

GAF Match FAQ's

How much ammunition should I bring?

We usually say to bring around 120 rounds of rifle ammunition and around 100 pistol. Good shots usually have some left over while poorer shots usually use most of it. The thing is that since you shoot all the targets until they fall it's nearly impossible to give an exact round count. Between the rifle and pistol targets we have somewhere around 100 knock-down targets and we'll have a few IPSC cardboard targets. We don't often designate certain targets as "pistol" or "rifle" targets so if you start running low on ammunition for either your rifle or your pistol you can shoot a few more with the other firearm. No matter how good you are, do not expect to shoot a clean match.

Will my guns and ammunition knock down your knock-down targets?

We try to calibrate the targets so that they reliably fall with standard loaded 38's. Mouse fart loads, edgers or hits at the bottom of the targets won't always take them down, but if you hit them square with standard loads they'll go down. Last year I used a Smith & Wesson in 38 special with factory loads and never had to shoot one twice with it.

What if I'm hitting the targets but they won't go down?

If you are clearly hitting a target but it won't fall, it's considered dead after 3 hits.

How big are your targets?

The few targets that are designed to be pistol targets are about 1/2 scale torso targets. Most of the steel knock-down targets are 1/2 scale M-1881 US Army "Blunt" silhouette targets. That means that the standing target is about 3 feet tall, the kneeling target is about 2 feet tall and the prone target is about 6 inches tall

What if I can't hit a target?

Our stages are designed so that the shooter advances through them. After you have shot at a target if you find you can't hit a target, move closer. The only penalty for this is the time you've taken missing.

Do I have to use the same rifle for the long range match as I use in the main match?

No, your long range rifle does not have to be the same one you use in the main match but it can be. It does have to be a GAF legal rifle though, no special target prepped scope sighted rifles

I don't have Military firearms or uniforms, but I shoot CAS. Can I wear my cowboy clothes and shoot my cowboy guns?

Yes, there's a place for cowboy classes. When GAF was started It was started by CAS shooters who liked to shoot in uniform. When we started moving to the Battle Rifle classes we made a conscience decision to include classes so that people who didn't have military style firearms or uniforms could still compete.

The other thing is that if you have a uniform but only civilian guns, or a military gun but only civilian clothes you can still shoot, You just won't be competitive for the "Brigade Championship," the "all around cowboy" if you will. To compete for the Brigade Championship you must place in each of the Long range match, the Main match and the Uniform competitions.

Do I have to wear a hot wool uniform?

No, there are no uniform *requirements*. We *encourage* wearing uniforms, but we don't require them.

Will I need to perform reloads?

Yes, efficient reloading was a skill the soldier needed to be proficient at. We carry our arms and ammunition just as the soldier did and reload them when necessary.

Can I use jacketed bullets?

Not in the main match. Our steel targets aren't cut from armor and jacketed bullets damage them too much. You can use jacketed bullets in the long range match because it's on paper, not steel.

Do I need my shotgun?

No, GAF matches are 2-gun matches. Soldiers didn't carry 2 pistols, a rifle and shotgun. Typically our matches are designed to use a pistol and a rifle and our classes are designed around the rifle, not how you hold the pistol.

Where can I find out more about the Grand Army of the Frontier?

<http://www.cascity.com/forumhall/index.php/board,20.0.html>

<http://www.grandarmyofthefrontier.org>

You can also find the registration form for the match on the "Dispatches" page of the GAF website.

How much are registration fees?

\$75

What's the weather like in Nebraska that time of year?

The average high temperature in this area on June 27th is 84 degrees