

## Introducing Silhouette Shooting

Targets are steel silhouettes shaped like chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. The distances vary for each type of target.

Target	Yards
Chickens	10
Pigs	12.5
Turkeys	15
Rams	18

Spectator appeal is evident at matches. Families and friends of shooters attend and applaud as the targets crash to the ground. Spectators and competitors alike enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.

## What Equipment do you need?

**Rifle:** Any air rifle weighing no more than 16 lbs. with mounts and scope, firing .177 pellets and a maximum barrel length of 40 inches.

**Eye and Ear Protection:** Eye and Ear Protection are a must. If you normally wear glasses and they have hardened lenses, no additional eye protection is required.

**Pellets:** Any .177 pellet is sufficient; however a round-nose pellet is suggested.

DCPA provides rifles, scopes, ear protection and safety glasses for use during the shoots. You have an opportunity to sight-in the rifles before you shoot for your shooting accuracy.

## What is the course of fire?

The course of fire consists of a total of 40 rounds. The 40 rounds consist of 10 shots on each target. This means 10 shots on chickens, 10 shots on pigs, 10 shots on turkeys and 10 shots on rams.

## What is the Firing Procedure?

Each shooter is assigned a target number. A relay consists of four shooters. Each shooter is assigned a bank of silhouette targets (chickens, pigs, turkeys or rams). When called to the firing line, the competitor goes to the firing point assigned. On command, each competitor has a bank of 5 silhouettes at which to fire, one shot at each, left to right, in order. The competitor remains on the firing line while targets are reset and he/she completes his/her 10 shots at the same target (for example, pigs).

After firing his/her bank of targets (for example 5 pigs), the competitor moves to the next bank of targets to his right (which would be turkeys, in this case). The shooter then repeats the rotation until all the targets have been shot.

Two and one-half are allowed for 5 shots. Competitors must fire at the targets in sequence, beginning at the left and progressing to the right. No hits are allowed for targets fired out of sequence. Targets must be knocked from their stands to be counted as

hits. Turning the target sideways on the stand does not count as a hit. Since all hits count equally, the competitor with the highest number of hits is the winner. In event of tie scores, shoot offs are held.

## What are the Range Commands?

There are three range commands:

- Ready
- Fire
- Cease Fire

**“Ready”** – Means that the relay has been called to the firing line, and those shooters may handle and load their guns.

**“Fire:** - Starts the firing period.

**“Cease Fire”** – Ends the time firing period, at which time all guns must be unloaded and placed on the bench and not handled.

## What are the Shooting Positions?

Any standing position without artificial support is allowed. The air rifle will be supported by the hands and one shoulder and one hand must be forward of the pistol grip. Two-handed shooting is permitted for Air Rifle. DCPA provides the rifles, scopes and pellets to those participating in the shoot.

### What are the requirements prior to shooting?

A safety Instruction class is mandatory for first-time shooters. This instruction course is given at 9 a.m. the morning of the shoot.

Free instruction and guidance is given throughout the course of fire.

### Silhouette Shoots

Silhouette Shoots are scheduled once a month from spring to fall. See DCPA's *Shooting Program and Contacts* calendar of shooting events at DCPA's Web site:  
<http://www.dcpistol.org>

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. – Safety Instruction  
10:00 to 11 a.m. - Practice  
11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. – Match Shooting

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### Gun Safety Rules

The fundamental rules for safe gun handling are:

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

When using or storing a gun always follow these rules:

- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Know how to safely use the gun.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun
- Know your target and what is beyond
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

Beware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

**Dutchess County Pistol  
Association  
is pleased to announce...**

**Silhouette Shooting**

**AIR RIFLE**

**Juniors  
Welcome**

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