



MAJOR CHANGES IN THE 2023 RCSA RULEBOOK

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1	OVERVIEW	A	Level I Matches – Competitor can shoot EITHER a rifle and /or handgun
2.2	RCSA Match Safety Rules	A A C	<p>2.2.4 – It is at the discretion of the competitor if they wish to use an Empty Chamber Indicator/flag for the handgun (pistol).</p> <p>2.2.5 – All rifles must be in a closed case or have a scabbard that covers the trigger guard and trigger.</p> <p>2.2.6 – A 3-gun style cart may be used for rifles while following rule (2.2.5).</p>
3.1	Use of Safety Area	C	3.1.5 – NO AMMO is allowed to be handled in the Safety Area. This includes inert rounds, loaded magazines, speed loading devices or live rounds. <i>(15.2.8)</i>
4.3	Requirements for Special Categories	A A C A A D	<p>4.3.2 – A Competitor can compete in more than 1 Special Recognition Category.</p> <p>4.3.5 – MD has the discretion to add additional category awards provided the recognition category minimums are met.</p> <p>4.4.3 – Lady – Female Competitors ages 18 and older</p> <p>4.4.6 – Active Law Enforcement – Full time with arrest powers</p> <p>4.4.7 – Military – Military personnel on current active-duty orders (Cowboy/Cowgirl Category has been eliminated)</p>
5	Competitor Equipment Rules	C	5.10 – A 3-gun style cart may be used for rifles while following rule (2.2.5).
7	Competitor Responsibility	A A	<p>7.7 – When removing a rifle from the cart, it must be bagged until the competitor is inside the shooting box.</p> <p>7.8 – Before the competitor returns a rifle to an approved cart, the rifle must be unloaded, ECI inserted and cased while in the shooting box.</p>
11.1	Equipment Ready Conditions	C C A A	<p>11.1.1.a – Prior to the start signal, competitors will start in a low ready position with designated firearm in hands(s), with safety disengaged, aiming at the designated object (e.g., orange cone, start sign) 1-2 ft from the ground and approximately 10 feet down range.</p> <p>11.1.1.c – Competitors are permitted to take an unloaded or loaded sight picture on the entire stage prior to the start signal and on all subsequent strings thereafter.</p> <p>11.1.2.a – The only revolvers permitted are Double Action Revolvers</p> <p>11.1.3.b – Double Action Semi-Automatic pistol – chamber loaded; hammer fully down or de-cocked.</p>
12	Range Commands	C	12.1.b – A sight picture can be taken during the “Make Ready” process and while preparing for the next string.
14	Scoring	A A C C A	<p>14.1.6 – String stops when the Stop Plate is hit and time stops with the last shot fired.</p> <p>14.1.7 – There are no make up shots on missed plates after you hit the Stop Plate.</p> <p>14.1.10 – Competitors may fire as many rounds as they deem necessary for each string.</p> <p>14.1.11 – The Competitor may change the magazine if necessary.</p> <p>14.2.8 – Audio, video or photographic evidence will not be used or considered to reach a decision.</p>



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15	Disqualifications	A A	<p>15.2.2 – Sweeping is pointing the muzzle of a firearm at any part of any person’s Body during the COF. If the firearm is in a case and not in the competitor’s hands, sweeping does NOT apply. Reaching in front of the muzzle of a cased firearm to open and close the case is NOT a sweeping infraction, provided the competitors hands are completely clear of the firearm.</p> <p>15.2.7. – Added reference to (14.1.14).</p>
16	Arbitration	A	<p>16.4.6 – Audio, video or photographic evidence will not be used or considered to reach a decision for Arbitration.</p>
19	Appendix A	D	<p>Removed the 11 round count maximum</p>
GLOSSARY	Sight Picture	C	<p>Aiming at a target without shooting at it.</p>
**	*****	D	<p>Options plates have been eliminated</p>