

# **John H. Wallace Pistol Challenge**

In honor of Alabama's first Commissioner of Conservation, the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division is proud to introduce the John H. Wallace Pistol Challenge.

## **Official Competition Rules & Guidelines**

This Challenge is designed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of handgun competition using commonly owned pistols. The event promotes firearm safety, outdoor recreation, and family-friendly competition without requiring specialized equipment.

## **Participation Requirements**

- Open free of charge to holders of a valid Alabama Heritage, Hunting, Fishing, or WMA License
- Youth shooters must be accompanied by a qualified licensed parent or guardian

## **Registration Process**

- E-mail the Hunter Education Office at [DCNR.HunterEd@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:DCNR.HunterEd@dcnr.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-3922
- Present valid photo ID and required license at check-in

## **Course of Fire**

- Three phases per shooter
- Each phase:
  - 10 rounds
  - Fired within 60 seconds
  - At a bullseye target from 25 yards
- Shooters must remain at the firing line throughout
- Standing position required; shooting may be one- or two-handed
- Maximum score: 300 points, with up to 30 X-ring hits
- Ties are resolved by fastest time

## **Range Procedure**

- Load: Retrieve and load firearm with 10 rounds, assume ready position
- Standby: Prepare for firing
- Fire signal: One long whistle blast

- Cease fire: One long whistle blast, any shots after signal incur 10-point deductions
- Unload: Clear firearm and place on bench

### **Scoring Guidelines**

- Targets must include shooter's name, firearm details, and partial serial number
- Scores certified by Range Safety Officer (RSO) and signed by the shooter
- Shooters may photograph scored targets for personal record
- Appeals may be submitted to the Master Range Officer (MRO); panel decisions are final

### **General Safety Rules**

- The Four Firearms Safety Rules are strictly enforced
- Equipment must comply with all guidelines
- Any unintentional discharge results in immediate disqualification
- Violations of procedure or failure to follow commands may result in removal and disqualification

### **Requirement      Detail**

Firearm Type      Centerfire pistols only

Allowed Calibers 9mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP, .38 Special (non-magnum only)

Sights              Open sights only

Barrel Length    6 inches or less

Ammunition       SAAMI-approved, manufactured rounds

Size Limits        Semi-automatic must fit in a box measuring 10" x 6" x 1.75"  
                          Revolver must fit in a box measuring 11.25" x 6" x 1.75"

Note: Pistols rated for magnum calibers may be used with non-magnum ammunition (e.g., .357 Magnum revolver shooting .38 Special).

### **Targets**

- Official Target: SR-21C by Action Target
- Each sheet includes three 10.5" bullseyes

- The shooter's signature is required on their target. This acknowledges acceptance of the scoring by the Range Safety Officer, to include any X-ring hits and deductions.
- Targets are property of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division

#### Locations

Challenge events are held at state-operated public shooting ranges. Full schedule and locations available at [Outdoor Alabama](#).