

Postal Pack

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Thankyou for downloading the Harlow Practical Club Postal Pack

All the information you need to set up and shoot the Postal Competition is in this pack.

Providing you have registered your club at the Harlow Practical Club web site you will receive details by E Mail of how to download the stages and stage briefings. (examples are in this pack)

For Non IPSC competitors it is well worth printing all pages to use as notes on the day that you choose to shoot the postal competition.

Thanks for your interest and please don't hesitate to contact me for further information, I am here to help.

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Check List:

1. **REGISTER YOUR CLUB** You will receive your membership number by email.
2. **PRINT STAGE DETAILS** When registered you will be sent the link by email.
3. **PRINT TARGETS** You will need a minimum of 10 targets.
4. **PRINT SCORE SHEETS** You will need one score sheet per shooter
5. **PRINT 'INVITATION' PAGE** which includes full instructions.
6. **SHOOT STAGES**
7. **SEND SCORE SHEETS BY POST**

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INVITATION TO: INTERNATIONAL MINI RIFLE FOUNDATION

For Practical & Non-Practical Shooters

The numbers of people participating in shooting 'enthusiastically', are beginning to wear very thin. For this reason Harlow Practical Shooting Club would like to invite you to participate in an International Mini Rifle Foundation Postal.

For those of you that are familiar with practical shooting you will know that to enjoy the thrills of a sanctioned IPSC (International Practical Shooting Confederation) competition, you would first have to partake in a fourteen hour training course to achieve the appropriate licence. As the Shooting & Shooter situation is what it is, we would suggest that it may be initially more appealing to 'have a go', on your own ground, at your own pace.

What we propose is not based on 'Competition', but rather on 'Comparison'. As experienced practical shooters we would be able to offer any advice and/or guidance that you require. I will enclose the relevant information for you, and would be most pleased of your interest. Of course, each shooter is individual and for that reason I would be most grateful if you could bring this to the attention of every club member.

Whatever your chosen discipline may be, please forward this information on to any shooting clubs that you may be in contact with.

My apologies if the enclosed information causes confusion. Should this be the case please contact me for further information. Although difficult to convey on paper, it really is quite simple!!

IMPORTANT - Before Proceeding With Your Application:

Club Secretaries should be responsible for.....

1. Deciding whether their club members have adequate and safe gun-handling skills, before permitting them to take part.
2. Delegating the position of Range Officer to a competent & safety aware person.

Please note; approved practical shooters would have undertaken a fourteen hour safety course before partaking in stages that involve movement with a loaded firearm. 100% concentration on safety is required at all times.

Training to a standard required to obtain a UKPSA (United Kingdom Practical Shooting Association) competition licence is available for individuals or group bookings.

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Full Details On Website: [Http://www.bigfoot.com/~hpc.gun](http://www.bigfoot.com/~hpc.gun)

How To Play

DOWNLOAD/ PRINT

Target templates, Score Sheets, Stage construction details & Stage briefing notes may be downloaded from our website **FREE OF CHARGE**. All you have to do is register with us. There will be no charges involved whatsoever. You must remember to register your club using the form on the website. You will then be sent reminders to download the latest stages.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

You will need to be able to position the targets appropriately. All designs will be based on a range that is 20mtrs long by 4mtrs wide. You will also need a shot timer, .22 rifles, ammo, shooters & enthusiasm!!!

METHOD OF PLAY

Once you have downloaded/printed the stage details from the web site, they may be shot at your convenience, but before the 'finish date'. We will total scores at the end of every finish date.

Each shooter must have his own score sheet that must be filled in for the appropriate stage. When all of the stages have been completed, return the score sheets to us. All scores will be put in chronological order along with all other clubs that will partake. These results will be posted on the Harlow Practical Club Website. (Should any shooter not wish for his name to be put on the website, please bring it to our attention).

There are no prizes, it is just for fun. See how you rate amongst your fellow shooters. There is no money being made. We would just like to give an intro into our discipline and encourage people to have a go.

Safety

As with any shooting discipline, safety must be First, Middle & Last. Due to the nature of practical shooting, safety needs to be 'even more' prominent.

RANGE OFFICER

One person should take the part of RO. His duties will be to announce the stage detail, announce the range going hot, load the shooter, time the shooter, unload the shooter, announce the range clear, record the shooter's score. It will also be his duty to make sure that all safety angles are adhered to.

LOADED FIREARMS

No rifle shall be loaded on range, at anytime. The competitor will bring his rifle **unloaded** and empty with the appropriate loaded magazine/s on his person. The rifle action must be open and shown to be empty. **ONLY** on command of the range officer may he load his gun, apply the safety and stand in the appropriate ready position. At no time must he move from this position unless authorised to do so by the RO, in order to 'shoot the stage'.

MOVEMENT

When a course of fire requires movement by the shooter, such movement **must** be carried out with the trigger finger outside the guard. Additionally, any rifle fitted with a safety catch should have such catch in the safe position.

SAFETY ANGLES

No shooter is permitted to *body sweep* even if it is his own! The shooter's muzzle should not be pointed within one metre of his own feet. No shooter should allow his muzzle angle to fall outside the designated back-stop.

RANGE SURFACE & TARGET CONSTRUCTION

Preparation of the range surface should be carried out in order that there is no possibility of tripping or slipping. Materials should be used to ensure safe target and frame construction.

These safety points are an outline to procedure. Ultimately, safety considerations in design, physical construction and stated requirements of any course of fire are the responsibility of the host organization whose duty it shall be to obviate, in so far as possible, inadvertently unsafe action on the part of a shooter whilst fulfilling the course requirements.

Rules

The Mini Rifle Foundation is not 'Competition' based but for 'Comparison', for that reason the rules are in order to enjoy fairplay. However, strict safety rules must apply at all times.

GUN & SIGHTS

Only Rimfire rifles of any make & model are permitted. Shooters may choose to shoot with any sight that they feel is appropriate, whether that be iron sights, red dot, laser, optical and/or any other.

For the purpose of your information only - it is generally evident that shooters with red dot sights are able to acquire target acquisition quicker.

MAGAZINES

Any form of magazine is permissible. Multiple magazines may be used.

TARGETS

IPSC Mini rifle targets, or the target templates which can be downloaded or printed from the web site, are the only targets to be used. Scoring must be noted in the spirit of fairplay.

STAGES & MEASURING

All stages must be constructed and measured to the best of your ability, and in the spirit of fairplay.

START POSITION

Unless otherwise stated, the start position for each and every stage will be: Shooter standing upright, gun loaded with safety applied, gun held at hip level pointing down 45° from horizontal, facing down range.

Stages

A complete detail of each individual stage will be sent in your 'pack'. Below is just an outline.

A STAGE

'A stage', will describe from start to finish, what is required of the shooter. Details will be given of the start position and the positions from which he must shoot.

COMSTOCK SCORING

Unless otherwise specified, each target must be shot with a minimum of two rounds on each. Comstock means that the shooter is permitted to fire additional shots in order that he may improve his score. Only the two highest hits per target will count. If the shooter wishes to have numerous magazines on his person, he may do so and reload his gun as he sees feels necessary.

TIME

The bare bones of practical shooting is that; being able to shoot accurately, but with no speed is not enough, at the same time, being able to shoot fast with no accuracy is also unrewarding!!

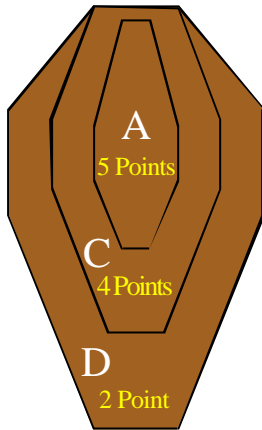
Diligentia **V**is Celeritas
Accuracy Power Speed

TARGET SCORING ZONES

The targets have three defined scoring zones. The centre zone 'A', the mid zone 'C', and the outer zone 'D'. (Don't ask what happened to B!!). These zones are scored: A=5 C=4 D=2. Any misses should be noted on the score sheet. A miss will incur a penalty of -10 points.

In .22 Mini Rifle Foundation we will permit the practising of a stage, however, in normal practical shooting this would not be the case.

Scoring Mini Rifle



The target size is almost the size of an A4 sheet of paper. It has 3 scoring zones

'Normally' each target requires 2 shots, making a target worth 10 points. If a stage has 6 targets then the stage has a value of 60 obtainable points. It would be all too easy to shoot straight A's, so in practical shooting you are also against the clock.. The score is divided by the time taken. So if you take your time and get all A's the time you take will bring your score down. If you go too fast and get a rubbish gun score, the low target points will bring your score down, and if you miss, it has a penalty of minus 10 points + the potential A (5 points) that's not there that's a minus of 15 points

How to complete a Score Sheet

1. Record the time taken against the appropriate stage number.
2. As an example the shooter has shot stage 1, consisting of 6 targets in a time of 18.36 seconds, (timed to the last shot fired).

If a shot fired touches a scoring line it should be counted as if in the higher scoring zone.

Mark the score sheet as follows:

	Target 1	Target 2	Target 3	Target 4	Target 5	Target 6	
	Record: 1 A 1 C In column T1	Record: 1 A 1 D In column T2	Record: 2 A's In column T3	NO excuses! The 2 Misses must be recorded	Record ONLY the highest 2 shots	Always look for 2 holes. The Miss must be recorded	
Score Sheet							
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	Total
A	1	1	2		1		5
C	1				1		2
D		1				1	2
Miss				2		1	3
	STAGE NUMBER	1		TIME	18.36 seconds		

If targets are replaced with new ones, it is important that they be placed in exactly the same position. This can be done by overlaying.

Normally it is best that two people score, one calls the shots whilst another completes the score sheet

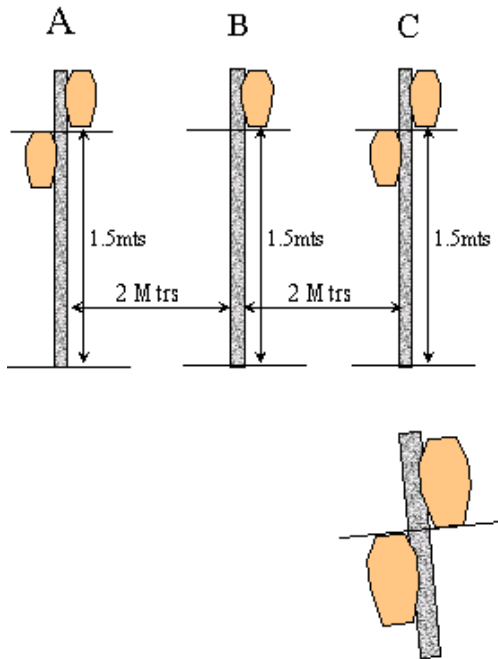
Example Stage Construction

First you assemble and position targets against your back stop as per fig. 1

Then you position the shoot boxes as per fig. 2. A shoot box is basically an area that you engage a group of targets from. Once you have made them, don't throw them away as we will use them again and again.

It is important that you keep to the measurements given, so that all shooters no matter where or what country they are in see exactly the same

Fig. 1



Materials:

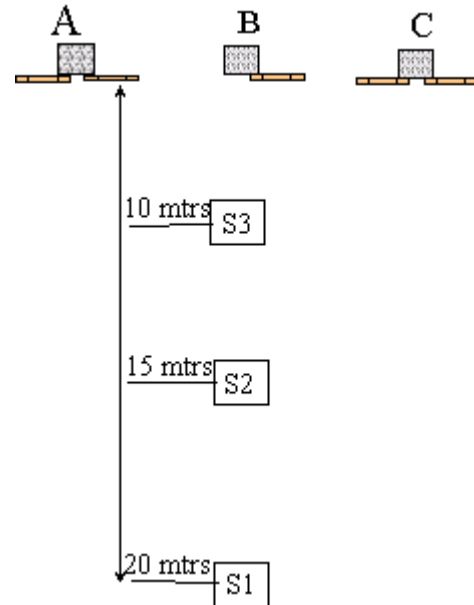
3 x 2mtr long 2"x 2" Target Sticks

5 x IPSC Mini Rifle Targets

Method:

Attach targets as per diagram to the front edge of timber 1.5 mtrs from ground. Place Sticks 2 meters apart from each other.

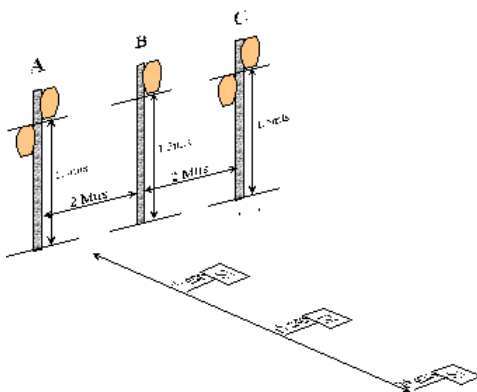
Fig. 2



Shoot Box:

Make 3 square shooting boxes, each 2' 6" Square. This can be a frame structure made out of 1/2" batten or as simple as A piece of hardboard cut to 2' 6" Square or even a chalk line 2' 6" Square on your range floor. Place them respectively 10meters, 15Meters & 20meters from the targets

Fig.3



Once you have set up your range it should look something like Fig.3. Before any shooting begins it is vitally important that you stand in each shooting box and view the targets to see that all bullets having passed through the target will fall within the confines of you back stop.

We intend keeping things simple so that a whole Postal competition consisting of 5 stages can be run on just one range build / set up.

Example Briefing Notes.

An Example Of A Stage Briefing for NON IPSC shooters. (refer to fig1, fig.2 and fig.3)

STAGE 4

10 Round Comstock Stage with 5 IPSC paper

(this tells us that we are on stage 4 and need a minimum of 10 rounds. Top ups / extra shots are allowed because its Comstock and that 5 paper targets are involved)

START:

Gun condition 1 fully loaded, bolt forward, safety applied and fingers well away from the trigger and guard. Both hands on gun Gun Butt on hip Muzzle down range, Standing in shoot box 1

(this is a very standard start position. It is the Range Officer's duty to make sure the shooter loads safely and that his safety is applied and his fingers are well clear of the trigger guard. The gun should be touching his hip pointing down range, only then may the command be given to start shooting.)

PROCEDURE:

Engage all targets on stick A and C in any order from shoot box 2.

Engage all targets on stick B from shoot box 3

NOTES:

2 rounds in each paper to count. Any top ups must be from the designated shooting positions.

Therefore, from the stage briefing above I know I start in shoot box 3. On the command I move forward to box 2. With both feet inside the box I remove the safety, bring my gun up on aim, put my finger on the trigger and fire 2 shots at each paper target on stick A and the two targets on stick C in any order I choose.

I then Remove my finger from the trigger guard, re-apply the safety and move to box 3 to engage the remaining target on stick B. As this is my last target once I have finished I bring the gun down and stand still until I am told to unload and show clear.

If I wanted to re-engage stick A or C I must move back to box 2 whilst keeping my safety applied and finger clear of the trigger and muzzle down range of course. I would shout 'BACK' to warn the Range officer who should be close behind me

For best organisation and to run your stages smoothly all shooters would do stage 1 before moving on to stage 2 and so forth.

It would be normal to gather the competitors on range and read the stage briefing to them all. Having read the stage briefing it is normal and good practice that competitors are given a little time to 'walk' (no gun) the stage so to install in your mind exactly what is required and look to see for any edge that will enable them to do it in the fastest possible time.

Mini Rifle Score Sheet pdf.

Classifications:

Manual Action Rifles will include any rimfire MANUAL ACTION fitted with ANY SIGHT/S.

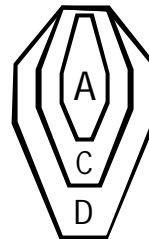
Iron Sights will include any rimfire SEMI-AUTO with iron sights.

Open will include any rimfire SEMI-AUTO FITTED WITH ANY SIGHT/S (not iron sights).

Junior will include any shooter under the age of 21 years, shooting any of the above.

Lady will include any Female shooter, shooting any of the above.

Veteran will include any shooter over the age of 51 years.



	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	T8	T9	T10	Total
A											
C											
D											
M											
Stage No Time											

	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	T8	T9	T10	Total
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Please Print Clearly:

Club Name :

Competitor Name :

Date : Country :

CLASS:

Manual Action Rifles ☐ Iron Sights ☐ Open ☐ Junior ☐ Lady ☐ Veteran ☐

