

## Welcome to the Shooters Corner. Vol. IV

Over the next few months I am going to discuss all the matches that are held each month at the club. I know there are members out there that have looked at the match schedule and wondered what do I need to shoot an IDPA Match, or Silhouette Match or maybe the Prone Center Fire Match. I hope these next few months will give our members new insight into the wonderful world of competition shooting sports. Of the matches the Club holds they can be rolled up in to a few categories. Sport Rifle, Sport Pistol, Action Pistol and Shotgun

For the first installment I am going to cover the match I consider to be the most fun, the Speed Steel Match. This match would fall under the category of Action Pistol. Your score for this match is your raw time for any stage plus any points for missed targets. (5 seconds for each missed target) The targets are AR500 steel in shapes of triangles and squares ranged in size from 8" to 12". Each stage can have one to thirty targets placed 10 to 35 yards from the shooting box which is a 3' x 3' square. An average match will have up to six stages of fire and each stage can be shot one to 5 times with a total match round count of 100 to 125 rounds.

The pistol needed to shoot a match can vary from low as a few hundred dollars to a few thousand depending on the division you want to shoot in. Most of the competitors that I have met to date are using your everyday guns like Glocks, Springfield XD's , 1911's in both 9mm and 45ACP and even a few revolvers, but I have also seen a few custom built race guns running built on STI lowers running 38supper , 40cal and 9mm major. There is also a division for 22 Rim Fire and I have seen quite a few shooters using Ruger's Mark II and Browning Buckmarks.

Other equipment you will need in order to compete is a safe and secure holster for the center fire class and a range bag of some type for the rim fire class. For center fire you will also need at least 2 magazines and magazine carries although to make things easier 4 or more is better. The use of safety glasses is mandatory for shooters and bystanders and hearing protection is recommended.

Each class has different divisions so competitors with similar equipment can compete with each other. I will list a short description of each but for more detailed info check out the rules on the web site. [www.shooters101.com](http://www.shooters101.com) under the Speed Steel tab.

### Center Fire Class

#### Stock Service Pistol. (SSP)

This division is for pretty much what is says your stock double action/safe action pistols like GLOCK, Beretta, Ruger and Sig. No major custom work can be preformed but you can make changes like trigger and action jobs and you can also change sights. Magazine capacity is restricted to no more than 10 rounds.

#### Enhanced Service Pistol (ESP)

This division is for your single action 9mm/.38 Super/.40 service pistols such as Browning HP, CZ 75, and EAA Witness. Enhanced means just that you may enhance your pistols with checkered front and back straps. Cosmetic checkering/serrations extended safeties and beaver tails and the likes. Magazine capacity is restricted to no more than 10 rounds.

#### Custom Defense Pistol (CDP)

This division is for 45 ACP pistols only. You may change of sights to another conventional notch and post type, checker front strap and back strap, have beveled magazine well and add-on well extensions. The magazine capacity is restricted to eight round or less.

#### Revolver Division

This division is intended for shooters using popular service revolvers such as S&W 66, 686 and Ruger GP-100. Any Modifications are allowed. Use of any type of holster and ammunition carriers.

#### Limited Division

This division is intended for shooters using pistols modified for enhanced competition use. Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded in a magazine is unlimited. Use of any type of holster and ammunition carriers. Ported barrels and compensators are allowed. Extended over sized magazine release buttons are allowed. Add on weights, weighted magazines, tungsten guide rods and extended dust covers are also allowed

#### Open Division

This division is intended for shooters using pistols with any modifications and the use of Optics and Electronic sights. Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded in a magazine is unlimited. Use of any type of holster and ammunition carriers.

#### Rim Fire Class

##### Limited Division

This division is intended for 22 Rim Fire pistols with Iron sights. Some allowed modifications are grips, muzzle breaks and action jobs. Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded is ten.

##### Open Division

This division is intended for 22 Rim Fire pistol with any modifications and the use of Optics and Electronic sights. Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded in a magazine is 10.

Well I hope this will give you a good view of what this match is about and you come out and shoot one with us.

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