

SCSA

STEEL CHALLENGE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

"The Ultimate Display of Speed and Accuracy"

The SCSA is a membership organization which is dedicated to promoting the exciting sport of steel shooting, as well as the shooting sports and industry in general. Steel shooting is unique in that it allows ALL makes and models of handguns to compete in one common competition format. Whether you use a gun that is compensated and scoped, USPSA Limited, IDPA, Single Action or Rimfire, you have the opportunity to become a World Champion in this Association. The SCSA combines many elements to make it the most spectator and media friendly shooting sport of our time.

There will be an annual Postal Match which will decide a World Postal Champion each year, with the Overall winner and the winner of each Category receiving an attractive SCSA Custom Plaque. Each club is to send a report to the SCSA after the Postal Match, listing the names, overall results, categories and membership number of each competitor. These will be tabulated with the winners being announced soon thereafter and plaques being mailed directly to the winners.

SCSA GOALS

It has long been our belief that the shooting sports are capable of obtaining sports media coverage, whether it be by newspaper, magazine or television. This sport was specifically designed to address this long range goal, but the time to move forward is now. Your membership helps to fund a style of shooting that can legitimize the shooting sports and bring it to the attention of the average American sport's fan. We want our Champions brought to the forefront just as in any other sport. At the 1998 Steel Challenge, we were already successful in obtaining front page coverage in the sport's section in three different newspapers. This has been unheard of in past years, but this is only the beginning.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

SCSA memberships are available in One Year, Three Year or Life Time increments. Special discounts are available for families, which include juniors, spouses or brother/sisters. There is also an International rate.

Individual membership includes:

- Membership Card with permanent number.
- SCSA Hat.
- SCSA Course and Rule Book.
- Subscription to the Periodical "*SPEED*".
- Participation in an annual International Postal Match with Custom Plaques awarded.
- Special Merchandise Drawings and Discounts for SCSA members.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND MATCHES

Most clubs are looking for ways to generate new shooters and new shooting activity. The SCSA format will help you achieve this. To help support YOUR effort, we are advertising in magazines and will list your club on our web site, the Periodical *SPEED* and new mailers. We will also send each new club a supply of applications, rule books and a set of logos to help you promote your club and matches. Individual clubs of any size may join and hold SCSA tournaments. Matches may be held as often as the club desires, with a minimum of six matches per year recommended. Matches are to be "Trophy Only", but raffles for prizes may be allowed in larger sanctioned matches. This eliminates the need to buy or solicit prizes. This also helps take some pressure off an over solicited industry and helps with our philosophy of promotion from the national level.

Each club pays an annual fee of \$50.00 and there are no activity or attendance charges to deal with. Membership fees are our primary method of providing operating income. Our continued growth depends upon it.

The rules for clubs are designed to be simple and easily understood by even the newest of shooters. Although every SCSA member receives a Rule and Course Book, consistent enforcement of the rules is still needed by the hosting clubs. This is important to the SCSA for uniformity and the annual Postal Matches being held. At year's end, we want to insure that our champions have legitimately won their titles.

CLUB GUIDELINES

All persons competing in SCSA tournaments must be a current member of the SCSA. It is the club's responsibility to monitor valid memberships. Each set of score sheets should have a place to enter the contestant's name, category and membership number. A club may allow a new shooter to compete one time without joining to help familiarize them with our sport.

A summary of shooters in each match, listing the shooter and their membership numbers must be mailed to the SCSA office. This will guarantee each shooter a chance in our "participation" drawing(s) each year. Each match shot will give shooters one more chance in the drawing(s).

To keep all scores as consistent as possible, all matches will use electronic sound timers. Postal Scores may only be submitted by the hosting club and verified by a club Officer. Only match scores will qualify for the Postal match. Practice and/or pick up match scores will not be accepted. October will be the month of the Postal Championships. Those clubs requesting State or Regional Championships may coincide with the State and Postal match if it is held in October.

Clubs may use the SCSA name and logo to help promote matches and attract shooters. Matches must use the SCSA format, rules and approved courses of fire.

Clubs will be listed on the Steel Challenge web site, club updates, the Periodical *SPEED* and in revision sheets to be mailed out to new members.

A club may use as many courses of fire in each tournament as they deem appropriate. We recommend a minimum of four courses and up to a maximum of eight. Please keep in mind the need to allow for lead splatter angles and shields where necessary (dirt, straw or other). **ALL PERSONS ON THE RANGE MUST WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION!!!**

To hold a State, Regional or National SCSA match, the hosting club **MUST** apply for SCSA approval and sanction. There will be a sanction fee of \$5.00 per shooter with a \$100.00 minimum fee.

All tournaments are to award trophies or plaques only. **The STEEL CHALLENGE PISTOL TOURNAMENT - WORLD SPEED SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS** will remain as the only cash and merchandise SCSA tournament. Any exception to this rule must receive SCSA approval. Each club may decide on how many Division awards they feel are appropriate, based on the number of shooters entered in each individual Division. Most clubs will set a limit of 3-5 shooters in a category to guarantee a trophy. Sanctioned tournaments must give advance guarantees on available trophy awards.

No club or member shall attempt to compete with, change, or discredit in any way, the SCSA and/or Steel Challenge Pistol Tournament.

All rules and conditions of SCSA Club and membership must be adhered to. Deliberate or repeated failure to follow the rules and conditions set forth will result in forfeiture of SCSA club or membership status and fees.

NOTE: Entries to the Steel Challenge Pistol Tournament will require SCSA membership beginning at the Steel Challenge 2000.

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MULTIPLE DIVISIONS

SCSA members may compete in different Divisions from one tournament to the next if they so desire. However, it will be up to the discretion of the hosting club as to whether or not they want to allow members to compete twice in the same tournament with different Division equipment. If selecting to utilize that option, the shooter must complete the tournament with their first entry and then begin anew with their second Category equipment. Tournaments for the Postal or sanctioned State, Regional or National Championships will only allow ONE entry per match.

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| 1. "IDPA CUSTOM DEFENSIVE PISTOL DIVISION" | "Handguns permitted for the CUSTOM DEFENSIVE PISTOL division must be 10mm Norma, .400 Cor-Bon or .45 ACP caliber..." |
| 2. "IDPA STOCK SERVICE PISTOL DIVISION" | "Handguns permitted for STOCK SERVICE PISTOL division must be Double Action, Double Action ONLY or Safe Action and be of 9mm or larger caliber..." |
| 3. "IDPA ENHANCED SERVICE PISTOL DIVISION" | "Handguns permitted for ENHANCED SERVICE PISTOL division must be Single Action or selective SA/DA and be of 9mm, .38 super, .357 Sig, or 40 S&W..." |
| 4. "IDPA STOCK SERVICE REVOLVER DIVISION" | Any revolver of 9mm/38 Special Caliber or larger with a barrel length of 5" or less (7 & 8 shot revolvers permitted, but may only load six rounds). No external modifications other than changing sights and grips will be permitted." |

These divisions shall be governed by IDPA rules for firearm and holster description and rule interpretation. All IDPA entrants compete in Open Class (overall) AND individual IDPA overall category awards. Failure to meet IDPA rules and criteria shall result in disqualification from IDPA award consideration. The competitor will still be eligible in Open Class. If a Competitor incorrectly (and without deliberate intent) declares a Division, but qualifies in a different Division, they will be changed to the correct Division with no penalty. Competitors must choose between IDPA or LIMITED but are not eligible for both. Firearms and holsters failing to make IDPA criteria may still be eligible for LIMITED Division.

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| "LIMITED DIVISION" | Limited shall be governed by USPSA rules for firearm description and rule interpretation. All Limited entrants compete in Open Class AND for additional Limited overall awards. Failure to meet Limited rules and criteria shall result in disqualification from Limited award |
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consideration. The competitor would still be eligible in Open Class.

- "REVOLVER DIVISION" Entrants competing with revolvers will compete in Open Class AND overall Revolver. Open Revolver has no restrictions for maximum rounds or use of optics.
- "WOMEN'S DIVISION" All women competitors will compete in Open Class AND overall and the Women's Division.
- "LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION" Those qualifying will compete in Open Class and Law Enforcement. To qualify, one must be one of the following: a sworn peace officer (current or retired), police reserve, corrections, parole, custody, or licensed security officer. Please submit a copy of appropriate identification.
- "JUNIOR DIVISION" All competitors 13-17 years old at the time of the match will qualify for Junior in addition to the Overall or Category that they otherwise qualify for. Please state birth date on the application. All Junior or Pre-Teen competitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must be in attendance for the Junior shooter to compete. If the parent/guardian of the Junior is competing in the tournament, they must be squaded together. The liability waiver must be signed by both the competitor and their parent or legal guardian.
- "PRE-TEEN DIVISION" All competitors 8 to 12 years old at the time of the match will qualify for Open Class and Pre-Teen. Please state birth date on the application. The parent or guardian must be in attendance for the Pre-teen shooter to compete. If the parent/guardian of the Pre-teen is competing in the tournament, they must be squaded together. The liability waiver must be signed by both the competitor and their parent or legal guardian.
- "SENIOR DIVISION" All competitors 55 to 64 years old at the time of the match will qualify for Open Class and Senior.
- "SUPER SENIOR DIVISION" All competitors 65 years of age and older at the time of the match will qualify for Open Class and Super Senior.
- "COWBOY SINGLE ACTION DIVISION" All entrants will compete in Open Class and in the Cowboy Single Action Division. Those entered shall be governed by SASS rules and regulations for allowable firearms and holsters. Single action shooters may use two (2) revolvers, with all chambers loaded (6). Upon emptying the first revolver and if still needing to complete the course, the competitor may draw their second revolver to complete the course of fire. However, the second revolver may not be drawn until the first revolver has been fully re-holstered. On either draw, the hammer may not be cocked until the barrel is pointed down range. Firearms must be of Single Action design. Adjustable sights are allowed, optics are not.
- "RIMFIRE" There will be two categories of rimfire. One will be utilizing optics and one will be without optics. All entrants shall compete from the "ISI

rested ready position", which will be defined as gun in hand, finger off of the trigger and pointed down range, with both elbows touching the side of the shooter. Due to the lack of a holster, rimfire will not be eligible for Overall awards, but will instead compete for its own Division Championships.

THE STEEL CHALLENGE *WORLD CHAMPIONS OF SPEED SHOOTING.*

DATE	TOP OVERALL	TOP WOMAN
1981	JOHN SHAW	MELBA PRUITT
1982	J. MICHAEL PLAXCO	PAMELA MORRIS
1983	MICKEY FOWLER	LINDA ZUBIENA
1984	NICK PRUITT	LEE COLE
1985	ROB LEATHAM	LEE COLE
1986	CHIP McCORMICK	JO ANNE HALL
1987	JERRY BARNHART	MICHELLE GRIGGS
1988	CHIP McCORMICK	SUZAN COOPER
1989	ANGELO SPAGNOLI	SHIRLEY HAMILTON
1990	JETHRO DIONISIO	JUDY WOOLLEY
1991	JERRY BARNHART	JUDY WOOLLEY
1992	JETHRO DIONSIO	VALERIE LEVANZA
1993	JETHRO DIONSIO	VALERIE LEVANZA
1997	ROSS NEWELL	KAY CLARK-MICULEK
1998	JERRY BARNHART	CATHY LEVANZA

GENERAL MATCH INFORMATION

All targets are painted white and will be re-painted prior to each contestant's first run on each course of fire. All round targets are 5' high to the top of the target and all rectangles are 5'6" to the top of the target (as set by a transom from the shooter's box).

Should a tie for 1st place of any stage occur, the fastest single run of that particular stage will be used as the tie breaker. If still needed, the second and third run will be used as the tie breaker.

Should a tie for Overall placing occur, the Speed Option or other pre-designated stage score will be used as the tie breaker.

The same gun, holster and holster position must be used throughout the match. IF there is a mechanical problem, equipment of similar make or model may be used as a replacement. If said guns or holsters are entered in a Division or Category event, the same guidelines, conditions or restrictions must apply. If these guidelines cannot be met with the replacement gun or holster, the contestant will not be eligible for awards in their Category, but will still remain eligible for Overall Awards.

Should a malfunction or breakage occur, the string of fire will be scored and competitor given the chance to retire for repairs or replacement of the equipment before resuming the course of fire. There are no alibi's or re-shoots for malfunction or breakage.

Contestants are to go to the line prepared with the appropriate number of magazines, or speed loaders and needed ammunition, to avoid causing unnecessary delays. (Single action shooters will understandably require more time to reload.) A contestant may have an assistant to help them in reloading if desired.

When a contestant has finished, the Range Officer will call the next contestant to the line. Practice drawing or sighting must be held to a minimum and will not be allowed after the first string of fire.

Thirty (30) seconds will be the standard for making ready for each additional string of fire. If the contestant is not prepared in a timely fashion, the Range Officer will announce, "Make Ready Now". The contestant then has ten (10) seconds to make ready and notify the Range Officer upon having done so. If the contestant has not notified the Range Officer of their readiness at the 10 second mark, the Range Officer will begin the verbal Start Commands. If the contestant does not engage the course of fire when the audible start signal sounds, they will be given a maximum time for that string of fire.

Eye and ear protection for all shooters and spectators are required. Individuals observed without eye or ear wear will be required to leave the shooting area.

Competitors may fire as many rounds as they deem necessary for each string of fire.

Please understand that we need to establish a balance between the competitor's need to ready themselves and the amount of time available in each day. Your cooperation will be appreciated by the Match Staff and the other competitors.

All final decisions will be made by the Match Director.

HANDGUN CALIBER

Center fire handguns only with the minimum caliber being 9mm/.38 special. Firearms shall be suitable for holster use. Rimfire .22 shall be a category with separate standings and scores.

HOLSTERS

Holsters shall be mounted in the general vicinity of the waist. Holsters must retain the gun. Triggers may not be fully exposed with any holster. Exception - Single Action western holsters.

AMMUNITION

There will be no multiple projectile or magnum loads allowed. Bullet velocity of 750 FPS is recommended to achieve full destruction of the bullet. Be aware that a power factor of 120 is required on the impact stop plates at the Steel Challenge Pistol Tournament.

TARGETS

Targets are variable in size, but are either 8", 10" or 12" circles and 18" x 24" rectangles, which are made of at least T-1 steel. Generally speaking, the harder the steel, the better it's performance and the longer it will last. If you are in need of steel targets and wish to duplicate the Steel Challenge targets, the target maker is D-S Welding in Chatsworth, CA, 818 727-9353.

Targets should be angled towards the shooter so the flat surface faces the competitor to avoid ricochets. Straw bales are an excellent lead splatter absorbent. Any right angles that could be created by target support structures must be avoided as they can cause lead splatter toward the shooter and spectators. Any steel target that has holes or craters is unsafe and must not be used.

SCORING

Your time is your score. Each of four targets must be hit during each string of fire and a designated stop plate will be hit last to stop the time. The best four out of five runs will be counted as the total score for each stage, except for Outer Limits, which will be the best three out of four runs. Any hits made after the maximum time allowance will not be counted. All shots fired at primary targets after the stop plate has been struck, will be scored with a 3 second penalty each. The maximum time allowed for each individual run is 30 seconds. The competitor will be stopped and asked to reload if they reach the 30 second limit. Three (3) second procedural penalties will be given for creeping or jumping before the start signal, foot faults, shooting at the wrong targets from the designated boxes, and incorrect or non movement.

All shooting boxes will be 3' x 3' except for Outer Limits, which are 4' x 4'. A foot fault will be described as when shots are fired while any part of the body (foot) is touching down outside of the shooting boxes. Clarification: A competitor may not support any weight down "outside" (on the ground) of the shooting box while shooting, but foot pressure on the raised shooting box will not be penalized.

Showdown will have two 3' x 3' shooting boxes and two runs will be shot from one shooting box and two from the other. The competitor may choose from either box to shoot their fifth and final run. There is NO movement between boxes during a string of fire.

The Flying M 2000 will have the competitor begin in Box A and engage the "A" targets, move forward to Box B and engage the "B" targets and Stop Plate in one continuous course of fire.

Outer Limits will have three 4' x 4' shooting boxes. The shooter will start on their weak side shooting box and will engage the 25 and 40 yard plates on the weak side of the center line, move to the middle shooting box and engage the remaining two plates and stop plate. The distance between each of the three boxes will be 6'.

It is the responsibility of the competitors to check their scores as written on their score cards and to sign their score cards when finished shooting. Any questions concerning the score card should then be asked of the Range Officials. If still needed, a Match Director will then be summoned.

MOVEMENT

USPSA rules will apply for shots fired while moving into the **second** shooting box in Outer Limits and The Flying M 2000. If the contestant fires and leaves Box A and then realizes they missed and/or hit the targets out of sequence and then return to Box A and continues to shoot, there will be no procedural penalty. (Keep the muzzle down range while returning to Box A) Any target(s) struck in the incorrect order (A vs. B) will be judged as a miss. If any shots are fired after having begun to move forward out of the box, there WILL be a procedural penalty. (For ease of judging, both feet must be touching down while firing in Box A in the Flying M 2000 and the Weak Side Box in Outer Limits.) Upon reaching Box B, the contestant may begin to fire when one foot is in the box and the trailing foot is either in the box or in the air. Remember, if targets are engaged out of order without corrective shots being taken, there will be a procedural penalty, plus a miss scored on each target struck out of turn.

Outer Limits has the same movement conditions as the Flying M 2000. The shooter may not leave the initial box until AFTER the first two targets are engaged. Upon entering the second box, the competitor may begin to engage the targets when the trailing foot is off the runway. It is the shooter's choice as to whether they have their trailing foot down or in the air while firing in the second shooting box.

STARTING COMMANDS

The audible timer start will be preceded by the commands "Load and make ready." After a short time is taken, the shooter shall indicate that he or she is ready. The commands will be "Shooter ready? - Stand by." There will then be a hesitation of one half to one and one half seconds before the start signal will sound. Creeping or jumping is expressly prohibited! Hands must remain motionless after the "Stand by" command. A 3 second penalty WILL BE ASSESSED for creeping, premature start, hand movement or bouncing of any kind.

HAND POSITION

Hands are to be held in the "Surrender Position", which is shoulder high, with the wrists and full hand visible from behind. The Range Officer will stop the count down and give one warning and one warning ONLY if they see that the competitor is setting up too low or starting to creep or "bounce". Failure to comply will result in a three second penalty for each occurrence.

Rimfire will require the "I.S.I. rested ready position", with both elbows touching the body, with the muzzle pointed down range and the finger off the trigger.

SAFETY RULES

The range is cold! Handguns will not be loaded except as directed by Match Officials. Semi-autos will have an empty magazine well, and all chambers and revolver cylinders will be kept empty.

During loading or unloading, engaging the course of fire and during remedial action in the event of a malfunction, the muzzle of the handgun must ALWAYS be kept pointed down range. If the limit line (180 degrees of the shooter box) is violated with a loaded gun, the contestant will be asked to unload and will be disqualified from the entire match.

After a string of fire, no contestant may leave their position until the firearm has been unloaded, inspected and cleared by the Range Officer. The firearm will then be holstered or placed in a protective sheath or bag.

In the event a firearm cannot be unloaded due to a broken or failed mechanism, the shooter will notify the Range Officer. In no case, will a contestant leave the line with a loaded weapon.

During the contest, contestants will refrain from handling their firearms, except when instructed by a match official or in designated areas.

Should a firearm be dropped during a course of fire, the contestant will not pick up the firearm, but allow the match official to do so. The match official will then unload and inspect the firearm.

SAFETY VIOLATIONS

The following violations, any one of which may, and any two of which shall, result in disqualification.

- Pointing an Unloaded pistol up range (break the 180 degree line).
- Dropping of an Unloaded firearm.
- Leaving the line with a loaded pistol.
- Any grossly uncontrolled shot or accidental discharge.
- Picking up a dropped firearm without the direction of a match official.

The following violations shall result in automatic disqualification from the tournament.

- Pointing a loaded firearm up range.
- Dropping a loaded firearm.
- Any shot fired into the holster or into the ground within six feet of the contestant.
- Unsafe handling of a loaded firearm.
- Contestants under the influence of a controlled substance. (Alcohol or drugs)
- Any behavior or action in violation of sportsmanship codes, or that which directly and/or adversely affects the performance of another competitor.

DRESS CODE

Camouflage or para-military clothing, or shirts with controversial slogans or sayings **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED**. Anyone wearing these items will be asked to leave the range facility. It is critical that this sport stay as media friendly as possible and avoid possible controversy.

PENALTIES

Three second penalties will be given for procedural violations, premature starts, creeping, missed targets and foot faults where applicable.

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