

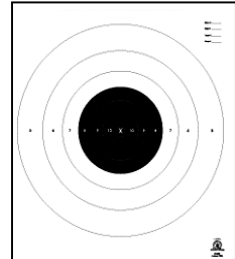
Guide for Range Officers PA 50M BLACK POWDER

Before the competition

- NO SMOKING' signs displayed (**mandatory**)
- Eye protection (**mandatory for all**)
- Hearing protection
- Stopwatch
- Targets
- Patches
- Be familiar with operation of the timer, if used

Targets

PA 50m Black Powder Target at 50m



Course of Fire

Sighting series

1 series of 5-shots. in 15 minutes including loading

Competition series

4 series of 10-shots, each in 30 minutes including loading

Check the range is clear of personnel

“PREPARATION TIME BEGINS NOW”

- Start stopwatch
- Check that all personnel are wearing eye protection (mandatory)
- (for competition) check:
 - Shooters in the correct bays,
 - Pistols and other equipment approved
 - Shooters wearing Start Numbers if provided
- Firing Caps is permitted **only** after the Range Officer has checked that there is no exposed powder and given permission.

After 10 (ten) minutes, stop stopwatch, and call...

“SIGHTING SERIES ... LOAD AND FIRE”

- Start stopwatch

After 15 minutes, stop stopwatch, and call...

“STOP ... UNLOAD”

- Clear all pistols
- Shooters who wish to clean a pistol must disassemble the pistol and have it inspected by the Range Officer. The pistol must remain obviously disassembled until next command to 'load and fire'

Allow scoring personnel forward

After all personnel have returned

“FIRST (second, third, fourth) SERIES ... LOAD AND FIRE”

- Start stopwatch

After 30 minutes, stop stopwatch, and call...

“STOP ... UNLOAD”

- Clear all pistols
- Shooters who wish to clean a pistol must disassemble the pistol and have it inspected by the Range Officer. The pistol must remain obviously disassembled until next command to 'load and fire'.

For subsequent series, repeat last two steps, as above.

At the end of the relay

Clear all pistols for casing and removal

Complete Range Report, and forward to Classification Office

SAFETY

- 'NO SMOKING' signs **must be displayed and enforced**. There is to be NO smoking or naked flames on a Black Powder range.
- All personnel must wear eye protection from the time PREPARATION TIME is announced, until the completion of the stage.
- Shooters must be in alternate bays. The vacant bays may not be used for loading or storage of black powder.
- For a misfire (i.e. the hammer falls without discharge) for whatever reason, the shooter must wait **FIVE** seconds with the pistol or revolver in a safe direction **before re-cocking**.
- For a misfire of a break-action pistol (i.e. the hammer falls without discharge) for whatever reason, the shooter must wait **FIFTEEN** seconds with the pistol in a safe direction **before opening the action**.
- Extra percussion caps must be covered while firing is in progress.
- Loaded chambers of revolvers must be greased.
- In all cases, the Range Officer must clear the pistol before it may be removed from the firing line.
- **Targets are scored** in the Classification Office

