Riverbend Rough Riders Match

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Warmup - The Livery

This Fourth of July marks America's 250th birthday. Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence and set something extraordinary in motion. The battlefields and historic sites still standing across the world are a reminder of what freedom cost. This July 4th, take a moment to appreciate what was built, respect those who built it, and consider the generations that come next. We owe it to them to protect what we have always enjoyed. Never fail to vote!

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols Holstered, Rifle on the Table, Shotgun in the Left Window

Shooting Order: Rifle not Last

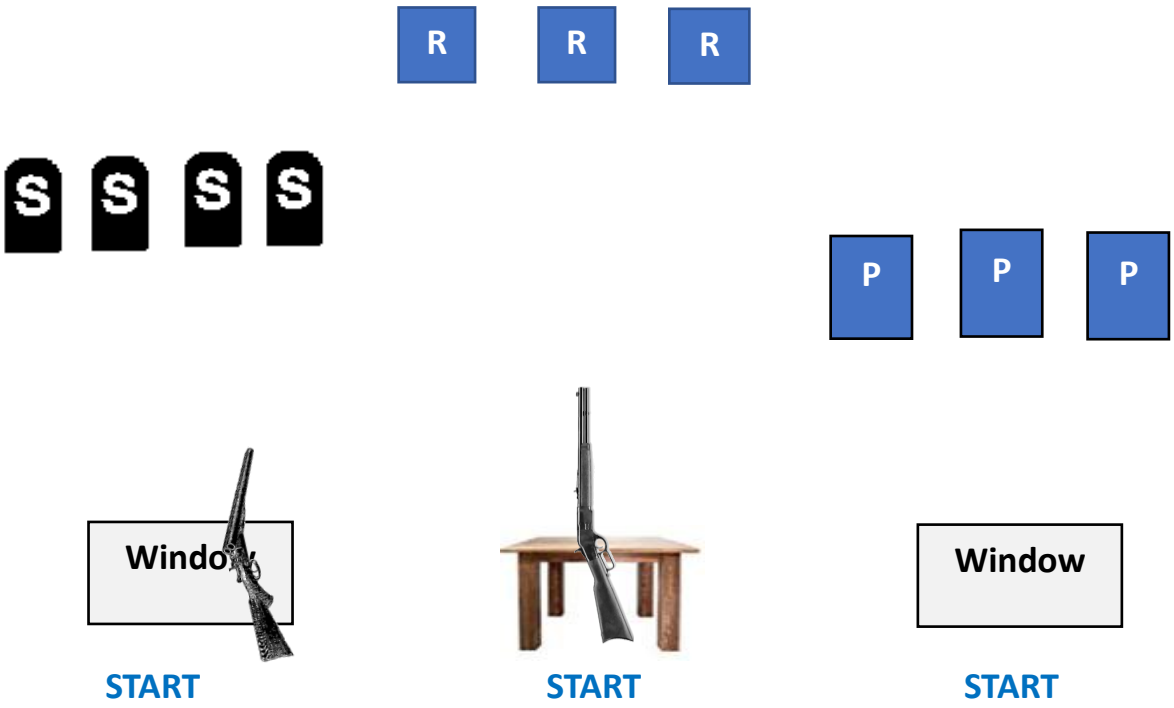
Start: Standing behind position of choice, Hands on gun or guns.

Line: ***"HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!"***

ATB: With the Rifle, shoot the center target twice, 1 of the outside targets 3 times, & the other outside target 5 times. ***In Any Order***. Round Count.

With the Pistols, repeat the Rifle instructions.

With the Shotgun, shoot the 4 shotgun targets thru the Left window until down. Makeups from where originally engaged.



Stage 1 – The Shifty Eye Saloon

Wyatt spread his papers across the table. "Two hundred and fifty years of liberty," he announced, "deserves one heck of a celebration." Doc Holliday studied his cards and his whiskey in equal measure. Before anyone answered, three trail hands objected loudly to the planning committee occupying the best table. Virgil cracked his knuckles. Morgan reached for iron. The committee recessed briefly… and noisily.

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols Holstered, Rifle on Center Table, Shotgun on Right Window shelf

Shooting Order: Pistols, Rifle, Shotgun

Start: Standing at Left Window, Arms crossed at Chest

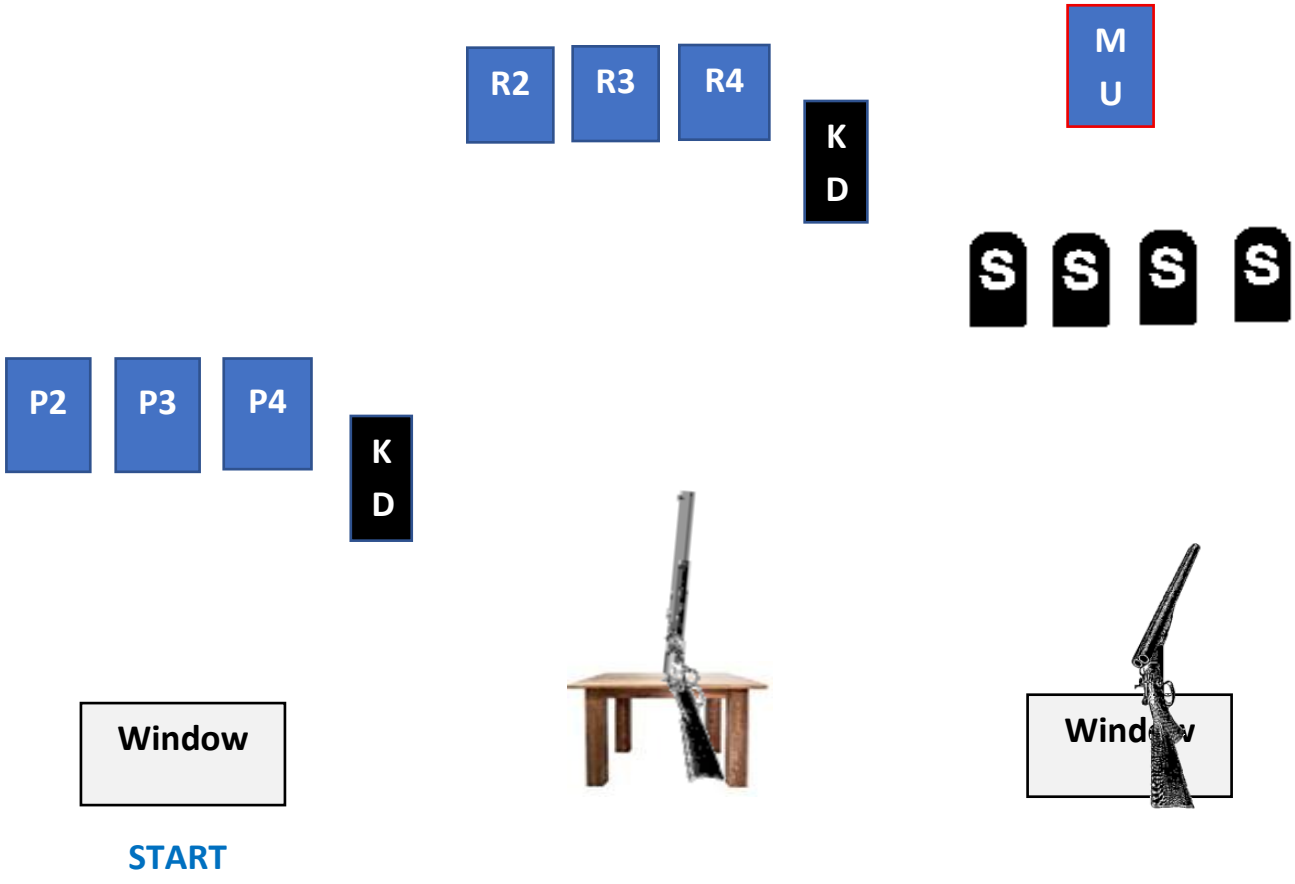
Line: ***"HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!"***

ATB: With the Pistols, beginning on the Right target, shoot a *Regressive* Sweep. 4 on P4, 3 on P3, 2 on P2, & 1 on the Knockdown.

With the Rifle, repeat the Pistols instructions & make the Rifle safe.

With the Shotgun, shoot the 4 Shotgun targets until down.

(Missed knockdowns can be made up in the direction of the Make-Up target. Okay to miss the MU).



Stage 2 – The Town Well

Next morning, Wyatt posted the volunteer water-hauling schedule by the well. Amos Creed tore it down before the ink dried. Water rights on Independence Day, he claimed, were his alone. Doc, taking a long sip from the dipper and recalling his medical training, remarked that Mr. Creed appeared to be suffering from a fatal case of misunderstanding the situation. Creed went for his gun. He should have gone for his horse instead.

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 6+ Shotgun

Staging: Shotgun in Both hands, Rifle staged on Barrel, Pistols holstered

Shooting Order: Shotgun, Rifle, Pistols

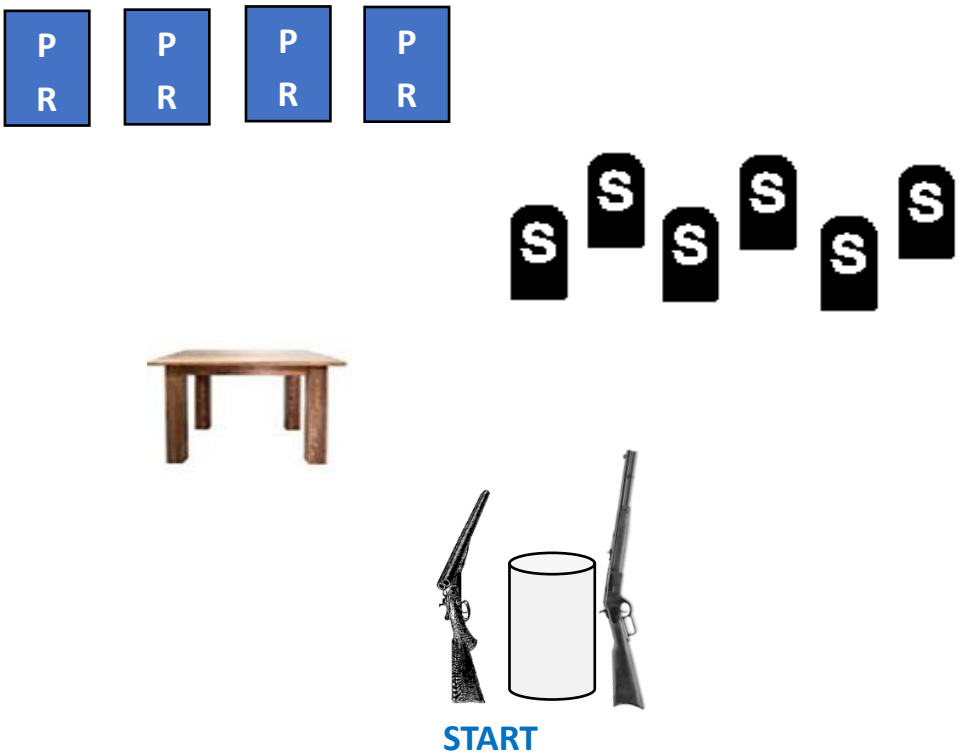
Start: At the Barrel, Shotgun in Both Hands

Line: ***"HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!"***

ATB: With the Shotgun, shoot the Shotgun targets from the barrel until down & make the Shotgun safe on the barrel pointing safely at the Right berm.

With the Rifle, beginning on either end target shoot a Badger Sweep & make the Rifle safe on the Downrange table. *(1-2-3-4, 1-2-3, 1-2-1)*

With the Pistols, repeat the Rifle instructions.



Stage 3 – The Fort

Colonel Hazmat agreed to loan a field cannon for the noon salute, then he demanded full military oversight of the entire celebration. Wyatt declined, politely. The colonel sent four troopers to enforce his view of the agreement. Morgan noted there were only four of them. Virgil pointed out the same. Doc suggested the colonel reconsider his terms. Hazmat looked confused. The troopers, not being confused, reconsidered first. That decision saved everyone considerable paperwork.

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols holstered, Rifle & Shotgun on the Right table

Shooting Order: Pistols, Rifle, Shotgun ***OR,*** Shotgun, Rifle, Pistols

Start: Standing behind either table, Hands touching hat

Line: ***"HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!"***

ATB: With the Pistols, beginning on either end target Double-tap all 4 targets, ***THEN***, Single-tap the 2 inside targets.

With the Rifle, repeat the Pistol instructions.

With the Shotgun, shoot the 4 Shotgun targets & make the Shotgun safe.

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Stage 4 – The Jail

Sheriff Behan had recently jailed the town's best fiddle player for public intoxication. Wyatt came to negotiate bail. Behan, ever resentful of the Earps' involvement in his town, locked the front door instead. Morgan came through the window. Doc came through a different window. Virgil simply removed the door from its hinges. The fiddle player was freed, running as fast as his boozy legs could carry him, still holding his musical instrument.

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols Holstered, Rifle on Target Box, Shotgun in Right Window.

Shooting Order: Shotgun Last

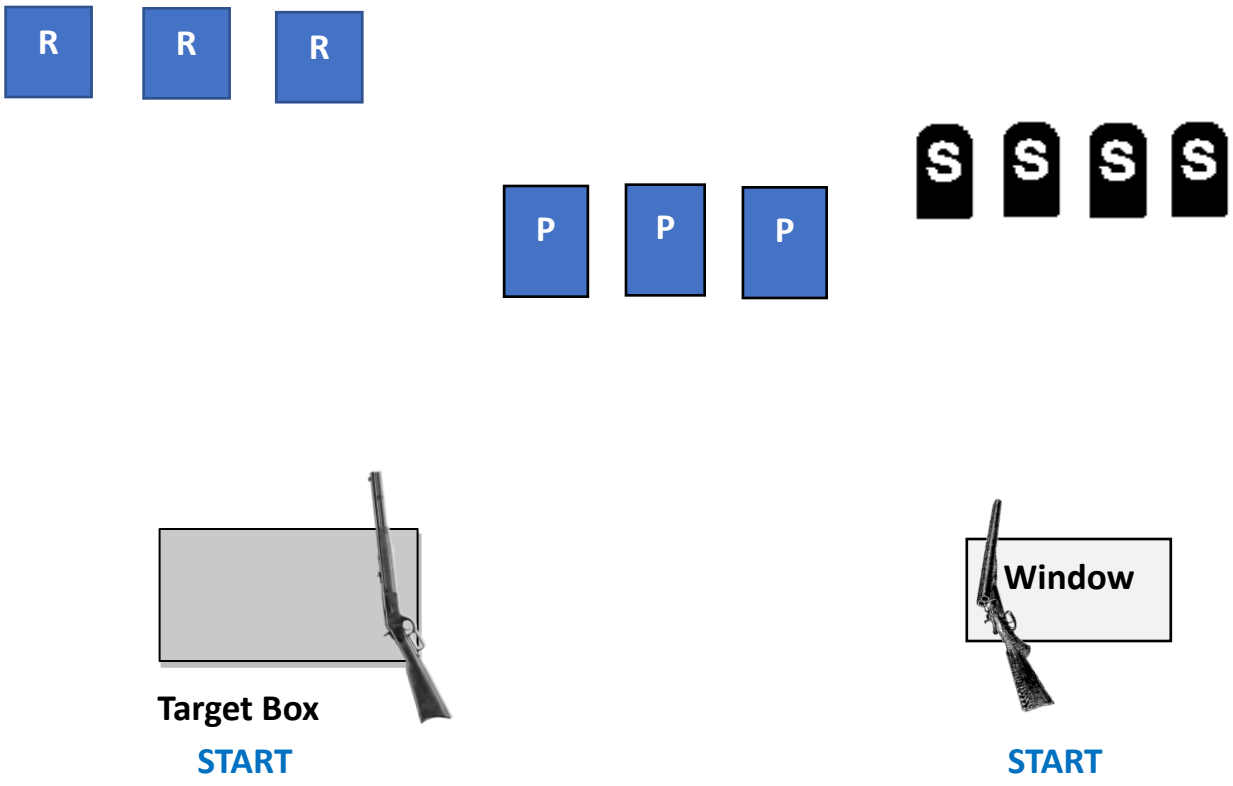
Start: Standing in any Posture, hands not touching guns or ammo, within Grounding distance of the Target box.

Line: ***"HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!"***

ATB: Beginning on either end target, with Pistols or Rifle shoot a Nevada Sweep, double-tapping the middle target each time.

Repeat with the Pistols or Rifle. If Rifle, make it safe on either the Target box or in the Right window.

With the Shotgun, shoot the shotgun targets until down thru the Right Window.



Stage 5 – Boot Hill

At Boot Hill, Wyatt wanted a proper memorial reading of the founding father's names. The Denton brothers, who ran cattle through the cemetery as a shortcut, disagreed with closing the route. Four brothers, eight opinions, and zero patience. Doc remarked that this particular location was convenient for anyone foolish enough to press the argument. The Dentons reached for guns. None of them reached far enough.

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols Holstered, Rifle in both hands, Shotgun staged on the Table

Shooting Order: Rifle First

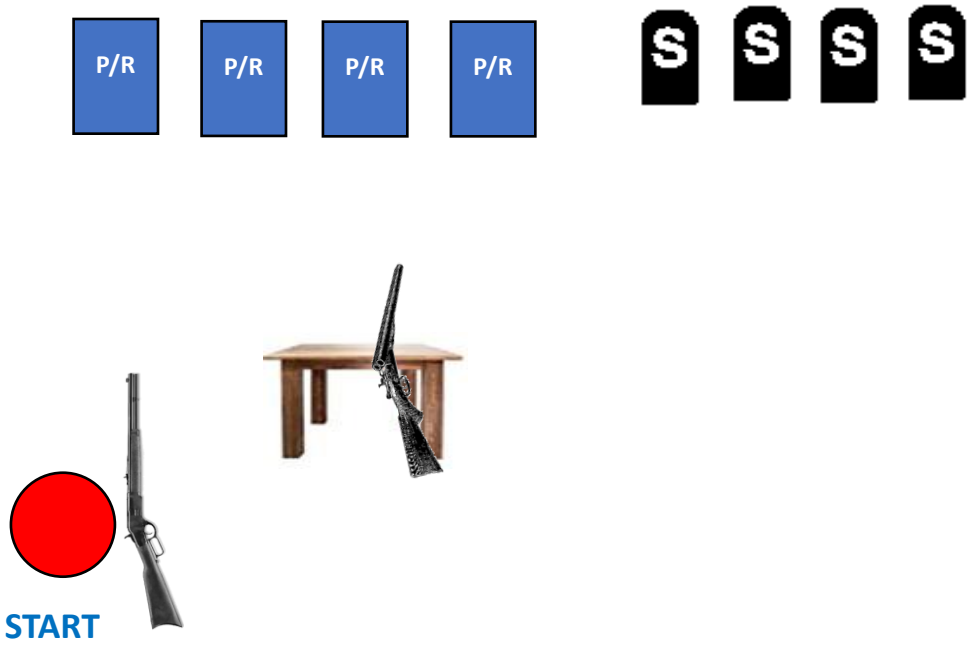
Start: One foot touching the Start Stone, Rifle in both hands

Line: ***"HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!"***

ATB: With the Rifle, Triple-tap the end targets. ***THEN***, Double-tap the Middle targets & make the Rifle safe.

With the Pistols, repeat the Rifle instructions.

With the Shotgun, shoot the Shotgun targets until down.



Stage 6 - The Livery

The parade horses were lined up on the street. The cannon was borrowed. The fiddle player was fiddling. All that remained was gunpowder for the fireworks celebration. It was stored in the stable hay loft by a man suddenly wanting double his payment in gold. He made the further mistake of barricading the loft door and daring anyone to “come and get it”. Doc smiled. "This," he said, while drawing a match, "is why I prefer chemistry to debate." The fireworks launched early.

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols Holstered, Rifle on the Table, Shotgun on the Left Window shelf

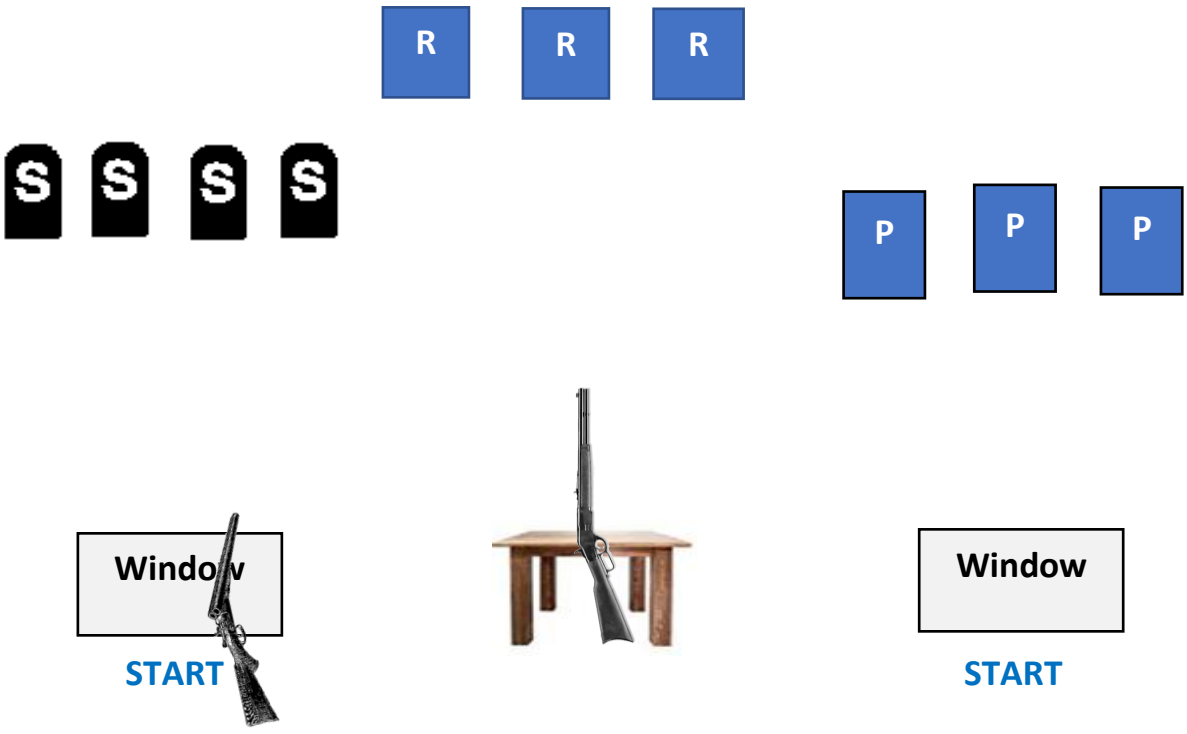
Shooting Order: Pistols, Rifle, Shotgun ***OR***, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistols

Start: Standing at the Right or Left Window, Any posture, Hands anywhere (“*Yes*”).

Line: ***“HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!”***

ATB: With the Pistols, shoot 10 Rounds on the 3 targets, with at least 1 on each ***IN ANY ORDER***.

With the Rifle, repeat the Pistols instructions.

With the Shotgun, shoot the 4 Shotgun targets until down thru the Left window.

(*Make-ups from anywhere safe).*