

Twin Cities Winter Pistol League

2017 Season

Shooting and Scoring Rules

Our goal is to make pistol shooting enjoyable and fair for all participants.

Current NRA rules shall govern except as noted below.

All matches will be “postal matches”. All teams will shoot on their home range and email the scores to the league statistician.

Note: Rule changes are in *bold italic* script.

Match

1. Each team captain must complete the Team Information Sheet and submit it with the league fees to Eric Sillanpaa on or before the first match in February. League fees are \$30.00 per person which includes awards.
2. Shooters that have not paid their fees can not represent their team on the score sheets. If an individual pays his fees late his scores can represent the team from that time forward!
3. The shooter’s name, team, match date, caliber and score for each target are required on the score sheets. Each score sheet is to be signed by the team captain or his designate.
4. The team scores will be emailed to the League Statistician immediately after each match.
5. Shooters choose positions on the firing line in the order in which they entered their name on the sign-in sheet. If shooting more than 1 match in an evening the shooter must add his/her name to sign-in sheet for 2nd match after he/she has shot his/her 1st match etc.
6. League Shooters take precedence over those shooters that are practicing for positions on the line. [If your team is not scheduled to shoot you are practicing even if you are making up for a missed match]
7. An evening match consists of two National Match Courses of fire.
8. The 900 match consists of: 3 slow fire targets, 1 timed fire target, 1 rapid fire target, 2 timed fire targets and 2 rapid fire targets.
9. Matches must be shot during the scheduled week. Team captains must immediately notify the Statistician if the schedule cannot be followed.

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10. A team needs four shooters to enter a match. If only three shooters are available, they may average their scores for the night (i.e. 6 NMC's) and deduct 10% to obtain a score that can be counted as a fourth shooter. The handicap for this Dummy Shooter is based on the unreduced average score. It is computed as though he is a new shooter with no previous average. If less than three shooters are available, the team forfeits the match. The members can only shoot for personal averages.
11. An individual may bank complete sets of scores to be used for a future specified match. The team captains and the statistician must be notified of the details.
12. Practice targets must not be used for match scores.
13. If an individual shoots a match on a night for which he had banked scores, the early scores will be discarded.
14. A new shooter's scores will be averaged to compute his handicap for the first evening, after which his average will be derived from his running total.
15. If a shooter starts shooting with his other hand due to medical problems ***He may choose to have his average re-calculated as if he were a new shooter.*** Please notify the statistician to make the change.
16. The maximum individual handicap score that can be applied to a team is 300 for a NMC or 900 for a 900 match.
17. Two points are awarded for the Team high handicap score in each match.
18. One additional point is awarded for the high total handicap score of both matches.
19. If the teams tie their total handicap scores, the next best shooter's handicap score will be compared. If there are no scores to compare, or they are still the same, each team will receive 1 point.
20. The Statistician will post all shooters' scores, averages and handicaps before each 900 match.
21. The statistician will not release League standings at other times..
22. The weekend 900 Match must be shot during the scheduled week. A shooter may shoot a 900 match at another time if he satisfies rule #9.

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23. A shooter can elect to shoot both a RF & CF match for the same day, but not two matches with the same caliber.
24. Three alibis are allowed for a 900 Match. Note there is no alibi allowed for slow fire.
25. One alibi is allowed for each National Match Course. Note there is no alibi for slow fire.
26. The Alibi shooter will load five rounds for the alibi and shoot them in the designated time for Timed or Rapid fire.
27. The Range Officer will verify the number of rounds shot and mark the target with the total.
28. The target will be scored assuming ten rounds were discharged. If there are more than ten holes in the target, the highest scoring holes will be discarded for each hole over 10.
29. If a firearm continues to malfunction, the scores for the match may be discarded provided there is an actual mechanical failure observed by the Range Officer and he indicates this on the targets.
30. Targets are scored by the person on the shooter's left.
31. All targets must be clearly identified with the shooters full name prior to posting.
32. A Team of ten members must be declared before shooting the 900 match and cannot be removed from the roster after shooting. Additional shooters will be marked as "extras". Note: Shooters can elect to shoot a RF match plus a CF match in the same evening but only the first match can be used for the 'team score'. The second match can only be used for the 'team score' if the team is short of 10 shooters.
33. A different group of 10 shooters may be declared for each National Match Course
34. Only one group of 10 shooters is declared for each 900 match.

Safety

35. Eye and Ear protection is mandatory on all ranges.
36. Shooters must not collect brass in front of the firing line until the match is complete and the line is safe.

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- 37. Jacketed bullets are prohibited on the indoor range. Lead bullets only.
- 38. The Range Officer is in charge of the match

Awards

- 39. A shooter establishes his category by shooting six National match Courses in one season.
Note: A 900 match is considered to equal three NMC's for this rule.
- 40. A shooter must establish a category to carry his average over to the next season.
- 41. The qualifying averages for each category are as follows:
 - Master - 272
 - Expert - 255
 - Sharpshooter - 240
 - Marksman - 200
 - Pro-Marksman - less than 200.
- 42. A shooter will qualify for an award by shooting 25% of the scheduled evening matches plus one 900 Match for each category (Rim fire or Center Fire) in which he is competing.
- 43. The shooter Running Average is computed by adding all his National Match scores to his Previous Seasons Ending Average and dividing by the number of National Matches. (a 900 Match is considered to be three National Matches for this calculation)(The Previous Seasons Ending Average is considered to be one National Match)
- 44. The shooters averages are continuously computed using this method during the season using a running average for each match. The averages are rounded up to the closest whole number for each match.
- 45. The Statistician will correct errors in addition on the N.M.C. scores.
- 46. The Statistician will correct errors in the shooters Handicap Number and Handicap Scores.
- 47. Class awards are based on the final average in each category.
- 48. Winning an award disqualifies a shooter from a lower award in the same category.
i.e. High Rim fire cannot also take the 1st Master award.

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49. The High Rim fire and Center fire awards go to the shooters with the highest final averages in the league.
50. The Most improved award goes to the shooter with the largest change between the beginning (last years or 1st 6 NMC's) and ending averages for the season.
51. The Team Handicap award goes to the team with the highest total points score for the season. (20 Trophies max.)
52. The Team Scratch award goes to the team with the highest total average of all its 'qualified shooters' per rule #41. (20 Trophies max.) Winning this award disqualifies this team from winning the team handicap award.
53. The 900 Match awards go to the highest Handicap scores for *each* match.
54. The 900 Match team points will be awarded as follows:
 - First place team (highest total handicap of four best shooters) receives twelve points.
 - Second place team receives ten points.
 - Third place team receives eight points.
 - Fourth place team receives 6 points.
 - Fifth place team receives 4 points.
55. Awards are presented at the yearend banquet.
56. The number of individuals planning to attend the year end awards banquet must be sent to the league statistician with the last 900 match scores.

Eric Sillanpaa
League Statistician

c.c. All Team Captains