

>> Jessie: On today's Taurus Pro Tip we are going to be covering what you can expect at your first practical shooting competition. As you just saw, he just went through the range commands, and this is going to be across the board at any match you go to whether it's national or international, starting with the make ready, this is going to be your cue as the shooter to step into the shooting area and get ready for your course of fire.

>> Jessie: Make ready **>> KC:** Now that I have been given the command I am going to use this time to feel my draw, see a sight picture and mentally prepare for the course of fire. Then I am going to load my firearm put it on safe, put it in the holster, and get into the starting position and in this case that would be hands at sides.

>> Jessie: The next command you are going to hear is "are you ready", at this point as the shooter you can either verbally confirm "yes", give a head nod, or if there is no movement detected by the RO for three seconds, that also indicates that you are prepared for the course of fire, at which the RO will say stand by, and in one to three seconds you'll hear the beep, at that point, it's time to start shooting. Are you ready? Stand By, (beep)

>> Jessie: Now that you are done shooting, the next command you are going to hear from the RO is, "If you are finished, unload and show clear" As the RO I am going to visibly inspect that the firearm is unloaded and as the shooter you should check as well, next you are going to hear, "If clear, hammer down and holster" **>> KC:** at this point I am going to face down range, drop my hammer, and re-holster. **>> Jessie:** The last command you are going to hear from the RO is "Range is clear" and that is your indication that you are done with your course of fire.

>> Jessie: So you have just seen what you can expect to happen at your first practical shooting match, it's important to make note that you can only handle your firearm when you are in a safe area or under the direct supervision of an RO and you can only handle your firearm with loaded magazines once you have stepped into the shooting area and the RO has given you the command to make ready. **>> KC:** Until next time, shoot straight and shoot fast