

Range Rules and Qualification Procedures:

Upon arriving at the range, handguns are to be carried, unloaded and in a gun case or suitable container. A range bag containing your other range gear is acceptable.

Firearms are **NOT** to be handled in any way except in the “**Safe Area**” or on the firing line.

The “**Safe Area**” is a designated area where you can put on your holster and mag pouches and check your handgun for proper function and holster fit. **NO** ammunition is to be handled in the safe area. Leave ammo and loaded magazines or speed loaders in your range bag **NO EXCEPTIONS!** You may leave the “**Safe Area**” with your handgun holstered, unloaded, and (for semi-autos) with no magazine inserted. Once you leave the “**Safe Area**” you are **NOT** to remove your handgun from its holster unless directed to do so by a range officer **AND** only when on the firing line.

Ammunition may be handled anywhere on the range except the Safe Area. You may load magazines and/or speed loaders while waiting to shoot, just don't remove your handgun from its holster. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The only place where ammunition and your handgun may be handled at the same time is on the firing line **AND** when under the direct supervision of a range officer.

Range Commands:

“**Range Is Hot**”: No personnel are to be forward of the firing line, shooters and bystanders are to be wearing hearing and eye protection, handguns and ammunition may be handled by shooters on the firing line only.

“**Load And Make Ready**”: For revolver shooters – load all cylinders and holster a loaded firearm. Do **NOT** cock the hammer. All shoots are to be fired double action. For semi-auto shooters – insert a loaded magazine, load a round into the chamber, engage any safeties or decoking mechanisms, and holster a loaded firearm.

- Keep your finger off the trigger while loading and holstering.
- Keep your firearm pointed down range at all times.
- Do **NOT** leave the firing line with a loaded firearm.

“**Remove Magazines / Show Clear**”: When shooting is complete, hold your firearm pointed down range, open the cylinder, lock the slide back and remove magazines, and wait for a range officer to visually inspect your firearms is unloaded.

“**Slides Forward, Hammer Down**”: For revolvers, close the cylinder. For semi-autos, run the slide forward, and with the firearm **POINTED DOWN RANGE!** Drop the hammer by pulling the trigger. (for semi-autos like the Smith & Wesson with a magazine disconnect, operate the safety/de-cock control)

“**Holster your Weapon**”: Insert your firearm into your holster only when instructed **AND** only after a range officer has visually inspected for an unloaded condition. Keep your finger off the trigger when holstering.

“**Range Is Clear**”: When the range is declared clear, you may go down range to inspect targets or go load magazines or speedloaders. Hearing and eye protection may only be removed if there is no other activity elsewhere on the range.

Qualification Procedure:

For firearms with a 5-shot capacity, 5 rounds are to be fired from a distance of 3 yards to the target, and 10 rounds from each of 5 and 7 yards for a total of 25 rounds fired. The firing from 5 and 7 yards will obviously require that you reload after the first 5 shots and continue with another 5 shots. Range Officers will be observing to ensure that you keep your firearm pointed down range and keep your finger off the trigger when reloading. Violating these rules **WILL** be grounds for disqualification and possibly dismissal. There is a time limit of 20 seconds at 3 yards, and 30 seconds at 5 and 7 yards. Firearms with less than a 5-shot capacity will have to be reloaded at each stage to comply with the 5-shot capacity standards.

For firearms with a 6-shot or greater capacity, 6 rounds are to be fired from a distance of 3 yards to the target, and 12 rounds from each of 5 and 7 yards for a total of 30 rounds fired. When firing from 5 and 7 yards, a reload will be required regardless of capacity. We will recommend you only load 6 rounds into each magazine although you may load 7 in the first magazine and reload after firing 6 shots leaving one round chambered when reloading. Range Officers will be observing to ensure that you keep your firearm pointed down range and keep your finger off the trigger when reloading. Violating these rules **WILL** be grounds for disqualification and possibly dismissal. There is a time limit of 20 seconds at 3 yards, and 30 seconds at 5 and 7 yards.

Scoring: A total of 30 rounds for 6-shot or larger capacity firearms, 25 rounds for 5-shot capacity, must be fired at a B27 or B21 target. Only hits within the 7 ring will be counted. 26 of 30 shots, or 21 of 25 shots must be within the 7 ring to pass.