

SPRA RANGE PROCEDURES

A bolt flag must be inserted in the chamber or the bolt must be removed from the rifle at all times except when you are on the firing point to shoot or actually shooting. Horizontal loading rule applies at the Northstar range, meaning no live ammo in a chamber with the bolt fully closed until you are on aim.

Rifles may only be brought onto the firing point when the red flag in the butts has been raised.

Competitions are usually fired with two or three people on each target. The shooter on the right always shoots first. If two on a target, then you alternate shoots, scoring for each other. If three on a target, the order of fire is Right, Middle, Left and you score for the person who shoots after you.

For the first string of the day 2 optional practise shoots are allowed and these are not entered on the score card.

Competitions normally consist of 2 sighters and 10 or 15 rounds on score. All of these shots must be entered on the score card, and no extra shots are allowed, except in unusual circumstances and then only with the permission of the range officer. One such circumstance would be the target being pulled while you are firing your shot, causing a high hit or a miss, in which case you are allowed a replacement shot. Another circumstance would be a long delay (5 minutes +) between shots due to a target malfunction or a cease-fire order, in which case you are permitted an optional sighter, which is not scored.

The 2 sighters are convertible to scoring shots, both sighters or just the second sighter may be converted. (You cannot take the first only, and not the second.) Example: You shoot 5,5 for sighters—you will take both. If you shot 5,4 you could take both, or just the 4—you can't take the 5 without taking the 4 also.

When sighters are converted to scoring shots, you must draw a line through the sighter and rewrite the value in the proper scoring column.

If a shooter misses 4 consecutive shots, they must cease fire and allow the other shooter to finish his match, after which they may assist the missing shooter in getting on target. However, only the specified number of rounds for the competition will be scored. Example: A shooter does not hit paper until the 6th shot on score, the score card will show misses for the sighters and first five shots on score. No extra shots allowed.

When all the shooters on the target are finished, you must inspect the rifle of the person for whom you kept score to make sure that the rifle is unloaded and a bolt flag is inserted or the bolt removed before leaving the firing point.