



ARE YOU COMPETITION-READY?

THE MATCH PREP CHECKLIST



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THE MATCH-PREP CHECKLIST



There's a lot more to being a successful competition shooter than simply registering for a match. For a successful competition on the range, you need a high-quality preparation routine.

Try these five steps on for size the next time you're prepping for an important match.

1. KEEP IT CLEAN

A CLEAN FIREARM IS A WINNING FIREARM.

The first step is to always make sure that you have a clean, well-maintained firearm at your disposal. You know your gun better than anyone – is it meeting the minimum standards of cleanliness for optimum shooting?



CHECK

CLEAN & LUBRICATE

- Slide & Hammer
- Frame

» AND IF IT'S BEEN A WHILE

- Trigger
- Magazine Catch
- Sear/Disconnecter
- Mainspring Housing
- Side-Stop Plunger
- Thumb Safety
- Firing Pin
- Full-Length Guide Rod

PREP YOUR MAGAZINES

CLEAN YOUR BARREL

CLEAN & POLISH YOUR FEED RAMPS

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PROPERLY
MAINTAINING YOUR FIREARM?

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2. CROSSCHECK

FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS.

Keeping your firearm in prime operating condition is key to your match success. Make sure that before you hit the road for your next competition that you crosscheck your gun's functionality.

CHECK

CHAMBER-GAUGE AMMO

VERIFY SECURED GRIP SCREWS

FUNCTION-CHECK MAGAZINES

FUNCTION-CHECK BELT

VERIFY POSITION OF HOLSTER ON BELT

VERIFY POSITION OF MAGAZINE
POUCHES ON BELT

VERIFY HOLSTER RETENTION

ZERO SIGHTS

TIGHTEN OPTIC SCREWS/
TORQUE (IF APPLICABLE)

3. GRAB YOUR GEAR

PACK SMARTLY. SHOOT SMARTLY.

There's a lot that goes into match prepping – and possibly the most crucial consideration is ensuring you have the proper gear to set yourself up for success. From wearable items to accessories, there are many need-to-have items in play when gearing up for a competition, depending on the match type.



CHECK

COMPETITION-READY FIREARM(S)

AMMO

- Long-Range
- Short-Range
- Varied Weights

MAGAZINES

STICK LOADER

BIPOD



HYDRATION SOURCE

FIRST-AID KIT

TARGET TAPE

WEARABLE GEAR

- Belt
- Holster
- Mag Pouch
- Sling
- Shell Caddy
- Weather-Appropriate Apparel



4. PLAN AHEAD



ALWAYS BE PREPARED.

The last thing you need when you're moments away from a competition is for something to not perform to your standards. And even the best of crosschecking your firearm might not prevent something giving out the day of the match. So it's important to be prepared.



CHECK

PACK A BACKUP FIREARM

PACK SPARE PARTS AND TOOLS

- Parts with Most Wear & Tear
- Parts That Take the Biggest Beating

PACK EXTRA ROUNDS



PACK BATTERIES
(IF USING BATTERY-OPERATED OPTICS)

PACK TOOLS

- Allen Wrench
- Leatherman Screwdriver

5. MENTALLY PREPARE

GET IN THE ZONE.

Making sure your gear and guns are in top form is one thing - but if you don't have yourself mentally prepared for the competition ahead, your performance might be hindered. Make sure you're well-practiced and well-prepped for a successful, competitive match.

CHECK

COMPETITION-READY FIREARM(S)

PRACTICE MATCH SETUP

- Know Rounds
- Know Distance

IDENTIFY YOUR STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

IDENTIFY IMPROVEMENT AREAS FROM YOUR LAST MATCH

GET PROPER REST THE NIGHT BEFORE

MOST IMPORTANTLY - RELAX & HAVE FUN AT THE MATCH



6. GET COMPETING



ARE YOU READY?

If you've checked everything off your match preparation checklist, you should be in good shape for a great day on the range. **Ensure your competition readiness by keeping these five key ingredients in mind.**

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