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Rule Number	Old Rule	New Rule	Change Type
2.5	New Section	Uncasing/Casing Areas	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
2.5.1	New rule	For long guns, if there is not a sufficient length of side berm to safely serve as an uncasing/casing area, then the match director must identify and designate a suitable area.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
2.5.2	New rule	For long guns, checking if dot is on/off, removing dot cover, and turning dot on/off may be done at casing/uncasing area provided the long gun is flagged and the muzzle remains in a safe direction. All other gun handling with the long gun, e.g., cleaning, dry-fire, repairs, etc., must be accomplished in a Safety Area or under the direct supervision of a Range Officer. Competitors found in violation of this rule are subject to the provisions of 10.3.13.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
4.1	All plates are to be painted white (other colors OK for snowy weather) for the eight official Steel Challenge stages and will be repainted prior to each competitor's first run on each course of fire. At Tier 1 (club match) plates used on a non-official stage may be painted a color other than white but must be repainted prior to each competitor's first run on each course of fire. Care should be taken to paint the edges of the plates as well as the surface.	At all match levels care should be taken to paint the edges, including the bottom of the plates as well as the plate surface. At Level I matches plates used for non-official stages may be painted a color other than white. Should plates not be painted prior to each competitor's first run the competitor forfeits their right to appeal any missed hit calls. At Level II or higher matches all plates are to be painted white (other colors okay for snowy weather) and must be repainted prior to each competitor's first run on the stage.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024

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<p>5.1.4</p>	<p>The use of 3-gun carts for transporting Rimfire Rifles and Pistol Caliber Carbines is permitted at all match levels. The long gun must be flagged at all times.</p>	<p>The use of 3-gun carts for transporting Rimfire Rifles and Pistol Caliber Carbines long guns is permitted at all match levels. The long gun must be flagged at all times. If stored in a mobile rack or carrier, the long gun must be reasonably vertical whenever the firearm is not in a case or sleeve. Uncased horizontal carry/transport is prohibited. The muzzle of any such firearm, if oriented down, must point to a spot within 3 feet of the conveyance. If pointed up, it must be oriented such that a person walking around the conveyance will not be covered by the muzzle if they are more than 3 feet away from the conveyance. All such measurements shall be taken while the conveyance is situated on flat, level ground. In the event of disagreement on how the firearm is being transported, the Range Master shall be the final authority as to the acceptability of such orientation. Long guns must be cased/uncased or removed/replaced on a cart with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction directly into and within 2 yards of a side berm or backstop. Long guns can also be cased/uncased or removed/replaced on a cart under the direct supervision of a range officer with muzzle pointing at the backstop. Failure to point the muzzle at a side berm or back stop during casing/uncasing or removing/replacing on a cart will result in a DQ per 10.3.13.</p>	<p>Approved by BOD 12/16/2024</p>
<p>5.3.2</p>	<p>Unlike USPSA competition where magazine placement varies by division, in Steel Challenge magazine carriers may be placed anywhere on the belt, regardless of division. For all divisions, magazines may be placed on top of the barrel or table available at the shooting box. Magazines need not be transported in a magazine pouch.</p>	<p>Unlike USPSA competition where magazine placement varies by division, in Steel Challenge mMagazine carriers may be placed anywhere on the belt, regardless of division. For all divisions, magazines may be placed on top of the barrel or table available at the shooting box. Magazines need not be transported in a magazine pouch.</p>	<p>Approved by BOD 12/16/2024</p>

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5.6.1	The Range Officer will retain the competitor's scorecard until such time as the competitor returns to resume his attempts at any remaining strings in the stage.	The Range Officer will retain the competitor's scorecard until such time as the competitor returns to resume his attempts at any remaining strings in the stage. If the competitor cannot complete the strings, any incomplete strings will be marked as a missed stop plate (30 sec).	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
Existing 6.1 --> 6.8	Renumbered to 6.2 --> 6.9 to allow for new section		Admin change
6.1	New Section	Competitor Status and Credentials	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
6.1.1	New rule	For Level II and higher competitions, all competitors must be individual members of USPSA/SCSA, or a current member of their IPSC region. A competitor who submits a paid USPSA/SCSA membership application to the Match Director or presents proof of online registration and payment as a new member prior to entering the competition is considered a member for the purpose of this rule.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
6.1.1.1	New rule	Anyone whose membership has been suspended or terminated by USPSA/SCSA will no longer be eligible to compete in any SCSA match including local (Level I) matches. A list of those who are ineligible will be kept at USPSA/SCSA headquarters for verification.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
6.1.2	New rule	Only current SCSA classifications may be used in determining class awards.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
6.1.3	New rule	No person may be barred from participating in a SCSA match based on gender, race, religion or occupation.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
6.1.4	New rule	An individual may be barred from participating in a SCSA match, at the match director's discretion, if the person: a.) has demonstrated an inability to safely complete courses of fire, or b.) has demonstrated behavior which would or may disrupt the match, or which would bring disrepute to the sport.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024

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6.1.5	New rule	A Match Director enforcing Rule 6.1.4 must submit a detailed report to USPSA/SCSA within seven days of the occurrence.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
6.5.1 (now 6.6.1)	<u>Rimfire Pistol Open</u> : This is the Rimfire race division. All legal Rimfire firearms are allowed. Optics and Compensators are specifically allowed.	<u>Rimfire Pistol Open Optics</u> : This is the Rimfire Pistol race division. All legal Rimfire firearms Pistols are allowed. Optics and compensators are specifically allowed.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
6.6.1 (now 6.7.1)	<u>Rimfire Rifle Open</u> : This is the Rimfire rifle race division. All legal Rimfire rifles are allowed. Optics and Compensators are specifically allowed.	<u>Rimfire Rifle Open Optics</u> : This is the Rimfire Rifle race division. All legal Rimfire Rifles are allowed. Optics and compensators are specifically allowed.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
6.7.1 (now 6.8.1)	<u>Pistol Caliber Carbine Open</u> : This is the Pistol Caliber Carbine race division. All legal Pistol Caliber Carbines, to include short-barreled rifles, are allowed. Optics and Compensators are specifically allowed.	<u>Pistol Caliber Carbine Open Optics</u> : This is the Pistol Caliber Carbine race division. All legal Pistol Caliber Carbines, to include short-barreled rifles, are allowed. Optics and compensators are specifically allowed.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
8.2.2	In centerfire handgun competition, hands are to be held in the “surrender” position with wrists and hands above the shoulders and fully visible from behind.	In centerfire handgun competition, hands are to be held in the “surrender” position with wrists and hands above the shoulders and fully visible from behind and handgun loaded and holstered per 8.1.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
8.2.3	In the Rimfire Pistol, Rimfire Rifle, and Pistol Caliber Carbine matches, there will be an aiming point (marker, cone, flag, or sign) centered downrange directly in front of each shooting box 10’ away and a maximum of 2’ high. For Showdown and Outer Limits an aiming point will be placed in front of each shooting box. The competitor, while waiting for the start signal, must be pointing/aiming their gun at the aiming point with their finger off the trigger and the finger outside of the trigger guard. Each firearm may start with the hammer cocked and, if applicable, with the safety off.	In the Rimfire Pistol, Rimfire Rifle, and Pistol Caliber cCarbine matches, there will be an aiming point (marker, cone, flag, or sign at a maximum of 9" wide) centered downrange directly in front of each shooting box 10’ away and a maximum of 2’ high 18-24" high . For Showdown and Outer Limits an aiming point will be placed in front of each shooting box. The competitor, while waiting for the start signal, must be pointing/aiming their gun at the aiming point with their finger off the trigger and the finger outside of the trigger guard. Each firearm may start with the hammer cocked and, if applicable, with the safety off.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024

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10.3.6.2	New rule	Sweeping any person with the muzzle of a long gun during or outside the course of fire, whether loaded or not, even if a chamber flag is inserted. Exception - If carried muzzle-down outside the course of fire, the competitor's lower extremities are exempt from this provided the long gun is unloaded and flagged.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
10.3.9	Holstering a loaded handgun without the external safety applied or on a revolver, with the hammer cocked.	Holstering a loaded handgun without the external safety applied or on a revolver, with the hammer cocked. Holstering a double action or selective action pistol with the hammer cocked and the safety not applied.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
10.3.13	Failing to point the muzzle of a long gun at a side berm or back stop during casing/uncasing or removing/replacing on a conveyance or sweeping any person with the muzzle of a long gun, whether loaded or not, even if a chamber flag is inserted. Side berms/backstops may be used for casing and uncasing or removing from/placing on conveyances only. All other gun handling with the long gun, e.g., cleaning, dry-fire, repairs, etc., must be accomplished in a safety area or under the direct supervision of a Range Officer. Checking if dot is on/off, removing dot cover, and turning dot on/off may be done at casing/uncasing area provided the long gun is flagged and the muzzle remains in a safe direction. The berm/backstop is not required while removing/returning a properly flagged long gun from/to a vehicle providing all other safety rules are followed.	Unsafe long gun handling: Failing to point a long gun in a safe direction during casing/uncasing or placing/replacing on a conveyance/vehicle or violating other actions outlined in 5.1.4 or 2.5.2. The berm/back stop is not required while removing/returning a properly flagged long gun from/to a vehicle providing all other safety rules are followed.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024

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11.4	The competitor is responsible for the preparation and delivery of the written appeal, together with the appropriate fee. Video and photographic evidence is not admissible. Both must be submitted to the Range Master within the specified period of time.	The competitor is responsible for the preparation and delivery of the written appeal, together with the appropriate fee. Video and photographic evidence is not admissible. Both must be submitted to the Range Master within the specified period of time. Digital evidence must be provided to the Range Master immediately upon request for arbitration. Evidence may be provided by any viable means of transfer (cloud-based file sharing, text, email, etc.). The file(s) provided to the RM will be the only digital evidence accepted at arbitration.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
App. A1	Tier 1 - 4	Level I - IV (all references in rulebook updated)	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
App A2.2	The Rimfire Master award is a special recognition for the competitor with the lowest aggregate score in the combination of all four rimfire divisions (Rimfire Pistol Irons, Rimfire Pistol Open, Rimfire Rifle Irons, and Rimfire Rifle Open).	The Rimfire Master award is a special recognition for the competitor with the lowest aggregate score in the combination of all four rimfire divisions (Rimfire Pistol Irons, Rimfire Pistol Open Open Optics , Rimfire Rifle Irons, and Rimfire Rifle Open Open Optics).	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
App. A3 - Holstered	New definition	The point at which a handgun is inserted or engaged into the holster so as to not allow access to any portion of the interior of the trigger guard. Holstering begins when the handgun muzzle enters the holster or trigger guard enters block.	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
App. A3 - RFPI/RFPO	Rimfire Pistol Irons/Rimfire Pistol Open; See Appendix H7 for Division requirements	DELETE	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
App. A3 - RFRI/RFRO	Rimfire Rifle Irons/Rimfire Rifle Open; See Appendix H8 for Division requirements	DELETE	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
App. A3 - PCCI/PCCO	Pistol Caliber Carbine Irons/Pistol Caliber Carbine Open, see Appendix H9 for Division requirements	DELETE	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
App. D3	Note: RFPI = Rimfire Pistol Irons; RFPO = Rimfire Pistol Open	Note: RFPI = Rimfire Pistol Irons; RFPO = Rimfire Pistol Open Open Optics	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
App. D8	Note: PCCI = Pistol Caliber Carbine Irons; PCCO = Pistol Caliber Carbine Open	Note: PCCI = Pistol Caliber Carbine Irons; PCCO = Pistol Caliber Carbine Open Open Optics	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024
App. D9	Note: RFRI = Rimfire Rifle Irons; RFRO = Rimfire Rifle Open	Note: RFRI = Rimfire Rifle Irons; RFRO = Rimfire Rifle Open Open Optics	Approved by BOD 12/16/2024

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App. D10	New	APPENDIX D10 -Limited Optics (Provisional)	Approved by BOD 11/18/2024
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