

SAFETY RULES FOR 1911/A1 PISTOLS-PIKE CLASS

This class requires (1) 1911/A1 stock pistol, a clone or a reproduction thereof with fixed or adjustable sights, (NO RACE GUN EXTERNAL MODIFICATIONS), any SASS approved Lever Action Pistol Caliber Rifle and a '97 Winchester Shotgun.

Holsters And Carry:

Any Style 1911 Holster (Military or Civilian) may be used as long as the holster retains the pistol during full range of motion. Magazines may be loaded off line and may be carried in magazine holders (Military or Civilian) or by other means such as pockets or pouches. When not on the firing line, the pistol may be holstered with an empty chamber, the slide locked back and no magazine in the pistol, or with the slide closed and hammer down on an empty chamber without a magazine in the pistol.

Range Operations:

The 1911 **must** be restaged safely at the end of each shooting string with the slide locked open, unless the 1911 is the last firearm used. It may contain an empty magazine or no magazine when restaged. (Failure to comply, SDQ. Per SASS rules, the shooter has until firing the next firearm to correct without penalty.)

Magazines shall be loaded with only **five** rounds. (Overloading, MSV)

Dropped loaded or unloaded magazines may not be picked up until the course of fire is completed. (Failure to comply, MSV)

Movement is allowed with the 1911 in hand with the slide closed on an empty chamber with no magazine or a loaded/empty magazine until the pistol is first charged during the stage.

When moving with the 1911 in hand, after the pistol has been charged, the slide must be locked open and the trigger finger must be outside the trigger guard. (Trigger finger, MSV; slide closed, SDQ)

Changing magazines on the move is allowed as long as the slide remains locked open and the trigger finger remains out of the trigger guard until at least one foot reaches the shooting position. (Trigger finger, MSV; slide closed, SDQ)

All reloads shall be from slide lock, no "tactical reloads." You may not reload the pistol with a round in the chamber. Reloads done safely after malfunctions are allowed. (Failure to do so, MSV)

Operations at the loading table:

A magazine will be inserted in the 1911, the slide NOT cycled, and the pistol reholstered.

On the firing line:

Unless specifically instructed otherwise, a live round will be chambered in the pistol on

the clock when needed in the firing sequence.

On The Clock- The shooter will draw the Pistol, rack the slide and engage the targets. Reloading a second magazine from the shooters body, if the scenario calls for 10 rounds. Pistol can be fired free style with **one or both hands**. Make-up rounds are permitted in the event of a malfunction or inadvertent ejection. Make-up rounds may be single fed into the firing chamber or may be in a magazine which comes from the shooters body. If a make-up magazine is utilized and less than 5 shots are fired, the shooter must take care to remove the magazine and clear any fired or unfired rounds from the chamber when locking the slide back to restage the pistol after completing the pistol string.

After Shooting- At the completion of shooting the pistol, ensure that the SLIDE IS LOCKED BACK (YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DROP THE EMPTY MAGAZINE AT THE COMPLETION OF SHOOTING) before returning pistol to a prop or table prior to moving to another shooting position. However leaving a loaded magazine in the pistol will result in a 10 second safety penalty.

At the end of the course of fire:

The 1911 must be shown clear on the firing line. Under the supervision of the TO or other match official, the magazine is removed, slide cycled if not locked open, and the chamber checked. Then the slide is closed to battery, and the hammer is dropped before holstering. (Failure to comply, SDQ)

Operations at the unloading table:

The already cleared pistol shall remain holstered.

Malfunctions- If unable to clear a jam, stovepipe or other malfunction, declare the malfunction and lay the pistol down with the muzzle downrange and continue with the scenario. A miss will be assessed for all remaining unfired rounds required for the scenario. No minor or safety procedural will be applied for rounds left in the pistol if the malfunction is declared. **ALL MALFUNCTIONING PISTOLS WILL BE CLEARED PRIOR TO LEAVING THE UNLOADING TABLE.**

Non Gunfighter Style Stages- In the event that a scenario requires that the pistol be fired from two different locations, THE PISTOL WILL BE CARRIED WITH SLIDE LOCKED BACK, AND THE MUZZLE POINTED DOWNRANGE. A loaded magazine may be inserted while moving to the second firing position so long as the slide is still locked open. In the event that another gun is to be fired between two pistol strings, the pistol may be restaged at the second position with a loaded magazine inserted.