

Northwestern Connecticut Sportsmen's Association Range Rules

Action Pistol Range Rules

Action Pistol Bay Purpose: The Action Pistol bay is multipurposed:

1. Provide NWCSA members who compete in sanctioned Action Pistol matches (USPSA, IDPA, ICORE, and NRA Action pistol) a place to practice.
2. Host sanctioned matches per the rules of USPSA, IDPA, ICORE, and NRA Action pistol organizations.
3. Conduct supervised practice sessions for NWCSA and their guests for the purpose of improving skills and introducing new shooters to the sport.

Operating Rules for Action Pistol range:

1. An experienced safety officer must be present for Action Pistol Range use. Experienced is defined as an IDPA Safety Officer (SO), USPSA Range Safety Officer (RSO), ICORE / NRA Action Pistol Range Office (RO), or National Range Officer Institute (NROI) graduate and having performed as a safety officer at a minimum of three sanctioned or club matches. The Action Pistol Committee Chairman will maintain an active list of safety officers who must be present for range use.
2. Current NWCSA members and their guests may use the Action Pistol range only if a NWCSA Action Pistol safety officer is present and is supervising their course of fire.
3. Current rules from USPSA, ICORE, IDPA, or NRA Action Pistol must be followed for use and set up of the range.

Safety Rules:

1. Col Jeff Cooper's Rules of Gun Safety are very applicable in action pistol:
 - All guns are always loaded. Even if they are not, treat them as if they are.
 - Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy. See Rule 1.
 - Keep your finger off the trigger till your sights are on the target. This is the Golden Rule.
 - Identify your target, and what is behind it.
2. Any person in the action pistol bay may call a "STOP" if a potentially dangerous situation is observed.
3. Unless other muzzle safe points are noted, a 180 degree line will be maintained on the Action Pistol Range. The definition of this line will be drawn from the current USPSA rulebook.

General Rules:

1. The safety officer's commands must be obeyed at all times. If a potentially unsafe condition is noticed by any shooter or spectator, an emergency "STOP" must be called and all present must obey immediately.
2. Shooting hours are per club policy.
3. Proper ear and eye protection are required for all shooters and spectators in the action pistol pit boundaries.
4. A Safe Area Table may be designated for the purpose of unbagging, handling, and holstering a firearm. Ammo and ammo feeding devices may be stowed on your person but there is to be NO handling ammunition or dummy rounds at Safe Table. The only exception to this rule is when it is necessity to clear a malfunction, but an SO must be present until the malfunction is cleared and the gun is made safe.
5. Firearms will be bagged or holstered at all times and not handled unless at a Safe Table or when following the instructions of a safety officer during a course of fire.
6. Shooters may not move forward of the firing line until safety officer has issued "Range is clear" command.

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7. Allowed firearms are outlined in the rules of each discipline. Magnum handguns and shotguns are not allowed. Carbines chambered for non-magnum, straight wall, pistol calibers are allowed. Firearm carry and storage will be per current USPSA rule book.
8. Although a safety officer is present and supervising all live fire, the shooter is ultimately responsible for every round shot from their firearm.

Note: Any person who violates these rules will be subject to suspension of membership or expulsion from the club.