

*Steel Challenge is an action pistol event where the competitor shoots 8 different stages of fire from a designated shooting box on the ground. The box is made of raised PVC pipe and defines where the shooter must stand during the engagement of the steel targets. Each **stage** is comprised of 5 steel targets. These steel targets will be a combination of 10" & 12" circles and 18" by 24" rectangles. At each stage the competitor will engage the 5 pieces of steel in any order, however, one of the pieces of steel is designated as the **STOP** plate and it must be shot **LAST**. At each stage the shooter engages the 5 pieces of steel and his/her time is recorded to make the required one hit on each of the pieces of steel. One pass is called a '**run**' and each stage is comprised of 5 separate '**runs**'. After a shooter has shot a stage five times, their longest time is discarded and their '**score**' for that stage is **the best 4 runs (time wise)** that is then added up. When a shooter has shot each of the 8 stages, their total times for all 8 stages are calculated together for their '**Overall**' time. The person who has the lowest compilation of stage times wins - therefore, who shoots the fastest - **WINS** !*

The unique aspect of this sport is that it may be shot with center fire pistol from the holstered draw; it may be shot with a .22 caliber rimfire pistol (ie. Buckmasters, Rugers, SW Model 41) from the low ready start position; and it may be shot with a .22 caliber rifle or a center fire pistol-Caliber carbine rifle both started from a low ready muzzle depressed to 45 degrees position. At a match you may only shoot 2 of the 4 guns listed above. One is your primary gun and the second choice is your second gun. Both are shot for score.

The focus of this sport is sight picture and trigger control. Accuracy and economy of motion are the attributes that help the participant excel.