

2015 JOHN HOLT OPEN MATCH PROCEDURES

A. We will enforce a “COLD RANGE” - No magazines may be loaded until shooters are on the line and the “LOAD” command is given. The RANGE OFFICER will provide an ample time period after the “LOAD” command to allow shooters to load magazines, revolver cylinders, check sights, stance, etc.

B. Chamber flags will be required in all firearms when they are on the line until the “LOAD” command is given. These will be available at the registration table.

RANGE COMMANDS

**LOAD AND MAKE READY
IS THE LINE READY
THE LINE IS READY
READY ON THE RIGHT
READY ON THE LEFT
READY ON THE FIRING LINE
FIRE (HORN)
CEASE FIRE (HORN)
CHECK FOR ALIBIS
MAKE THE LINE SAFE**

TIME ALLOWED

**SLOW FIRE – 5 SHOTS – 2 MINUTES
TIMED FIRE - 5 SHOTS – 20 SECONDS
RAPID FIRE – 5 SHOTS – 10 SECONDS**

ALIBIS

- 1. ALIBIS – An alibi will only be permitted when there is a firearm or ammunition malfunction, failure to get all rounds fired in the allotted time is NOT a reason for an alibi. One alibi will be permitted in the rimfire class and one for the centerfire class per shooter. If the RANGE OFFICER feels that the firearm that has malfunctioned is not safe or cannot be made operable the shooter will be dismissed from the line (AS LONG AS THE FIREARM HAS BEEN UNLOADED) and asked to register in another relay with the firearm repaired or with another firearm for the class – SHOOTING ALL REMAINING STAGES IN FULL. *With this rule in place a shooter will be permitted to clear a problem during the SLOW FIRE stage.***
- 2. SHOOTER PROCEDURE FOR AN ALIBI**
 - a. KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED DOWN RANGE AT ALL TIMES**
 - b. AS SOON AS THE “CEASE FIRE “ COMMAND IS GIVEN RAISE YOUR OFF HAND TO SIGNAL A PROBLEM, THE RANGE OFFICERS WILL ASK ALL OTHER SHOOTERS TO BACK AWAY FROM THEIR PLACE ON THE FIRING LINE**
 - c. STAY AT YOUR PLACE ON THE FIRING LINE AND KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED DOWNRANGE UNTIL THE RANGE OFFICER ARRIVES AND SEES THE PROBLEM, ONCE IT IS SEEN YOU MAY SAFELY CLEAR THE PROBLEM. IF YOU CLEAR THE PROBLEM BEFORE THE RANGE OFFICER SEES IT YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ALIBI!!!**
 - d. IF YOU NEED HELP CLEARING THE PROBLEM PLEASE ASK BUT KEEP THE LOADED FIREARM POINTED DOWNRANGE. A RANGE OFFICER WILL NOT HELP UNLESS YOU ASK FOR IT.**
- 3.**
 - a. IF THE FIREARMS IS CLEARED AND DEEMED SAFE BY THE RANGE OFFICER THE SHOOTER WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE THE STAGE OF FIRE. 4 SECONDS PER SHOT WILL BE ALLOWED FOR TIMED FIRE AND 2 SECONDS PER SHOT FOR RAPID FIRE.**

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