

DEFENSIVE ACTION RULES



A. Intro

1. Defensive Action matches are based on multiple action-shooting sports. Courses of fire may be more "Defensive" or more "Action".
2. With any questions, please reach out to info@metrowesttactical.com

B. Safety

1. We follow the three NRA gun safety rules.
2. Shooters must follow typical muzzle safety rules: 180° or limited to safety cones.
3. Safety officers will use typical action shooting sports range commands:
 - a. "Range is Hot: Eyes and Ears" (or "Range is Hot")
 - b. "Load and Make Ready" (or "Make Ready" when appropriate).
 - c. "Are you Ready?"
 - d. "Standby"
 - e. "If Finished, Unload and Show Clear"
 - f. "Slide Forward" (or "Close Cylinder" for REV, or "Flag it. Bolt Forward" for PCC)
 - g. "Pull the Trigger" (for semi-auto firearms).
 - h. "Holster" (or "Flag it; bag It" for PCC).
 - i. "Range is Clear"
4. Shooters will be disqualified and not allowed to continue shooting the match:
 - a. if they drop the firearm;
 - b. after repeated "Muzzle!" or "Finger!" warnings at the safety officer's discretion;
 - c. for handling the firearm other than at the safe table or under the direct supervision of a safety officer;
 - d. for having ammo on the safe table;
 - e. for AD or ND;
 - f. for breaking range safety rules.
5. Embedded safety officers officiate squads. A team of safety officers runs every shooter. IDPA SO or USPSA RO certification is recommended for all safety officers.

C. Scoring

1. Paper targets with marked shooting zones are used.
2. For ACD (KACD) targets, zones are scored:
 - a. K: as two A hits
 - b. A: 0 points down
 - c. C: 1 point down
 - d. D: 3 points down
3. The scoring system is "time + points down $\times \frac{1}{2}$ + penalties": points down accumulated on the target are divided by two and added to the final time.
4. A miss on a target incurs a five (5) second penalty.

5. Shoot-throughs count for separated targets but do not count for targets overlayed by a NT.
6. Stage description may introduce a time limit.
7. Close calls on scoring zones will be resolved using an overlay.

D. Courses of fire

1. Stage description is the primary definition of rules applied to navigating a course of fire.
2. Stages may require engaging targets in tactical priority: outside-in ("slicing the pie") from behind vertical cover or near-to-far from behind horizontal cover or in the open.
3. Stages may restrict target engagements to certain shooting positions defined in the stage description.
4. Stages may allow engaging targets as the shooter sees them anywhere within safety limits and defined shooting areas or positions.
5. Stages may require retaining loading devices with ammo during reloads.
6. Stages may require the use of a concealment garment for certain divisions.
7. Fault lines marking cover extend to the stage boundary unless visibly limited by another line.
8. The maximum round count per stage is 30 rounds. Specialty matches may increase the limit.

E. Penalties

Five (5) second penalty is assessed for:

1. every hit on a non-threat (NT) target;
2. every miss on a target;
3. failing to engage a non-disappearing target fully — not shooting at least one round per target;
4. shooting while stepping over a fault line — per shooting position;
5. not following the shooting style requirements prescribed by stage description (strong hand only, weak hand only, etc.) — per shooting position;
6. shooting targets out of order for scenario stages — per shooting position;
7. not following stage requirements per stage description — per shooting position;
8. leaving behind a loading device with ammo if prohibited by the stage description;
9. not loading a firearm/magazines to the round count specified in the stage description or the default division capacity;
10. exceeding the round count limit defined by the stage description.



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F. Equipment

1. Inside- and outside-of-the-waistband holsters are allowed.
2. Holsters must be mounted on the belt on the strong side and cover the trigger guard. Appendix carry holsters are not allowed.
3. For the divisions that require concealment garments, all belt-mounted gear (holster, firearm, loading devices and carriers, flashlight) need to be concealed while the shooter is T-posing.
4. Use of duty gear is allowed in any division without the concealment garment.
5. Any number of loading devices on the body are allowed.
6. PCCs carried with a chamber flag, in a bag or a muzzle-down position.

G. Divisions

1. For allowed divisions see section H.
2. Steel targets will be calibrated for 9mm / 125 PF. Firearms must cycle safely and reliably with the loads used.
3. Shooters may not download loading devices unless required by the stage description.
4. REV: both moon clips and speedloaders are allowed.

H. General division rules

	IRN	COA	EDCI	EDCO	OPN	REV	PCC
Division capacity	10+1		10+1		Any	Any	Any
Sights	Irons	Optics	Irons	Optics	Any	Irons	Any
Magwells allowed	Yes		Yes		Yes	N/A	Yes
Compensators or ported barrels allowed	No		Yes		Yes	No	Yes
Weapon-mounted light allowed	Yes (off)		Yes (off)		Yes	Yes (off)	Yes
Flashlight	Handheld		Handheld		Optional	Handheld	N/A
Concealment garment may be required	Yes		Yes (closed front)		No	Yes	No
Laser Sight	No		Yes (off)		Yes	No	Yes
Reload with retention may be required	Yes		Yes		No	Yes	No
Division notes			IWB holsters only (no appendix). Mag pouches must be concealed (don't have to be IWB).				