

## MONTANA GOVERNOR'S TWENTY (2024)

### Match Rules- Helena, MT

This is not a sanctioned NRA event, and the spirit of the event is to inspire discussion, comrade, and comparisons with friendly competition. As such officers will be encouraged to bring a "Duty Gun" of their choosing. This may be a past, present, or hopefully future duty weapon. We simply ask that you be reasonable in what you propose, think is this a "good duty weapon". Could you walk into your agencies administrators and tell them with a straight face that you believe your department should implement your chosen platform? If you were heading off to the worst call of your life what would you want on your duty belt? It probably shouldn't be a .22 or a .50 Cal, but if you have a strong justification for something non-traditional many of us would like to discuss and compare its merits.

All competitors will shoot for a numerical score, and the "top 20" Montana LEO scores are named as members of the Montana Governor's Twenty for 2020. The top 20 recognized shooters will be split proportionally between the number of competitors in the iron and optic classes to give everyone an equal chance to make the list.

It is the desire of those of us who run the match to make this as uncomplicated as possible. For this reason, the NRA PPC rule book does not apply. Just bring a duty gun and come have fun.

**Eligibility** – Current and retired Montana Law Enforcement Officers are encouraged to participate. State, Federal, and Military Law Enforcement Officers are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Foreign or out-of-state competitors may participate, but to qualify for the "Governors 20," requires that the competitor carried a badge as an LEO in the state of Montana. If time allows, vendors may participate, but will not be eligible for the Governors 20 list unless they are/were a sworn MT law enforcement officer.

Sub Categories - City, County, State, and Federal will have trophy's awarded at least to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place of each category.

**Teams** – Any valid shooter may elect to form a team with another valid participant. Shooters do not need to be from the same agency. However, any team selections must be declared before either shooter starts their course of fire.

**Firearm classifications** – There are only 2 categories of firearms this year for the Montana Governor's 20 (2024). Duty Guns with an Optic, and Duty Guns without an optic. We don't want to tell you what you can or can't shoot! The point of this competition is to compare the best duty gear available to help each officer get home at the end of the day. Current philosophy is anything that helps the officer put more effective rounds on target faster and without causing reliability issues is probably a good thing for DUTY USE.

Bring what you currently carry, or what you hope you will soon be allowed to carry. Just be able to look everyone in the eye and tell them why you think it's a great duty gun option. We hope to see a wide variety of firearms and accessories in attendance.

Don't bring a 2" .454 Casull for example.... Its a bear gun, not a duty gun, and I don't know anyone that could make the argument that it should be. **If needed the Senior Range Officer's decision is the final word!**

*\*Shooters may be allowed to shoot in both the optics and irons divisions if range time allows but the second attempt will not count towards the “Governor’s 20,” but will be a ranked side match. \$20 additional fee.*

**Other Equipment** – Ground cloths, are allowed if desired; Gloves, like those worn on duty, are allowed; Holsters should be from a reputable manufacture with a level of retention, and officers are encouraged to use their duty holster; Shooters CANNOT use audible timing devices; Ammunition may be reloaded or factory ammunition; Eye and Ear Protection, will be **REQUIRED** for the Montana Governor’s Twenty match.

**Targets** – The B-27 silhouette target will be use at all shooting distances (7, 15, 25, and 50 yards), unless (as has occurred in the past when range conditions did not allow for the use of the 50 yard line) a simulated 50-yard stage (Match 3) must be substituted. In such a case, a B-34 target will be used at the 25 yard line for Match 3, to simulate the proper size scoring surface.

**Penalties** –The object of this match is to include as many participants as possible, and overly strict enforcement of minor infractions can both embarrass and discourage shooters who may not have participated in this match before. Some of the stages are complicated in their firing order, but if a competitor completes all the shooting positions safely, properly, and within the allotted time, no penalty will be assessed for a mistake in order. Shots fired after time is called will be deducted from a shooter’s score, with the deductions taken from the highest scoring hits. Observations of improper weapon handling will be addressed by the range officers on a case-by-case basis, and infractions of this nature determined to be dangerous will result in immediate disqualification. **The Senior Range Officer’s decision is the final word!**

**Range Standards** – At this stage in a LE career, each participant should know what a firing line is, and each course of fire will be explained before the match begins. The range is set up with firing points that address fixed target stands, and range officers should watch to make sure competitors are shooting the proper target from their assigned firing point (this problem arises most often at the 50 yard stage). In the past, range officers have had to decipher scores when cross-shooting (a competitor shoots the wrong target) has occurred, and this will be addressed as necessary.

**Course Of Fire** – The Montana Governor’s Twenty consists of a 90-shot “paper” match score combined with a 48-shot “falling plate” match score. 948 points total are possible.

**Bonus Points-\***

**\*If a shooter successfully strikes all 48 plates in the allotted time, they have the opportunity to keep shooting from the 25 yard line for bonus points until they miss a plate or a time infraction occurs.**

**Montana Governors 20 Course of Fire- “PPC Paper” and Bianchi Plates:**

**Match 1 (24 shots)** – 12 shots standing w/o support (2-hand hold) @ 7 yards in 20 seconds, with a mandatory reload (6 shots, reload, 6 shots) AND 12 shots standing w/o support (2-hand hold) @ 15 yards in 20 seconds, with a mandatory reload as above. There will be a target change between the 7-yard stage and the 15-yard stage.

**Match 2 (18 shots)** – 18 shots from the 25 yard line, 6 shots kneeling without support (two hand hold), mandatory reload, 6 shots standing left hand barricade (two hand hold), mandatory reload, and 6 shots standing right hand barricade (two hand hold), in a total time of 90 seconds.

**Match 3 (24 shots)** – 24 shots from the 50 yard line, 6 shots sitting without support, mandatory reload, 6 shots prone without support (two hand hold), mandatory reload, 6 shots left hand barricade (two hand hold), mandatory reload, and 6 shots right hand barricade, in a total time of 2 minutes and 45 seconds. The committee may decide to use a simulated 50-yard, B-34 target, to be used at the 25 yard line for Match 3, to simulate the proper size scoring surface.

**Match 4 (24 shots)** – 12 shots standing unsupported (two hand hold) at the 25 yard line, with a mandatory reload (6 shots, reload, 6 shots) in 35 seconds. Shooters will then reload and shoot the same 12-shot stage again for a total of 24 shots.

**Maximum score 900 (PPC Paper Match Course)**

*Aggregate score will be the PPC score with number of plates hit in the “Falling Plate” match added to determine a final score.*

**The course of fire for the “Falling Plate” match is as follows:**

The plate rack has six (6) falling metal plates, which must be shot in order (in other words, if you miss one, do not go back to shoot at it again), either right to left or left to right, but tell the range officer the order you intend to shoot before doing so.

10 yard line – 12 shots – fired 6 shots at a time – time limit 6 seconds

15 yard line – 12 shots – fired 6 shots at a time – time limit 7 seconds

20 yard line – 12 shots – fired 6 shots at a time – time limit 8 seconds

25 yard line – 12 shots – fired 6 shots at a time – time limit 9 seconds

ONLY 6 shots per rack of plates will be allowed—if your handgun holds 20 shots, only the first 6 you fire are going to count. Plates struck after the audible timer sounds will not count for score.

Maximum score – Bonus Points \*

\*If a shooter succeeds in striking all 48 plates within the allotted times, the shooter will be allowed to continue shooting from the 25 yard position until a plate is missed or a time infraction occurs.

**Scoring questions** – The bullet hole will be scored to the highest value zone that the bullet crosses (cutting the line will score the higher zone). Any questions about scoring, such as the value given to a bullet hole near a scoring line, should be brought to the attention of the range officers present. **The Senior Range Officer's decision is the final word!** Individual scores will be used to establish the Montana Governor's Twenty and placement in the designated LE categories listed above. Tied numerical scores will be settled by X-counts, when necessary.

**This years top 20 shooters list will be split proportionally to the number of irons/optic shooters who participate.**

**B-27 Target-**

