



## Defensive Handgun Match Rules & Divisions

### 1) ALL MATCHES CONDUCTED BY LCHG ARE CONSIDERED A COLD RANGE.

No firearm, including a personal protection firearm may be removed from the holster or loaded at any time prior to the Range Officer giving the command "Make Ready."

Competitors must utilize safety bunkers to unbag, holster, and unholster firearms when not under the direction of a Range Officer prior to shooting a stage. No ammunition shall be handled while in a safety bunker. Magazines and ammunition may be handled anywhere outside of the safety bunkers.

### 2) *THE USAGE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS IS PROHIBITED DURING DEFENSIVE HANDGUN EVENTS.*

### 3) SAFETY INFRACTIONS - WARNINGS

Shooters will receive one verbal warning for the following safety infractions:

- a. Finger in the trigger housing while holstering, changing magazines, or moving without engaging targets.
- b. Unsportsmanlike conduct
- c. Moving forward of the firing line after the Range Officer has declared the range hot and shooter is in the start position.
- d. Moving forward of the firing line prior to the Range Officer declaring the range is safe.
- e. Wearing or using more than one handgun at any point in time during a course of fire.

*A second infraction will result in an immediate Disqualification*

### 4) SAFETY INFRACTIONS - IMMEDIATE Disqualification

The following infractions will result in an immediate disqualification from the match:

- a. Negligent Discharges
- b. Breaking the 180 degree safety line
- c. Dropping a weapon, loaded or unloaded.
- d. Handling a firearm behind the firing line.
- e. Covering any part of the body with the muzzle of a firearm at any time; i.e. support hand, leg, etc.
- f. Bending over to pick up an object on the ground after firearm is loaded and while holstered.



## Scoring Procedures

All Defensive Handgun matches conducted by LCHG will use “Time Plus” scoring. The following methods will be used to help standardize the scoring used for defensive handgun matches:

All reactive steel targets, i.e. poppers, KO's etc. must fall to score. Missed/standing steel shall be scored as a +5 penalty.

Hits on no-shoot targets shall be scored as +5 each.

Failure to Engage (FTE) penalties will be assessed as +5 in addition to the number of misses for any targets not engaged in a course of fire.

Steel Challenge stages are best 4 of 5 except Outer Limits which is best 3 out of four. Standard Steel Challenge penalties apply for misses on targets.

All paper targets will be scored for two hits unless otherwise specified in the stage description utilizing the following point penalties in seconds added to raw stage time:

**USPSA Paper Targets**

**A&B zones = +0**

**C zone = +1**

**D zone = +3**

**Complete Miss = +5**

Additional targets may be utilized and target bonuses or penalties may be applied according to individual stage descriptions at the Match Director’s discretion.



## Division Information

If you need further assistance please feel free to contact Rick Davis at [rtedavis@bresnan.net](mailto:rtedavis@bresnan.net) or Dan Brimhall at [dcranchmt1@gmail.com](mailto:dcranchmt1@gmail.com).

### Production Division:

- Single action handguns are not allowed; must be striker fired, DAO, or DA/SA.
- Gun must be factory configuration; sights may be changed, minor internal work allowed, and stippling are acceptable.
- Minimum caliber 9mm.
- Magazines may not be loaded with more than 10 rounds.
- Race holsters and magazine wells, and optical sights are not allowed.
- Porting/compensators only allowed if factory configured.

### Limited Division:

- Gun may be highly modified but must not utilize optical sights or porting/compensators.
- Magazines are limited by length; 141.25mm for double stack or 171.25 mm for single stack. No restriction on capacity.
- Race holsters and magazine wells are allowed.

### Open Division:

- Gun may be highly modified and can utilize optical sights, porting/compensators.
- Magazines are limited to length of 170mm. No restriction on capacity.
- Race holsters and magazine wells are allowed.

### Carry Optics

- Handguns must comply with Production division rules with the following exceptions:
- Magazines are limited by length to 141.25mm and may be loaded to full capacity.
- Optical/electronic sights are *REQUIRED* and must be attached directly to the slide between rear of slide and ejection port. Frame mounted optics are not allowed.

### Single Stack:

- 1911 models only.
- Gun must be factory configuration; sights may be changed, minor internal work allowed, and stippling/grip changes are acceptable.
- Minimum caliber 9mm.
- Race holsters and magazine wells, and optical sights are not allowed.
- Porting/compensators are not allowed.

### Revolver:

- Optics, porting, and compensators are not allowed.
- No restrictions on capacity or holster.



**Pistol Caliber Carbine:**

- Rifles must be semi-automatic.
- Minimum barrel length of 10”.
- Carbines must be designed to be fired from the shoulder with butt stock installed
- Calibers allowed only 9mm, .357 Sig, .40 S&W, 10 mm, and .45 ACP.
- Starting condition is locked and loaded at low ready, unless otherwise specified in the stage description.
- Rifles shall be presented to the firing line cased or with the empty chamber flagged
- Consult IDPA PCC Division Permitted Features and Modifications for a complete list of modifications.