

- 2.5.1 at least 5 (five) seconds for revolvers without swing-out cylinders.
- 2.5.2 at least 15 (fifteen) seconds for single shot pistols, and revolvers with swing-out cylinders.
A single shot breech loading pistol, and revolvers with swing-out cylinders must be held in a safe direction for at least 15 seconds before opening the breech.
In the event of a misfire for breech loading pistols, and revolvers with swing-out cylinders, the barrel should be brought to a safe direction before opening the breech or cylinder so that the breech plug could not cause injury in the event of a hangfire.

Important note about re-capping

The recapping procedure as per the Black Powder appendix A.1 is only to be allowed to clear a chamber after all else has failed. In a Precision series (rule 8.3.1) recapping after a misfire and similarly recapping for 25 M Rapid Fire Stage (rule 8.4.2) was, and is only intended to refer to recapping after a percussion cap has ignited but failed to ignite the powder charge; it is definitely not the first option if a cap has failed to ignite – Appendix A.1.2 clearly refers to “If a chamber has failed to ignite after repeated attempts...”,
Removing a live percussion cap over a charge of Black Powder is not to be undertaken casually! The procedures set out in Appendix A.1:

- Are only to be attempted if repeated attempts to discharge the chamber by cocking and releasing the trigger fail to ignite the cap, and
- Are under the direct supervision of a Range Officer.

In particular, for 25 M Rapid Fire Stage, recapping (i.e. replacing) an unfired percussion cap is not allowed prior to a re-shoot for a misfire.

Commands for the 24m RF Loading sequence – using separate loading tables

Note: If this procedure is adopted, it must be in total for all shooters on the line.

1. “**LOAD BUT DO NOT CAP**” (to be called before any personnel go forward for target scoring/patching, and all pistols are to be taken to the rear loading tables before any personnel go forward for target scoring/patching)
2. **After** all personnel have returned, **AND** all shooters have completed loading at the rear loading tables, “**RANGE CLEAR**”. **The shooters may now bring the pistols to the firing line and**
3. After all shooters have placed their pistol in a safe condition on the bench, and stood back from the firing line, “**CAP PISTOLS**”.
4. When all shooters have loaded capped, placed their pistol in a safe condition on the bench, and stood back from the firing line, “**ASSUME THE READY**”
5. After **30** seconds, “**ATTENTION**” and activate the targets

For ranges where it is impractical to use separate loading benches behind the firing line, the following procedure may be used.

Under no circumstances may some shooters use loading tables behind the firing line if other shooters are loading at the firing line.

Commands for the Loading sequence – without separate loading tables

Note: If this procedure is adopted, it must be in total for all shooters on the line.

1. “**LOAD BUT DO NOT CAP**” (to be called after all personnel come back from target scoring/patching)
2. (not applicable)
3. When all shooters have loaded (but not capped), placed their pistol in a safe condition on the bench, and stood back from the firing line, “**CAP PISTOLS**”
4. When all shooters have loaded capped, placed their pistol in a safe condition on the bench, and stood back from the firing line, “**ASSUME THE READY**”
5. After **30** seconds, “**ATTENTION**” and activate the targets.