***Can I Shoot this Match?***by Jake Mensing  
  
The following should be read as a flow-chart.

1. **Do you have a rifle?**
   * If yes, go to 2. It's not very important what rifle it is. AR, AK, SKS, Garand, M1 carbine, PCC
   * If no, go get one.
2. **Do you have a pistol?**
   * If it is 9mm Makarov, or .38 Special or greater, go to 3.
   * If you don't have one, go get one.
3. **Do you have a holster for your pistol?**
   * If it is a duty/concealed carry holster, go to 4. As a general rule, if it's okay to use in IDPA, you can use it here.
   * If no, go buy one.
4. **Do you have a way to feed extra ammunition into your rifle?**
   * If you have a way to feed at least 40 rounds into your rifle, go to 5. The feeding device could be a magazine, stripper clips, enbloc clips, or even your fingers. You will rarely need more than 40 rounds in a stage.
   * If you don't, go buy some.
5. **Do you have ear and eye protection?**
   * If yes, go to 6.
   * If no, go buy some.
6. **Do you have a way to feed extra ammunition into your pistol?**
   * If you can feed at least 30 rounds into your pistol, go to 7. The feeding device could be extra magazines, speed loaders, speed strips, or even just loose ammo in a pouch (although that would not be recommended for a semi-auto).
   * If no, go buy some.
7. **Do you have a way to carry all of your feeding devices (pockets count)?**
   * If yes, go to 8.
   * If no, go buy some pants/shorts with pockets (or a sporran if your man enough to wear a kilt).
8. **Do you know where your rifle will hit between 1" and 200 yards?**
   * If yes, go to 9.
   * If no, get to the range and zero it. It shouldn't take you more than 20 rounds to do so. Find a distance that you like, and zero your gun to that distance. Then do a little bit of shooting at various distances between 1" and 200 yards, and just pay attention to where the bullets hit, compared to where your sights are.
9. **Do you have 100 rounds of ammunition for your rifle and 50 rounds of ammunition for your pistol?**
   * If yes, you can probably shoot our match twice, so go to 10.
   * If no, go get enough.
10. **Do you know where the Green River Gun Club is?**
    * If yes, go to 11.
    * If no, go to <http://www.bggrgc.com/> .

1. **Do you have $20.00?**
   * That's the match fee. If yes, go to 12.
   * If no, scrounge through your couch cushions, brew your own coffee instead of getting an overpriced crappy latte from Starbucks, and generally save up.

1. **Are you free on the 3rd Saturday of every month?**
   * If yes, then you have no excuse. Come out and shoot with us. Sign in starts at 9:00a.m. with a shooters meeting at 9:30a.m. We usually run until about 1:30 to 2:00, so you'll probably want to schedule a whole day. If you have to leave early, just let the RO know when you have to leave.
   * If no, then try to arrange your schedule to come out. The matches are a lot of fun, and will give you a great idea of where your skill-set is using your guns in a practical manner.