



CMP RIMFIRE SPORTER MATCH PROCEDURES AND RANGE COMMANDS

- ⊙ Pre-match administration is critical for the success of your match. Outstanding competitions occur when match sponsors pay attention to all details associated with the competition.
- ⊙ These range procedures are written for ranges where two targets can be hung at one time on each competitor's firing point. One or two targets can be hung for the sighter stage and then two targets are placed on the target holders for each position, one for slow-fire and one for rapid-fire. This allows the slow-fire and rapid-fire stages for each position to be fired consecutively without requiring a break to go downrange to change targets. If only one target can be hung at one time, the line must be cleared after each slow-fire stage so that personnel may go downrange to change targets after each stage. If more than two targets can be hung at one time the number of target changes can be reduced and commands must be adjusted accordingly.
- ⊙ Squadding: Rimfire Sporter relays will normally have some competitors firing semi-auto rifles and some with manually operated rifles. If possible, squad semi-autos on one side of the range and manually operated rifles on the other side. This will facilitate the staggered rapid-fire starts that are recommended and described in these procedures.
- ⊙ Target Labeling: Prior to hanging targets and firing, all targets must be labeled with competitor's names and CMP competitor numbers (if available). This information should be placed in the upper right corner of the target. Below the name and CMP competitor number the rifle class should be recorded (mark with an "O," "T" or "Tactical"). All targets must also have the relay, stage and firing point marked on them.
- ⊙ Scoring may be done by competitors or by a designated scoring staff. .22 cal. scoring gauges and Eagle Eye overlays must be available as scoring aids.
- ⊙ Range Officers must signal "YES" to Chief Range Officer questions (**IS THE LINE CLEAR, IS THE LINE READY**, etc.) by extending their arms and pointing downrange. Range Officers signal "NO" by extending the arm to the rear of the firing line. Range officers may also use paddles with a disc that is colored red on one side (to signal NO) and green on the other side (to signal YES).
- ⊙ Scheduling/Time Allowances. When a 60-shot Rimfire Sporter Course is conducted by using these procedures (hanging two targets at a time) and commands, it will take approximately 90 minutes to complete one relay of firing. When planning a time schedule for a competition, allow 15 minutes before each relay starts for a safety briefing and allow 15 minutes to change from one relay of competitors to the next relay.



FIRING PROCEDURES AND RANGE OFFICER COMMANDS

Note: These range procedures and firing commands are written for ranges where two targets are hung at one time on each competitor's firing point. One or two targets can be hung for the sighter stage and then two targets are placed on the target holders for each position, one for slow-fire and one for rapid-fire. If more than two targets can be hung at one time the number of target changes can be reduced and commands must be adjusted accordingly.

SIGHTING STAGE COMMANDS AND PROCEDURES

| COMMAND | INSTRUCTIONS/ALTERNATE ACTIONS |
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| <p>WELCOME TO THE CMP-SANCTIONED (Match Name) RIMFIRE SPORTER MATCH.</p> <p>RELAY (Relay Number), MOVE YOUR RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE FIRING LINE...GROUND YOUR RIFLES.</p> | <p>Instruct all competitors to be sure their targets are labeled so they can be identified. Sighter targets do not need to be labeled.</p> <p>If competitors are asked to go downrange to hang their own targets, all rifles must be grounded with ECIs inserted after they are brought to the firing line.</p> |
| After competitors' equipment is in place: | |
| IS THE LINE CLEAR? | Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all rifles are grounded with ECIs inserted. |
| YOU MAY GO DOWNRANGE AND PLACE YOUR SIGHTER TARGETS. | Sighter targets are placed at 50 yards. |
| After competitors return to the firing line: | |



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| <p>ARE ALL PERSONNEL BACK FROM DOWNRANGE?</p> <p>ALL PERSONNEL ARE BEHIND THE FIRING LINE...</p> <p>COMPETITORS, TAKE YOUR POSITIONS...</p> <p>YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN IN ONE MINUTE.</p> | <p><i>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that everyone is back from downrange.</i></p> |
| <p>After 1:00 minute:</p> | |
| <p>YOUR THREE-MINUTE PREPARATION PERIOD BEGINS NOW. PREPARATION PERIODS FOR ALL OTHER STAGES WILL BE ONE MINUTE.</p> | <p><i>During Preparation Periods, competitors may remove ECIs and dry fire, but rifles may not be loaded.</i></p> |
| <p>After 3:00 minutes:</p> | |



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| <p>YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED...</p> <p>YOU WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES FOR UNLIMITED SIGHTING SHOTS...</p> <p>WITH ACTIONS OPEN OR CLOSED ON EMPTY CHAMBERS...LOAD FIVE ROUNDS...</p> <p>AFTER FIRING FIVE ROUNDS, YOU MAY LOAD ANOTHER FIVE ROUNDS AND CONTINUE FIRING...</p> <p>IS THE LINE READY?</p> | <p>Give competitors sufficient time to load without rushing them. Be alert for competitors with tube magazine rifles who may need a little extra time to load.</p> <p>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all competitors have safely loaded their rifles.</p> |
| <p>THE LINE IS READY...SIGHTING SHOTS...START!</p> | |
| <p>After 5:00 minutes (or when all competitors have finished firing):</p> | |
| <p>IS ALL FIRING COMPLETE?</p> <p>FIRING IS COMPLETE.</p> | <p>Skip these commands if the full 5:00 minute sighter period has finished.</p> <p>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate whether additional firing time is required.</p> <p>If YES, the CRO can announce that firing is complete.</p> |
| <p>STOP, UNLOAD, INSERT ECIs AND GROUND YOUR RIFLES...IS THE LINE CLEAR?</p> | <p>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate whether all rifles in their sectors have been grounded with ECIs inserted.</p> |



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| <p>THE LINE IS CLEAR...YOU MAY GO FORWARD AND PLACE YOUR PRONE SLOW-FIRE AND PRONE RAPID-FIRE TARGETS.</p> | <p><i>Prone targets must be placed at 50 yards.</i></p> |
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COMPETITION STAGES FOR:

- **1 & 2: PRONE SLOW & RAPID**
- **3 & 4: SITTING OR KNEELING SLOW & RAPID**
- **5 & 6: STANDING SLOW AND RAPID**

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| <p>ARE ALL PERSONNEL BACK FROM DOWNRANGE?</p> | <p><i>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that everyone is back from downrange.</i></p> |
| <p>ALL PERSONNEL ARE BEHIND THE FIRING LINE... COMPETITORS, TAKE YOUR POSITIONS... YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN IN ONE MINUTE.</p> | <p><i>During this 1:00 minute interlude, competitors may handle their rifles and get into position, but ECIs must remain inserted until the preparation period begins.</i></p> |
| <p>After 1:00 minute:</p> | |
| <p>YOUR ONE-MINUTE PREPARATION PERIOD FOR THE (Prone, Sitting or Kneeling, Standing) SLOW-FIRE STAGE BEGINS NOW.</p> | <p><i>Competitors may remove ECIs and dry fire during preparations periods.</i></p> |
| <p>After 1:00 minute:</p> | |



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| <p><i>YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED...</i></p> <p><i>THIS STAGE WILL BE TEN SHOTS FOR RECORD IN A TIME LIMIT OF TEN MINUTES...</i></p> <p><i>WITH ACTIONS OPEN OR CLOSED ON EMPTY CHAMBERS...LOAD FIVE ROUNDS...</i></p> <p><i>IS THE LINE READY?</i></p> | <p><i>Give competitors sufficient time to load.</i></p> <p><i>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all competitors have safely loaded their rifles.</i></p> |
| <p><i>THE LINE IS READY...(Prone, Sitting or Kneeling, or Standing) SLOW-FIRE...START</i></p> | |
| <p><i>After 10:00 minutes (or when all competitors have finished firing):</i></p> | |
| <p><i>IS ALL FIRING COMPLETE?</i></p> <p><i>FIRING IS COMPLETE.</i></p> | <p><i>Skip these commands if the full 10:00 minute firing period has finished.</i></p> <p><i>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate whether additional firing time is required.</i></p> <p><i>If YES, the CRO can announce that firing is complete.</i></p> |



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| <p>STOP, UNLOAD, INSERT ECIs...</p> <p>IS THE LINE CLEAR?</p> | <p><i>Use this command and question after confirming that firing is complete or after 10:00 minutes has expired.</i></p> <p><i>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate whether all rifle in their sectors have ECIs inserted.</i></p> |
| <p>THE LINE IS CLEAR...</p> <p>YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD FOR THE (Prone, Sitting or Kneeling, Standing) RAPID-FIRE STAGE WILL BEGIN IN ONE MINUTE.</p> | <p><i>During this 1:00 minute interlude, competitors may continue to handle their rifles, but ECIs must remain inserted until the next preparation period begins.</i></p> |
| <p>After 1:00 minute:</p> | |
| <p>YOUR ONE-MINUTE PREPARATION PERIOD FOR THE (Prone, Sitting or Kneeling, Standing) RAPID-FIRE STAGE BEGINS NOW.</p> | |
| <p>After 1:00 minute:</p> | |
| <p>YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED...THIS WILL BE YOUR FIRST RAPID-FIRE SERIES...</p> <p>ON THE FIRING LINE STAND... WITH ACTIONS OPEN OR CLOSED ON EMPTY CHAMBERS...LOAD FIVE ROUNDS.</p> | <p><i>Give competitors sufficient time to load.</i></p> |



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| <p>THE FIRST START COMMAND WILL BE FOR COMPETITORS WITH MANUALLY OPERATED RIFLES WHO HAVE 30 SECONDS TO FIRE FIVE SHOTS...THE SECOND START COMMAND WILL BE FOR COMPETITORS WITH SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES WHO HAVE 25 SECONDS TO FIRE FIVE SHOTS... IS THE LINE READY?</p> | <p><i>Give these instructions for the first rapid-fire series only.</i></p> <p><i>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all competitors have safely loaded their rifles.</i></p> |
| <p>THE LINE IS READY... MANUALLY OPERATED RIFLES...START!</p> | |
| <p>After 5 seconds:</p> | |
| <p>SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES...START!</p> | |
| <p>After 30 seconds (5 + 25 seconds):</p> | |
| <p>STOP, STOP, UNLOAD... ARE ALL RIFLES UNLOADED?</p> | <p><i>If any rifles remain loaded, a Range Officer must direct the removal of any cartridges in the chamber or magazine. It is not necessary to insert ECIs between the first and second rapid-fire series.</i></p> <p><i>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all rifles are unloaded.</i></p> |



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| <p>ALL RIFLES ARE UNLOADED... COMMANDS FOR SECOND RAPID FIRE SERIES WILL BEGIN IN ONE MINUTE.</p> | <p><i>The one-minute pause is allowed to give competitors time to check groups, adjust sights, reload clips, etc.</i></p> |
| <p><i>After 1:00 minute:</i></p> | |
| <p>THIS WILL BE YOUR SECOND RAPID-FIRE SERIES... ON THE FIRING LINE STAND... WITH ACTIONS OPEN OR BOLTS CLOSED ON EMPTY CHAMBERS...LOAD FIVE ROUNDS... TWO START COMMANDS WITH TIME LIMITS OF 30 AND 25 SECONDS WILL BE GIVEN... IS THE LINE READY?</p> | <p><i>Give competitors sufficient time to load. Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all competitors have safely loaded their rifles.</i></p> |
| <p>THE LINE IS READY... MANUALLY OPERATED RIFLES...START!</p> | |
| <p><i>After 5 seconds:</i></p> | |
| <p>SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES...START!</p> | |
| <p><i>After 30 seconds (5 + 25 seconds):</i></p> | |



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| <p>STOP, STOP, UNLOAD, INSERT ECIs, GROUND YOUR RIFLES...</p> <p>IS THE LINE CLEAR?</p> | <p><i>If any rifles remain loaded, a Range Officer must direct the removal of any cartridges in the chamber or magazine. ECIs must be inserted after the second rapid-fire series.</i></p> <p><i>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all rifles are unloaded and grounded with ECIs inserted.</i></p> |
| <p>THE LINE IS CLEAR...</p> <p>YOU MAY GO FORWARD TO RETRIEVE FIRED TARGETS AND PLACE YOUR (Sitting or Kneeling, or Standing) SLOW-FIRE AND RAPID-FIRE TARGETS.</p> | <p><i>All targets must be properly labeled. Sitting or kneeling targets must be placed at 50 yards; standing targets must be placed at 25 yards.</i></p> |
| <p><i>If the sitting or kneeling and/or standing stages remain to be fired, return to the beginning of the Competition Stages Commands to start the next position and stages:</i></p> | |
| <p><i>Or if the standing rapid-fire stage is finished:</i></p> | |
| <p>THE LINE IS CLEAR...</p> <p>REMOVE YOUR RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIRING LINE...THEN RETURN TO THE FIRING LINE TO POLICE YOUR BRASS AND TRASH...</p> <p>DO NOT GO FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO...</p> <p>ARE ALL RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT REMOVED FROM THE FIRING LINE?</p> | <p><i>When a relay has finished firing, all rifles and equipment must be removed from the firing line before policing brass or going forward to retrieve targets.</i></p> <p><i>Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that rifles and equipment have been removed from the firing line.</i></p> |



PLEASE POLICE YOUR BRASS AND TRASH FROM YOUR FIRING POINT...

YOU MAY GO FORWARD AND REMOVE YOUR TARGETS.

If there is another relay to fire, return to the Sighting Stage Commands to start the next relay in its sighting stage:

Or if the match is finished:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...THIS CONCLUDES YOUR (Match Name) RIMFIRE SPORTER MATCH.