



The 2026 Staccato National SWAT Championship is coming up soon! The following information is being provided to help competitors prepare for it. You will be competing all three days with the goal of making the top two teams. There are no semi finals!! At the end of the match the top two teams will shoot off for the championship as soon as they're determined.

Event Schedule

23 September 2026 Teams arrive in Las Vegas and check in at Silverton Lodge

24 September 2026 ALL TEAMS MUST COMPLETE THE CHECK IN PROCESS AT STACCATO VEGAS NO LATER THAN 3PM

Event sponsor product show

Weapon zero confirmation

Pre-briefing on select stages

25 September 2026 Team Competition and individual side stages

Event sponsor product show

26 September 2026 Team Competition and individual side stages

Event sponsor product show

27 September 2026 Team Competition and individual side stages

Two Team Head-to-Head Final

Awards, Prize Table & Closing ceremony

Logistics

Hotel: Silverton Casino Hotel.

<https://silvertoncasinohotel.book.pegasbe.com/promo?offerCode=GCIST0926&hotel=SILV>

Transportation: Competitors will have to arrange their own transportation to and from the Host Hotel and Staccato Vegas (1 PrairieFire Rd, Pahrump, NV 89061; Phone 702-837-7433) throughout the event.

Food: During the competition, meals can be purchased from the PrairieFire Café and specialty food trucks that will be available every day.

It is recommended that competitors also bring energy bars, electrolyte drinks/powders, etc. to consume while they are actually engaged in the various stages of the competition.

Ammunition: First and foremost, all the following types of ammunition are strictly prohibited for use in the competition: incendiary, tracer, armor piercing / penetrator (i.e. M855 green tip), steel jacketed, steel core, and bi-metal.

Each five person team will need a minimum of 2,000 rounds of pistol ammunition and 2,000 rounds of rifle ammunition for the competition as well as weapons zero confirmation on 24 September 2026. Teams can and should bring additional ammunition if they wish to train/practice more on 24 September.

Unless teams are driving to the competition and transporting their ammunition in their vehicles, they should ship it as soon as possible via UPS or FEDEX (with tracking) to the address on the next page:

Staccato Vegas

Attention: Robert Barcus – “Name of Agency and Name of Team’s Main Point of Contact”

1 Prairie Fire Road

Pahrump, NV 89061

Ammunition (continued): Teams may use 9mm, .40 caliber, or .45 caliber for pistol and 5.56mm or .300 Blackout for rifles. No pistol caliber carbines (PCC) will be allowed during the competition.

It is highly recommended that teams only use 9mm and 5.56mm ammunition since these calibers can be easily purchased from Staccato Vegas during the event.

Team Composition

Teams will be comprised of five full-time sworn officers from the tactical operations team (i.e. SWAT, SRT, SORT, etc.) of the law enforcement agency they are employed at. Competitors will have their credentials verified as part of the event registration process.

All five team members will be eligible to participate in the competition but only four will be allowed to do so in each of the stages. Teams will decide as they see fit which four of their five members will compete in a stage.

Teams must be able to field a four-person element to continue on in the competition. If two or more members have to withdraw for whatever reason (i.e. injury, disqualification for safety violation, etc.), the entire team will be pulled from the competition.

Equipment

The following pages detail the **minimum/mandatory equipment** that each team member must have to participate in the competition. Some criteria have been added and modified from last year.

- M4-variant rifle with a sling, four magazines (or more), and pouches
 - **Competitors should be prepared to engage various sizes/types of targets (i.e. 8" steel plates, USPSA, etc.) from different positions (i.e. prone, kneeling, barricades, etc.) at distances from 10 to 200 yards**
 - 5.56mm is preferred as previously mentioned
 - Competitors **must use the same rifle** throughout the competition
 - Teams can bring back-up rifles and/or spare parts to use if one or more of their rifles goes down
 - Whether replaced or repaired, the competitor's rifle must be configured **exactly the same** as it was at the start of the competition in order to be allowed for continued use.
 - Competitors can use iron sights and/or the following optical aiming devices such as:
 - Non-magnified red-dot optics (RDO)
 - Magnifiers can be used with the RDO
 - Low power variable optics (LPVO)
 - **LPVO maximum power cannot exceed 10X**
 - Back-up/offset RDOs can be used with LPVOs
 - Suppressors are allowed
 - Muzzle brakes/compensators are allowed but cannot be more than 1" in diameter and 3" long
 - As mentioned previously, **pistol caliber carbines (PCC) are not allowed for use in the competition**
 - **Firearm supports of any kind are not allowed, including but not limited to bipods, tripods, monopods, or PRS-style barricade shooting bags/rests, etc.**
- Semi-automatic pistol with three magazines (or more) and pouches

- **Competitors should be prepared to engage various sizes/types of targets (i.e. 8" steel plates, hostage/threat headshot, etc.) at distances from 5 to 25 yards**
- 9mm is preferred as previously mentioned
- Competitors **must use the same pistol** throughout the competition
 - Teams can bring back-up pistols and/or spare parts to use if one or more of their pistols goes down
 - Whether replaced or repaired, the competitor's pistol must be configured **exactly the same** as it was at the start of the competition in order to be allowed for continued use.
- Competitors can use iron sights and/or any slide mounted optics
- No frame mounted optics are allowed
- Operational uniform clothing that provides enough coverage to protect against minor scrapes, abrasions, hot brass, etc.
 - All team members must wear the same uniform
 - **No shorts allowed**
- Duty belt with holster with Level 2 or greater retention (i.e. Safariland ALS, Blackhawk L2D, etc.) and a dump pouch
 - **No Serpa style holsters allowed**
- Ballistic helmet
 - **Non-ballistic "bump" helmets are not allowed**
- Tactical body armor vest or plate carrier **with front and back ballistic hard plates inserted**
 - Ballistic plates must be **Level III rifle-rated or greater**
 - **IMPORTANT NOTE: Each competitor's armor vest/carrier must meet a minimum weight requirement of 12 pounds (including ammunition, hydration system, other gear, etc.).**

- This weight standard will be verified at the beginning of and throughout the competition with time penalties assessed for not meeting it.
- Gas mask and pouch
- Individual first aid/trauma kit consisting of **the following mandatory items:**
 - Tourniquet
 - Chest seals X 1 (preferably 2)
 - Trauma/pressure dressing X 1
 - Hemostatic gauze dressing X 1
 - Elastic or cohesive wrap X 1
- Flashbang pouch on belt or plate carrier/vest
- Eye protection
- Hearing protection
- Footwear that allows the competitor to negotiate obstacles (i.e. fences, walls, etc.) as well as rough terrain for extended distances.

There will be no long-range sniper or night shooting stages in this year's competition. As such, teams do not need to bring sniper rifles, spotting scopes, night vision gear, or weapon-mounted IR laser aiming devices (i.e. PEQ-15s, DBALs, MAWLs, etc.).

Competition Point of Contact

Please contact Chris Palmer via email chris.palmer@staccato2011.com with any questions you may have.