

Office of Chief Patrol Inspector,
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Washington, D. C.

(Through Official Channels)

The Tampa Subdistrict of the Border Patrol, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Tampa, Florida, desires to issue a challenge to any subdistrict of our Border Patrol Service to a postal four-man team revolver or pistol match 38 caliber or larger. We will shoot any course of fire and at any distance.

Any subdistrict desiring to accept the challenge may select any one of the following suggested matches, and submit rules and regulations under which they desire to fire the match selected. However, it is suggested that matches be fired under the rules and regulations prescribed by the National Rifle Association. Scores to be exchanged by mail.

NO. 1. SILHOUETTE MATCH.

Course of fire. A killing score of five shots, time fire, time limit 15 seconds for five shots. Distance 50 yards.

A disabling score of five shots, slow fire, at right arm of the silhouette target, distance 25 yards.

A disabling score of five shots, time fire, time limit 20 seconds, at right arm of silhouette target, distance 15 yards.

A killing score of five shots, double action or automatic fire, five shots in five seconds, distance 10 yards.

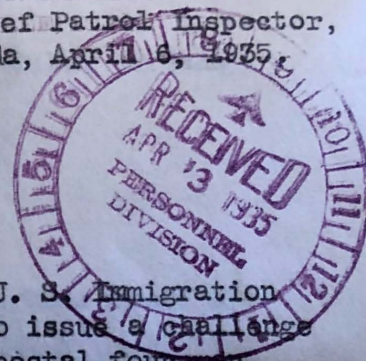
Arms to be used. Any pistol or revolver 38 caliber or larger.

Target. Colt's life size silhouette.

NO. 2. SILHOUETTE MATCH.

Course of fire. 10 shots, 25 yards, slow fire, killing score.
10 shots, 15 yards, double action or automatic fire, five shots right hand, five shots left hand, time limit 10 seconds for each five shots, killing score.

10 shots, 10 yards, quick draw from holster and five 2 shots in four seconds, returning arm to holster after each two shots, killing score.



NO. 2 SILHOUETTE MATCH (Cont'd)

Arms to be used. Any revolver or pistol 38 caliber or larger.
Target. Colt's life size silhouette.

NO. 3 BULL'S EYE MATCH.

Course of fire. 10 shots slow fire 25 yards, time limit 10 minutes.
10 shots time fire 15 yards, time limit 20 seconds for each string of five shots.
10 shots rapid fire 15 yards, time limit 10 seconds for each string of five shots.
Arms to be used. Any pistol or revolver 38 caliber or larger.
Target. 25 yard Standard American.

NO. 4.

Course of fire. Same as match No. 3 with the exception that Army L target is to be used instead of the 25 yard Standard American.

NO. 5 NATIONAL MATCH COURSE.

Course of fire. 10 shots slow fire, 50 yards, time limit 10 minutes.
10 shots time fire, 25 yards, 20 seconds for each string of five shots.
10 shots, rapid fire, 25 yards, 10 seconds for each string of five shots.
Targets. Standard American 50 and 25 yards.
Arms to be used. Any pistol or revolver 38 caliber or larger.

NO. 6.

Course of fire. Same as match No. 5 except that slow fire is also fired from 25 yards.
Targets. Standard American 25 yards.
Arms to be used. Any pistol or revolver 38 caliber or larger.



Regarding firing match No. 2, Silhouette Match, without having it appear that the writer is endeavoring to insinuate that officers of other subdistricts do not know how to handle a gun, he does however wish to state there is considerable danger of an accidental fire if an automatic pistol is pulled from the holster with safety off, or for that matter there is some danger of an accidental fire with a revolver, if the trigger finger is not kept from trigger until arms is fully extended.

Should practice be held on a day a postal match is fired, records scores for the match should be designated before firing.

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