

APPLICATION TO HOST GSSF OUTDOOR MATCHES

Please review the current Volume of the GLOCK Report for rules and course of fire information.

Complete the following application to the best of your ability. Please include any pertinent information you would like to add with your application.

Thank you for your interest in the GSSF program.

If you need additional space to provide discussion or answers, please feel free to include them on a separate sheets as needed.

Host Club Contact Information:

Main Contact:	Alternate Contact(s) (if available)
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CONTACT DETAILS OF APPLICANT HOST CLUB:

Name of Applicant Host Club:
Mailing Address:
Physical Address of Range if Different from Mailing Address:
Phone (if available):
Alt/Cell Phone (if available):
E-Mail (if available):
Alt. E-Mail (if available):
Host Club Website (if available):
Latitude/Longitude (if available):

LOCATION/DETAILED DIRECTIONS TO THE HOST CLUB STARTING FROM AN EASILY LOCATED POINT; SUCH AS AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY EXIT NUMBER. OR ATTACH A MAP:

QUESTIONS GSSF ASKS ITSELF WHEN CONSIDERING A NEW "HOST CLUB" APPLICATION.

1. DOES IT APPEAR THAT THE CANDIDATE HOST CLUB COULD DRAW "ENOUGH" ENTRIES TO CONTINUE IN THE GSSF PROGRAM OVER TIME?
2. IS THERE ALREADY ANOTHER CURRENT GSSF HOST CLUB IN THE SAME GENERAL REGION OF THE CANDIDATE HOST CLUB? (IE, WOULD IT BE ADVISABLE TO ESTABLISH A SECOND GSSF MATCH IN THAT GENERAL REGION KNOWING THAT TO DO SO WOULD EXPEND THE RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A VIABLE GSSF MATCH IN ANOTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE ONE OR IS "UNDERREPRESENTED"?)
3. DOES THE POTENTIAL GSSF HOST CLUB HAVE A FACILITY SUITABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCT A GSSF MATCH?
4. DOES THE POTENTIAL GSSF HOST CLUB HAVE THE PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCT A GSSF MATCH?
5. DOES THE POTENTIAL GSSF HOST CLUB HAVE THE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCT A GSSF MATCH OR IF NOT, CAN THE HOST CLUB OBTAIN IT, OR IF NOT IS GSSF IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY IT?

Discussion of the above questions.

Question #1. DOES IT APPEAR THAT THE CANDIDATE HOST CLUB COULD DRAW "ENOUGH" ENTRIES TO CONTINUE IN THE GSSF PROGRAM?

Also,
Question #2. IS THERE ALREADY ANOTHER CURRENT GSSF HOST CLUB IN THE SAME GENERAL REGION OF THE CANDIDATE HOST CLUB? (IE, WOULD IT BE ADVISABLE TO ESTABLISH A SECOND GSSF MATCH IN THAT GENERAL REGION KNOWING THAT TO DO SO WOULD EXPEND THE RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A VIABLE GSSF MATCH IN ANOTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE ONE?)

Generally speaking, GSSF wishes to get “the most bang for the buck”. GSSF’s budget and personnel resources are limited. There are also only so many weekends available to conduct GSSF matches. GSSF therefore seeks to increase average match size from year to year wherever and whenever possible. Here are the entries that GSSF matches have drawn for the past several years.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF GLOCK SPORT SHOOTING FOUNDATION MATCHES BY CALENDAR YEAR

	# of Stage Setups	# of ROs, 2011	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Conyers, GA	8/8/4	79	1,023	744	518	466	539
Dawsonville, GA		88	629	505	329	304	---
Griffin, GA	4/4/3	62	597	---	---	---	---
Orlando, FL		81	561	379	332	350	279
Morganton, NC	3/3/2	98	526	456	398	238	---
Clearwater, FL (2012)		N/A	487	---	---	---	---
Las Vegas, NV		24	425	298	233	151	170
Richmond, CA		35	420	342	271	205	215
Marietta, OH		58	388	405	311	275	264
Columbia, SC	4/4/3	47	380	380	331	---	---
Carrollton, TX		53	379	280	229	213	---
Knoxville, TN		27	376	287	213	187	---
Pensacola, FL	3/3/2	53	365	300	241	217	225
Jackson, NJ		35	359	318	268	271	310
Lexington, KY		74	359	297	287	269	265
Topton, PA	2/2/2	37	356	309	280	278	286
Summerville, SC	4/4/2	48	346	---	---	---	---
Indianapolis, IN	3/3/2	33	336	241	251	244	265
Piru, CA		16	324	242	195	175	206
Norco, CA		29	303	221	203	196	239
San Antonio, TX		51	302	326	239	216	279
Beckley, WV		33	300	---	---	---	---
St. Paul, MN	3/2/2	41	295	268	247	229	256
Portland, OR		21	278	200	200	---	---
Dayton, OH		30	268	---	---	---	---
Hallsville, MO	3/3/2	18	266	256	207	204	256
Albany, OR		14	236	215	171	141	204
Reno, NV		14	227	149	147	---	---
Yolo, California		23	226	243	174	---	---
Greeley, CO		31	226	244	210	207	200
Brighton, MI	2/2/1	17	215	200	187	87	167
Bremerton, WA		28	203	174	172	184	214
Nashville, TN	4/4/2	22	198	---	---	---	---
Fulton, NY		16	194	158	---	---	---
Grand Island, NE		19	189	160	137	---	---
Tucson, AZ		21	181	157	124	---	137
Milwaukee, WI	2/2/1	18	178	149	146	125	177
Missoula, MT	2/2/1	12	172	153	179	112	121
Thibodaux, LA		14	145	157	131	101	84
Monroe, LA		N/A	106	---	---	---	---

Reevesville, SC (ladies only)		32	105	---	---	---	---
Oxford/Creedmore, NC			---	419	307	250	---
Waldorf, MD			---	282	200	227	273
Anniston, AL			---	268	230	---	---
Salt Lake City, UT			---	131	114	---	151
Ft. Benning, GA			---	---	---	322	333
Anderson, SC			---	---	---	291	298
Tulsa, OK			---	---	---	131	---
Lubbock, TX			---	---	---	95	167
Ft. Smith, AR			---	---	---	83	157
Mingus, TX			---	---	---	---	163
Roseburg, OR			---	---	---	---	157
Westhampton, LI, NY			---	---	---	---	143
Totals			12,962	10,313	8,412	7,044	7,200
Number of matches (Calendar)			40	37	36	33	32
Avg. Entries per match			324	279	234	213	225
			'11	'10	'09	'08	'07

Generally speaking, GSSF seeks matches that can sustain a minimum of about 250 or more entries AND can increase in size from year to year. If you closely examine the above figures, you may notice that generally speaking the larger matches are east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio rivers in the east or west of the Sierra and Cascade mountains in the west. Generally speaking, the areas in the region between those points are so far apart that they generally do not draw enough entries to sustain a continuing GSSF match from year to year.

GSSF does maintain smaller matches from year to year simply to maintain, hopefully grow, a presence in certain areas of the country or because it suits the general needs of our parent GLOCK, Inc. to do so.

Considering the above please give us your thoughts as to how many competitors you expect to draw and any ideas you may have to get them to attend a GSSF match at your host club:

Questions #3, #4, and #5 are interrelated.

Question #3; DOES THE POTENTIAL GSSF HOST CLUB HAVE A FACILITY SUITABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCT A GSSF MATCH?

Question #4; DOES THE POTENTIAL GSSF HOST CLUB HAVE THE PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCT A GSSF MATCH?

Question #5; DOES THE POTENTIAL GSSF HOST CLUB HAVE THE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCT A GSSF MATCH OR IF NOT, CAN THE HOST CLUB OBTAIN IT OR IS GSSF IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY IT?

STAGE SETUP REQUIREMENTS DISCUSSION:

An "entry" at a GSSF match consists of the aggregate score from three stages; "Five to GLOCK", "GLOCK 'M", and "GLOCK the Plates". There are several different versions of "Five to GLOCK" and "GLOCK 'M" for variety from match to match. GSSF matches usually erect multiple identical (at a given match) setups of the stages to facilitate getting competitors through the match in a timely fashion.

Range equipment needed for a "Five to GLOCK" is 5 target stands capable of holding an 18" x 30" NRA D-1 cardboard target so its bottom edge is about 4 to 5 feet from the ground. Targets are placed at different distances ranging from 15' to 75' from the shooting position.

Normal range equipment needed for a "GLOCK 'M" consists of four of the same target stands for NRA D-1 targets and three reactive steel targets, usually USPSA "Pepper Poppers" or equivalent. Targets are placed at different distances between about 15' to 60'. Steel targets are placed at 33' to 60' from the shooting position.

Range equipment needed for a "GLOCK the Plates" setup consists of a "Bianchi" Plate Rack or the smaller version generally called a "Speed Rack".

New GSSF host clubs often do not have all of the recommended equipment, especially the Plate Racks. They understandably do not wish to make the financial commitment to purchase such equipment when they do not know if they are going to wish to continue in the GSSF program after the first year or two that they participate.

There are alternatives to cover such cases. First, there are "all paper" options of both "GLOCK 'M" and "GLOCK the Plates". The paper option of the "GLOCK 'M" substitutes one additional cardboard target for the three reactive steel targets. For those host clubs that have a small amount of steel, another option for the "GLOCK 'M" is that on a single GLOCK 'M setup, a single piece of "ring & paint" steel can be used in place of three knock-down steel targets by using what are called "wind rule scoring".

Five additional paper target stands can substitute for a plate rack when the paper option of "GLOCK the Plates" is used. However, when using the paper option for the "Plates" the host club loses the remote reset capability of the rack and therefore the host club needs two, or possibly three, complete "Paper Plates" stage setups to substitute for one actual plate rack with the additional target stands, personnel, and range facility that that entails. In other words, the host club needs as many "Plates" stage setups as "Five to GLOCK" and/or "GLOCK 'M" stage setups.

For locations within a one day drive of GSSF Headquarters outside of Atlanta, Georgia, GSSF can often supply the steel targets necessary to fully equip four "GLOCK 'M" stage setups and four "GLOCK the Plates" stage setups. This area generally includes all of Florida to the south and the general area south and east of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and as far north as the Washington, DC area.

By the third year of its participation in the GSSF program any GSSF host club outside of that area is expected, and host clubs inside that area are requested, to obtain their own steel targets sufficient to equip its own respective annual GSSF matches.

New host clubs can sometimes arrange for GSSF to finance their acquisition of such equipment which is subsequently set against the per-match entry compensation GSSF normally pays to the host club for as many successive years of annual GSSF matches as are necessary to "pay" for the equipment provided by GSSF "up front" to the new Host Club. This is discussed further in the "Compensation" section below.

NUMBER OF STAGE SETUPS REQUIRED FOR A SUCCESSFUL GSSF MATCH.

We have observed that at the GSSF matches that are best received by our individual members, those members are generally able to arrive, shoot their match entries, and leave in no more than about three hours. If it takes longer the member often has a negative experience and is not as likely to return to that host club's match the next year it is held.

To accomplish this generally requires the host club to erect, man, and run MULTIPLE, identical stage "setups" of the three basic match stages.

A GSSF match usually runs from between 9AM to about 4 to 5PM each of the two weekend days that it is held. A period of about 7 hours. Also generally speaking, about 60% to 70% of GSSF entries are shot on Saturday and the remaining 30% to 40% on Sunday. In deference to local churches, some matches cannot begin before noon on Sunday.

The rule of thumb is that a single stage setup of "Five to GLOCK" or "GLOCK 'M" can conduct one "entry" about every 6 minutes, or about 10 per hour. Therefore, a theoretical GSSF match setup that consisted of only one of each of the three stage setups (a 1/1/1 setup) could only cycle about 70 entries per day, or 140 entries for the entire two-day match.

Matches that generally draw less than 200 entries from one year to another are often discontinued after having been given several chances to increase in size. Therefore, for a minimum, sustainable, average sized GSSF match of about 250 match entries, the potential host club should plan to erect and man a minimum of two each of "Five to GLOCK" and "GLOCK 'M" and one "GLOCK the Plates" (hereinafter referred to as a 2/2/1 stage setup). The number of stage setups set up and run at some representative GSSF matches of various sizes are listed above for review.

For matches from 250 to 300 entries the host club should plan for a 3/3/1 or 3/3/2 setup. For matches from 300 to 400 entries the host club should plan for a 4/4/2 or better setup.

Please note that the all time record GSSF match used an 8/8/4 setup to run 1,023 match entries!

At some of the larger matches, arrangements have been made to start match setup activities earlier than normal on Friday, and have many of the Range Officers shoot their match entries on Friday afternoon. This permits those ROs to concentrate on running the regular GSSF shooters through the stages on Saturday and Sunday.

Again, since 60-70% of entries are encountered on Saturday the above setup numbers can often be reduced by about 1/3rd for Sunday. That is, a match that runs 3/3/2 setups on Saturday could often be reduced to 2/2/2 or even 2/2/1 on Sunday.

MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS

It is ALWAYS better to erect more setups than "needed" as the quicker all the GSSF member participants can be cycled through the match, the better they like it and the more likely it will be that they will both return and next time, bring friends and family to participate as well.

It also reduces the workload on the Range Officers.

It is POSSIBLE to run a large match with fewer stage setups than the size of the match would tend to require. For example, notice that the Topton, PA match has run in the high-200 low-300 entry range with only 2/2/2 setups. It has done so only by working the available Range Officer staff EXTREMELY hard.

Overworked Range Officers are less likely to participate the next time. Many hands make for light work.

The "rule of thumb" is that you need three Range Officers to man each stage setup. Add about another 25% for relief's, etc.

Therefore, for a 2/2/1 setup you would need about 15 Range Officers during "peak" hours plus about 4 relievers for a total of about 19 or 20 ROs.

A 3/3/2 setup should have about $(8 \times 3) = 24 + (25\% \text{ of } 24) = 6 = 30$ ROs, and so forth.

Most Range Officers do not need any special training or certification. Most RO duties consist of scoring and administrating the shooting order and can be done by most people with reasonable intelligence. For those ROs who actually supervise shooters, those individuals who have training and/or experience in Range Officering at other pistol shooting competitions such as IDPA or USPSA matches, are preferable.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

"WHAT DOES THE HOST CLUB GET FROM GLOCK FOR HOSTING A GSSF MATCH?"

Each new host club negotiates its own compensation arrangement with GLOCK Professional/GSSF.

A typical per-entry fee to the host club is usually set at \$4.

However, the first 200 entries are paid to the host club in the form of two award certificates for GLOCK firearms rather than cash.

Entries in excess of 200 are paid by GSSF to the host club at the \$4 per entry rate. If the match exceeds 300 entries, the Host Club may take an additional firearms certificate in lieu of the additional cash. Many host clubs raffle these certificates off to the GSSF members attending the match. The Internet price for such certificates is about \$400 if the club elects to sell one or both certificates outright. Other clubs will organize a raffle for one or both certificates during the match itself, usually selling either 100 tickets at \$5 each or 50 certificates at \$10 each. Either way grossing \$500 per certificate or \$1,000 for both. Other well-financed host clubs who host a GSSF match more to support the shooting sports in general rather than for reasons of profit sometimes just donate the certificate(s) to be raffled off amongst those of their club members who staff the match.

As previously mentioned, some new host clubs wish to acquire steel targets such as plate racks and Pepper Poppers that can not only be used by the host club for the GSSF match, but for other club activities during the rest of the year. In such cases GSSF can often arrange for the purchase of the targets, the cost of which is then set against the resulting match entries at \$4 per entry for as many successive years of GSSF matches as are necessary to offset the initial acquisition costs. The Host Club is responsible for subsequent maintenance of the targets. Depending on the location of the new Host Club, GSSF can sometimes deliver such targets in conjunction with the match itself, saving on shipping costs. If a Host Club is going to purchase steel targets from GSSF it must be firmly agreed to between the Host Club and GSSF at least three months prior to the match date so that GSSF has enough lead time to have the targets fabricated or refurbished, and/or delivered in time, as the case may be.

"WHAT DO THE RANGE OFFICERS GET FOR WORKING A GSSF MATCH?"

Each RO gets a hat and an RO shirt. The RO also gets his or her choice of several GLOCK products. In most cases, one such item for each day worked to a maximum of two. Such items include magazines for GLOCK firearms, GLOCK Field knives, "Team GLOCK" shirts, backpacks, "gun rugs", a one-year membership in GSSF, or a no-charge entry to the GSSF match itself. Of course, the ROs are also free to shoot the match itself and are therefore eligible for the match awards.

Your comments regarding the above with respect to your host club. Use additional sheets of paper if need be:

Add any additional comments or questions for which you need answers from GSSF: