



Stage 1 – Julius Caesar

Rome, 44 BC. Julius Caesar had climbed to the top of the most powerful empire on earth. A soothsayer warned him: "Beware the Ides of March." But on March 15th, he went anyway. Twenty-three senators surrounded him on the Senate floor and stabbed him. He fought back until he saw his closest friend Brutus among them, and then he just stopped. Shakespeare immortalized his last words: "*And you, Brutus?*" The date became a warning that no matter how powerful you are, the blade closest to you belongs to the hand you trusted most.

10 Pistol – Holstered

10 Rifle – Staged on **right table**

4+ Shotgun – Staged on **any table**

Starting Position: At **either outside table**; in the *adlocutio*, facing up range one hand pointing at the posse shoulder height, other hand palm up with bandana draped across forearm.

Starting Line: "*Et tu?*"

Shooting Order: Shotgun last.

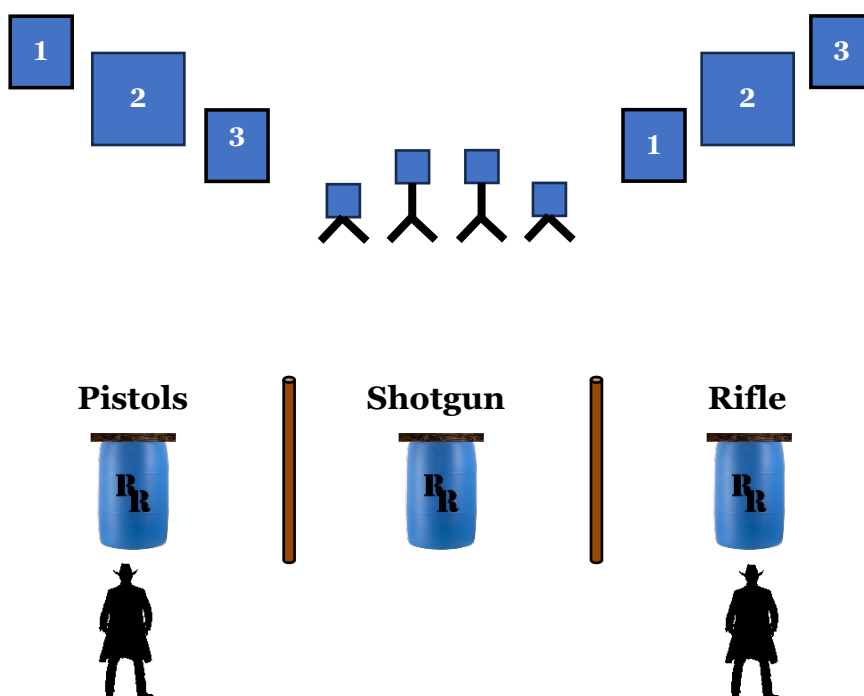
ATB:

If Rifle – From *right table*; **Double-Tap** an outside target, then **Triple-Tap** center. Then repeat instructions using other outside target. **Example:** (1-1-2-2-2-3-3-2-2-2)

If Pistols – From *left of posts*; repeat rifle instructions: **Double-Tap** an outside target, then **Triple-Tap** center. Then repeat instructions using other outside target. **Example:** (3-3-2-2-2-1-1-2-2-2)

Shotgun – From *between posts*; engage four knockdowns until down.

Notes:





Stage 2 – Wild Bill Hickok

Wild Bill Hickok always sat with his back to the wall. Always. On August 2nd, 1876, he walked into Nuttal and Mann's Saloon in Deadwood and the only open seat at the poker table had its back to the door. He asked the man in the corner seat to switch with him twice. The man refused. Hickok sat down anyway, and a failed gambler named Jack McCall walked up behind him and put a bullet in the back of his head. The hand he was holding when he died, black aces and eights, is still called the “Dead Man's Hand.” To this day, superstitious poker players fold it, considering the hand bad luck.

10 Pistol – Holstered

10 Rifle – Staged on **right table**

4+ Shotgun – Staged on **center or right table**

Starting Position: At **right table**; holding cards in both hands at shoulder height.

Starting Line: “Dead Man’s Hand”

Shooting Order: Rifle, Shotgun, Pistols

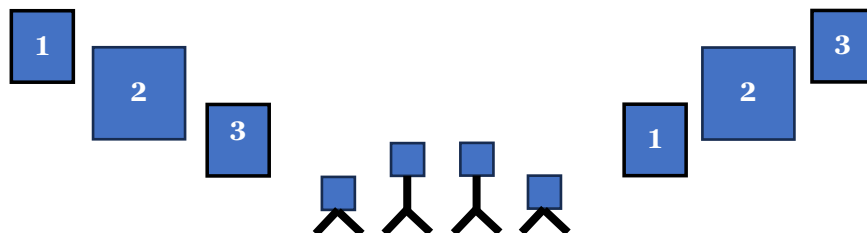
ATB:

Rifle – From *right table*; shoot a **Dead Man’s Hand: Single-Tap** each outside target then engage center with **eight rounds**. Make safe behind barrier. **Example:** (1-3-2-2-2-2-2-2)

Shotgun – From *between posts*: engage four knockdowns until down.
Make safe behind barrier or on left table.

Pistols – From *left of posts*; repeat rifle instructions: shoot a **Dead Man’s Hand: Single-Tap** each outside target then engage center with **eight rounds**.

Notes:



Pistols



Shotgun



Rifle





Stage 3 – Jesse James

Jesse James was the most romanticized outlaw in American history. Newspapers painted him as a Robin Hood, robbing banks on behalf of the poor, and Americans loved him for it. His downfall was a 20-year-old kid he'd let into his home, fed at his table, and handed a brand-new nickel-plated S&W Model 3, .44 as a gift. While James stood unarmed dusting his mother's needlepoint that read "God Bless Our Home," Robert Ford used that gifted gun to shoot him in the back of the head. His gravestone read: *'murdered by a traitor and coward whose name is not worthy to appear here.'*

10 Pistol – Holstered

10 Rifle – Staged on **either outside table**

4+ Shotgun – Staged **with rifle**

Starting Position: At *center table*; *pistol in hand*

Starting Line: "Picture perfect betrayal."

Shooting Order: Pistols, Rifle, Shotgun

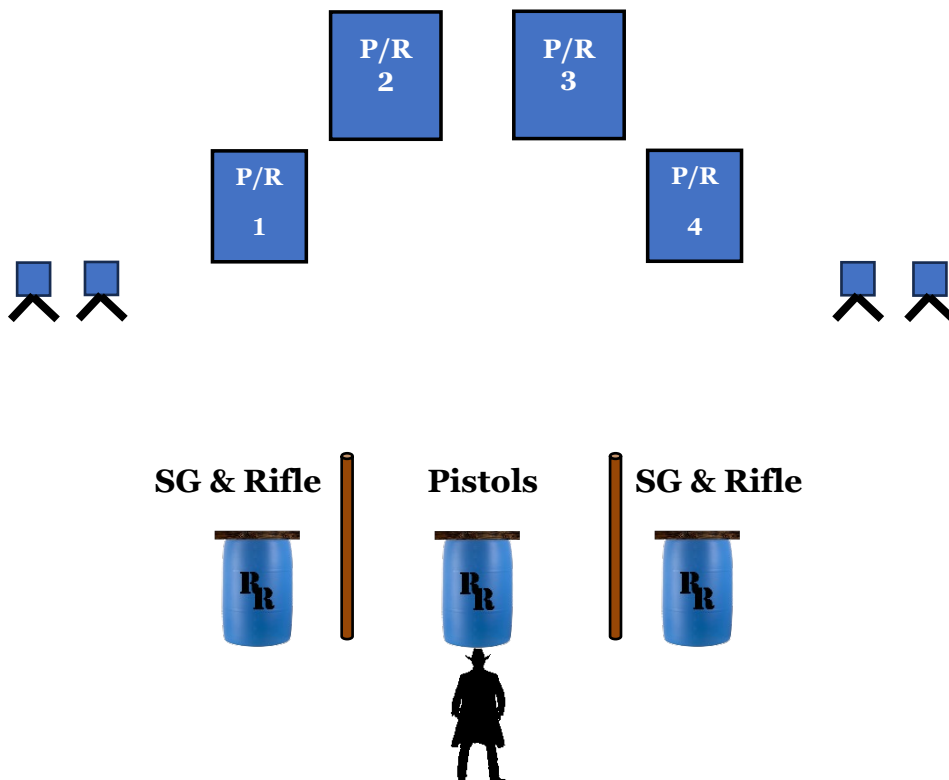
ATB:

Pistols – From *center table*; alternate **2-1-2** on an inside then outside target. Then repeat instructions using other targets.

Rifle – From *left or right table*; repeat pistol instructions: alternate **2-1-2** on an inside then outside target. Then repeat instructions using other targets.

Shotgun – Starting at *outside table with staged rifle*; engage two knockdowns until down from outside both posts.

Notes:





Stage 4 – Robert Ford

Ford shot Jesse James, collected his reward, and spent ten years realizing that Americans don't forgive a back shooter. He was jeered off stages and ran out of towns, followed everywhere by a folk song calling him "that dirty little coward," titled simply 'Jesse James.' Eventually landing in Colorado, running a tent saloon when on June 8th, 1892, a man named Edward O'Kelley came in. Walking up behind Ford saying "Hello, Bob," then emptying both barrels of a shotgun through the back of Ford's neck. The man who became infamous for back shooting died with buckshot in his back. The Old West had poetry all its own, many times with lead punctuation.

10 Pistol – Holstered

10 Rifle – Staged on **far table**

6+ Shotgun – Staged on **near table**

Starting Position: At **near table**; *both hands on shotgun.*

Starting Line: *"Hello, Bob."*

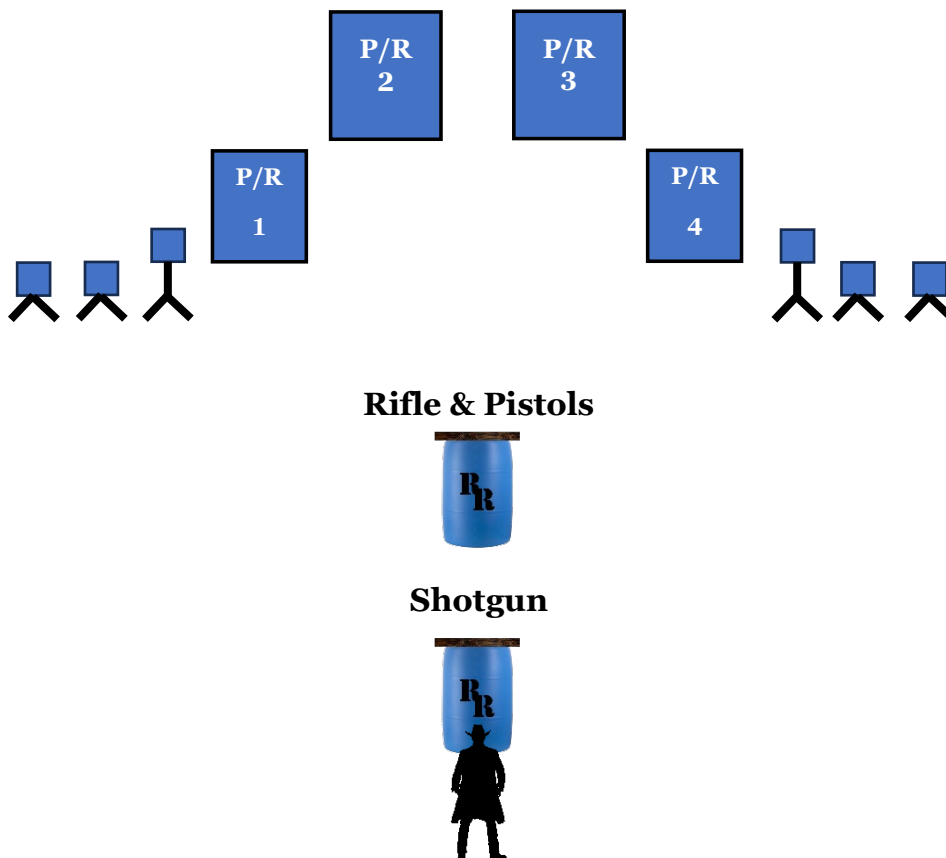
Shooting Order: Shotgun, Rifle, Pistols

ATB:

Shotgun – From *near table*; Engage six knockdowns until down. Make safe on far table.

Rifle then Pistols – From *far table*; sweep targets **1-8-9-2** from either end.

Notes – Shotgun can be safely engaged anywhere between near and far tables.





Stage 5 – John Wesley Hardin

John Wesley Hardin had reportedly killed over forty men and walked out of prison a licensed attorney. He hired El Paso lawman John Selman to handle a problem, then refused to pay when the job was done. Selman walked into the Acme Saloon, found Hardin with his back turned at the dice table, and shot him in the back of the head. The deadliest gunman in Texas died owing money to the wrong man.

10 Pistol – Holstered

10 Rifle – Staged on center table

4+ Shotgun – Staged on either outside table

Starting Position: At center table, holding dice in one hand, other hand on pistol.

Starting Line: “Snake Eyes”

Shooting Order: Pistols, Rifle, Shotgun

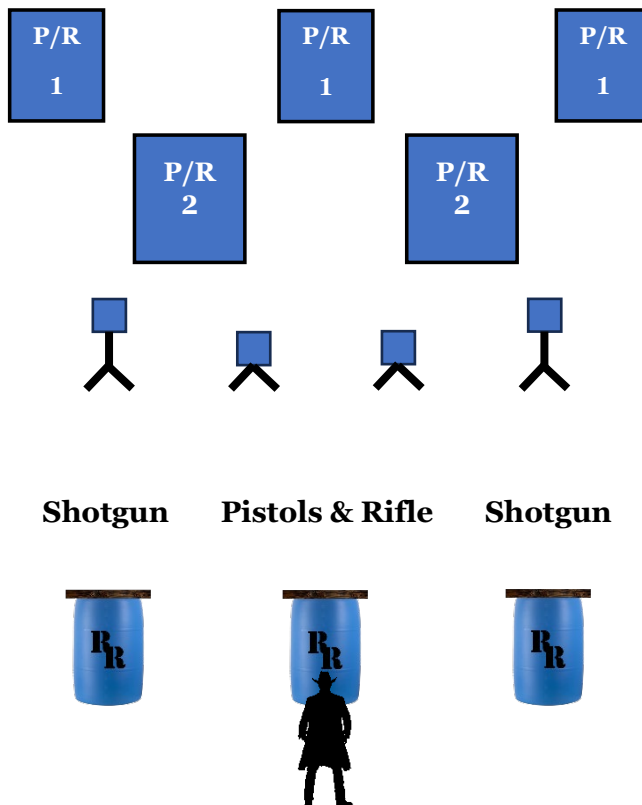
ATB:

Pistols – From center table; *Nevada Sweep* right or left three targets, starting on center target. Then repeat using other three targets.

Rifle – From center table; repeat pistol instructions: *Nevada Sweep* right or left three targets, starting on center target. Then repeat using other three targets.

Shotgun – From either outside table; engage four knockdowns until down.

Notes:





Stage 6 – Morgan Earp

Two months after the O.K. Corral, Morgan Earp was playing pool at Campbell and Hatch's saloon when a shot came through the rear door's glass panel and hit him in the back. A second shot missed Wyatt by inches. Morgan died on the pool table within the hour. The Cowboys had been watching his routine for weeks. Wyatt's response was the Vendetta Ride, and he didn't care which direction they were facing when he found them.

10 Pistol – Holstered

10 Rifle – Staged on left table

4+ Shotgun – Staged on right table

Starting Position: At right table, pool cue held in both hands.

Starting Line: “And Hell’s coming with me!”

Shooting Order: Shotgun, Rifle, Pistols

ATB:

Shotgun – Starting at *right table*; engage four knockdowns until down. Make safe behind barrier.

Rifle – From *left table*; sweep targets **1-3-2-3-1** from either end. Make safe behind barrier.

Pistols – From *right of post*; repeat rifle instructions: sweep targets **1-3-2-3-1** from either end.

Notes: Shotgun may be engaged anywhere between right and left tables.

