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Subj: U.S. NAVY MARKSMANSHIP TEAM SMALL ARMS FIRING SCHOOL (SAFS)

Ref: (a) USNMTINST 3590.26
(b) Current CMP Rifle/Pistol competition rules

Encl: (1) Sample award letter

1. Applicability. This instruction applies to all active, reserve, retired Navy members, Naval Academy midshipmen, NROTC and officer candidates.

2. Guidelines.

a. USNMT SAFS will be a Navy only event. Other services and civilians are not allowed to participate as firing competitors.

b. Only the OIC, Fleet Directors, Distinguished Marksman or Distinguished Pistol USNMT members may request and run a Navy SAFS. Exceptions will be granted by Fleet Directors and the OIC on a case by case basis.

c. Ammunition may be provided. Check with appropriate Fleet Director for availability.

d. Only competitors without Excellence in Competition (EIC) points may participate in SAFS and be eligible for the four (4) introductory points awarded to the top 10% of shooters.

e. Participation in Navy SAFS does not count against the 6 match limit in ref (a).

3. Match Procedures.

a. Step 1: Contact the appropriate Fleet Director and request to conduct a Navy SAFS match. The request must include:

- (1) SAFS OIC/RSO names
- (2) Approximate date/location
- (3) Approximate number of Navy competitors expected and experience level
- (4) Pertinent info (entry fee, financials, targets, supplies on-hand or needed)

(5) Any USNMT support required

b. Step 2: Fleet Director will contact the OIC for approval.

c. Step 3: Conduct Navy SAFS in accordance with paragraph 4 below.

d. Step 4: Draft individual award letters (Encl 1) and deliver to competitor as soon as possible. Send copies of each letter along with the match results to the OIC, Fleet Director and Distinguished Coordinator via email. The USNMT Distinguished Director will keep a master list of all introductory points awarded.

4. Navy SAFS Format.

a. Navy rifle SAFS.

(1) Any rifle authorized in ref (b) may be used in Navy SAFS. This includes CMP approved optics.

(2) Navy rifle SAFS sequence of events:

- Safety brief phase.
- Instruction phase on the basic operation of rifle used, general high-power rules and nomenclature, range and pit operations, range and pit commands, and scoring.
- Hands-on dry firing and "snapping in" phase. Effort should be made to pair experienced competitors with new SAFS shooters.
- Live fire practice phase. Follow course of fire in para (3) below.
- Match phase

(3) Navy rifle SAFS course of fire (all stages at 200 yards)

- 5 sighters any position (5 min)
- 10 shots prone (10 min)
- 10 shots prone rapid from standing (70 sec with magazine change)
- 10 shots sitting rapid from standing (60 sec with magazine change)
- 10 shots standing (10 min)

(4) Depending on range availability the OIC may approve a 100 yard reduced format.

b. Navy pistol SAFS.

(1) Any pistol authorized in ref (b) may be used in Navy SAFS.

(2) Navy pistol SAFS sequence of events:

- Safety brief phase.

- Instruction phase on the basic operation of pistol used, general bullseye rules and nomenclature, range operations, range commands, and scoring.
- Hands-on dry firing and instruction phase. Effort should be made to pair experienced competitors with new SAFS shooters.
- Live fire practice phase. Follow course of fire in para (3) below.
- Match phase

(3) Navy pistol SAFS course of fire (all stages at 25 yards)

- 5 sighters (5 min)
- 10 shots slow fire (5 min)
- 5 shots timed (20 sec)
- 5 shots timed (20 sec)
- 5 shots rapid (10 sec)
- 5 shots rapid (10 sec)

5. Awards.

a. Four (4) introductory points will be awarded to the top 10% of shooters and count towards Navy Distinguished designation. In addendum to ref (a) paragraph 4.a.2, the introductory points awarded at a Navy SAFS may be used to satisfy the 20 point requirement.

b. Maximum number of four (4) point awardees based on number of competitors:

# of competitors	# of awards
1 to 5	0
6 to 15	1
16 to 25	2
26 to 35	3
36 to 45	4
46 to 55	5
56 to 65	6
66 to 75	7
76 to 85	8
86 to 95	9
96 to 105	10 And so on.



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