

## **FLORIDA SHERIFF'S EXPLORER ASSOCIATION SEMI-AUTO FIREARMS COMPETITION RULES**

**PURPOSE:** To regulate match formats and provide uniform standards for the Florida Sheriff's Explorer Association firearms competitions.

**FIREARMS:** 9 mm or agency issued semi-automatic handgun, double action only

- a. Agency approved weapons only
- b. Must be factory manufactured with no internal or external modifications which would make it less safe than the manufacturer's standards.
- c. Grips may be changed or modified because of the shooter's hand size or to facilitate loading or unloading

**AMMUNITION:** round nose or hollow point

Ammunition supply is the responsibility of the competitor's advisor.

**TARGET:**..Champion B6 SILH full size targets

**SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** All competitors will wear eye and ear protection along with a ball cap with front bill. The FSEA range master will be the judge whether the safety equipment is up to standards.

**HOSTING POST:** The hosting post will be responsible to:

- (1) collect firearm fees at time of registration
- (2) forward collected fees to the FSEA Treasurer
- (3) keep a printed list of eligible shooters by name, county and post number and to furnish that list to the FSEA range master at the end of the delegate registration.
- (4) provide range facilities, sufficient target frames, target backings, staple guns

### **ADVISOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

(1) will bring an affidavit/score sheet for each explorer that competes in an FSEA match. **Advisors are reminded the matches are for experienced shooters.**

(2) for the transportation of handguns and ammunition to and from the range

**NO EXPLORER WILL HAND CARRY ANY FIREARM AT ANY TIME UNTIL AT THE RANGE.**

(3) for the storage and safety of all firearms at the meeting facility

### **FSEA RANGE MASTER:**

(1) will maintain all records of competitors

(2) will provide suitable trophies for matches

(3) is responsible for all range safety during matches under their direct control. If necessary for the safety of others, have the right to remove any competitor from the match.

(4) in any disputed scoring the FSEA range master will be arbiter of scoring of shots on targets

(5) will request and/or appoint those advisors whom they need to assist with the range

and scoring.

(6) any duty or function not covered under previous sections shall be the province of the FSEA range master

(7) shall provide all targets

(8) on request from senior advisor, will provide score cards after they have been tabulated and recorded, only for the purpose of the post's records

### **GENERAL RULES:**

Once a shooter has moved up to semi-auto he/she may not return to .38 revolver. For example, a shooter may move from Co2 up to .38 revolver and then to semi-auto, but may not regress to .38 revolver or Co2 pistol.

**Shooter's advisor/range instructor must be present during competition.**

**Incase of malfunction Shooter will keep weapon pointed down range and raise non shooting hand and wait for assistance.**

(1) No holsters allowed at any time

(2) Transportation of all firearms to and from the firing line will be done with the slide locked back/action open, magazine out and in a carry case.

(3) Firearms will be benched or grounded between courses of fire

(4) First round of firing will be double action. Remaining four rounds single action (per magazine) Exception: Glock, similar type pistols.

(5) Two-handed shooting only. Artificial support, i.e. leaning on posts or benches, is not allowed.

(6) Range commands will always be in sequence:

1 TAKE YOUR TWO MAGAZINES AND LOAD TEN ROUNDS IN EACH

2. LOAD MAGAZINE INTO WEAPON

3. FINGER OFF TRIGGER

4. CHARGE WEAPON

5 DECOCK

6. STAND IN READY POSITION

7. LINE IS READY

8. READY ON THE RIGHT

9. READY ON THE LEFT

10. READY ON THE FIRING LINE

11. COMMENCE FIRING (usually on whistle or turn of target)

12. CEASE FIRING (on whistle or turn of target)

( Anyone firing after can be penalized 10 points for each shot.)

13. FINGER OFF TRIGGER

14. DROP MAGAZINE

15. LOCK SLIDE TO REAR

16. BENCH WEAPON

17. TAKE TWO STEPS BACK

**AFTER EACH COURSE OF FIRE, SHOOTERS WILL BENCH WEAPON AND STAND BY FOR SAFETY INSPECTION.**

### **(7) ALL LOADING:**

- A. Will be done only on command.
- B. No more than ten (10) rounds.
- C. Done only in the standing position.
- D. Muzzles will always be kept downrange.

### **(8) ALIBIS:**

Range master will only allow when there is a **mechanical malfunction, not a shooter's malfunction.**

Alibis for ammunition malfunction, improper loading, or failing to fire all rounds in time allotted are not permitted.

### **SLOW FIRE:**

Twenty (20) rounds fired in two (2) ten (10) shot strings  
two **(2 ) minutes** per ten (10) shot strings at 15 yards

### **TIMED FIRE:**

Twenty (20) rounds fired in two (2) ten (10) shot strings  
twenty **(30) seconds** per ten (10) shot strings at 15 yards

### **RAPID FIRE:**

Ten(10) rounds fired in one (1) ten (10) shot string  
Fifteen **(15) seconds** at 15 yards

### **TARGET SCORING:**

- (1)** Score is to be recorded on shooter's score card after each phase of fire.
- (2)** Each shot has potential value of (10) ten points.
- (3)** Any shot touching or breaking a score ring line will be recorded for the higher value ring.
- (4)** Shots in AX-Ring@ will be recorded as such, as they are used to break ties.
- (5)** Any competitor may call for the FSEA range master to make a scoring decision on any disputed shots, only at time of scoring on line. Range master's decision is final.
- (6)** Competitor and scorer will sign card when scoring is completed, not totaled, and before leaving the range. This certifies that score values of each shot has been recorded properly. Neither the scorer or competitor or any advisor will add, tally or keep track of any competitors scores. No protests will be allowed regarding scores after departure from range.

**AWARDS:** The FSEA range master will award trophies/certificates in the following manner.

- (A) **Match Winner** - Individual- The person who records highest score regardless of their classification.
- (B) First place in each classification, provided there is at least two competitors in the match in that classification.
- (C) No competitor may win more than one (1) trophy in that match
- (D) Any competitor must shoot a score within their classification to be

eligible for an award.

**CLASSIFICATION:**

The FSEA range master shall keep a file system on all competitor's scores and classification.

**TYRO:** A new shooter who has not previously competed in an FSEA match will automatically be in this classification (NRA unclassified).

**MARKSMAN :** Must obtain score between 75% and 80% of total possible score or 375 to 400 out of 500.

**SHARPSHOOTER:** Must obtain a score between 401 to 449 out of a total possible score of 500.

**EXPERT :**Must obtain a score between 450 to 500 out of a total possible score of 500.

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