

R&GC Action Pistol Practice Range Information

Introduction

The Action Pistol Practice Range provides the Central Oregon shooting community with a safe and convenient venue for this dynamic form of shooting.

For those who are not familiar with the Action Pistol sports, this type of shooting offers the opportunity to engage in more dynamic shooting activities than are found on the standard range, where one engages a single target from a stationary shooting station, in many instances limited to slow fire only.

Action Pistol is a generic term which encompasses a number of distinct handgun shooting disciplines, the most widely known of which are International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA), United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) and Steel Challenge shooting.

Action pistol is an exciting and challenging pursuit. Speed and accuracy, with the overarching requirement of range safety, are the criteria used to measure the shooter's skill. The shooter is called upon to draw from a belt holster and engage multiple targets in a single course of fire, frequently from multiple shooting positions, and, while making use of simulated cover from which to engage targets or reload the handgun; a timer may be used to gauge progress. The targets can be cardboard silhouettes, steel targets, or a combination of the two, and courses of fire can require the shooter to perform one or more reloads when moving between shooting positions.

What Equipment is Needed to Get Started in Action Pistol Shooting?

The following is a list of basic equipment which will suffice to get one going in action pistol shooting.

- A sturdy belt which is capable of securely holding the shooter's holster, handgun, ammunition carriers and ammunition.
- A belt-mounted holster which completely covers the trigger guard and trigger of the firearm and will securely hold the firearm during movement.

- At least three magazines for the shooter's semi-automatic firearm, or two speed loaders for the shooter's revolver.
- A magazine or speed loader carrier which will securely hold the shooter's spare ammunition devices during movement.
- A reliable centerfire handgun (semi-automatic or revolver) in a caliber of 9mm. or greater. Concealed Handgun License holders who wish to practice with smaller caliber or rimfire handguns may do so on the Practice Range.

Getting Started

It is advisable for the new action pistol shooter to concentrate on mastering the mechanics of this form of shooting activity before worrying about developing speed. Safe gun handling and accuracy take priority, and their mastery should precede the acquisition of speed in the shooter's development process.

General Information About the Practice Range

The RR&GC Action Pistol Practice Range may be used **only** when an RR&GC Range Safety Officer (RSO) is present on the Practice Range to oversee the operation.

In order to qualify to use the Action Pistol Practice Range, a shooter must participate in a Range Orientation and Shooting Assessment session. Upon successful completion of that requirement, the shooter will be issued a card identifying him/her as qualified to use the practice range venue. That card must be presented to the on-duty RR&GC RSO at the time of check-in **on every occasion** in order to gain access to the range.

Orientation/Shooting Assessment sessions will be provided to new shooters on a walk-in basis provided that a shooting bay is available for use in administering the Shooting Assessment.

The rules governing the operation of the RR&GC Action Pistol Practice Range, which include a detailed description of the Shooting Assessment procedure and requirements, are posted on the RR&GC website. All shooters must be familiar with those rules before coming to the Practice Range venue.

Fees for the Use of the Practice Range

The currently applicable RR&GC Rifle/Pistol range fee (based upon the shooter's RR&GC member/non-member status) will be charged. **In addition**, each shooter will be assessed a \$5.00 Practice Range use fee.

Targets

IDPA or USPSA cardboard targets are the **only** non-steel targets which may be used on the Practice Range. Shooters may provide their own such cardboard targets, and RR&GC will also offer either IDPA or USPSA targets (whichever may be on hand at the time) for sale.

An RSO may approve the use of other non-steel targets on a case-by-case basis.

RR&GC will initially provide a limited number of steel targets for shooter use. The target collection will be expanded as future funding permits.

RR&GC will gladly accept donations of either targets or funds for the purchase of additional steel targets for the Practice Range.

Hours of Operation

RR&GC will operate the Action Pistol Practice Range on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Those hours will be expanded as needed to accommodate the demand created by shooter turnout and/or expressed interest of enough shooters for expanded access to the venue to justify such schedule adjustments.

RSOs for the RR&GC rifle and pistol venues (including the Action Pistol Practice Range) are all volunteers. One limiting factor on the hours of operation of these shooting venues is the availability of volunteer RSOs. With that in mind, shooters are encouraged to consider joining both RR&GC and its RSO program. Expanding the club's membership improves the club. Expanding its RSO team and makes it possible to expand the hours of operation of the rifle and pistol venues, thereby benefiting the entire Central Oregon shooting community.