competition Rules USPSA Version January 2004.

02. Yes, we have adapted the designs to insure safety within our range limitations. Safety is our primary consideration.

03. Yes, we have designed the match to provide balance. The courses of fire attempt to evaluate Accuracy, Power and Speed (DVC) equally.

04 Yes, the stages are essentially freestyle. Competitors are permitted the freedom to solve the competitive problems within the safe and relevant situation provided. Competitors can see only those targets to be shot from any single firing position. Competitors will never have to memorize which targets are to be shot from the various positions or views.

05. Yes, if a competitor can see a target, they may shoot that target. Rule 1.1.5.

06. Yes, the stages will not be difficult to setup, run, and will be easily understood by the Range Officer.

07. Yes, we have considered competitors' movement during the courses of fire. All such movement, to a greater or lesser degree, will be downrange (unless specifically required in a stage).

08. Yes, all stages will be able to handle, approximately fifteenth competitors per hour.

09. Yes, we will verify that there are no possible shoot-troughs.

10. Yes, we have attempted to insure that the courses of fire are fair for all levels of shooting skills.

11. Yes, we understand that a variety of high quality courses of fire provides the most enjoyment and fun for the competitors. We have avoided possible tricks or traps in order to prevent needless procedural penalties or disqualifications.

12. Yes, the match will have a minimum of 8 stages for Level III and 5 stages for Level II. US Appendix A1.

13. Yes, the results will be posted directly to the USPSA webpage at USPSA.org immediately following the match.

14. Yes, we have complied with the three (2) month for Level III and two (1) month for Level II requirement to have the stages sent to the Sedro office. US Appendix A1.

15. Yes, we have used only approved targets as outlined in rules 4.2 and 4.3