

SHONGUM
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
USPSA – United States Practical Shooting Association
5/14/2025

USPSA matches use the Rifle Range and Pistol Pit. The clubhouse is used for sign in before the match starts, sign in may be moved to the barn if other events need the clubhouse. The indoor range and trap field is available for member use.

USPSA is a shooting sport that utilizes Speed, Power and Accuracy. Shongum follows the USPSA Competition Rules found on the USPSA website at: <https://uspsa.org/rules>. New competitor information can also be found on the USPSA website. While USPSA has multigun disciplines of handgun, rifle and shotgun, Shongum currently offers handgun divisions and pistol caliber carbine. On occasion a “fun stage” using rifle or shotgun is set up after the USPSA match depending on interest and help.

USPSA matches are open to the public, one does not need to be a Shongum member or USPSA member to participate. Membership in USPSA and Shongum are strongly encouraged. Like all Shongum activities, it is all volunteer. Help with set up, tear down, learning how to score or work as a USPSA Range Officer is always needed. USPSA Range Officers are trained/certified through the USPSA National Range Officer Institute. This is different than the NRA Range Safety Officer.

Registration and scoring is done using Practiscore at www.Practiscore.com Registration on line opens at 8 AM on the Sunday prior to the match and scores are posted on this site as well. The need for New Shooter Orientation may also be indicated at time of registration.

SAFETY FIRST AND ALWAYS

ALL USPSA MATCHES ARE COLD RANGES. All firearms must be UNLOADED cased or holstered with the magazine out and hammer down unless at the start position and given direction by the Range Officer. UNLOADED firearms may ONLY be handled at the designated SAFETY AREAS. Handling ammunition is not allowed at the SAFETY AREAS.

Competitors new to USPSA must attend a New Shooter Orientation before competing in their first USPSA match. A Range Officer will provide a basic overview of the rules, scoring, range commands and have the new competitor perform some live fire exercises. Orientation can be done before any match. www.shongumuspsa.org has been set up to provide some New Shooter videos and information. The new competitor should arrive no later than 8:15 AM on match day.

EQUIPMENT: Eye and Ear Protection. It is highly recommended that eye protection include side shields. A center fire handgun with a minimum caliber of 9mm/38. A belt mounted holster that blocks access to, or prevents activation of the trigger; holds the

firearm so that the heel of the firearm is above the top of the belt, and keeps the muzzle pointed within three feet of the competitor is required. Pistol caliber carbines (PCC) may be used, specific rules are addressed during match briefing. PCC's require an empty chamber indicator and a case. It is recommended to have a minimum of four magazines, held by pouches attached to the belt. A stage can be from 6 rounds up to 40 rounds, and suggested to bring at least 150 rounds for a match.

On Match Day set up starts around 7AM, Sign In opens around 8:15AM, with a goal to start match around 9AM. The safety briefing starts before 9AM in the parking lot with live fire exercises on one of the ranges after 9AM. A match can last four to six hours depending on participation and complexity. Be sure barn and sheds are secured after cleanup and before leaving after match is finished.

If you just want to see a match, stop by with Eye and Ear Protection. Feel free to ask questions. We all started out new and are more than willing to help anyone interested in the sport.

100 Yard Rifle Range: Firing line is set at about the 75 yard marker. Generally three or four stages are set up across the range. On occasion the firing line is set further uprange to facilitate more complex stages. Targets are set from the firing line up to the front berm and generally have the bullets impact within the impact area depending on height/location and use of lower mount targets, such as steel.

Pistol Pit: Firing line is set at about the 50 foot line. Generally two or three stages are set up across the pit. Targets are set from there up to the berms and generally have the bullets impact within the 8 foot high, maximum, impact area, again depending on target heights and use of lower mount targets, such as steel. Targets placed near the left side berm shall have bullet impacts at least 10 feet downrange from the 50 foot line. Targets placed near the right side berm shall have bullet impacts at least 5 feet downrange from the 50 foot line. Targets placed within 5 feet of side berms shall not be higher than 4 feet to the top. Targets shall be set to be preferably engaged at a downrange angle and no bullets shall impact higher than 6 feet above ground. Targets may be set for engagement up to 90 degrees from a side berm but shall not be engaged at more than 30 feet from the berm.