

STAGE CONVENTIONS

Stage Conventions or standard range behaviors are a list of practices every shooter is expected to know and follow on every stage. These stage defaults should be followed in all SASS Matches unless otherwise directed in stage descriptions.

1. All knockdown shotgun targets may be reengaged until down.
2. All knockdown targets (shotgun, rifle, or revolver) must go down to count. Any knockdown target still standing once the shooter has engaged the next sequence of the stage will be counted as a miss.

Shooters Handbook page 21 (Stage Conventions)

Range Ops page 14 (Stage Conventions)

5. No cocked revolver may ever leave a shooter's hand (Stage Disqualification). This also means from one hand to the other. This does NOT apply when loading or reloading on the firing line.

Shooters Handbook page 22 (Safety Practices)

Range Ops page 16 (Appendix A – Range Safety Rules)

7. De-cocking may not be done to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time, position or location **once a round has gone downrange**. NO gun may be de-cocked on the firing line except by pointing it down range and pulling the trigger or while under the direct supervision of a stage officer. The penalty for de-cocking is a Stage Disqualification.

Shooters Handbook page 23 (Safety Practices)

Range Ops page 16 (Appendix A – Range Safety Rules)

35. Failure to stage guns or ammunition at the designated position(s) or location(s) is the fault of the competitor and scored as a procedural unless the competitor is able to correct the situation, unassisted, while in the process of completing the stage under time.

The penalty for using "illegally acquired" ammunition (i.e. NOT carried to the line/staged by the shooter in an approved manner) will be a PROCEDURAL. Any targets hit using that ammo will be scored as MISSES. **NO adjustments will be made to the stage raw time.**

Shooters Handbook page 21 (Range Operations) page 25 (Safety Practices)

Range Ops page 21 (Appendix A – Range Safety Rules)

ROII page 6 (Range Officer Duties)

PENALTY OVERVIEW

5-SECOND PENALTIES

Rifle, revolver, and shotgun targets must be engaged with the appropriate type of firearm. A "miss" is defined as the failure to hit the appropriate target type using the appropriate type firearm. Target placement should always allow a shooter the opportunity for a clean miss to be scored without argument. Overlapping targets of the same type should be avoided if at all possible and should not cause a Procedural "trap" by making it difficult to determine the shooter's intent when engaging the targets.

- Each missed target.
- Each unfired round.
- Each target hit with an incorrect firearm, either intentionally or by mistake.
- Each target hit with "illegally acquired" ammunition.

To help understand this concept, a "MISS FLOW CHART" is found in Appendix C. It is also good to understand "A MISS CANNOT CAUSE A PROCEDURAL."

10- SECOND PENALTIES

Procedural Penalties

Any unintentional procedural errors caused by “brain fade,” confusion, ignorance, or mistakes (not to exceed one for any given stage).

- Failure to attempt to fire a firearm.
- Failure to attempt a prop or stage maneuver.
- Shooting targets in an order other than as required by stage description.
- Engaging the stage (firearms, targets, or maneuvers) in an order other than as required by the stage description.
- Failure to adhere to the guidelines of the category in which you are competing.
- Firing any firearm from a position or location other than as required by the stage description.
- Use of "illegally acquired" ammunition (i.e. NOT carried to the line/staged by the shooter in an approved manner)

Range Ops pages 24- 25 (Appendix B – Penalty Overview)

Illegally acquired ammunition – ammo NOT carried to the line or staged by the shooter in an approved manner.

Location – a physical point on a stage e.g. “behind the door....”

Major Safety Violation – a safety infraction that has a high potential for personal injury.

Minor Safety Violation – handling or firing a gun in a manner that is unsafe but does not directly endanger persons.

Miss – a failure to hit the appropriate target type using the appropriate firearm type. For further explanation of how to assess a miss, see “Miss Flow Chart” in the appendix to ROI Manual.

(see also “**5-second Penalties**” section of the ROI “**PENALTY OVERVIEW**”)

Range Ops page 31 (Glossary of Terms)
