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Safety Procedures for Alpine Pistol Events including our International New Zealand events:

When directed, carry your ammunition and magazines to the Range muster point in your **locked** ammunition box. Leave the box locked and return to your vehicle to remove your secured side-arm gun-box from your vehicle. Take your gun-box container etc to the 'safety area'. No ammunition can be present in the 'safety area'. After approval, unlock and remove your side-arm from its gun-box for its safety testing and or inspection, and **then** its **secure holstering** upon your person. **AGAIN - no ammunition can be in or near the designated safety area.** **Secure** your gun box with you or store it back in your vehicle. All pistols must be on your person or in your held gun box or back secure in your locked vehicle.

An un-holstered side-arm **must never** breach the 90 degree rule or ever point at anybody, even whilst in the safety area. **When you are 'on target' your trigger finger is 'on trigger' – when you are 'off target' your trigger finger is 'off trigger'.** During movement matches engage your safety between shooting points. Semi-auto stoppages will usually require a 'tap – rack' and failing that, another magazine load to account for the stoppage. **Check** your magazine is fully inserted by hitting home the magazine with the palm of your non-shooting hand, and then rack the slide to clear the jam and chamber a new round. Failing that, dump the magazine, clear and then use a new magazine or the old once inspected. **Be very careful to always action your side-arm when pointing immediately at your target / the range back-stop.** Any gun work must be done under supervision, generally in the safety area. **Side-arms are only ever removed from your holster upon command on the firing line, OR from your gun-box in the designated safety area under the personal instruction of a qualified Alpine member or official.**

When directed, move to the firing line with your holstered side-arm **and await** further instructions. At this stage the range is open but **you may not touch** any ammunition or your side-arm. Those without holsters should use an empty chamber indicator and have the semi-auto slide locked open or the revolver cylinder open. When the '**preparation time**' command is given, unlock your ammunition box, insert rounds into your magazines or speed loaders. Insert a maximum of 6 rounds (or as directed) into each magazine or speed loader, preparing as many magazines or speed loaders as you require for the match and any stoppages. **Do not yet insert magazines or ammunition into your side-arm.** **On the firing line you can now remove your side-arms from your holster for final inspection.** Any sight adjustments must be done at this stage of the match. **Before** your loading. **You will then be advised "Your preparation time has ended."** Holster or 45 degree hold your side-arm (after removing any empty chamber indicators).

You will be asked '**is the firing line is ready?**' **If not raise one hand** - if so, place your arms down at your sides **well clear** of your side-arm and holster. **When** you are given the '**slide forward Israeli load**' command, those holding at 45 degrees should drop the slide, and then **load** a magazine or ammunition into their side-arm. Those using a holster should insert a magazine without removing their side-arm from their holster. **Do not action the slide of any semi-auto. THAT IS, DON'T CHAMBER A ROUND.** Alpine requires all semi-autos to be actioned **after** the shooting command is given **and** whilst you are pointing in the immediate direction of the target (ie an Israeli load). **Carefully** maintain your 45 degree hold or final confirm your holster position - do not sweep your body or anybody else. **NOTE: Alpine doesn't permit the holstering of actioned (HOT) semi-autos.**

Loaded revolvers **must never** breach the 90 degree rule (and obviously never point at anybody). Loaded but not-chambered semi-autos must never breach the 90 degree rule (and obviously never point at anybody). **Chambered** semi-autos, and revolvers in a state of trigger engagement, must **always** be pointing in the absolute direction of your target. (ie Never over, under or to the side of your target.) **(Plus** never breach the 90 degree rule and obviously never point at anybody.) Fingers must be **clear of your trigger** when inserting, removing, moving, and actioning any side-arm prior to it being on your target. As above, 'on target - on trigger' 'off target - off trigger'. As possible engage your safety when moving between stages and when inserting a new magazine when a round is still chambered from the previous magazine. Continue to follow **all** instructions of the Range Officer. If in **doubt, raise your hand** and wait for assistance. **No part of your body or hands should ever be in front of your side-arm and or any cylinder gap.**

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Make sure that you have already **clearly identified your target**, what is around it, and what is behind it. **Never fire** your side-arm, **or even remove it from your holster**, until you clearly hear the **'watch and shoot'** command. At this command action your slide, then engage your target, whilst always being aware of what is going on around you and your target. Don't breach the 90 degree rule or sweep your or anybody else's body, as you remove or return your side-arm from or to your holster or in the case of a semi-auto, point at the target, rack your slide and so chamber a round just prior to firing (an Israeli load). If you have a jam etc then as above **tap-rack**. **If you have an ammunition misfire then stop shooting and protest for a re-shoot**. **Please note:** Experienced competitors are encouraged to avoid dumping their magazines onto the ground during the match and to as best possible retain their magazines upon their person. Competitors are also encouraged to team up so that their partners can collect their spent brass during scoring.

When you have finished firing as directed, unload and **make safe** your side-arm by locking open your semi-auto slide and removing the magazine from your side-arm or opening your revolver cylinder and removing all rounds. Do all this whilst **always** continuing to control the muzzle of your side-arm, pointing it in the direction of your target - awaiting the safety clearance inspection, of the Range Officer. **Do not** yet collect from the ground any fired or misfired rounds or magazines, speed loaders – or anything.

The **'stop shooting, unload, remove magazines, lock-back slide and show clear your side-arm'** safety command will then be given. Do all this and then wait for the Range or Safety Officer to approach you. He or she will inspect your side-arm and clear you by saying the following:

'Chamber clear – Rotate and show magazine clear.'

Whilst pointing at your target turn your side arm 90% to show the safety officer that your magazine well is empty.

You will then be told:

'Magazine clear - Rotate back – And drop slide.'

So then rotate your pistol back and then forward your slide on your side-arm. Then you will be told:

'At Target - Hammer down.'

Whilst pointing at your target then fire your empty semi auto side-arm to prove it is 100% safe. Revolvers are not required to fire just close the empty cylinder.

Then you will be told:

'Holster.'

Final holster your side-arm. You will be then told:

'Clear to remove.'

You are then clear and confirmed as safe to leave the firing line or point. (If you are not using a holster then use a pistol bag instead.)

Then upon hearing the command:

'Range is closed – forward - score and patch.'

You may **then** 'police' your brass, magazines and equipment from the ground and move forward to the next stage or scoring etc.

Ideally all your equipment and ammunition should fit into your original ammunition box that can easily and quickly be carried with one hand. (Note: Your side-arm will now be totally safe and cleared and in your retention holster.)

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At the end of the match, **after** the firing line inspection and clearance, and **when directed** - store and lock all ammunition and magazines back in your ammunition box and then return to your vehicle. **Then** return to the safety area, with your gun-box to remove your already firing-line cleared side-arm from your holster for a **final** clearance, by another member. **Upon request** remove your already cleared side-arm from its holster, have it final cleared, and then lock and securely store your side-arm back in its gun-box and then properly secure the gun-box back in your vehicle - separate from your already locked ammunition box. Members are encouraged to use a trigger lock and to chain or secure their gun-box to their vehicle.

Remember:

“Slide forward before ‘Mag’ – “stops anything bad.”

“On Trigger, On Target – Off Trigger, Off Target.”

“Winning is ‘happy days’ but is it is Safety First-Last-and Always.”