

IBS RANGE SAFETY COMMANDS – LONG RANGE COMPETITION

600 yard and 1000 yard Competition

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These commands and instructions supersede the IBS rule book #12 dated March 2009.

a. At each tournament there will be a safety meeting prior to the first relay of each day. All competitors are required to be at the safety meeting. Competitors not attending the safety meeting will not be allowed to compete. Any one arriving late can be allowed to shoot as long as the shooter/s are given a safety briefing.

The leader of the meeting will read the following:

"All bolts must be out of rifles at all times and no loaded cartridge is to be on the loading ramp, or in the chamber, until the Range Officer gives the command of 'Commence Fire'. Any competitor violating this rule will be disqualified from the entire Tournament.

If a shooter has a problem and needs to insert a bolt, they need to contact the range officer who will direct them, with supervision, to an appropriate location. Under no circumstance shall a loaded round be inserted into a rifle except on the firing line between appropriate commands. Any violation of this rule will result in a disqualification from the entire tournament.

Referees will spot check at their discretion rifle weight and dimensions, and rests. An overweight rifle, one outside the rules dimensionally, or an illegal rest, constitutes grounds for disqualification.

Any competitor that cannot hear range officer commands or who cannot understand range officer commands must report that to the match Director or Statistician during sign-up. That competitor must have a willing and able personal assistant that is identified by that competitor to be on the firing line during setup, firing of sighter rounds and during the record period this assistant will communicate only the range officer commands. If the personal assistant is not appointed and present, the competitor cannot be on the firing line.

If during the match a situation arises which shall require a cessation of fire, The Range Officer shall first sound an air horn or loud buzzer, and then command 'Cease Fire'. All competitors are to leave their rifles alone, and wait for follow-up commands from the Range Officer. Any rounds fired after the 'Cease Fire' will result in disqualification of the competitor firing. Once the Range Officer has determined whether or not it is a safety interruption (such as a person downrange) or a procedural interruption (such as a loose target) the Range Officer will give further instructions. If it is a safety incident, all rifles are to be left untouched until the Range Officer determines a safe course of action and provides instructions. If it is a procedural incident, the Range Officer can then command 'Clear your rifle by firing or by opening the bolt'. All bolts must be out of rifles, and all competitors must be cleared from the benches prior to the target detail entering the range. Any time lost by such interruption of shooting shall be handled according to the IBS rule book".

c. In order for the Range Officer and/or Safety Officers to maintain safe control of the firing line, all competitors are to remain seated and quiet at their assigned bench until the “Clear the benches.” command is given by the range officer.

2) Range Commands for ranges without pits:

Immediately prior to the beginning of a relay the Range Officer will announce to the competitors:

This is LG or HG match number __ relay number __ you will be allowed __ minutes to complete your sighter period followed by 10 minutes for your record target. After the cease –fire command at the end of the ____ sighter period and before the commence fire command for the 10 min record period you are NOT allowed to have a loaded round in your rifle action or chamber. During the sighter and record periods you will be given time warnings for 3 min, 2 min, 1 min, 30 secs, 15secs, and cease fire."

The Range Officer will then give the following commands in a fluid sentence, in the following sequence:

Start of sighter period - "**Ready on the right, ready on the left, ready on the firing line, commence firing.**"

End of sighter period/Start of record period – “**Cease –fire, this ends your sighter period, all spotters and non-shooetrs off the firing line, commence fire.**”

End of record period – **Cease –fire this ends your record period, remove your bolts, and remain seated, show your bolts by raising them over your head.”**

Once the Range Officer confirms that the line is safe, he/ she shall command: “**Clear the benches.**”

(At this point the Range Officer will visually inspect the firing line, with help from appointed Safety Officers, as appropriate, who will signal the Range Officer that all bolts are out with thumbs up sign).

The Range officer is in charge of the target detail (crew) and the target detail is not to enter the range until the range officer has given the command to “clear the benches” and has given the target crew the command to go down range.

3) Range Commands for Ranges with Pits

This is LG or HG match number __ relay number __ you will be allowed __ minutes to complete sighter period followed by 10 minutes for your record target. After the cease –fire command at the end of the ____ sighter period and before the commence fire command for the 10 min record period you are NOT allowed to have a loaded round in your rifle action or chamber. During the sighter and

record periods you will be given time warnings for 3 min, 2 min, 1 min, 30 secs, 15secs, and cease fire."

The Range Officer will then give the following commands in a fluid sentence, in the following sequence:

Start of sighter period -"**Ready on the right, ready on the left, commence firing.**"

End of sighter period/Start of record period – **“Cease –fire this ends your sighter period, all spotters and non-shooters off the firing line, shooters look over your sighter targets, (pause for shooters to adjust to changes), - command to pit officer- raise the record targets, command to firing line, Ready on the left, ready on the right, commence fire.”**

End of record period – **Cease –fire this ends your record period, remove your bolts, and remain seated, show your bolts by raising them over your head.”** Range master needs to check with pit officer- any problems with targets are dealt with per section VIII, Paragraph B, Subparagraphs 25-31, once all issues regarding targets are resolved... Once the Range Officer confirms that the line is safe, he/ she shall command: **“Clear the benches.”**

(At this point the Range Officer will visually inspect the firing line, with help from appointed Safety Officers, as appropriate, who will signal the Range Officer that all bolts are out with thumbs up sign.

The Range officer is in charge of the target detail and the target detail is not to enter the range until the range officer has given the command to “clear the benches” and has given the target crew the command to go down range.