

# BEAVER VALLEY COMBAT ASSOCIATION



## LEAGUE HANDBOOK

*"OUR TARGET IS SAFETY"*

The Beaver Valley Combat Association reserves the Combat Range for our entire season plus some early weeks, usually three, for range preparation and practice shooting.

The range is open every Wednesday evening at approximately 4:30 pm with the first match of the evening scheduled to begin at approximately 5:00 pm. Matches will be run approximately every 30 minutes until all interested members have shot or darkness closes the range. Members must sign-up to shoot on specific relays. Sign-up sheets are located on the counter of the range tower.

## **League Format**

The BVCA operates on a 20 week/20 match season. The membership fee is collected to cover the costs of the matches, i.e. targets, target frames, Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol Club fees, awards, door prizes, partial Banquet dinner and general operating expenses. All required targets are provided by the BVCA.

Practice matches are permitted at a cost of \$1.00 per match. This fee can be placed in the score sheet deposit box located at the range tower. An official league match cannot be shot after practice matches have been fired.

## **Minimum Equipment Requirements**

1. Revolvers and Semiautomatic pistols only; any rimfire pistol and any .32 caliber or larger pistol with a barrel length not to exceed 6 ½ inches.
  - a. Semiautomatic pistols must have six rounds in the magazine when instructed to load your weapon. No more than six rounds are permitted to be loaded.
  - b. Revolvers must be six shot and double action and fired as such.
2. All members are required to have an appropriate strong side holster for their particular weapon. The use of shoulder,

inside the waist band, cross draw and thigh/ankle/tie-down holsters is not permitted.

3. A minimum of three (3) speed loaders for revolvers and four (4) magazines for semiautomatic pistols.
4. Ground cloth (optional, thickness not to exceed 3/4 inches) to be used for kneeling, sitting and prone position shooting.
5. All members will be required to wear eye protection which employs a shatterproof lens and hearing protection in the form of ear plugs and/or muffs.

## **Scoring**

The BVCA league consists of individual and team scoring. Individual awards are presented at the year end Banquet in accordance with five classifications- High Master, Master, Expert, Marksman and Sharpshooter.

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>
High Master	590.0 - 600
Master	575.0 - 589.9
Expert	551.0 - 574.9
Marksman	515.0 - 550.9
Sharpshooter	0 - 514.9

All scoring will correspond to the B-27 target (X=10, 10, 9, 8, 7, etc.), any hit outside of the 7-ring receives zero (0) points. Sixty (60) rounds per match will translate into a 600 point perfect score. The prescribed course of fire is detailed further in this handbook. The League Average that is used to determine the individual awards is based upon sixteen (16) matches shot during the course of the season. Each shooter will have their four (4) lowest scores dropped. This is an automatic feature of the scoring system. In order for members to be eligible for year-end awards, a minimum of sixteen (16) matches must be completed. Failure to shoot this minimum will result in the ineligibility of members to receive individual awards. All members are encouraged to shoot

all twenty (20) matches, but should shoot the minimum required sixteen (16).

Scores will be posted weekly at the range. These posted scores will reflect your League Average. The League Average is calculated by dropping one low score for every five (5) matches shot. For example, after shooting five matches, your League Average is determined by your four (4) best scores, after ten matches your League Average is determined by your four (4) best scores, after ten matches your League Average is determined by your best eight (8) scores and so on.

All members are given a packet of twenty (20) Official Pre-numbered Match Score sheets. The score sheet packets are the responsibility of each member and should be properly completed by signing their name at the bottom. If pre-printed score sheets are not provided, members are to clearly print their name at the top of each score sheet. Score sheets must be attached to your target frame prior to the start of a match. Your target will be scored by another shooter on your line.

Confirm the correctness of the score sheet prior to signing and submitting it to the tower. A box will be available near the sign-up sheet for the deposit of score sheets. All shooters are encouraged to score each others targets.

## **Course of Fire Positions**

### **Point-Shoulder** (*Police Standing w/o Support; Sec. 5.12*)

Standing, with bent or straight legs, gun held by one or both hands. All portions of the Shooter's clothing, body and gun clear of artificial support. (*illustrations below*)



### **Sitting** (*Police Sitting; Sec. 5.8*)

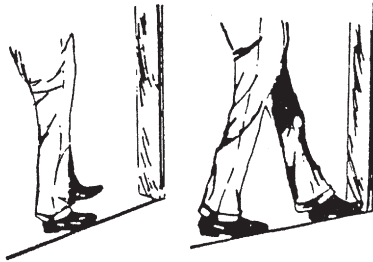
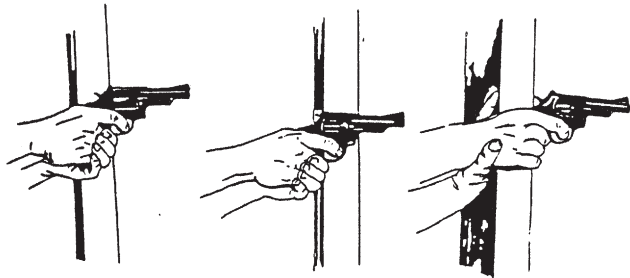
The buttocks must be on the ground with body facing target. Hand may be extended to the rear for support, elbow may not touch the ground. Back cannot rest on the ground and one or both knees may be raised. Arm or arms, hand or hands may be supported on, or by the knees, but may not be supported or steadied by either foot. (*illustrations below*)



**Left/Right Hand Barricade** (Police Standing with Support;  
Sec. 5.11)

Standing behind a barricade. No part of the gun may touch the barricade. Left hand barricade- gun must be held with the left hand and only the left trigger finger may be in the trigger guard. Right hand barricade- gun must be held with the right hand and only the right trigger finger may be in the trigger guard. Shooting hand or gun may be supported by the other hand. The test will be: If the support hand is removed, the gun can still be fired. Left hand barricade must be fired before right hand barricade.

(illustrations below)



**Prone** (Police Prone; Sec. 5.6)

Body extended on the ground parallel to the line of sight, head toward target. The weapon may not touch the ground, but may be supported by one or both hands which may touch the ground, and which are extended toward the target. The competitor assumes the Prone position from the Sitting position and the weapon must always remain pointed down range during the entire process of changing positions.

(illustrations below)

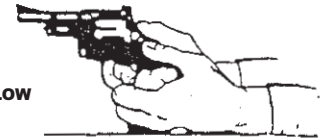


HIGH HEAD POSITION



INTERMEDIATE

PRONE POSITION  
(And Alternative Hand Positions)



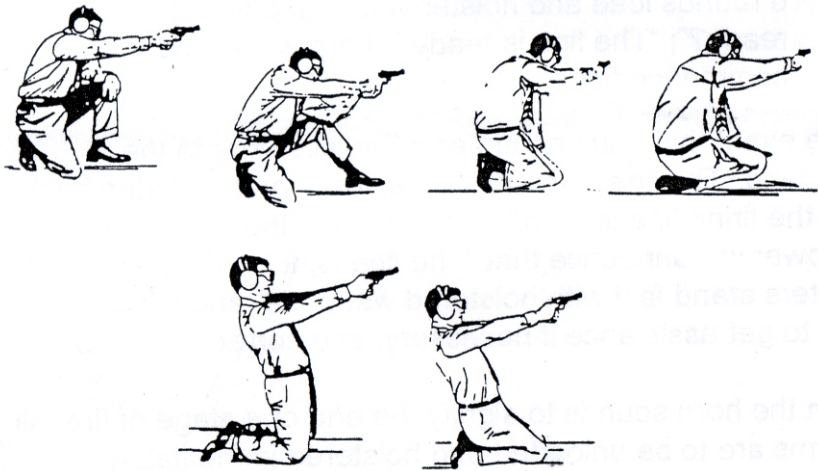
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HIGH

## **Kneeling (Police Sitting; Sec. 5.8)**

- (a) Kneeling on one knee, the other extended toward the target. Buttocks may be on heel or side of foot but cannot touch the ground. One arm may be supported on the forward knee. The gun may be held by one or both hands.
- (b) Kneeling on both knees, the buttocks clear of the ground but may rest on heels. The gun may be held by one or both hands and one or both arms are to be extended without support. (*illustrations below.*)



## **General Safety Rules & Regulations**

All firearms will remain unloaded and holstered when behind the firing line, 25 yard line. Unholstered firearms will require that the cylinders be open and/or slides locked open and magazines removed. Firearms will only be loaded upon the command of the Range Officer when shooters are in position at the firing line.

The attending Range Officer will clearly announce all procedures during the course of a match.

For example:

Stage 1- 12 rounds from the 7 yard line in 25 seconds; with 12 rounds, shooters proceed to the 7 yard line; with 6 rounds, load and holster your weapon; "Is the line ready?"; "The line is ready";...horn will sound to commence firing.

In the event that you encounter difficulties prior to the command "The line is ready", raise your hand and step back from the firing line to gain the attention of the Range Officer, the tower will announce that "The line is not ready, all shooters stand fast with holstered weapons" and allow you time, to get assistance if necessary, and correct the problem.

When the horn sounds to signify the end of a stage of fire, all firearms are to be unloaded and holstered immediately. Rounds which are not fired are to be counted as "non-hits" and given a zero score. The Range Officer will give the command that "The line is safe. You may police your brass." Police your brass as quickly as possible so that the match can proceed to the next stage of fire. Adequate time will be given between stages to allow for policing of brass and, if necessary, the reloading of magazines and speed loaders.

It is mandatory that all shooters wear ear and eye protection at all times while on, or near the firing line, during the course of a match. This requirement has been instituted so that the BVCA



and/or the BVR&PC can eliminate the liability for any injuries incurred due to the failure of individuals to abide by these basic and common safety practices.

A special provision has been made for shooters with physical limitations which may prohibit them from shooting in various positions, i.e., sitting, prone, and kneeling. Upon a shooter's request and approval by a majority of officers, the shooter will be permitted to substitute a standing strong hand, no support shooting position for the three previously mentioned positions. A specific position will be designated on the range for these individuals, i.e. Position #1. This exemption is granted at the beginning of the season, for the entire season. This is not intended to use on a temporary basis.

It is each shooter's responsibility to read and understand these rules and regulations. Additionally, as in any time you are handling firearms, please observe all standard and customary safety procedures and precautions to insure your safety as well as the safety of your fellow shooters on the range.

Dues may be paid in full or a payment plan can be started. In any event, dues are to be paid in full by a date which will be specified prior to the start of the league matches. Failure to pay your dues in full will result in the forfeiture of any paid dues and the shooter will not be eligible for league awards or score keeping. Any individual who wishes to shoot while not being a member is welcome to do so, however, on the third time of shooting that individual will be required to pay the full league fee (\$40.00) and a prorated portion of the match fee (\$1.00 for each remaining week of the season). Additionally, an individual will not be eligible for awards without shooting the required minimum of 16 matches, regardless of when they joined the league.

### **Age Requirement**

All shooters must be 18 years of age unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian in which case the minimum age is 16.

# **COURSE OF FIRE**

## ***First Half***

- 7 Yard Line- 12 rounds / 25 seconds
- 25 Yard Line- 18 rounds / 90 seconds
  - 6 rounds kneeling
  - 6 rounds left hand / left hand side of barricade
  - 6 rounds right hand / right hand side of barricade

## **SCORE AND CHANGE TARGETS**

## ***Second Half***

- 25 Yard Line- 24 rounds / 2 minutes & 45 seconds
  - 6 rounds sitting
  - 6 rounds prone
  - 6 rounds left hand / left hand side of barricade
  - 6 rounds right hand / right hand side of barricade
- 25 Yard Line- 6 rounds / 12 seconds  
Strong hand - NO support

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