

WHAC PISTOL RANGE

Loading and unloading the weapon

ALWAYS run a “cold range”. A “cold range” means that all firearms that are not within the confines of a vehicle will be **unloaded**; hammer down on the empty chamber, magazine well or all cylinders will be empty and the firearm will remain holstered except within the confines of a designated safety area, in your own vehicle or under the command of a Safety Officer (**See IDPA Rule 6**). This range rule includes any CCW you may have on your person. While we promote defensive use of the pistol for the individual, a cold range means a cold range!

There will be a designated safety area where you will be able to un-holster, holster and otherwise fumble with your gun. **There is NEVER any ammo handling in the safety area!** This includes loading/unloading magazines, chamber checking ammo, and the like. The safety area is also **NOT** the place to practice malfunction clearance or mag changes.

When you are called to the line and it is your turn to shoot, your firearm must remain holstered until the SO states, “Load and make ready”. At this time you may draw your gun, check all functions, load it and re-holster. You are now “hot”.

After you are finished shooting and you have checked your targets to make sure you have your hits and the “bad guys” are neutralized, the SO will give the command “**Unload and show clear**”. At this time you will remove the magazine, or empty the cylinder, pull the slide back to empty the chamber and **VISUALLY** check to see that the chamber is empty and then, while still holding the slide open (or cylinder open), show the SO that the chamber (cylinder) is empty. The SO will then say “**slide forward, hammer down and holster**”. The competitor will bring the slide back into battery (close the cylinder), point the gun downrange and pull the trigger to that the hammer falls as it would while firing the gun. **DO NOT DECOCK YOUR WEAPON. The gun should not go bang!** You can now re-holster the firearm.

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