

Summer Pistol League

How the League Works

Purpose

This document, along with the companion Guidelines document, provides a new Match Director with guidance and details on how the Summer Pistol League should work, and what his or her responsibilities are for running the matches. It will also serve as a handy reference guide, and memory refresher, as needed. The documentation can also be used to help to ensure smooth transition from one match director to another whenever turnover occurs.

Preparation

Well before the league starts, a Match Director must be assigned to (1) take overall responsibility for running the league, and (2) report to the HH&A Officers and Board of Directors. (Many thanks to **Bob Hempt** for volunteering to be the current league Match Director.)

The Match Director will organize a small support staff, advertise the league, make sure the range is ready, have registration forms, scorecards, and targets on-hand, account for the money taken in, reimburse any approved expenses, run the matches, determine award winners and payouts, distribute awards, turn in the profit to the club Treasurer, and report results by email and in the club newsletter. Many of these tasks can be delegated to the support staff. Included are the following:

- Get a primary and backup Line Caller on-board. These people should preferably have some background or experience in Bullseye competition, want to call the line, and be competent in doing it. And, they also have to be reliable about showing up, and be trained on how to work the PA system and turning targets. A script of the Line Caller's Range Commands will be provided for the Line Caller's use.
- Get a League Scorer on-board. This person collects the scorecards after each match, enters the scores into an existing spreadsheet to maintain league averages for each shooter, and produces a final league match report for award purposes. (Many thanks to **Haley Anderson** for volunteering to be the current League Scorer.)
- Get other help lined up. This includes a few staff people to do the following tasks (in no particular order):
 - Lock the Security Access Gate "Open" so the public can get to the range. Then lock it "Closed" after the match is over.
 - Preparation of target packs for the various number of relays to be fired (1-4).
 - Preparation of cardboard target backers for shooters to use.
 - Range setup (placement of portable target position numbers).
 - Set up and test the PA system and turning target mechanism.

- Make sure we have enough registration forms and scorecards in stock. Order more if needed.
- Run the registration window.
- Sell 50/50 tickets and bottled water.
- Restock water (and sodas if desired) in the refrigerator, as needed.
- Inventory targets and backers on-hand, and order more, if needed.
- Clean out the Stat House. It will most likely still be set up from running the Walt Wise Match, and require some tidying up to get organized for the summer league operation.
- Paint/touch-up the 25-yard turning target stands, as needed.
- Oil the turning target mechanism, and make sure the stands are aligned properly.
- Make sure the position numbers are ready for use. Repaint/touch-up, as needed.
- Empty the recycle buckets and trash cans, as needed.
- Mow the grass (weekly, or as needed), and weed-eat the backstop and side berms to make the range look it's best.

Cost to Shoot

League Registration Fee (one-time fee for each shooter in the League)

- 1st Gun - \$10 (required).
- 2nd Gun - \$5 (optional).

Relay Registration Fee

- \$1 per relay fired (4 relays run per match night).

Rules for Handling the League Money

All fees taken in (Registration fees, Relay fees, Water sales, 50/50 sales) go into an Income Account for the League.

The money will be accounted for on a frequency as decided by the Match Director. (The Club Treasurer recommends that payback to the club be done monthly.)

Any operational expenses (E.g., water, spray paint, printing of scorecards and registration forms, 50/50 tickets, etc.) must be approved by the Match Director. Receipts must be turned in to the Match Director in order to get reimbursement.

Any operational expenses will be deducted from the Income Account and the balance will be divided as follows:

- 50% of the money will be paid back to Winners as cash awards (League Awards Pot).
- 50% of the money will be turned in to the Club as profit (Club Profit Pot).

The League Awards Pot will be used to fund the Cash Awards to winners. As of this point in time, there will be no end of season Banquet held. If we have a large number of shooters,

and if they show enough interest in having a Banquet, then we will consider it. Money to fund a Banquet would come out of the League Awards Pot too, and the Cash Awards to winners would then be less.

Registration

Two Gun Classes are allowed – Rimfire and Centerfire.

Shooters must register for the league and pay the \$10 fee for the 1st gun. If they want to shoot a 2nd gun, they can pay for it at that time, or wait until after they finish shooting their 1st gun to register their 2nd gun.

For match communications and reporting purposes, we will need each shooter's email address to build and maintain a Shooters Email Distribution List.

Once shooters are registered for at least 1 gun, they can begin shooting Relays.

They must pay \$1 for each Relay to be fired. Four relays will be run on each match date (weather permitting). Shooters may shoot as many relays as they like, and shoot in either or both Gun Classes if registered. A scorecard for the match, along with a Slow, Timed, and Rapid Fire target for each paid relay, will be provided to the shooters.

Course of Fire

Course of fire for each relay is the 30-shot NRA National Match Course (10 shots Slow Fire, 10 shots Timed Fire, and 10 shots Rapid Fire). See separate Course of Fire document for more details.

To speed things along, the time for Slow Fire has been reduced from 10 minutes to 5 minutes, and no alibis or refires are allowed (with the exception of any range alibis). So, if you have a misfeed or jam, try to clear it safely and keep shooting if possible.

Scores and Averages

All league scoring will be done downrange by the shooters. Scorecards will be passed right, and the shooters will score the shooter to their left.

Shooters will be given a scorecard to record scores for each paid Relay. The scorecard will accommodate up to 4 relays per evening. The Match Date, Shooter's Name, Gun Class (Rimfire or Centerfire), and the scores must be entered on the scorecard.

The scorecards must be turned in by the shooters after they are done for the evening.

The League Scorer will collect the scorecards after each match, and enter the information into a league spreadsheet which maintains the averages for each shooter for award purposes.

At least 15 relays must be fired in a Gun Class in order to be eligible for awards.

Shooters may fire up to 25 relays in a Gun Class, but only their best 15 relays will be used to compute their league average. Any relays fired after 25 in a Gun Class will just be recorded for practice only.

Shooters who shoot at least 15 relays for Rimfire and 15 relays for Centerfire will be eligible for awards in the Combined Gun class. The Combined Gun Class is computer-generated based on the averages of scores for at least 15 fired relays in both Rimfire and Centerfire.

Weekly league reports will be posted at the stat house on the bulletin boards. The reports will be prepared separately for Rimfire and Centerfire, include scores for all relays fired, and show the averages computed as of that snapshot in time.

At the end for the season, a final report will be produced to show the League standings and winners in each Gun Class.

Awards

League averages for all shooters eligible for awards will be used to determine winners in Rimfire, Centerfire, and Combined Gun Classes.

Averages will be ranked from high to low, and then the shooters will be divided and grouped to determine awards using the Lewis Classification System and the Awards Payout Calculator, which was developed to make the process easier and faster.

As a minimum, the following 10 awards will be given out separately for 3 Gun Classes (Rimfire, Centerfire, and Combined). So, there will be at least 30 awards paid out. This number could increase, depending upon the number of eligible shooters in each gun class. We will establish additional Place Awards (e.g., 4th, 5th, 6th Place, if the number of shooters warrants.

Grand Winner

Class A 1st Place
 2nd Place
 3rd Place

Class B 1st Place
 2nd Place
 3rd Place

Class C 1st Place
 2nd Place
 3rd Place

The money in the League Awards Pot will be used to fund these awards.

Payouts awards and amounts will be determined based upon the total number of eligible shooters in each gun class, the amount of money in the League Awards Pot, and fair and equitable award payouts for the different Lewis Class place positions.

The Awards Payout Calculator, which was developed based on current league policies, will be used to facilitate this process.

Distribution of Awards

Awards will be given out to the winners the next time we see them at the club, or at other matches. Most of our shooters are local, and most are HH&A club members or participate in the local William Penn Pistol League (WPPL) which starts in September, so it is usually not a big issue to get the awards out in a timely manner. Special arrangements can be made if a league shooter is not from our area or in the WPPL.

Reporting

The final results for the League will be emailed to all shooters who participated, and a summary report will be included in the next HH&A club newsletter to be published. The Match Director will submit a financial report to the Club Treasurer, along with the profit made by the league.