

## Sportsmanship

The international sport of practical shooting exists and endures on the backs of relatively few dedicated people that donate their time and energy to run the clubs, set up the matches, RO the squads and get everything ready to do all over again the following month. There is no compensation for this, no awards, no recognition other than the simple satisfaction of knowing that people had fun and nobody got hurt.

However this sport **ALSO** only exists by virtue of the efforts of each and every shooter on a squad. Matches could not be held and run if not for the squads' extra efforts to tape targets and reset steel after every shooter shoots. This is expected at even the most prestigious matches in the world. The taping and resetting of targets by the squad is so integral to the sport, that it exemplifies the root sportsmanship of the sport itself.

At every London Bridge Action Shooters' match, small or large, it is not enough to pay your money and shoot. All shooters will be held to the customarily higher standard of sportsmanship that keeps our sport alive. And for your commitment, there will be no awards or recognition, just the simple satisfaction of knowing that you are doing your part to make the whole thing work and endure. That you are not asking someone else to do more, so that you can do less. We believe that this so epitomizes sportsmanship, that routine violators are subject to disqualification under Rule 10.6.1.

Our guidelines are no different than the expectations at most other clubs, but just to be clear, we'll spell them out here. **ALL** shooters on a squad are expected to participate in resetting the stage after **EACH AND EVERY** shooter **UNLESS** one of the following conditions exist...

1. You are the shooter, on-deck or in-the-hole.
2. You are resting and reloading for a maximum of two shooters after you shoot.
3. You are dealing with broken equipment.
4. You are going to the bathroom.
5. If you are elderly or injured, then less is expected of you. Maybe you don't reset steel or walk to the furthest reaches of the stage, but taping nearby targets should be on your radar after every shooter. In general, if you are healthy enough to shoot, then you should routinely do what you can to pitch in.

A shooter who cannot commit to these guidelines is simply not welcome. That person is not only not doing his part and creating more work for others, but that person is encouraging others to do

the same. He does this either by engaging would-be helpers in conversations, which seems to paralyze a lot of people (believe it or not, you can tape and talk at the same time). Or that person aggravates his squad-mates to the point, that they too want to stop working out of spite. This kind of drama has no place here. If you are not on board with these guidelines, then please don't come.

Note to brass'ers: there should never be more than two people picking brass at one time. Any more than that and not enough effort goes towards taping and resetting. Also, please **pay attention** to when the restoring of the targets is completed, so that you can exit the stage promptly with the other resetters. Don't make the next shooter and ROs wait while you alone exit the stage late.