

# Department of Missouri Standard Operating Procedures For Department Convention Rifle Shooting Match

The purpose of this is to establish a written Standard Operating Procedure to include stated guidelines of rifle shooting match operation, host/participant responsibilities, and standardization of match scoring procedures. The intention of this is to aid the hosting Detachment in effectively conducting a successful shooting match as well as maintain annual consistency in scoring for the Department Convention. Any SOP approved by the Department Staff will take precedence over any part of this and will render it void.

## Section I: Hosting Detachment

The Hosting Detachment shall be responsible for setting up the shooting match for their Convention. Knowing that all areas of the state and shooting ranges are different, emphasis should be on ensuring that range conditions are consistent for all shooters registered for that match. It shall be at the discretion of the hosting Detachment as to whether a shooting match is performed during their convention. The Hosting Detachment shall supply;

- a. Targets; NRA approved SR 100 yard targets
- b. Heavy duty staple gun w/ample supply of staples
- c. Stop watch
- d. Ink pen for each shooter
- e. Any other supplies required by the range used

**Marine Corps League National, Division, or Department insurance does not cover the liability required for shooting events.** The Detachment hosting the range is liable and responsible for providing adequate insurance for the shooting event if the range they use does not provide it. The proper insurance may be purchased through the NRA or any insurance provider that the hosting Detachment may chose.

## Section II: Participant Responsibilities

Any Marine Corps League member with paid up membership in good standing in a Detachment within the Department of Missouri, registered at the convention, may sign up for participation in the shooting match. All shooters are responsible for supplying their own rifle, ammunition, and safety equipment (ear/eye protection). No shooter may use another shooter's rifle or ammunition. Spotting glasses may be used to check targets. Each shooter shall be the only one to spot their target. Rifles used in the match shall have only open sights. Scopes or other magnifying or red dot devices are not permitted. Rifle type and caliber used is at the discretion of the shooter. No shotguns are permitted.

**Shooters must be registered at least thirty days prior to the convention in order to supply ample time for the hosting Detachment to set up the range.**

## Section III: Range Safety

All shooters are required to follow ALL range safety rules established by the range used. There shall be a non firing Range Safety Officer (RSO) and Assistant RSO established

and assigned to the shooting match to oversee range operation and safety. RSO and ARSO shall not be from the same Detachment. Each shooter is subject to disqualification if any safety or other rules made known at the range are violated. No alcohol is permitted. Beyond adhering to all participating range safety regulations, the following safety rules apply to all weapons at all times, and must never be violated.

1. Treat every weapon as if it were loaded.
2. Never point a weapon at anything you do not intend to shoot.
3. Keep finger straight and off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
4. Keep weapon on safe until you intend to fire.

#### **Section IV: Shooting Match Procedures**

The shooting match shall operate according to range procedures for the particular range used. Shooters shall fire in the Offhand (standing) position. No artificial support of any kind may be used. Rifle slings are permitted. The match shall consist of five rounds fired at 100 yards with a time limit of three minutes. If a shot is fired after the time limit is called, that shooter will lose the point value of the closest round to center. After firing, each shooter shall label their target with rifle type used, their printed and signed name, and Detachment while the target is still attached to the target holder. After labeling, each shooter shall retrieve another shooters target and deliver to the RSO for scoring. The RSO shall ensure each target received has the proper information on it.

#### **Section V: Target scoring**

The RSO and ARSO shall be the official shooting match target scorers. Targets shall be scored by ring count of shots fired on target. If a shot hole penetrates the next higher ring on the target, that shot will be scored at the higher value. The winner of the shooting match will be the shooter with the highest ring count score. In the event of a tie, the shooter with the highest ring count score and shot closest to center will be the winner. If the RSO and ARSO can not determine the target with closest to center, the two high score shooters will fire again using two rounds with a time limit of one minute.

#### **Section VI: Trophy Possession and Presentation**

At the beginning of the Convention, the Detachment in possession of the shooting trophy shall turn the trophy over to the Department of Missouri Sgt at Arms. The trophy shall be presented to the Detachment with the winning shooter at the Convention Banquet. The current trophy used shall be the shooting trophy. If the Hosting Detachment does not hold a shooting match, the trophy shall stay in position of the current winning Detachment until the next shooting match is held.