

Synopsis of Final Edits to SHB & RO1 version 19.7
20 JUN 2014 (as posted to the Wire(s))

6. Long guns will be discarded open and empty with their barrels pointed safely down range. If the action of a long gun closes after being opened and emptied, the shooter will, at the conclusion of the stage, show it to be clear to the T/O or spotter. Appropriate **additional** penalties will be applied if it is not clear.

SHB p.21 (Stage Conventions)

17. Long guns will have their actions left open and the actions/magazines/barrels empty at the conclusion of each shooting string. A 10 second minor safety penalty will be assessed if the firearm is not cleared or opened. This condition may be corrected prior to the next round being fired. If the long gun is the last firearm used, it must be cleared prior to it leaving the shooters hand(s) at the unloading table. This does not apply to guns shot out of sequence, made "safe" and then restaged.

If the action of a long gun closes after being discarded open and empty, the shooter will, at the conclusion of the stage, show it to be clear to the TO or a spotter. Appropriate penalties will be applied if it is not clear. No one other than the competitor may handle the gun in question. **See RO1 for further clarification.**

SHB p.23

6. Long guns will be discarded open and empty with their barrels pointed safely down range. If the action of a long gun closes after being opened and emptied, the shooter will, at the conclusion of the stage, show it to be clear to the T/O or spotter. Appropriate **additional** penalties will be applied if it is not clear. No one other than the competitor may handle the gun in question.

RO1 p.13 (Stage Conventions)

RO1 Instructor Version p.12 (Stage Conventions)

17. Long guns will have their actions left open and the actions/magazines/barrels empty at the conclusion of each shooting string. A 10 second minor safety penalty will be assessed if the firearm is not cleared or opened. This condition may be corrected prior to the next round being fired. If the long gun is the last firearm used, it must be cleared prior to it leaving the shooters hand(s) at the unloading table. This does not apply to guns shot out of sequence, made "safe" and then restaged.

Examples:

A. Shooter returns to the long gun and opens it before firing the next gun and there is no UNFIRED round in the chamber — **NO CALL.**

B. Shooter returns to the long gun and opens it at the end of the stage and an empty case/hull is ejected or found in the action or chamber — **Minor Safety Violation.** (for the empty round...in addition to the MSV for the action being closed; unless it is determined to have closed because of a "prop failure")

C. Shooter returns to the long gun and opens it, and a live/unfired round is ejected or in the chamber — **Stage DQ** for a long gun having left the shooter's hand with the action closed, hammer cocked with a live round in the chamber. In this case there is no opportunity to return to open it if called back before being committed to the next firearm — the penalty applies the moment it left the shooter's hand.

Should someone other than the competitor open the action of the gun, any penalties that would have been incurred will still be applied.

RO1 p.17

RO1 Instructor Version p.16

Minor Safety Penalties

- **Not leaving a long gun action open at the end of the shooting string or before the next firearm is fired.**
- **Leaving empty or live rounds in magazine or carrier of the long gun in which it was loaded.**
- Not returning revolvers to leather unless otherwise specified.
- Open, empty long guns that slip and fall but do not break 170° safety rule or sweep anyone.
- Retrieving a dropped "dead" round.
- Cocking a revolver before it reaches 45 degrees downrange.

RO1 p.24

RO1 Instructor Version p.23

Additional notes & references:

RANGE OPERATIONS SUMMARY

1. It is expected the Range Officers will have the primary responsibility for observing and resolving all safety-related matters occurring in the loading, unloading, and firing line areas.

The Chief Range Officers will make the final determination of penalties and scores. Due care and diligence by the shooter will be taken into consideration when determining whether or not a penalty is valid, based upon factors such as a range equipment or prop malfunction

...

...

5. A safe and sturdy place should be provided at each stage to position the shooter's firearms and is mandatory to use. Whether or not they are available, it is the shooter's responsibility to take reasonable care in putting down the gun. If the gun falls **or closes**, the **Range Officer shall make the determination of fault: either Prop Failure or Safety Violation as appropriate.**

RO1 p.21

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

...

Action Closed (lever & pump action long guns) – BOLT in "full battery" e.g. unable to further close by manipulation of the lever or pump mechanism.

Action Closed - (SxS & single-shot firearms) functional firearm that requires manipulation of the opening mechanism (e.g. top/side lever/button)

Action Open (lever & pump action long guns) – BOLT not closed completely.

Action Open– (SxS & single-shot firearms) – functional firearm that opens without manipulation of the release mechanism (e.g. top/side lever/button)

RO1 p.29

Clarified to remove some confusion...a shooter CAN get 2 MSV's for the action being closed with an empty round remaining (or a live round not in the chamber) unless one or both conditions are remedied before firing the next gun of the stage.

REF: "Minor Safety Penalties" RO1 p.24 (quoted above)