



# **CMP RIMFIRE SPORTER MATCH PROCEDURES AND RANGE COMMANDS**

- ⦿ Pre-match administration is critical for the success of your match. Outstanding competitions occur when match sponsors pay attention to all details associated with the competition.
- ⦿ These range procedures are written for ranges where two targets can be hung at one time on each competitor's firing point. One or two targets can be hung for sighters and then two targets are placed on the target holders for each position, one for slow-fire and one for rapid-fire. This allows the slow-fire and rapid-fire stages of each position to be fired consecutively without a break to go downrange. If only one target can be hung at one time, the line must be cleared after each slow-fire stage so that personnel may go downrange to change targets after each stage.
- ⦿ Squadding: Rimfire Sporter relays will normally have some competitors firing semi-auto rifles and some with manually operated rifles. If possible, squad semi-autos on one side of the range and manually operated rifles on the other side. This will facilitate the staggered rapid-fire starts that are recommended and described in these procedures.
- ⦿ Prior to hanging targets and firing, all targets must be labeled with competitor's names or CMP competitor numbers; targets must also have relay, stage and firing point marked on them.
- ⦿ Scoring may be done by competitors or by a designated scoring staff. .22 cal. scoring gauges and Eagle Eye overlays must be available as scoring aids.
- ⦿ Range Officers must signal "YES" to Chief Range Officer questions (IS THE LINE CLEAR, IS THE LINE READY, etc.) by extending their arms and pointing downrange. Range Officers signal "NO" by extending the arm to the rear of the firing line.

## ***SIGHTING STAGE***

**WELCOME TO THE CMP-SANCTIONED (NAME) RIMFIRE SPORTER MATCH.**

**RELAY (NUMBER), MOVE YOUR RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE FIRING LINE. GROUND YOUR RIFLES.**

After equipment is in place:

**IS THE LINE CLEAR?**

**Range Officers signal YES or NO**



**YOU MAY GO DOWNRANGE AND PLACE YOUR SIGHTER TARGETS AT 50 YARDS** (sighter targets do not need to be labeled).

After competitors return to the firing line:

**ARE ALL PERSONNEL BACK FROM DOWNRANGE?**

Range Officers signal YES or NO

**THE LINE IS HOT! YOUR THREE-MINUTE PREPARATION PERIOD BEGINS NOW. DURING THE PREPARATION PERIOD, YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR ECIs AND DRY FIRE. PREPARATION PERIODS FOR ALL OTHER STAGES WILL BE ONE MINUTE.**

After three minutes:

**YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED  
YOU WILL HAVE 10 MINUTES FOR UNLIMITED SIGHTING SHOTS...WITH ACTIONS OPEN OR CLOSED ON EMPTY CHAMBERS...LOAD FIVE ROUNDS.**

Give shooters time to load

**AFTER FIRING FIVE ROUNDS, YOU MAY LOAD ANOTHER FIVE ROUNDS AND CONTINUE FIRING.  
IS THE LINE READY?**

Range Officers signal YES or NO

**SIGHTING SHOTS---START!**

After 10 minutes or when firing is finished:

**STOP, UNLOAD, GROUND YOUR RIFLES...IS THE LINE CLEAR?**



Range Officers signal YES or NO

**THE LINE IS CLEAR...YOU MAY GO FORWARD AND PLACE YOUR PRONE SLOW-FIRE AND PRONE RAPID-FIRE TARGETS**  
(These targets must be labeled, prone targets must be placed at 50 yards).

**STAGES 1& 2: PRONE SLOW & RAPID**  
**STAGES 3 & 4: SITTING OR KNEELING SLOW & RAPID**  
**STAGES 5 & 6: STANDING SLOW AND RAPID**

**ARE ALL PERSONNEL BACK FROM DOWNRANGE?**

Range Officers signal YES or NO

**THE LINE IS HOT! SHOOTERS TO THE FIRING LINE.**

After 60 seconds:

**YOUR ONE-MINUTE PREPARATION PERIOD FOR THE (PRONE/SITTING OR KNEELING/STANDING) SLOW-FIRE STAGE BEGINS NOW. DURING THE PREPARATION PERIOD, YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR ECIS AND DRY FIRE.**

After 60 seconds:

**YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED. THIS STAGE WILL BE TEN SHOTS FOR RECORD IN A TIME LIMIT OF TEN MINUTES...WITH ACTIONS OPEN OR CLOSED ON EMPTY CHAMBERS...LOAD FIVE ROUNDS.**

Give shooters time to load



**AFTER FIRING FIVE ROUNDS, YOU MAY LOAD ANOTHER FIVE ROUNDS AND CONTINUE FIRING.  
IS THE LINE READY?**

**Range Officers signal YES or NO**

**(PRONE/SITTING OR KNEELING/STANDING) SLOW-FIRE---  
START!**

Optional: When firing apparently is finished:

**Optional: DOES ANYONE REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TIME?**

**Range Officers signal YES or NO**

Or: After 10 Minutes:

**STOP, UNLOAD, INSERT ECIs...IS THE LINE CLEAR?**

**Range Officers signal YES or NO**

**THE LINE IS CLEAR...YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD FOR THE  
(PRONE/SITTING OR KNEELING/STANDING) RAPID-FIRE  
STAGE WILL BEGIN IN ONE MINUTE.**

After 60 seconds:

**YOUR ONE-MINUTE PREPARATION PERIOD FOR THE  
(PRONE/SITTING OR KNEELING/STANDING) RAPID-FIRE  
STAGE BEGINS NOW. DURING THE PREPARATION PERIOD,  
YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR ECIs AND DRY FIRE.**

After 60 seconds:



**YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED.  
THIS STAGE WILL BE FIRED IN TWO SERIES OF FIVE  
SHOTS....ON THE FIRING LINE STAND...WITH ACTIONS OPEN  
OR CLOSED ON EMPTY CHAMBERS...LOAD FIVE ROUNDS**  
(competitors must close rifle actions and then insert magazines with  
five rounds in them or load 5 rounds in their magazines).

**Give shooters time to load**

**THE FIRST START COMMAND WILL BE FOR COMPETITORS  
WITH MANUALLY OPERATED RIFLES WHO HAVE 30  
SECONDS TO FIRE FIVE SHOTS. THE SECOND START  
COMMAND WILL BE FOR COMPETITORS WITH SEMI-  
AUTOMATIC RIFLES WHO HAVE 25 SECONDS TO FIRE FIVE  
SHOTS....IS THE LINE READY?**

**Range Officers signal YES or NO**

**MANUALLY OPERATED RIFLES...START!**

After 5 seconds:

**SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES....START!**

After 30 seconds (5 + 25 seconds):

**STOP, UNLOAD...IS THE LINE CLEAR?**

**Range Officers signal YES or NO**

**THE LINE IS CLEAR...COMMANDS FOR YOUR SECOND RAPID  
FIRE SERIES WILL BEGIN IN ONE MINUTE (time is allowed to  
check groups, adjust sights, load clips, etc.)**

After 60 seconds:



**ON THE FIRING LINE STAND...WITH ACTIONS OPEN OR BOLTS CLOSED ON EMPTY CHAMBERS...LOAD FIVE ROUNDS.**

Give shooters time to load

**TWO START COMMANDS WITH TIME LIMITS OF 30 AND 25 SECONDS WILL AGAIN BE GIVEN...IS THE LINE READY?**

Range Officers signal YES or NO

**MANUALLY OPERATED RIFLES---START!**

After 5 seconds:

**SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES....START!**

After 30 seconds (5 + 25 seconds):

**STOP, UNLOAD, INSERT ECIs, GROUND YOUR RIFLES...IS THE LINE CLEAR?**

Range Officers signal YES or NO

**THE LINE IS CLEAR...YOU MAY GO FORWARD AND PLACE YOUR (SITTING OR KNEELING/STANDING) SLOW-FIRE AND RAPID-FIRE TARGETS** (These targets must be labeled, sitting or kneeling targets must be placed at 50 yards, standing targets must be placed at 25 yards).

If the sitting or kneeling and standing stages remain to be fired, return to page 3 to start the next position and stages:

Or after standing is finished:



**THE LINE IS CLEAR...REMOVE YOUR RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIRING LINE...POLICE YOUR BRASS AND TRASH...DO NOT GO FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

After all rifles are removed from the firing line and the brass and trash call is complete:

**YOU MAY GO FORWARD AND REMOVE YOUR TARGETS...**

If there is another relay to fire, return to the top of page 1 to start the next relay in its sighting stage:

Or, if the match is finished:

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH...THIS CONCLUDES YOUR (NAME) RIMFIRE SPORTER MATCH.**