

PRESCOTT ACTION SHOOTERS
PISTOL CALIBER CARBINE BEST PRACTICES

What is a "Pistol Caliber Carbine", or "PCC"?

1. Held in both hands and fired from the shoulder. The shooter has the option of shooting it with one hand only, but this can never be required.
2. Must have a full shoulder stock. Adjustable/foldable stocks ok. No "Sig Brace".
3. No min or max barrel length.
4. Must be 9mm, .357 Sig, .40 S&W, 10mm, or .45 ACP. No other calibers permitted.
5. Will always be scored Minor, unless it doesn't chrono at least 125 PF.
6. Slings, electronic sights, compensators, muzzle brakes, flash hidens, lasers, and flashlights (turned off) all permitted. Suppressors prohibited.
7. No mag restrictions, except that mags may not be coupled together or held in a thigh or tie down rig.

How does a PCC transport around the range?

1. Completely cased, as with any other long gun.
2. Out in the open, as long as a chamber safety flag is in place, mags removed, and the gun pointed up in a reasonably vertical position. **NOTE:** Sweeping rules apply at ALL times to ALL persons, including the person carrying the gun, unless the gun is completely cased. This especially applies when casing/uncasing.
3. Out in the open, but in a mobile rack or carrier, in which case all the above rules apply except that the gun need not remain vertical and the sweeping rules do not apply as long as no one is touching the gun.

How does a PCC get to the start position?

1. Cased.
2. From open carry. See paragraph 2 above.
3. From a pre-designated "staging area" within the given bay. The staging area must face a berm and be close enough so that no one can move in between the staging area and the berm. From that position, the shooter may uncase unsupervised and assume the open carry position previously described, except that to and from the shooting area, the chamber safety flag need not be in place IF the bolt is locked back. However, use of the chamber flag at all times is strongly encouraged. **NOTE:** No handguns may be in the PCC staging area.

How does a PCC shooter start the course of fire?

1. All handgun rules apply, except where specifically modified for PCCs.
2. Basic Guidance: If a handgun starts holstered, a PCC starts in hand. If a handgun starts somewhere else, so does a PCC.
3. Standard start position: Gun pointed downrange parallel to the side berms, held at a 45 degree angle with stock on shoulder. If the stage starts with hands on a mark, PCC shooters should start with the muzzle touching one of the marks. If the stage description has the gun starting inside something that the PCC won't fit in, put it centered on top of where a handgun would be. If the start position has the shooter seated, or otherwise unable to hold the PCC pointed downrange at a 45 degree angle, start them in the "Port Arms" position. That is, stock on belt, muzzle up. **NOTE:** At major matches, a specific aim point for PCCs should be used on every stage.
4. A PCC shooter will NEVER start facing up range, or start with the gun held on the weak hand side.

Are there any differences in range commands for PCCs?

Yes. After "If you are finished, unload and show clear", the next command is, "If clear, bolt closed, hammer down, flag". If the shooter is going directly back to the staging area, they do not have to install a chamber flag as long as they lock the bolt open, although flags are strongly encouraged. If the shooter needs to case their gun immediately, someone will have to bring the case to them so they can case the gun in position, but facing a berm. Much too time consuming. Better to have staging areas. Remember, it's a match DQ to case/uncase not pointed into a berm with no one in between.

Biggest difference? A PCC carried openly and pointed up, chamber flag inserted, is inert, and the range is clear.