

Schuetzenverein - St. Louis - Vaterstag Pistole Wettschiessen

These rules and procedures [normally this would be called a course of fire, but hey I only have 20 years of police range instructor training under my belt so what do I know! – Editor] are designed for the **Vaterstag Pistole Wettschießen** open to all members of Schuetzenverein - St. Louis. This competition will be held at the Schuetzenwald the morning of the Father's Day Celebration and must be completed so as to not impact nor diminish the longstanding Ladies' Shoot competition held that at this same event.

All shooters must be signed up before 8:45 am and the competition will begin at 9 am SHARP. The competition will consist of single round elimination between all shooters based on overall scores. The top six shooters move on to a second round. The top three shooters from the second round will determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. In the case of a tie in any round, the tie will be broken by an additional round between the two shooters. Medals for the winners will be awarded at the Hubertus Tanz [or later if we order them too late to arrive here from Germany – Editor].

Rules:

- **[This shoot is open to all members of the club. While we have a ladies' shoot. Women can also be full members of this club and participate in all our activities without restriction or preferences given.- Editor]**
- **Center-fire revolver or semi-automatic pistols** of any standard centerfire pistol caliber only.
 - No rim-fire of any caliber is allowed. [.25 caliber is centerfire, so this and anything above this is ok to shoot – Editor.]
 - Only one pistol may be used per round by a shooter.
 - Shooters are allowed to change pistols between rounds.
 - No Thompson Contender or other rifle caliber conversions, such as AK47 pistols. No .50 caliber Desert Eagle or like pistols. [Note: While this is what was written in these rules, the editor was told at the February 13, 2020 meeting (when he mentioned that these rules need to better conform to courses of fire that range instructors are use to using) that anything .25 and above are good to shoot. This is what you get when a certified firearms instructor doesn't write your rules. - Editor]
- **All pistols must use "iron-sights."** The use of optical sights or lasers is prohibited.
- **Ammunition must be center-fire, single projectile and can be factory or hand-loaded.**
 - Projectiles can be hollow-point, lead, wad-cutter, FMJ, etcetera.
 - Frangible, shot shell or fragmenting projectiles are prohibited.
- **There is no time limit on each round** and no penalty for time taken. Keep calm and shoot safely. [Note: There really is a penalty as you are timed against the fastest shooter. If you hit all eleven targets but take 20 seconds while 6 other members take 15 seconds, they would be the ones advancing to the next round and competing against each other. So, there is a time involved! The top three shooters in the second round are in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Again, if all 6 members hit all their targets, those with the best times win. Finally, this is what you get when rules are either written by committee or by someone who has never designed a course before. – Editor]
- **Each round will consist of eleven clay targets.**
 - The club will provide clay birds for competition.
- **[Note: You will be firing at the clays at a distance of 7 yards.** Why this isn't pointed out is something that should be basic to the written rules. Instead, the editor was told that if he shows up at the meet, he will see how far away the targets are. So really, they are telling new people that if they want to practice shooting the course prior to the event, they have to guess what they will be shooting – Editor.]
- **All firearms and/or magazines must be loaded to require one or more reloads during the round.**

- All shooters must reload at least once.
- Semi-auto shooters must use at least two magazines to mirror the required reloading cycle for revolver shooters. More magazines can be used if desired or required.
- There is no restriction on how many cartridges are in each magazine. You can load the two magazines 10 and 1, or 5 and 6, etcetera. Only 11 rounds total are permitted to be loaded in your magazines, speed loaders, or ammo pouches during each round.
- [If you plan on using ammo pouches or speed loaders against a Semi-auto shooter, pray that they can't hit the side of a barn, because you will lose the speed part of the competition every time. – Editor]
- **Pistols can be borrowed from other members at the competition** if you did not bring a pistol and would like to compete. Any issues regarding ammunition or pistol functionality are between the loaner and loanee. Safety first!
- **If so desired, practice time will be available from 8 am to 8:45 am** on a first come first serve basis.
 - Common courtesy regarding sharing this short time with all shooters is expected.
 - If you are learning an unfamiliar firearm or having mechanical issues, please step out of the booth and test your firearm, to the right, on the open side of the shooting line. [Please point it down range at all times! – If the editor sees a problem with your handling of the weapon even though he is not the range officer, he will let you know, possibly with choice words being thrown in.- Editor.]
 - The club will provide a maximum of four clay birds per shooter for practice.
 - Any additional clay birds or other targets used for practice are the responsibility of the shooter.
 - Additional clay birds MAY be available to purchase for practice at a cost of \$3 each. [The editor will probably be selling clay pigeons for \$2 each as he sees this as a money-making opportunity. – Editor]