

Bowling Pin Matches

General Description

This is a speed event for handguns. From a low ready position, at the buzzer the shooter raises the gun and shoots at 5 bowling pins at a range of 25 feet. Time starts at the buzzer and stops at the last shot. A match is composed of 3 classes, in the Open and Stock Classes the pins must be knocked from the table, in Smallbore Class the pins only need to be tipped over. In each class the shooter will shoot 4 tables and will be scored on the best 3 of the 4.

Equipment

Open Class- Centerfire handgun (auto or revolver), any sights (excluding laser), compensators and/or porting is permitted, any capacity

Stock Class- Centerfire handgun, iron sights, no compensators or porting, maximum capacity of 8 rounds.

Smallbore Class- Any handgun (rimfire or centerfire), any sights (excluding laser), maximum capacity of 11 rounds.

Ammo-20 to 40 rounds needed for each class

Safety/Commands

Eye and ear protection is mandatory. All guns are to be brought to the shooting line unloaded and in a bag, pouch, or holster. Ammo may be handled at any time, guns touched only after the line is called "hot".

Range commands include:

"Line is hot"= Shooters may load their guns

"Line is safe"=Guns should be back in cases

"Shooter ready", "Guns on the rail", "Timers ready"= Prepare to shoot

Variations and accommodations

Occasionally the smallbore class uses pin tops (the top 6 inches of a pin) as targets. These must be knocked from the table to score.

Shooters who do not have all types of guns may still shoot. The scores for those using open guns or smallbore guns in other classes are placed at the bottom of the rankings.

Tips

Count your shots so you do not waste your time clicking on an empty chamber.

A power factor (bullet weight x velocity / 1000) in the 190 range is needed to effectively clear the pins. Full power 357 magnums and 45 ACPs are effective, 9mm Lugers are not.

Bring enough ammo to have one reload at each table. It is quite possible you will miss occasionally.

Help set pins between rounds. This is a job we all share.

Ask the range officer to assign you a coach. This is a fellow shooter who will come to the line with you, give you tips and remind you what to do.