



## NSA POSTAL HANDGUN SHOOTING COMPETITIONS

# RANGE COMMANDS

## SAFETY FIRST

**Action Open** - Unless handguns are holstered or cased, cylinders must be open or slides back and the magazine removed at all times until the competitor is in position at his firing point and the command, "The Preparation Period Starts Now", has been given.

**Handguns Unloaded** - Handguns will not be loaded until the competitor has taken position at the firing point, the handgun pointed toward the targets, and the command "Load" has been given.

**Loaded Handgun** - A handgun that has a cartridge in the cylinder or in a magazine which has been inserted shall be considered as being loaded. No pistol will be loaded until the competitor has taken the assigned place at the firing point and the command "Load" has been given by the range officer. Loaded handguns shall be pointed in the direction of the targets at all times.

**Cease Firing** - Any person will immediately command "Cease Firing" if any incident occurs which indicates possible injury to some living thing should firing continue. In all other cases commands will originate with the Range Officer. Firing Must Stop Immediately

**Not Ready** - It is the duty of competitors to notify the Range Officer if not ready to fire at the time the Range Officer asks, "Is The Line Ready?"

1. Should the Range Officer cause firing to proceed, the competitor concerned will be given an opportunity to fire a score in the earliest possible relay or by time extension.
2. Failure of a competitor to notify the Range Officer "not ready" forfeits the right to fire.