

Magic City Action Shooters
February 2020

INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITIVE SHOOTING

Shooting Disciplines

- ◎ United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA)
 - Primarily Handgun Only Competitions
 - Movement
- ◎ Steel Challenge
 - Handgun and rifle
 - .22 rimfire and centerfire
- ◎ Multigun
 - Competitors may use handguns, rifles, shotguns and/or pistol caliber carbines

What is USPSA Competition?

- United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) competitions are handgun matches that test a shooter's skill in practical shooting scenarios.
- Matches are *freestyle*: the competitive problem is presented and the competitor has the freedom to solve it in the manner he considers best.

What is USPSA Competition?

- Matches combine the elements of *accuracy, power, and speed*.
- Competitors are grouped with other shooters in different *divisions* depending on their equipment.
- Competitions are safe, fun, and addictive!

What is USPSA



What Skills Do You Need To Compete in Matches

◎ Basic Gun Handling Skills

- Understanding of how your firearm functions
- How to clear malfunctions
- How to change magazines

◎ Understanding of General Safety Rules

- Treat each gun as if it is loaded
- Do not cover anything with the muzzle that you are not willing to destroy
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot (take finger off the trigger when reloading or moving)
- Be sure of your target and what lies beyond it

What You MUST Have For USPSA Matches

- Handgun (or PCC) 9mm or Larger
- Ammo – 200 rounds will be plenty
- Magazines – minimum of 4
- Holster that covers the trigger
- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- Good attitude/sense of humor

What is Recommended to Have

- Magazine pouches
– two to five
depending on
division
- Sturdy belt
- Quality holster

What You DON'T Need

- BRGC Membership
- USPSA Membership





How to Find Matches

🕒 [Magiccityactionshooters.org](https://magiccityactionshooters.org)



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Magic City Action Shooters (MCAS) is a competitive shooting club, based at the Billings Rod and Gun Club, in Billings, MT. MCAS was officially founded on February 10, 2003 as a USPSA affiliated club. However, they starting holding matches in September, 1999.

How to Find Matches

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "magiccityactionshooters.org/matches". The page contains two match listings, each with a "View Event" link.

Match 1: USPSA - Action Pistol

- 0 Likes | Share | View Event →
- USPSA - Action Pistol**
- Saturday, March 21
- Set up: 5 PM Friday March 20
- Preregister here starting March 1
- Sign in 9 AM Saturday, March 21
- Stages here | Classifier here
- Saturday, March 21, 2020
- 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Billings Rod and Gun Club (map)

Match 2: Multigun Match

- 0 Likes | Share | View Event →
- Multigun Match**
- Sunday, April 5th. Set up will start at 7 AM. Sign in will start as soon as set up is complete.
- Register Here Starting March 16
- Results Here
- Sunday, April 5, 2020
- 9:00am – 4:00pm

How to Find Matches

- ◎ <https://practiscore.com/clubs/magic-city-action-shooters>
 - You need to have a free account to register for matches

Magic City Action Shooters Dashboard

Home Classifieds Calendar Other

Next Match

MCAS February 2020 Warm-Up Match

Match Date

February 15, 2020

Pending/Registered Shooters

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Club Details

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Upcoming Matches ⓘ

106 total matches

20 Active Matches

MCAS February 2020 Warm-Up Match

February 15, 2020 · Billings Rod and Gun Club

73 of 75 spots open · USPSA level I

Match emails: [ON](#) (turn off)

opens in 11 hours



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MCAS March 2020 USPSA

March 21, 2020 · Billings Rod and Gun Club

75 of 75 spots open · USPSA level I

Match emails: [ON](#) (turn off)

opens in 1 month



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Magic City Action Shooters Events

1 total event

Intro to Competitive Shooting

February 1, 2020 · Billings Rod and Gun Club

2931 Rod and Gun Club Rd

Billings, MT 59106

[open](#)



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Match Results

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Name	Date	Update
MCAS June 2019 USPSA Match	2019-06-30	2019-06-30 22:44:30

Match Documents [+ Add](#)

Registrar | [Stages](#) | [Sponsors](#) | [Send Push](#) | [Classifieds](#)

First Name

Last Name

Email

Category

- Lady**
- Junior**

Junior = Anyone under 18 years old.

Division

- Limited**
- Open**
- Limited 10**
- Production**
- Revolver**
- Single Stack**
- PCC**
- Carry Optics**
- Uncore**

If you're unsure the division you should be in we will help you choose the morning of the match at the registration table. Experienced shooters who pick unsure to be funny, will be bumped to open :)

Power Factor

- Major**
- Minor**

Typically 9mm is minor and anything .40 or higher is major. There are exceptions to this, but works as a general rule of thumb, if you are a new competitor.

Class

- GM**
- M**
- A**
- B**
- C**
- D**
- Unclassified**

If you aren't sure what class you are, you are most likely unclassified. If you are not a member of the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA), you are unclassified.

Number

Your USPSA Member #. If you do not have a number, please leave this slot blank. If you have a number and leave it blank, your classifier at this match may not count towards your classification.

Is This Your First Match?

- Yes**
- No**

MCAS USPSA Squadding Schedule

● Squad 3

15 open spots

Be the first to squad here!

● Squad 4

15 open spots

Be the first to squad here!

● Squad 5

15 open spots

Be the first to squad here!

● Squad 6

15 open spots

Be the first to squad here!

● Squad 7

15 open spots

Be the first to squad here!



Match Lingo

- RO – Range Officer, they will over see the safety of the squad and shooter
- Squad – the group of folks you will spend the day shooting with
- Stage – the course of fire, usually there are 4-7 stages in a match
- Cold Range – no ammo in your gun until the RO tells you to do so
- Safety Area – the only place you can handle your gun without an RO

For Your First Match

- ⦿ Pack all your gear the night before
- ⦿ Pack snacks and a water bottle or beverages
- ⦿ Arrive at the range early so you can load your magazines and look at the stages
- ⦿ Check in at the registration table, find which stage you will be starting on
- ⦿ Attend the new competitor briefing
- ⦿ **ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS**

Divisions

- Production
- Limited
- Limited 10
- Single Stack
- Revolver
- Carry Optics
- Open
- Pistol Caliber Carbine

Safety

- ⦿ Safety – First, Last, and Always.
- ⦿ *Cold Range*: Firearms must be unloaded with the hammer down and either holstered or bagged unless:
 - *Shooting, under the direct supervision of a range officer, or*
 - *Manipulating the firearm within one of the safety areas.*
- ⦿ *Eye and ear protection is required!*

Safety (Disqualification)

- *180-Degree Plane*: an imaginary line that is perpendicular to straight down range. Shooter must not point the firearm more than 90 degrees to the downrange line (i.e. point it uprange).
- *Muzzle Control*: shooter must not sweep himself or others with the muzzle.
- *Accidental or Negligent Discharge (AD or ND)*.

Range Commands

- Make ready
- Are you ready
- Standby
- “Beep”
- If you are finished, unload and show clear
- If clear, hammer down and holster
- Range is clear

Targets

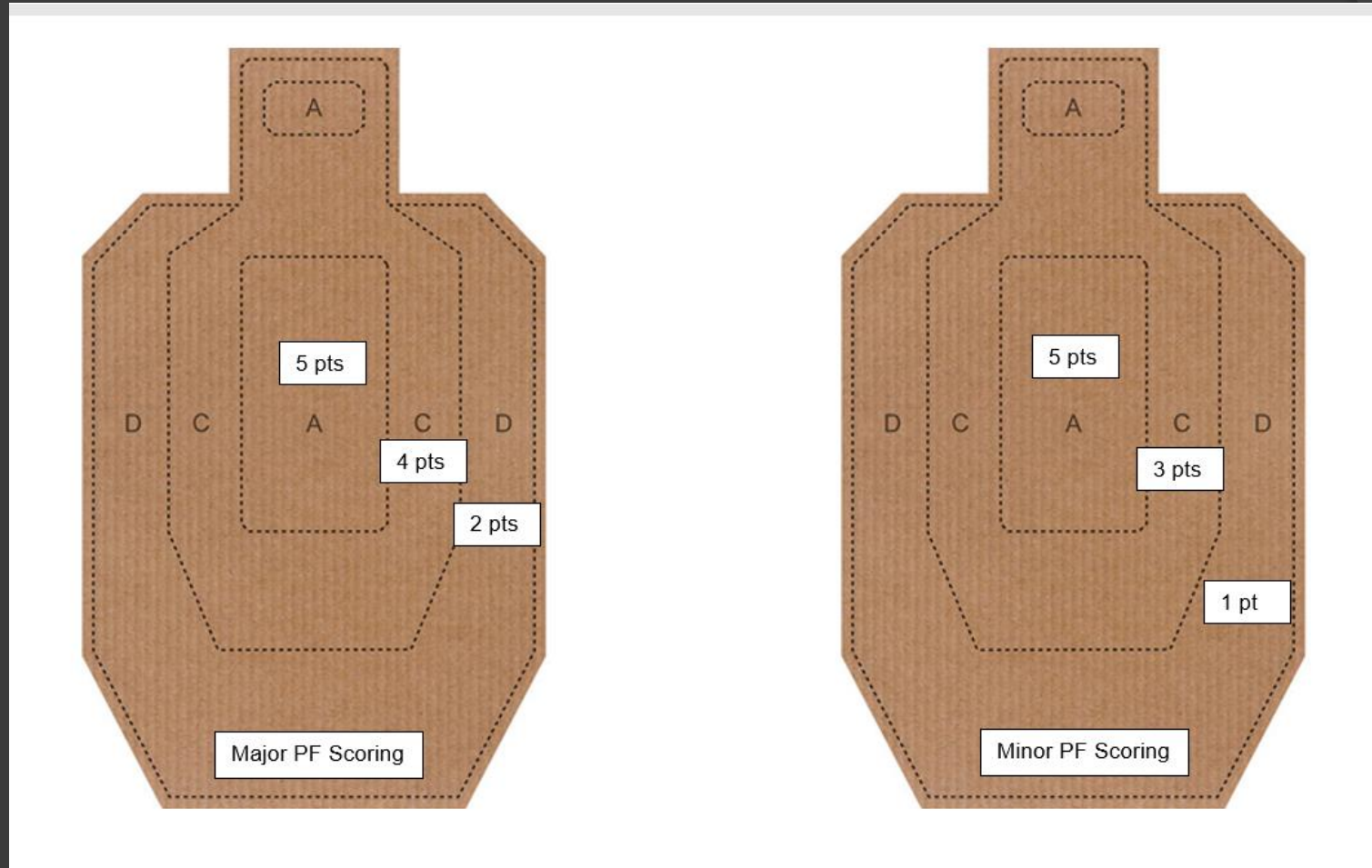
- Cardboard



- Steel



Target Scoring



Steel Down scored as an A (5 pts)

Scoring Penalties

- Penalties (minus twice the maximum scoring value on a target – typically ten points each) are assessed for:
 - Missing.
 - Hitting a no-shoot target.
 - Procedural violations.



Hit Factor

- ⦿ Overall stage score is determined by “hit factor”.
- ⦿ $HF = \text{points minus penalties} \div \text{time}$.
- ⦿ HF is points per second

What do the Results Look Like

1 - Bay 3

Carry Optics

Classes

Categories

Match Breakdown

Add A Video

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Search:

Name	%	Stg Pts	Pts	HF	Time	Div	Class	Cats	PF	Mem #	A	B	C	D	M	NPM	NS	Proc	Apen
1-Harrison, Wesley	100.00	50.0000	50	6.5104	7.68	Carry Optics	U		MINOR	TY95327	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-Wilkinson, Drew	86.58	43.2923	50	5.6370	8.87	Carry Optics	C		MINOR	TY115676	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3-Clark, Mac <i>PS</i>	80.29	40.1458	46	5.2273	8.80	Carry Optics	U		MINOR	TY13940	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
4-LaHaie, Patti	71.58	35.7904	48	4.6602	10.30	Carry Optics	C	["Lady"]	MINOR	TY95730	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-Casey, Mike	65.85	32.9242	46	4.2870	10.73	Carry Optics	U		MINOR		8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
6-Russell, Glen	64.90	32.4512	36	4.2254	8.52	Carry Optics	C		MINOR	A101777	4	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
7-Shearer, Jay	60.18	30.0911	44	3.9181	11.23	Carry Optics	D		MINOR	TY92356	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
8-Mish, Paul	59.31	29.6526	40	3.8610	10.36	Carry Optics	C		MINOR	TY95712	6	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
9-Rio, Andy	40.74	20.3713	40	2.6525	15.08	Carry Optics	D		MINOR	L3920	7	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
10-Casey, Jo	9.64	4.8177	41	0.6273	49.42	Carry Optics	U	["Lady"]	MINOR		7	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0

Power Factor

- ⦿ Major power factor scores higher than minor in some cases.
- ⦿ $PF = \text{bullet weight (grains)} \times \text{velocity (ft/s)} \div 1,000.$
- ⦿ Minimum power factor for minor = 125 and for major = 165.

Scoring Methods

- Comstock: number of rounds fired is not limited.
- Virginia Count: number of rounds fired is limited; procedural penalties apply for extra shots and extra hits. Cannot have steel targets in a Virginia Count course.
- Fixed Time: all shots must be taken within a set period of time (these are rare).

Written Stage Briefing

- Start position.
- Placement and ready condition of handgun.
- Stage procedure.
- Number and type of targets are listed.
- Points available and total number of shots are listed.

Stage Description



2020 March Bay 3

Course Designer: MCAS

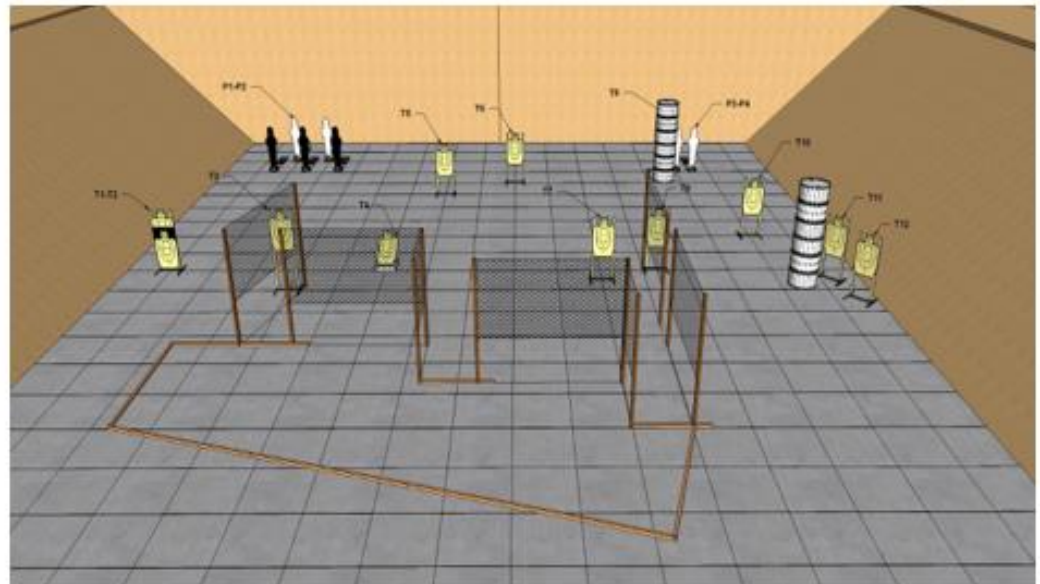


2020 March Bay 3 is a 28 round Comstock long course with 12 USPSA targets and 4 poppers. Scoring is best two hits per paper target; steel must fall to score.

Handgun ready condition and start position: Loaded and holstered; standing anywhere inside the shooting area facing downrange, wrists below belt.

PCC ready condition and start position: Loaded with safety on; standing anywhere inside the shooting area with PCC held in both hands with stock touching belt and muzzle pointing downrange.

Stage procedure: upon the audible start signal, engage targets from within the shooting area.



Classification

- ⦿ Each USPSA match will have at least one classifier stage.
 - Stage descriptions are set by USPSA
 - Set up around the country at matches
- ⦿ Classifier stages determine a competitors classification
 - D, C, B, A, M, GM
- ⦿ To become classified you need to be a member of USPSA
- ⦿ You need to shoot 4 classifier stages to earn your initial classification
- ⦿ At matches you are competing against others in your division and classification

Steel Challenge

- Rimfire or higher (rimfire does not require a holster, but you do need a bag to carry your firearm).
- Stages consist of 5 steel targets.
- Each steel target must be hit one time.
- Targets may be engaged in any order, but “stop” plate is engaged last.
- Each stage is shot 5 times, highest time is discarded.
- Score is total time plus any penalties for missing a plate or engaging the stop plate early.

Steel Challenge



Match Etiquette

- Good sportsmanship
- Taping targets – after they've been scored
- Setting steel targets, painting
- Picking up brass
- Help with set up, if possible
- Stay until the match is over to help tear down

- The previous, current, and next two shooters typically are preparing for or recovering from their run – everyone else has a job to do

Questions?

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