

June 10, 1935.

## District Directors of

## Immigration and Naturalization Service,

Newport, Vermont  
Jacksonville, Florida  
Buffalo, New York  
Detroit, Michigan  
Galveston, Texas

St. Paul, Minnesota  
Spokane, Washington  
El Paso, Texas  
Seattle, Washington  
Los Angeles, California

It is desired that between now and August 1, you have the outstanding pistol shots in your District fire, under conditions simulating as far as possible those met in actual competition, the course of fire outlined herein several times, or as many times as may be practicable, and forward immediately thereafter to the Central Office all of the scores of those officers who qualify as "Expert", together with pertinent comment upon each officer's competitive shooting ability.

This is for the purpose of enabling the Central Office to determine which officers should be chosen to represent the Service in the national matches which are to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio, September of this year, in the event it is found feasible to permit officers to attend.

This Service cannot detail officers to Camp Perry at Government expense, but members of civilian teams whose entry in the national matches is authorized by the War Department will be entitled to travel including subsistence at the rate of five cents (\$.05) per mile while enroute from their homes to Camp Perry and return. While participating in the matches they will be entitled to a subsistence allowance of one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20) per day for not to exceed nineteen (19) days from September 1 to 19 inclusive. In view of the fact that only thirteen (13) men may be sent to Camp Perry at the expense of the War Department, it is deemed advisable to concentrate on the small arms matches rather than to attempt to divide the teams' efforts between the rifle and pistol matches. For that reason the survey that is being made is confined to determining which officers are most proficient with small arms only.

In conducting your elimination matches the following course of fire should be adhered to, and there should be strict observance of the regulations governing the national matches, which are quoted in part below. Bulletin Number 5 containing the complete regulations governing the matches as prescribed by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice is not in print as yet, but when it is, copies will be secured and forwarded to your District.



## COURSE OF FIRE

1. First stage. -- Slow fire, 50 yards -- Standard American 50-yard target, 2 scores (5 shots each); 1 minute per shot.

Second stage. -- Timed fire, 25 yards -- Standard American 50-yard target with only the 9 and 10 rings blacked known as the 25-yard rapid fire pistol target, 2 scores (5 shots each); 20 seconds per score.

Third stage. -- Rapid fire, 25 yards -- Standard American 50-yard target with only the 9 and 10 rings blacked known as the 25-yard rapid fire pistol target, 2 scores (5 shots each); 10 seconds per score.

2. Rules. -- As laid down in Basic Field Manual (Pistol Marksmanship), except as herein modified.

3. Positions. -- Without body or artificial rest; one hand only to be used.

4. Arm. -- Pistol, United States, caliber .45, M1911 A1, having not less than 4-pound trigger pull, as issued by ordnance officer, national matches, or the same type and caliber of pistol, as manufactured by Colt Patent Fire Arms Co., privately owned, which may be equipped with front and rear sights similar in design to the issue sights, though different in dimensions. The notch of the rear sight may be rectangular.

5. Changing arms. -- No two competitors will fire in any competition with the same pistol. No competitor will change his pistol during any competition unless his first piece has become unserviceable through accident. Such contingency will be verified by a range official. Violation of this rule will be a just cause for exclusion from the competition.

6. Ammunition. -- Ammunition selected for the national matches will be issued by the ordnance officer, national matches, to the competitors at the firing points for practice and for use in the pistol matches. No other ammunition than this will be used in the national individual pistol and national pistol team matches.

7. Prizes. -- "The Gold Cup" trophy shall be awarded to the winning team, to be held until the next national matches, and to each member of the highest one-third of the teams shooting shall be awarded a badge.

A miniature of the above-named trophy shall also be awarded to the team winning the original trophy, this miniature trophy to be and remain the permanent property of the winning team.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

46. Competitors may be required to score, mark targets or act as range officers. -- Any competitor who is detailed to perform any of these duties and fails to do so in a satisfactory manner to the executive officer will forfeit his right to compete in that match and, in the discretion of the executive



officer, be debarred during the remainder of the matches from further participation in any match or any practice.

47. In team matches teams may be required to furnish scorers for teams firing on adjacent targets. Members of a team may perform this duty in turn.

48. Team representatives in the pits. --- In the national rifle team match each team must furnish a team representative for duty in the pits. The team representatives shall assemble at the times and places ordered. They will be marched to the pits before the assignment of targets is made to teams. They will be assigned to targets without regard to the assignments at the firing points. They will be subject to the orders of the range officers on duty in the pits and will make with a pencil, before each shot is marked or pasted, a small circle around each shot hole; will call any irregularity or question of doubt to the attention of the range officer on duty in the pit, and the range officer's decision shall be final.

49. Competitors present punctually. --- Competitors must be present at the firing points punctually at the time or in the order stated on their score cards. In team matches only the first pair need be present at the hour set for firing to begin. No application on the part of a competitor for an alteration of his assignment will be entertained, except that in team matches team captains may change the order of firing of the members of their teams if they so desire.

The squads of competitors will be stationed on the benches in rear of firing point, where each competitor must remain until called by the score keeper or range officer to take his position at the firing point.

50. Competitors in rear of firing points. --- No one except the officials of the range, the competitors on the firing points, and scorers and others on duty will be permitted in front of the benches without special permission of the officer in charge, except that in team matches when coaching is permitted a coach may take his place on the line and between the men of the pair firing. He cannot shift his position nor shift the position of the men of the pair firing for the purpose of forming a wind shield for the firer. He must confine himself to the normal position of a coach and his activities to those normally expected of a coach. The coach will not assist the firer in any manner in loading his piece.

The team captain and one assistant may be seated not in advance of the line of scorers. The team captain may coach, but only if he withdraws his coach from the line or is himself actually on the line as coach. No expressions must be uttered loud enough to be heard at the firing point.

51. Competitors called in advance. --- In slow-fire stages of individual matches the competitor next to fire will be called to the firing point when the competitor firing has five remaining shots to fire. A competitor failing to answer when his name is called and to then promptly take position at the firing point will forfeit his right to fire, provided the time shown on his score card for him to appear has passed. The next competitors present assigned to the target then in order have the option of entering immediately or of waiting until their scheduled time.



52. Time limit. -- In individual slow-fire, competitors may fire with the deliberation they deem necessary, provided that the time limit allowed for one relay at the particular range is not exceeded.

In individual slow-fire matches it is impracticable to keep an accurate check on the time allowance used by the firer and the target operator in the pit. In the absence of specific protest to the range officer by the firer prior to the completion of the score, and in ample time to enable the range officer to check the time used by each, it will be assumed that the target is being satisfactorily operated. If protest is made by the firer, the range officer will check the time used by the firer and by the target operator and make such decision and adjustments as in his judgment are warranted. The firer may appeal from the decision of the range officer to the chief range officer, whose decision shall be final, except on written appeal to the executive officer submitted to the statistical officer before 7 p. m. of the day of the occurrence.

54. Extension of time. -- If an accident to the target, difficulty in operating the same, or any other reason over which the competitor or team has no control cause delay, such time credit as the range officer may decide will be allowed and immediately entered on the score board and score card, the effect of which will be to extend the time limit by that amount.

55. Shots fired after expiration of time scored misses. -- All shots fired after expiration of the time limit will be recorded as marked, but circles shall be drawn around such shots, and notation shall be made on the score card of such shots as may be fired after the expiration of the time limit, and such shots shall be considered as having been misses.

56. Loading arms. -- No arms shall be loaded except at the firing point, the muzzle of the rifle or pistol being kept in the direction of the target until the arm is either discharged or unloaded. When not at the firing point and in the act of firing, rifles shall be carried at all times with changes open. When not at the firing point and in the act of firing, pistols will have their magazines withdrawn and the slides pulled back.

57. Drawing targets. -- In the national rifle team matches targets will be drawn for each half day's firing or whenever firing has been interrupted and the pits unsealed. This drawing will take place in rear of the center target of the first range in the order of fire for the particular half day one-half hour before the time set for firing to begin. The team captain or his representative will be present and draw for his team. In all other team matches targets will be assigned by lot in advance by the statistical officer and the assignment announced at the firing point of the first range 15 minutes before the time set for firing to begin. The drawing of targets will not take place nor the assignment or targets announced until after all parties who are to enter the pits have passed out of sight behind the butts.

58. Coaching. -- In team matches coaching by any member of the team will be permitted.



62. Protests. -- Protests and objections must not be directly submitted to the executive officer but to the range officers of the firing point concerned. In case a competitor considers the decision of the latter unwarranted by the facts presented, he may appeal to the chief range officer and then to the executive officer, in writing, before 7 p. m. of the day of the occurrence. Appeals from the decisions of the executive officer must be made in writing and forwarded through that officer to the appeals board, which will consist of those members of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, not less than 3 in number, who are present at the national matches at the time of the protest. The decisions of this appeals board will be final.

63. Ammunition, unauthorized. -- Any competitor having any ammunition in his belt or about his person when he takes his place at the firing stand, other than that authorized, may be immediately debarred.

64. Firing, unauthorized. -- No firing except at the targets in prescribed competition or practice will be allowed. Any violation of this rule will disqualify the offending competitor for the period of the matches.

65. Piece, unserviceable. -- An unserviceable or disabled piece is a rifle or pistol which is pronounced by a range official as unsuitable for match competition.

72. Penalties. -- Any person, whether a competitor or not, interfering with any of the firers, or annoying them in any way, will be warned to desist, and if he repeats the offense he will be at once ordered off the range.

Any competitor -

- a. Who shall fire in a name other than that under which he entered, or who shall fire twice for the same prize; or
- b. Who shall be guilty of any conduct considered by the executive officer to be discreditable; or
- c. Who shall be guilty of falsifying his score or being accessory thereto; or
- d. Who shall offer a bribe of any kind to any employee or other person; or
- e. Who shall be detected in an evasion of the conditions prescribed for the conducting of any match; or
- f. Who shall refuse to obey any instructions of the executive officer or a range officer; or
- g. Who shall be guilty of disorderly conduct or of being intoxicated, shall upon the offense being proved to the satisfaction of the executive officer, be disqualified from competing in the matches, and shall not be entitled to have any prize won by him at the time of the competition awarded him.



The members of all authorized teams except those from the Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will be entitled to travel including subsistence at the rate of 5 cents per mile while en route from their homes to Camp Perry, Ohio and return. While participating in the National Matches at Camp Perry they will be entitled to subsistence allowance at the rate of \$1.20 per day for not to exceed 19 days from Sunday, September 1, 1935 to Thursday, September 19, 1935.

By direction of the Commissioner:

  
EDW. J. SHAUGHNESSY  
Deputy Commissioner.

(Signed)

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