



Striker-Fire Challenge - Background

The idea for HH&A's Striker-Fire Challenge match came from the Glock Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) "National Challenge" match which has been held at Camp Perry, Ohio by the Civilian Marksmanship Program as part of the National Pistol Matches in July every year since 2017.

Since there are a lot of shooters in the great Harrisburg, PA area who own striker-fired pistols for self and home protection, we thought it would be lot of fun to hold a similar match at Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association (HH&A) and invite them to come out and compete with them.

Our goals at HH&A are to promote safe gun handling and marksmanship, and to provide an avenue to introduce new shooters to competitive shooting at our club. You don't need to spend a lot of money on equipment to get started, and the course of fire is simple. But, the time limits are challenging and accuracy is important. We think shooters of all skill levels will have fun shooting this match.

Rather than restrict our matches to Glock pistols only, we will allow the use of any centerfire, striker-fired pistol, regardless of brand, with magazines capable of holding 10 rounds.

The matches will be held at HH&A's Police Pistol Combat Range #2. The combat range has 24 firing points. Multiple relays will be held to accommodate a large attendance, and allow shooters the opportunity to fire multiple relays and use multiple guns, if they like. Gun classes are limited to Stock (iron sights only) and Open (optics). Competitors may shoot in either or both gun classes.

A very reasonable match fee of \$10 per relay fired will be charged, and a minimum of 50% of all fees taken in will be paid back to the shooters as cash awards by Gun Class. Cash awards for each Gun Class will be determined using the Lewis Classification System. The number of Lewis Classes established will be based on total number of shooters in a given Gun Class (1 Lewis Class for every 10 shooters). Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places will be given for each Lewis Class.

In addition, Certificates of Achievement will be given to the top shooter in each Gun Class, to any shooter who sets or ties an existing striker-fire club record, and to any shooter who scores a perfect 500 (Honorary 500 Club) in the match.

See our Striker-Fire Challenge Match Flyer for more details about the match.

NRA D-1 (P) Tombstone paper targets will be used. Scoring and target repair will be done downrange by the shooters after the first 30 shots are fired in the relay, and then again after a total of 50 shots have been fired and the relay is over.

The match will be run by a Range Officer to ensure its safe and orderly operation. Competitors will start with a loaded gun in-hand from a low-ready position at each firing line. Firing lines will be set at 5, 7, 10, 15, and 25 yards. Upon hearing the start signal at each firing line, competitors will fire 10 shots rapid fire in 15 seconds. Any shots fired after the stop signal has sounded will count as misses. Maximum possible score in a match is 500-50x.

To help keep the flow of the match timely, it is recommended that competitors come to the firing line with 5 magazines pre-loaded with 10 rounds each. You can get by with 3 loaded magazines, but 5 works better.

Note: We don't want to exclude any single stack striker-fire guns (e.g., Glock 43, Springfield XDS, S&W Shield). For those types of guns, you may use up to two magazines per stage if needed, but load NO MORE than 10 rounds total per stage.

Although we will not draw from holsters in the match, competitors are encouraged to bring and use a hip, strong-side holster to safely hold their unloaded guns for convenience when making the line safe and moving about the range.

Safety is paramount. We run a cold range. All guns must be brought to the range unloaded, and kept holstered or bagged, until you are called to the firing line and are under control of the Range Officer running the match. A safety briefing will be provided to all shooters prior to the start of the matches.

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