

Artillery Officer

Suggested Manpower:

- Target Preparation – 6 minimum
- Mortar – 10
- Cannon – 20-25 (should pull from Logistics/Range staff, as needed)

The Artillery Officer has a primary responsibility of preparing and scoring Artillery targets and conducting Artillery matches.

The Artillery Officer will work closely with the National Artillery Officer, National Logistics Officer, National Range Officer, Skirmish Logistics Officer, Skirmish Range Officer, Range Support Officer and the Property Manager to ensure that the Artillery matches are prepared for and conducted correctly.

Targeting

The Artillery Officer must work under the direction of the National Logistics Officer and the Property Manager, and in compliance with the National Skirmish Rules, to:

- Ensure that all Artillery targeting is prepared correctly during the work weekend.
- Ensure that the correct number of each type of target is prepared.
- Ensure that all targeting is placed on a target wagon in the correct order to be delivered for the matches and covered with plastic sheeting.

Target Frames

The Artillery Officer must work with the National Range Officer, Skirmish Range Officer and Skirmish Logistics Officer to ensure that the correct number of target frames are staged at the far left of the main range in preparation for the Artillery matches, including Howitzer.

Note: Old frames should be pulled from the main range for this purpose.

Crew Responsibilities

- The Artillery crew will complete targeting tasks during the work weekend.
- They should then be given other tasks to be performed Monday-Thursday during the National Skirmish.
- During Artillery matches, specifically cannon, pull additional staff as needed from Logistics or Range Support.

Artillery Meeting Responsibilities

- All Artillery Match competitors (cannon and mortar) must have a representative attend the Artillery Meeting (generally scheduled for Friday morning; check the Program).

- The Artillery Officer will take direction from the National Artillery Officer regarding any changes to the Program or special events and conduct the Artillery Meeting accordingly.
- The Artillery Officer must ensure that all Unit Commanders understand their responsibility to support other phases and that the procedures of competition are understood and followed.
- The Artillery Officer must ensure that all Unit Commanders understand and follow any special staging instruction for their field pieces; the match may be delayed if field pieces do not show up at the correct time.

Scoring

- The Artillery Officer will score all targets in accordance with the National Skirmish Rules and report those scores to the Statistics Officer.
- The Artillery Officer must make sure that no targets are disposed of until the final scores are posted and there are no active protests.
- If inclement weather exists, steps must be taken to keep the shot targets out of the weather in case of a protest or tie that needs to be broken.

Protests

- The Artillery Officer is responsible for receiving and resolving any and all Artillery match protests.
- The Artillery Officer will work with the National Artillery Officer to determine a resolution.
- If a resolution cannot be reached, the Skirmish Director should be contacted and proper protest protocol should be followed.
- The Artillery Officer will ensure that all protest results are communicated to the Statistics Officer and the correct results are posted.

Report

The Artillery Officer's report must include the number of guns competing in each class, a summary of any problems encountered with their resolutions, all protests with their resolutions, and any suggestions for future Artillery Officers.

Artillery Officer's Schedule

Saturday – Sunday

- Prepare all targeting for the Artillery matches
- Place all targeting on wagon(s) and cover with plastic in preparation for matches
- Ensure the correct number of frames are staged on the main range
- Ensure the correct number of Howitzer frames are constructed and staged on the main range
- Work with the National Range Officer to ensure all Artillery target frame holes are cleaned and ready
- When work is completed, Artillery staff must be transferred to the Logistics or Range Officer to complete any remaining tasks

Monday – Tuesday

- Complete any work not finished by Artillery or other crew
- Meet with the Skirmish Director to determine alternate duties for your crew before Friday
- Meet with your crew to communicate alternate duties
- Make sure that all work has been completed and everything is ready for the matches

Wednesday – Thursday

- Get radio from Adjutant – review Communications Manual
- Ensure that the Artillery staff reports for other duties as directed by the Skirmish Director
- Keep in close contact with all other Staff Officers and help as needed

Friday

- Ensure that the Artillery staff reports for other duties as directed by the Skirmish Director (morning)
- Recover staff in time for preparation of the Mortar match
- Retrieve scorecards from the Stat House and distribute for the Mortar match
- Ensure that all target frames are laid down at the 50yd line for the Mortar match
- Conduct the Mortar match
- Supervise the measuring process; ensure all scorecards are delivered to the Statistics Officer and that the correct results are posted
- Receive and resolve any protests
- Make sure all units replace divots from balls and repair the firing line
- Make sure all units place the frames back in the upright position at 50yds
- Ensure that the range is cleared as quickly as possible if there is a special event on the main range following the Mortar match

Saturday

- Work with the Logistics Officer to ensure that the Artillery targeting is staged prior to the match (this can be done Friday night if weather permits)
- Work with the Range Officer to ensure all target frames are placed in the proper position for Artillery matches (Cannon and Howitzer)
- Ensure that all safety lines are installed on the range
- Ensure that the Revolver Range and spectator area to the left of the Statistics building are free of all competitors and spectators
- Position a Safety person on camp side of the Revolver Range bridge to restrict access

- Ensure that all your staff, as well as any Range or Logistics staff available, are ready to position frames and post targets for phase I Artillery
 - This requires all hands and a fast pace to ensure the start time is met
 - Be sure to retain all staff for replacing frames in the upright position at 50yds when matches are complete
- Remove and replace targeting for all phases of Artillery
- Score and report scores for all phases of Artillery
- Receive and resolve all protests
- Ensure the correct results are posted
- After final posting of results and all protests are resolved, dispose of the shot targets
- Aid the Logistics Officer returning any items to the main barn and stowing any items used from the barn

Sunday

- Have staff report to other Staff Officers for duty as directed by the Skirmish Director
- Have staff remain until end of Skirmish to assist with cleanup of the main range