

## Three-Gun Match

A Three-Gun Match has been scheduled for November 26 beginning at 10:00 am. As this is the first match of this type, it is necessarily somewhat experimental and will be rather basic. We will use handguns, shotguns and rifles. Basic guidelines are as set out below:

1. Format: The match will be similar to Defensive Pistol, but will be expanded to include shotguns and rifles. For those who have not shot Defensive Pistol, there will be a defensive scenario to which you will respond. Your response will be timed with your time increased for misses. The procedures will be derived from the IDPA Defensive Multi-Gun rules, but will be modified to suit our range and membership.

2. Firearms and Ammunition:

A. Handguns - Any center-fire pistol or revolver will be allowed. There will not be a "power factor" or other attempt to classify handguns. However, the match will be timed and there will be reloads, so you may want to choose an autoloader over your revolver. While fewer rounds may be actually used, it is suggested that you bring 100 rounds.

B. Shotguns - Any shotgun will be permitted; however, since time will be a factor, you may want to take that into consideration. Shells must be #4 lead shot or a smaller size; thus, no buck shot or steel shot. It is suggested that you bring 40 rounds.

C. Rifles - Any center-fire rifle of .30 caliber or less will be permitted; however, again, considering the format, you may want to choose an autoloader or at least a lever action. It is suggested that you bring 40 rounds. No magnum, armor piercing, tracers or incendiary rounds are permitted.

3. Other Equipment:

A. Clothing - Some handgun stages will be from concealment; so a vest, shirt or other concealment garment will be needed.

B. Holsters - A holster appropriate for handgun concealment will be needed. Tactical style holsters that do not allow concealment are not appropriate.

C. Open Bolt Indicators - All long guns will need to display an open bolt indicator (OBI) when not in use. OBI's will be available for purchase at the match if anyone needs them.

D. Magazines and Reloads - There will be reloads for each stage, so appropriate magazines will be required for pistols and rifles. It is suggested that three (3) of each be brought. There will be a limit on rounds loaded to level the playing field. Shells for shotgun reloads may be either carried in a pouch, etc., or positioned with the shotgun on a table.

E. Slings - Slings are permitted, but will not be necessary as long guns will be positioned rather than carried.

F. Lasers - No laser aiming devices will be permitted.

4. Miscellaneous:

A. Sights - Iron sights will be the standard and are encouraged. However, to also encourage participation, optics will be permitted.

B. Classifications - The standard classification will be iron sights only. If enough shooters have optics, another classification will be added. If there are not enough shooters for a separate optic class, then an “optic factor” will be added to scores to reflect the advantage that optics give. Note that if there is an optic on any of the three (3) firearms, then the shooter will be in the optic class; there will not be separate optic classifications. And, at least for this first match, there will not be any other classifications beyond iron sights and, possibly, optics.

C. Movement - There will be some movement during a stage; however, it will be limited. Accordingly, any restrictions on mobility that anyone may have should not be a factor.

D. Safety - Before the match begins, handguns will be verified to be empty with magazines removed and hammer down; thereafter, handguns will be carried holstered in that manner. All handguns will remain holstered and will not be removed for any reason until the participant is directed to “load and make ready”. All long guns will be unloaded, magazines empty, actions open and OBI’s inserted. All long guns will remain in the racks until the shooter is called to the line.

E. Future Changes - As noted above, this first three gun match is experimental in nature. Any glitches or suggestions for improvement will be addressed in future matches if there is enough interest.

Come join us. It should be fun. You will get lots of rounds down range, and what could be better than that!