



MANDAR DISCIPLINE

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SSAA WA MANDAR MATCH

SECTION 1: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Mandar match is intended to offer a challenging and active sport which will test the capacity of the shooter and their equipment.

Mandar is open to all SSAA members who are trained in the use of handguns.

SECTION 2: FIREARM SPECIFICATIONS

PRINCIPLES

All handguns will compete together without handicap.

HANDGUNS - GENERAL

Grips Standard left or right hand grips. No orthopaedic type grips that provide support to the hand or wrist that will prevent the handgun from falling freely to the ground when the hand is opened.

Minimum calibre allowable for centre fire is 9mm.

Any Rim fire in .22 Long rifle. At all registered matches or State titles only .22 long rifle ammunition to be used.

Sights there shall be no restriction on sights or sight radius or the barrel length.

There shall be no restrictions on the weight of the trigger pull, provided it functions safely and as originally intended.

Trigger shoes or extensions of any kind will not protrude beyond the dimensions of the trigger guard.

Handguns used in the match shall be serviceable and safe.

Competitors handguns may be inspected at any time throughout the conduct of the competition, to ensure that it complies with the competition rules.

One handgun only will be used by a competitor in all stages of a match. If during a match the original handgun becomes unserviceable, the competitor may continue to compete using another handgun, of the same calibre provided the competitor doesn't gain an advantage over their prior handgun.

AMMUNITION

All ammunition used must be safe. Any ammunition considered to be unsafe by the Range Officer must not be used.

No replacement time will be allowed for ammunition failure, or failure of the handgun to feed the ammunition. A competitor will only take 48 rounds to the firing line. In the event of ammunition failure or malfunction you may rectify and continue to fire provided you can do so in the allocated time left but you can only fire the designated number of rounds each time the target faces.

SECTION 3: EQUIPMENT & MODE OF DRESS.

HOLSTERS – holsters must be safe with the trigger covered and retain the handgun firmly in the normal range of movements.

CASED Handguns - cased handguns must be carried to the firing line in its case. The case maybe opened but the handgun may not be handled until the command

‘**Load and make ready**’ is given

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Ear and eye protection - It is strongly recommended that **ear and eye protection** be worn at all times by persons who are in the vicinity of the firing line whilst shooting is underway.

Closed shoes or boots - It is recommended that suitable clothing, including **enclosed shoes or boots**, be worn at all times by a competitor whilst engaged in the competition and in the vicinity of the firing line.

A competitor may wear medical equipment which may be seen as giving support. If a medical certificate confirming the competitors need to wear such a device for health reasons are submitted before a match.

Clothing - Camouflage or pattern disruptive clothing is discouraged. Competitor using such clothing may be asked to leave the range.

SECTION 4 STAFFING REQUIREMENTS & DUTIES

To conduct a registered tournament the following requirements should be met.

MATCH DIRECTOR - the official in charge of the entire match including squads, scheduling, coordinating other staff and services.

Safety Officer: the official in charge of range safety.

Chief Range Officer or Discipline Captain is responsible for the overall conduct of the course of fire, briefing competitors & answer questions about the course of fire. He is responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the match directing the range officers for the stages, directing the shooters in matters of safety.

Range Officers - there shall be one range officer per stage of the match. They are responsible for conducting the shooters through the stage, ensuring the rules are applied equally and impartially. They will select safety officers to assist him on the range.

Chief Scorer - the official who will receive all score card from the range staff and records the score and publishes the results.

Scorers - there should be at least two scorers per stage.

Patchers - there should be enough patchers so the match does not get held up, they will follow the scorers and patch the targets.

SECTION 5: SCORING.

Where the outside diameter of the shot touches the line it will be given the highest value. A plug gauge or overlay scoring slide of the appropriate calibre maybe used by the scorer to check. A bullet hole may only be gauged once.

On a turning or disappearing target: any bullet hole greater than one and a half times calibre in diameter will not be scored.

Crossfire: If more than the required number of shots appears on the target, any shot which can be identified as not being fired by the competitor assigned that target, or having been fired in the previous string, will be discarded and not scored. If more than the required number of shots then remains on the target, the competitor will receive the highest scoring shots.

Visible shots and close groups: as a general rule only those shots which are visible will be scored. An exception will be made in a case where a group of 3 or more shots is so close that it was possible that the required number of shots could have gone through the enlarged hole and there is no evidence that shots have gone through elsewhere on the assigned target. In this case the competitor will be given the benefit of doubt and scored hits for non visible hits on the assumption they passed through the enlarged hole

After the stage has been shot a competitor shall not approach closer than 1 metre of their target until the target is scored and entered on the score sheet. Any competitor failing to observe this rule may have the target scored as "a missed target" no score.

5.6.1 A competitor may challenge the score on any target. In the first instance to the Range Officer that decision may be appealed to the Chief Range Officer or Match Director. Their decision may only be challenged by raising a formal protest with the Disputes and Appeals committee. The target will not be patched until the dispute is settled. It should be removed and a new one installed.

Any shot fired before or after the signal to commence or cease fire will receive a 10 point penalty.

Once the score sheet has been signed it may not be changed except for arithmetic errors.

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the correct scores are entered on the Score sheets.

SECTION 6 SAFETY VIOLATIONS

A Safety violation will disqualify the competitor from that stage it occurred in. A second Safety violation in the same match will disqualify that competitor from the match.

Safety Violations will include but not limited to the following:

- a) Pointing an unloaded handgun up range
- b) Dropping a unloaded handgun
- c) Leaving the firing line with a loaded handgun
- d) Holstering or casing a handgun that has not been cleared.
- e) Loading or drawing the handgun before the command "load and make ready"
- f) Engaging the trigger while at the ready position
- g) Playing or fiddling with the handgun while holstered or cased before the order is given handle the handgun, other than in the safety area
- h) Accidental discharge while at the ready
- i) Handling live ammunition in the safety area
- j) Allowing the handgun to swing from the down range position excessively (more than 15 degrees) while loading, clearing or correcting a malfunction.

BREACHES OF SAFETY

This is a breach of safety where the possibility of injury is high. A breach of safety requires automatic disqualification from the match. They are not limited to the following.

- a) Pointing a loaded handgun up range
- b) Dropping a loaded handgun
- c) Picking up a dropped loaded handgun
- d) Any shot into the ground less than 2 metres down range from the firing line
- e) Consumption of alcohol or drugs before or during competing in a match

SECTION 7: RANGE PROCEDURES

Ready position: Handguns unless stated in the course of fire the ready position will be pointing down range at the 45 degree finger off the trigger.

The Range officer will brief the competitors on the stage to be shot.

Range Commands

“SHOOTERS OR SHOOTER DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE COURSE OF FIRE?”

The competitors may ask for any information or clarification on the course. If the Competitor answers **“yes”** the range officer will issue the next command.

“LOAD AND MAKE READY”. The competitor facing down range will fit ear and eye protection, draw load and make ready, then adopt the ready position.

NOTE: At the “load and make ready” Command the competitor may elect to leave his slide open or battery his firearm and engage the safety. Only after the standby is given may he disengage or cock the firearm.

“ARE YOU READY?” If a competitor is not ready they must state in a loud voice **“NOT READY”**

The range officer will pause briefly then repeat the question. If no answer is given the range officer will give the next command.

“STANDBY” - the competitor must remain at the ready until the cue to commence fire is given. The cue may be verbal, visual, or audible starting cue will be given within 3 seconds of the standby signal.

“CEASE FIRE” after the designated time it will be cued by a verbal, visual or audible signal.

“SHOOTERS UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR”. While pointing down range the competitor will unload the firearm. Revolver will have the cylinder swung out; semi-auto will have the magazine out and the action open.

“CLEAR, ACTION CLOSED HAMMER DOWN AND HOLSTER OR CASE” - The competitor will close the cylinder or slide and holster the firearm or place the firearm in its case closing the lid.

“RANGE CLEAR MOVE FORWARD AND PATCH” - the range officials may now move forward and perform their duties.

SECTION 8: COMPETITORS

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their equipment meets the rules and is serviceable.

In the event of a malfunction of the firearm and the malfunction can be rectified before the end of the time limit for that detail, the competitor may continue until the time limit expires for that detail.

All competitors and their guest will behave in a sportsman like manner. In the event of boisterous or disruptive behaviour the range officer shall caution the offender once and should there be a repetition of such conduct the offender if a competitor they shall be disqualified and asked to leave the firing line. If a guest or spectator they shall be asked to leave the range.

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they understood the course of fire.

A junior competitor shall be any SSAA member under the age of 18.

A veteran shall be any SSAA member 60 years of age and over at the date of the competition.

STUCK LIVE ROUND: MANDATORY RULE

In the event of a malfunction which results in a stuck live round which cannot be simply removed from the breech end of the barrel, the firearm is to be made safe and removed from the range to a competent person for repairs. Under no circumstance is an attempt to be made to remove the round by insertion of a cleaning rod or similar object from the muzzle end of the firearm.

SECTION 9: REGISTERED MATCHES

An Association or Branch of the SSAA (W.A.) Inc wishing to host a registered competition shall notify their State Delegate, who will inspect the range (if necessary) and notify the State Secretary no later than 7 days before the competition.

No club level competition will be registered at the same time as a State registered competition and only one state level competition will be registered at one time within a state.

Once a competition is registered the host club shall be responsible for advertising the competition to all clubs.

The host club will decide and advertise the nomination fee. There will be no late nomination fee; however the host club may give a discount for early nominations.

The host club will be responsible for providing the range equipment, targets, range staff and trophies for the competition.

The minimum trophies required for a registered competition will be 1st 2nd and 3rd in both categories and grades of centre fire and rim fire. In the event there is only 1 competitor in a grade they must score within 10 points of that grade score to qualify for a trophy. There will be a 1st for juniors, 2nd and 3rd provided there are 4 or more junior competitors.

Host clubs may choose to award additional trophies veterans, ladies etc if they wish.

All competitors in a registered competition must be financial members of SSAA and have had the necessary basic training in handguns.

Grading cards shall be sighted; any competitor without a grade shall compete in the highest grade contested on that day.

SECTION 10: PROTEST AND APPEALS

At all registered competitions there shall be a Protest and Appeals Committee, which shall be formed by the host club to hear and decide protest and appeals.

The Appeals Committee shall consist of a minimum of three people drawn from the Competitors one of whom will act as chairman. But in no case may an appellant or protester be include as part of the Appeals Committee at the time of their appeal or protest. In competitions where more than one club is represented a delegate from each club may be appointed to the committee.

A protest maybe lodged by a competitor who feels aggrieved by a decision of the Range Officer, target scorers, or any other organizational matters or methods of conducting the competition. A competitor may protest the conduct of another competitor or that the competitor has not full filled his obligations according to the rules, or has not properly obeyed the rules.

The protest must be lodge in writing and accompanied by a fee, the amount nominated by the organizers of the competition. If the protest or appeal is upheld, the

applicant is to be refunded the amount of the fee. If the protest or appeal is disallowed then the fee shall be forfeited to the organizers conducting the competition.

The protest is to be lodged with the range officer or other person nominated by the organisers of the competition. A protest or appeal may be lodged during the conduct of the competition, or after the competition has been completed but no later than 30 minutes after the scores for that competition have been posted or announced. When received the protest or appeal must be given to the Chairman of the appeals committee as soon as possible.

The chairman shall convene the appeals committee without undue delay and the Appeals committee shall be empowered to hear evidence from the protester, the Appellant and persons involved in the protest, to require the Range Officer, Scorers, or organisers to produce targets, score sheets, or any other material relevant to the protest. To call evidence from any other person(s) who may be able to help the committee and to do all such other things that the appeals committee believes will enable it to reach an unbiased and just decision.

AN ACCUSED PERSON SHALL

- 1) Have a right to be heard before the appeals committee and to remain in attendance during each session of the appeals committee.
- 2) Be advised of the time and place the appeals shall hear evidence of the protest and appeal.
- 3) Be entitled to remain in attendance before the appeals committee until the appeals adjourns the proceedings to consider its decision.
- 4) Be informed of the evidence or allegations being made.
- 5) Be supplied the details of verbal or written statements made against that person(s).
- 6) Be given the opportunity before the appeals committee to correct or repudiate any allegations being made by producing persons or evidence in his defence.
- 7) Immediately the appeals committee has made its decision, the chairman shall announce it to the gathering of competitors summoned to hear the decision, or post the decision on a notice board. The decision shall be final and binding on the matter of the protest and on all persons concerned therein.

SECTION 11: GRADING

CENTRE FIRE	460 and above	A grade
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	440 and above	B grade
	Below 440	C grade
RIM FIRE	470 and above	A grade
	445 and above	B grade
	Below 445	C grade

To qualify for the next grade these scores must be shot three times.

SECTION 12: COURSE OF FIRE

Target 1 Service match target.

1st stage 25 metres 6 rounds in 35 seconds.

2nd stage 25 metres 12 rounds in 35 seconds including a mandatory reload.

3rd stage 15 metres 1 round in 2 seconds for 12 rounds 2x6. Targets will face away for 3 seconds or a 3 second pause.

4th stage 10 metres 2 rounds in 2 seconds for 12 rounds 2x6. Targets will face away for 3 seconds or a 3 second pause.

5th stage 10 metres 6 rounds in 4 seconds.