

Pit Operations

Prior to the start of the match or string, the Pit Officer will review with the pit personnel the procedures and commands that will be utilized.

Brief the following.

Shot markers need to be inserted with white visible if shot is in black, or black visible if shot is in white

The shot marker spindle does not need to be inserted all of the way in 22 cal holes, just sufficient to hold.

The value of the shot hole is given the higher value if it comes in contact with the outside of a scoring ring.

During slow fire, pit personnel should watch the impact area and be prepared to pull target as soon as an impact is seen.

During slow fire, pit personnel should be prepared to mark and paste each shot when the next is fired by having the appropriate paster ready. Target time in pits should be minimal, and should not exceed 18 seconds.

During rapid fire, pit personnel should step back from the target and count the number of impacts in their impact area.

After rapid fire, pit personnel will not insert shot markers until told to do so by the pit officer. And then, only after they have counted holes and accounted for 10 rounds.

(end of briefing)

For Pit Officer

Review the course of fire for each string or sighter string..

This is a slow fire string of ___ rounds. The target must be pulled and marked after each shot.

or

This is a rapid fire string, ten shots in (60 or 70) seconds. Do not pull and mark the target until you have received the command to do so.

When all targets and pit personnel are ready, give the command

Half Mast all targets

Notify the range officer by saying **“Ready in the pits”**

The targets should be raised and lowered for the starting and ending of each preparation period and/or string of fire by using the following commands

Stand By your targets

When the command “ready on the firing line” is given, the pit officer will give the command **Targets Up** within 5 seconds.

Start the stop watch when all targets are fully exposed

Begin withdrawing targets immediately after time has expired.

10 seconds before the end of the string, give the command **Stand by your targets**

At the end of the allowed firing time, give the command **Targets Down**

The word “DOWN” must be given at the precise second at the end of the string.

Pit personnel should not score targets until told to do so by the pit officer.

The pit officer will receive the report of saved rounds from the range officer and will relay this information to the pit personnel prior to giving the command **“Verify the number of hits on your target”**

The pit officer will receive the report of excessive and/or insufficient hits from pit personnel and relay that information to the range officer. After all targets which are under contention (Those with excess or insufficient hits) have been identified, give the command

Score all targets that are not under contention.

After challenges and discrepancies have been resolved, give the command **Score all remaining targets.**

After all scoring is completed on uncontested targets, and at the direction of the Chief Range Officer, give the command

Pull Paste and half mast all targets that are not under contention.