PVA Handgun Tournament Rules:

Classification: The only classification utilized for PVA handgun tournaments will be the Open Classification. Able-bodied participants will compete alongside disabled participants with no rule modifications, minus disabled participants being able to utilize a device or apparatus that the participant needs for everyday living. This would include a wheelchair, limb prosthesis, etc. Any participant utilizing a wheelchair must have a permanent injury or disease that allows them to utilize a wheelchair (i.e., spinal cord injury/disease, leg amputation, etc). Any adaptive equipment must be approved first by the tournament director, and then by the PVA Shooting Sports Director. Competition will be open to all participants, able-bodied and disabled.

PVA handgun tournaments are considered to be “iron-sight only” competitions. This means that absolutely no scopes, laser sights, reticles, telescopes or telescopic sights, etc, may be attached to the weapon at any time. Spotting scopes used to sight-in during practice fire and competition will be authorized, as long as the spotting scope is not attached to the weapon.

Ammunition: ammunition will be provided by the host chapter unless otherwise authorized by the tournament director and/or the PVA Shooting Sports Director. Ammunition to be utilized for competition may not be smaller than .32cal and may not be larger than .45cal. Higher-grain ammunition may be utilized for both practice and competition, however it will be at the discretion of the host chapter to provide. Hollow-point/law enforcement ammunition may be utilized, however it will be at the discretion of the host chapter to provide. **Absolutely no reloaded ammunition may be utilized for any part of the practice fire or competition fire. Anyone found to be utilizing reloaded ammunition will automatically be disqualified and will be asked to leave the firing line. This policy is for the safety of the participants and range safety officers (RSOs).**

All commands on the firing line will come from RSOs and other authorized safety personnel. Anyone not in compliance with RSO commands will be automatically disqualified and must immediately leave the firing line.

PVA Handgun Tournament Course of Fire for Competition:

Practice: 10 rounds for sighting-in/adjustments at 15 yards/meters for 10 minutes

Competition:
- Slow fire at 15 yards/meters, 10 shots in 10 minutes
- 2 min magazine change/reload (outside/attendant help may be used for this if needed)
- Quick fire at 15 yards/meters, 5 shots in 45 seconds
- 2 min magazine change/reload (outside/attendant help may be used for this if needed)
- Quick fire at 15 yards/meters, 5 shots in 45 seconds
- RSOs/safety personnel/volunteers change targets to 25 yards/meters
- Slow fire at 25 yards/meters, 10 shots in 10 minutes
- 2 min magazine change/reload (outside/attendant help may be used for this if needed)
- Quick fire at 25 yards/meters, 5 shots in 45 seconds
- 2 min magazine change/reload (outside/attendant help may be used for this if needed)
- Quick fire at 25 yards/meters, 5 shots in 45 seconds

Awards:

PVA will recognize the Overall Champion and the First Runner-Up for competition. Awards TBD by PVA Shooting Sports and the host PVA Chapter.