Firing Line Commands for NRA matches

SLOW FIRE

“RELAY (number), MATCH (number), TAKE YOUR POSITION ON THE FIRING LINE. YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL START IN TWO MINUTES.”

“RELAY (number) TAKE YOUR POSITION AS SCORERS”.

Two minutes until preparation period begins.

“YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN WHEN YOUR TARGETS APPEAR.”

Targets are exposed for preparation period. After three minutes, targets are withdrawn and placed at half-mast.

“THE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED. THIS MATCH WILL BE TWO SIGHTERS AND (number) SHOTS FOR RECORD IN A TIME LIMIT OF (number) MINUTES. WITH ONE ROUND LOAD...IS THE FIRING LINE READY? ... THE FIRING LINE IS (IS NOT) READY. YOUR TIME WILL BEGIN AND YOU MAY FIRE WHEN YOUR TARGETS APPEAR”

The targets are run up and time is marked to start that relay’s match.

“IS ALL FIRING COMPLETE ON THE RIGHT? IS ALL FIRING COMPLETED ON THE LEFT? ALL FIRING IS COMPLETED. CEASE FIRE. INSERT EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATORS.”

“IS THE FIRING LINE CLEAR?”

Check to assure all firearms are cleared, actions opened and empty chamber indicators inserted.

“THE FIRING LINE IS CLEAR. RELAY (just finished), REMOVE ALL OF YOUR EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIRING POINT.”

If a brass call is being held,

“You MAY NOW POLICE BRASS AND TRASH.”

“YOUR BRASS POLICE PERIOD IS ENDED. ALL PERSONNEL RETURN BEHIND THE FIRING LINE.”

When all personnel are behind the firing line,

“RELAY (next) YOU MAY TAKE YOUR POSITION ON THE FIRING LINE.”
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RAPID FIRE

“RELAY (number), MATCH (number), TAKE YOUR POSITIONS ON THE FIRING LINE. YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL START IN TWO MINUTES.”

“RELAY (number) TAKE YOUR POSITIONS AS SCORERS”

Two minutes until preparation period begins.

“YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN WHEN YOUR TARGETS APPEAR.”

Targets are exposed for preparation period. After three minutes, targets are withdrawn and placed at half-mast.

“The preparation period has ended. You will now have a sighter period of two minutes for two slow fire sighters, with one round load. Is the firing line ready? The firing line is (is not) ready. Your time begins and you may fire when your targets appear.”

The targets are exposed for sighters. After two minutes, targets are withdrawn and placed at half-mast.

“CEASE FIRE, UNLOAD. YOUR SIGHTER PERIOD HAS ENDED. YOUR NEXT STRING OF FIRE WILL BE RAPID FIRE (SITTING / KNEELING) (OR PRONE); TEN SHOTS FIRED IN A TIME LIMIT OF 60 (OR 70) SECONDS. SHOOTERS STAND BY.”


The targets are exposed within five seconds of the “ready on the firing line” command for the rapid-fire string and withdrawn at the end of allotted time. Time starts when the last target reaches its uppermost travel.

“CEASE FIRE. REMAIN IN POSITION UNTIL THE LINE IS CLEARED. ARE THERE ALIBIS OR SAVED ROUNDS ON THE RIGHT? ALIBIS OR SAVED ROUNDS ON THE LEFT? UNLOAD”

After transferring information to the pits on saved or late rounds…

“IS THE LINE CLEAR?”

This means that all rifles on the line are unloaded, detachable magazines removed and all bolts open.

THE LINE IS CLEAR. STANDBY TO RECEIVE SCORES AND GROUPS.”

When all targets are exposed…

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“YOUR CHALLENGE PERIOD HAS BEGUN.”

Line officer will resolve all scoring challenges, if any.

“THE CHALLENGE PERIOD HAS ENDED-EXCEPT FOR THOSE TARGETS UNDER CONTENTION IS SCORING COMPLETE ON THE RIGHT? IS SCORING COMPLETED ON THE LEFT? EXCEPT FOR TARGETS UNDER CONTENTION ALL SCORING IS COMPLETE.”

If there is another rapid-fire string, continue. Otherwise, a brass call may be held at this time.

“FOR YOUR SECOND STRING OF RAPID FIRE (SITTING / KNEELING) (OR PRONE); TEN SHOTS FIRED IN A TIME LIMIT OF 60 (or 70) SECONDS; SHOOTERS STAND BY.”

“IS THE LINE READY…THE LINE IS READY.” - “READY ON THE RIGHT” three second pause. “READY ON THE LEFT” three second pause. “READY ON THE FIRING LINE.”

The targets are exposed within five seconds of the “ready on the firing line” command for the rapid-fire string and withdrawn at the end of allotted time. Time starts when the last target reaches its uppermost travel.

“CEASE FIRE. REMAIN IN POSITION UNTIL THE LINE IS CLEARED. ARE THERE ALIBIS OR SAVED rounds ON THE RIGHT? ALIBIS OR SAVED rounds ON THE LEFT? UNLOAD. PLACE THE EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATOR IN YOUR RIFLE”

“IS THE LINE CLEAR?”

This now means all rifles are unloaded, detachable magazine removed and empty chamber indicators are properly in place in the rifle. Upon receiving confirmation from Range Officers that all rifles are clear,

“THE LINE IS CLEAR. YOU WILL NOW MOVE OUT OF POSITION. STAND BY TO RECEIVE SCORES AND GROUPS.”

When all targets are exposed…

“YOUR CHALLENGE PERIOD HAS BEGUN.”

Line officer will resolve all scoring challenges, if any.

“THE CHALLENGE PERIOD HAS ENDED-EXCEPT FOR THOSE TARGETS UNDER CONTENTION IS SCORING COMPLETE ON THE RIGHT? IS SCORING COMPLETED ON THE LEFT? EXCEPT FOR TARGETS UNDER CONTENTION ALL SCORING IS COMPLETE.”

A brass call may be held at this time.

“YOU MAY NOW POLICE BRASS AND TRASH.”

“YOUR BRASS POLICE PERIOD IS ENDED. ALL PERSONNEL RETURN BEHIND THE FIRING LINE.”

“RELAY (next) YOU MAY TAKE YOUR POSITION ON THE FIRING POINT WHEN IT IS VACANT BUT DO NOT HANDLE YOUR RIFLES.”