

## **PCC Start Position and Start Condition**

I had a question about a Downrange news brief article I wrote stating that weak side starts aren't legal. Still true, but at a recent Area match, some of the start positions were listed as "holding the PCC with the weak hand, strong hand naturally at your side". I can see how this would be confusing, but it's not a weak side start—the carbine was touching the belt on the strong side, but being held with the weak hand. A subtle difference, but an important one.

Another question dealt with safety application on PCC starts:

Scenario 1 - PCC shooter is given the "Make Ready" command at which point they load their PCC but do not engage the safety. Since they have not fully assumed the ready position, if the RO starts them would it then be governed by 8.3.4.1 as a "false start" and the shooter be given a reshoot?

Scenario 2 - PCC shooter is given the "Make Ready" command at which point they load their PCC and engage the safety. Following the "Standby" command and prior to the start signal the shooter disengages the safety. Would this be a "creeping" procedural governed by 10.2.6 since they moved into a more advantageous shooting position or posture and because an equivalent of USPSA Multi-Gun rule 10.5.10 doesn't exist?

What to do?

Neither is a procedural, nor are they considered a false start (see above), or creeping (ditto). Both scenarios would be a stop, apply safety, and restart from "Are You Ready", per PCC 8.2.3 and HG 8.3.1. The safety being applied is defined as part of the start position/condition, therefore, the competitor must comply.

## **NROI Test Improvements**

The online certification and recertification tests have been revamped to allow for continuous review before submission and for printing the test out prior to beginning, so it can be taken on paper. Both of these changes were brought about by member request. We've also edited or revised several questions that were proving to be problematic. We will continue to examine and improve the test system. If you had difficulties with the test in the past, and wish to regain or restart your certification, please contact me using [dnroi@uspsa.org](mailto:dnroi@uspsa.org).

## **Mag Wells in Carry Optics**

A recent article which appeared in the Downrange news brief, (gleaned from a firearms publication, not written by USPSA staff) stated that the Sig 320 X5 was legal in Carry Optics with the magwell attached. The author made a mistake there—magwells are not legal in Carry Optics, and the X5 was specifically listed on the Production list as “without magwell”. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.