



AMERICAN ACTION SHOOTING ASSOCIATION **RANGE OFFICER COMMANDS**

The Range Officer must read the Course of Fire to all Squad Members and conduct a Walk-Through of the Course of Fire. Each squad member/shooter must fully understand the COF and ask questions concerning the description and intent of the course of fire at this time. Start Position, Round Count, Mandatory Reloads, Strong and/or Weak Hand engagement should all be covered during the walk-through. It is Shooter's responsibility to ensure that he understands the course of fire prior to coming to the shooting line. Listed below are the Range Officer Commands that will be used to run a Shooter through a COF:

“Make Ready” – This command signifies the start of “the Course of Fire”. Under the direct supervision of the Range Officer the competitor must face down range, or in a safe direction as specified by the Range Officer, and prepare the handgun in accordance with the written stage briefing. The competitor must then assume the specified start position. The Range Officer will not proceed with any further range commands until the competitor is still and is in the correct start position.

“Are You Ready?” – The lack of any negative response from the competitor indicates that he fully understands the requirements of the course of fire and is ready to proceed. If the competitor is not ready at the “Are You Ready?” command, he must state “NOT READY”. (Shooter MAY NOT leave shooting line with a loaded firearm!)

“Standby” - When Shooter is still and has assumed the correct start position and has indicated he/she is ready by head nod, verbal response, or remaining still and quiet. Range Officer may activate timer within .5 to 3 seconds after the Standby Command.

(NOTE: Range Officer may yell: **STOP!** at any time during the Course of Fire if he/she sees it is necessary for safety reasons. Shooter must IMMEDIATELY stop what he/she is doing, muzzle D/R, and follow Command below to UNLOAD and SHOW CLEAR). After the Shooter has completed the Course of Fire, the Range Officer must state either:

“If You Are Finished, Unload and Show Clear” or **“Unload and Show Clear”** – If the competitor has finished shooting, he must lower his handgun and present it for inspection by the Range Officer with the muzzle pointed down range, magazine removed, slide locked or held open, and chamber empty. Revolvers must be presented with the cylinder swung out and empty. If a competitor has been stopped by the Range Officer, they will be given “Unload and show clear” as the command. Explanatory language for using the range commands.

“If Clear, Hammer Down, Holster” For Pistols, or **“If clear, Hammer Down, And Flag”** for PCC. After issuance of this command, the competitor is prohibited from firing. While continuing to point the handgun safely downrange, the competitor must perform a final safety check of the handgun, release slide forward, hammer down and holster or bag the unloaded handgun.

“RANGE IS CLEAR” Personnel may go downrange to score, tape, set up steel, etc.