# Orion National Air Pistol League Instructions and Range Commands



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# **General Preparation**

# **Additional Support**

This instruction manual is intended to provide supplemental information on using Orion, participating in the National Air Pistol League, and conducting a competition under USA Shooting rules. This information does not replace Orion's User Manual, the League Program, or the USA Shooting Rulebook.

For specific assistance regarding Orion or the League please contact Orion's support. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 09:00 to 18:00 EST, and Saturday 09:00 to 16:00 EST.

Phone Number: +1 703.596.0099

Support Email: <a href="mailto:support@shooterstech.net">support@shooterstech.net</a></a>
League Email: league@shooterstech.net

Contact the League Administrator immediately if you have any special circumstances pertaining to your team's participation.

For questions specific to the rulebook, please contact USA Shooting at +1 719 866 4670..

### **Team Schedule**

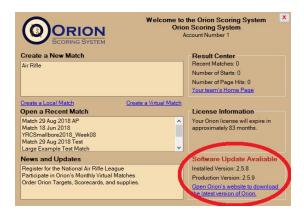
Games will be scheduled dynamically throughout the regular season. The first two weeks' schedule will be announced one week prior to the start of the league. After the first week the schedule for the third week will be released. After the second week the schedule for the fourth week will be released, and so on.

To view your team's schedule visit <a href="https://www.orionscoringsystem.com/airpistolleague">www.orionscoringsystem.com/airpistolleague</a> and click on your team's name.

#### **Orion Software**

To participate in a League game, always make sure you are running the most up to date version of the Orion software. When opening Orion check the bottom right corner of the Welcome Screen to see if there is a new version available.

If a new version is available click on the provided link. This will take you to Orion's website to download and install the software.

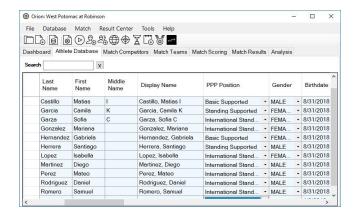


#### **Favorites**

The following steps will make it easier to create your team for each league game.

Prior to the start of the season add your team members to Orion's Athlete Database and mark each of them as Favorites.

Add the PPP Category to the Athlete Database and mark your team members with their corresponding PPP position. The default is International Standing.



# Preparing for Your Game Each Week

### **Downloading Your Game**

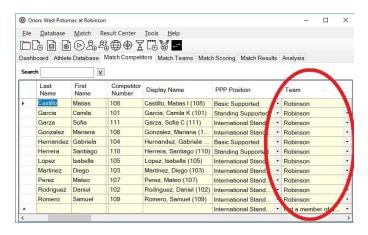
The League Administrator will release the weekly games each Monday by 12:00 EST. An email will be sent to you once the game is available for download.

To download the game, open Orion. On the Welcome Screen click on the name of the game under Create a New Match.



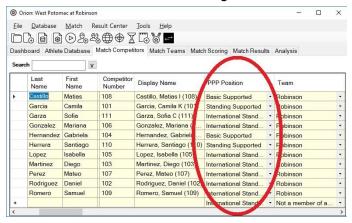
Click Yes to confirm that you want to download the game. Then click Yes again to have all of your Favorites added to the game under your team.

In the Match Competitors tab confirm that your athletes were added and that each athlete is listed with your Team's Name.



#### **PPP Athletes**

Athletes who participate in Progressive Position Pistol (PPP), either Standing Supported or Basic Supported, may compete with their team *for score only*. Mark these athletes, in the Match Competitors tab, under the "PPP Category" column. All regular team members should be listed as, "International Standing."



### **Preparing Targets**

Using printed barcode labels is encouraged for all teams. They should be printed prior to the start of each game. Coaches should maintain control of their team's targets until it is time to hand them out, when athletes are bringing their gear to the firing line.

To print labels, from within Orion's Match Competitors tab, select all of your athletes, right click, and Print Labels.

If paper targets are used, each athlete should get four sighting targets and twelve record targets. Five shots are fired on each record target. Sighting targets should be marked with with a black diagonal stripe in the upper right hand corner (use a broad-tipped black Sharpie $^{TM}$ ).



# Range Commands for Electronic Scoring Targets or Target Carriers

All range commands are adapted from the USA Shooting rulebook. Range commands were augmented to better ensure safety and clarity of rules for young athletes.

Before a competition, the Range Officer must prepare the range for firing. Athletes may not move their equipment to the firing line until the Range Officer calls them to the firing line.

Recommended match enhancements include playing music in the range during the warm-up, sighting and competition times and, if possible, displaying the online Leaderboard in the range by using a projector or large screen TV.

# 30:00 MINUTES BEFORE START TIME (WHEN RECORD FIRING BEGINS)

The Range Officer begins each relay by calling athletes to the firing line and then welcoming them to the competition.

If paper targets are used, the coach should distribute them at this time.

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL AIR PISTOL LEAGUE, TODAY'S COMPETITION IS AGAINST (Opposing Team's Name) FROM (Opposing Team's Location).

RELAY NUMBER (Relay Number) YOU MAY MOVE YOUR PISTOLS AND EQUIPMENT TO THE FIRING LINE...BENCH YOUR PISTOLS

#### YOU MAY UNCASE AND HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS

When the HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS command is given, athletes may handle their pistols, remove safety flags, perform holding exercises, and dry fire. This command should be given at least 15 minutes before the Preparation and Sighting time to allow athletes sufficient time to warm up.

If the opposing team's coach sent a welcoming letter it may be read at this time.

#### 15:00 MINUTES BEFORE THE START TIME

PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME... TIME LIMIT 15 MINUTES -- START

This is a combined Preparation and Sighting Time. During this period, athletes may dry fire or fire unlimited sighting shots.

#### 30 SECONDS

The Range Officer gives a 30 second warning after 14 minutes, 30 seconds.

### AFTER 15:00 MINUTES

#### END OF PREPARATION AND SIGHTING -- STOP

After the command STOP between the Sighting and Record stages, pistols may remain loaded and in position ready for the Record Fire START command.

If electronic targets are used, there must be a pause while the computer officer resets the targets from sighter to record.

60 RECORD SHOTS IN A TIME LIMIT OF 90 MINUTES...ATHLETES MUST FIRE FIVE SHOTS ON EACH RECORD TARGET...MATCH FIRING -- START

When ESTs are used, the command is, "60 RECORD SHOTS IN A TIME LIMIT OF 75 MINUTES ... MATCH FIRING -- START"

The time limit begins when the command START is given.

TEN MINUTES
FIVE MINUTES

The Range Officer gives ten and five minute warnings.

AFTER 60 MINUTES (50 minutes if ESTs are used)

STOP—UNLOAD

When the STOP—UNLOAD command is given, all athletes must insert Safety Flags and bench their pistols.

If paper targets are used the Range Officers should collect them at this time.

ATHLETES, YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIRING LINE

#### YOU MAY DISCHARGE AIR OR GAS DOWNRANGE

Athletes are instructed to remove their equipment from the firing line to prepare for the next relay of athletes. Athletes who wish to case their pistols before removing them from the firing line are authorized to close the pistol actions and discharge air or gas before casing them.

If there are additional relays of athletes to fire, the Range Officer returns to the welcome and call to the firing line for the next relay according to the scheduled start time for that relay.

# Range Commands for Paper Targets without Carriers

This set of commands is for ranges that do not have target carriers. On these ranges, competitors, coaches or match officials must go downrange to place targets on cardboard or similar material. There are three target changes, each time the athlete hangs four targets. Once for sighting targets, then twice for two sets of competition targets.

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Recommended match enhancements include playing music in the range during the warm-up, sighting and competition times and, if possible, displaying the online Leaderboard in the range by using a projector or large screen TV.

# 30:00 MINUTES BEFORE START TIME (WHEN RECORD FIRING BEGINS)

The Range Officer begins each relay by calling athletes to the firing line and then welcoming them to the competition.

The coach should distribute the targets to athletes at this time. When athletes are asked to go downrange to hang their targets, all pistols must be grounded with actions open and Safety Flags inserted before anyone goes down range.

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL AIR PISTOL LEAGUE, TODAY'S COMPETITION IS AGAINST (Opposing Team's Name) FROM (Opposing Team's Location).

RELAY NUMBER (Relay Number) YOU MAY MOVE YOUR PISTOLS AND EQUIPMENT TO THE FIRING LINE

PISTOLS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THEIR CASES BUT MUST BE BENCHED WITH SAFETY FLAGS INSERTED UNTIL SIGHTING TARGETS ARE HUNG

AFTER ABOUT 2 MINUTES AND ALL ATHLETES HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE THEIR EQUIPMENT ON THE FIRING LINE

IS THE LINE CLEAR?

Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all pistols are either cased or benched with Safety Flags inserted.

THE LINE IS CLEAR...GO FORWARD AND HANG YOUR SIGHTING TARGETS

Coaches, athletes, or target handlers may go downrange to hang targets. No one may handle pistols while personnel are downrange.

## AFTER ALL TARGETS ARE HUNG AND ALL PERSONNEL ARE BACK FROM DOWNRANGE

TAKE YOUR POSITIONS...YOU MAY HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS

When the HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS command is given, athletes may handle their pistols, remove safety flags, perform holding exercises, and dry fire. This command should be given at least 15 minutes before the Preparation and Sighting time to allow athletes sufficient time to warm up.

If the opposing team's coach sent a welcoming letter it may be read at this time.

# AFTER A MINIMUM OF 15:00 MINUTES

# PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME... TIME LIMIT 15 MINUTES -- START

This is a combined Preparation and Sighting Time. During this period, athletes may dry fire or fire unlimited sighting shots.

#### 30 SECONDS

The Range Officer gives a 30 second warning after 14 minutes, 30 seconds.

### AFTER 15:00 MINUTES

END OF PREPARATION AND SIGHTING...STOP - UNLOAD BENCH YOUR PISTOLS. INSERT YOUR SAFETY FLAGS

If any athlete's pistol remains loaded after the Preparation and Sighting period the Range Officer will instruct those athletes to unload by firing their pistols safely into the backstop.

#### IS THE LINE CLEAR?

Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all pistols are either cased or grounded with Safety Flags inserted.

THE LINE IS CLEAR...GO FORWARD AND HANG YOUR FIRST SET OF COMPETITION TARGETS

Coaches, athletes or target handlers may go downrange to hang targets. No one may handle pistols while personnel are downrange.

# AFTER ALL TARGETS ARE HUNG AND ALL PERSONNEL ARE BACK FROM DOWNRANGE

#### TAKE YOUR POSITIONS...YOU MAY HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS.

When the HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS command is given, athletes may handle their pistols, remove the safety flag, and perform holding exercises. This command should be given at least 1 minutes before the Start command.

20 RECORD SHOTS IN A TIME LIMIT OF 25
MINUTES...COMPETITORS MUST FIRE 5 SHOTS ON EACH
RECORD TARGET...MATCH FIRING -- START

The time limit begins when the command START is given.

TEN MINUTES
FIVE MINUTES

The Range Officer gives ten and five minute warnings.

**AFTER 25 MINUTES** 

STOP—UNLOAD
BENCH YOUR PISTOLS...INSERT SAFETY FLAGS

When the STOP—UNLOAD command is given, all athletes must insert Safety Flags and ground their pistols.

#### IS THE LINE CLEAR?

Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all pistols are grounded with Safety Flags inserted.

THE LINE IS CLEAR...GO FORWARD AND HANG YOUR SECOND SET OF COMPETITION TARGETS

Coaches, athletes, or target handlers may go downrange to hang targets. No one may handle pistols while personnel are downrange.

### AFTER ALL TARGETS ARE HUNG AND ALL PERSONNEL ARE BACK FROM DOWNRANGE

Range Officers should collect the first stage of targets at this time.

#### TAKE YOUR POSITIONS...YOU MAY HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS.

When the HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS command is given, athletes may handle their pistols, remove the safety flag, and perform holding exercises. This command should be given at least 1 minutes before the Start command.

# 20 RECORD SHOTS IN A TIME LIMIT OF 25 MINUTES...MATCH FIRING -- START

The time limit begins when the command START is given.

TEN MINUTES
FIVE MINUTES

The Range Officer gives ten and five minute warnings.

**AFTER 25 MINUTES** 

STOP—UNLOAD

BENCH YOUR PISTOLS...INSERT SAFETY FLAGS

When the STOP—UNLOAD command is given, all athletes must insert Safety Flags and bench their pistols.

#### IS THE LINE CLEAR?

Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all pistols are grounded with Safety Flags inserted.

THE LINE IS CLEAR...GO FORWARD AND HANG YOUR THIRD SET OF COMPETITION TARGETS

Coaches, athletes, or target handlers may go downrange to hang targets. No one may handle pistols while personnel are downrange.

## AFTER ALL TARGETS ARE HUNG AND ALL PERSONNEL ARE BACK FROM DOWNRANGE

Range Officers should collect the second stage of targets at this time.

#### TAKE YOUR POSITIONS...YOU MAY HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS

When the HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS command is given, athletes may handle their pistols, remove the safety flag, and perform holding exercises. This command should be given at least 1 minutes before the Start command.

# 20 RECORD SHOTS IN A TIME LIMIT OF 25 MINUTES...MATCH FIRING -- START

The time limit begins when the command START is given.

TEN MINUTES
FIVE MINUTES

The Range Officer gives ten and five minute warnings.

**AFTER 25 MINUTES** 

STOP—UNLOAD

BENCH YOUR PISTOLS...INSERT SAFETY FLAGS

When the STOP—UNLOAD command is given, all athletes must insert Safety Flags and bench their pistols.

#### IS THE LINE CLEAR?

Range Officers must signal YES or NO to indicate that all pistols are benched with Safety Flags inserted.

THE LINE IS CLEAR...GO FORWARD AND COLLECT YOUR TARGETS

# AFTER ALL TARGETS ARE REMOVED AND ALL PERSONNEL ARE BACK FROM DOWNRANGE

Range Officers should collect third stage targets at this time.

ATHLETES, YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIRING LINE

#### YOU MAY DISCHARGE AIR OR GAS DOWNRANGE

Athletes are instructed to remove their equipment from the firing line to prepare for the next relay of athletes. Athletes who wish to case their pistols before removing them from the firing line are authorized to close the pistol actions and discharge air or gas before casing them.

If there are additional relays of athletes to fire, the Range Officer returns to the welcome and call to the firing line for the next relay according to the scheduled start time for that relay.

# **Scoring Targets**

All weekly game scores are due Sunday at midnight. Scores reported after this time will not be accepted.

## **Scoring**

All paper targets must be scored by Orion as soon as reasonably possible after the athletes turn in their targets. Use Orion's Auto-Score to scan, score, and upload results.



If electronic targets were used scores must be imported into Orion using either the Sius or MegaLink interface.

# **Reviewing Targets**

All paper targets should be reviewed for accurate scoring. Targets highlighted in Yellow indicate too many or too few shots were found. Common causes and the steps to follow are listed below

### Possibility 1: The Athlete had an Internal Crossfire

Athletes are allowed two internal crossfires in a match without penalty. They are defined when the athlete shoots too many shots on a target, but then shoots an equal number fewer shots on the next target.

- 1. Verify the internal cross fire and identify the targets with too many and too few shots.
- Only if the athlete had three or more internal crossfires, select the shots that represent the third or additional occurrence of internal crossfires, right click, and select "Add Penalty."
  - a. Rule Reference: 6.11.7.2

- b. Penalty Points: 2
- c. Description: Internal Crossfire
- On all targets involved, right click and select "Ignore Warning Message."

### Possibility 2: The Athlete Fired an Extra Shot

- 1. Identify the highest value shot on the last target.
- 2. Select this shot, the shot will turn red once selected.
- 3. Right click and select "Mark as extra shot."
- 4. Orion will nullify the extra shot then apply a 2 point penalty to the lowest value shot in the first series.

#### Possibility 2: Athlete Missed the Scoring Rings

- 1. Identify the target that the athlete missed.
- Right click near the center of the aiming bull and select Add Shot ->
   Missed Shot (alternatively hold down the Control key and
   double-click near the center of the aiming bull).
- 3. Orion will add a MISS to the aiming bull.

## Viewing/Verifying Results

Once scoring is complete confirm that your team results were uploaded successfully to Orion's Result Center. Click on the globe icon to bring up the Internet results.



The Game results page will look similar to the following. If you can see your team results on the website, and they match what is reported in Orion, then your scores were successfully uploaded and reported.

