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NEW MEMBER TRAINING PROGRAMME ROLE OF THE RANGE OFFICER

The Range Officer is the first Official that most new shooters are introduced to. Most often they haven't any idea who this person is who is giving all of these orders, why he is giving them and what is going on in general. As you will see by the following definitions from various disciplines that the job is effectively the same.

The Range Officer controls the Range, gives all the necessary commands, is responsible for all matters of safety and whose instructions must be complied with without question.

There are many other match officials who have important roles and other responsibilities in the conduct of a match but the Range Officer is the one that the shooter will normally and commonly come in contact with.

The Range Officer also has the responsibility to see that every competitor gets a fair and even chance to compete.

DEFINITIONS

ISSF Special Technical Rules

A Range Officer must be appointed for each section of target groups, or for each five to ten firing points. Range Officers must be responsible to the Chief Range Officer for the event, for the range section entrusted to them, and must cooperate with the Jury at all times.

Range Officers must:

- C Call the shooters to their firing points.
- C Check the names and start numbers of the shooters to ensure that they conform with the shooting schedule, start list, scorecards and Range Register.
- C Verify that the shooters pistols have been inspected and approved by the Equipment Control Section.
- C Ensure that the shooters comply with all the rules.
- C Give the necessary range commands.
- C Ensure the accurate recording of shots by the Register Keeper.
- C Supervises the correct operation of the targets.
- C Maintains order on the range, with particular attention to safety.
- C Receive protests and pass them on to a Jury Member.
- C Ensure the recording of all irregularities, disturbances, penalties, misses, malfunctions, extra time allowed, repeated shots or series etc, in the Range Register, on the target and on the small scoreboard as appropriate.

IPSC Rules

2.10.1 Range Officer

Official in charge of competition action on range, stations himself in close proximity to the competitor to observe correct procedure, issues range commands regarding loading and unloading of firearms and oversees safe competitor behaviour. (Under the authority of the Chief Range Officer)