



The 2025 Staccato National SWAT Championship is coming up soon! The following information is being provided to help competitors prepare for it.

Event Schedule

21 October 2025 Teams arrive in Las Vegas and check in at Silverton Lodge

22 October 2025 **ALL TEAMS MUST COMPLETE THE CHECK IN PROCESS
AT STACCATO VEGAS NO LATER THAN 3PM**

Event sponsor product showcase

Weapon zero confirmation

Pre-briefing on select stages

Welcome Barbeque

23 October 2025 Team Competition

Event sponsor product show

24 October 2025 Team Competition

Event sponsor product show

25 October 2025 Eight Team Semi Final Competition

Individual competition stages

Event sponsor product show

26 October 2025 Two Team Head-to-Head Final

Closing ceremony

Logistics

Registration: In order to secure a spot in this year's championship, teams need to register at <https://swatchchampionship.com/> if they have not done so already.

Hotel: Competitors should arrange lodging at the Silverton Lodge (3333 Blue Diamond Road Las Vegas, NV 89139; Phone 702-263-7777) as soon as possible. A special highly discounted group rate has been arranged for the competition with the Silverton Lodge. Rooms can be booked using the link on provided at <https://swatchchampionship.com/>.

Transportation: Competitors will have to arrange their own transportation to and from the Silverton Lodge 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 Staccato Vegas 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.

On 22 October 2025, there will be a welcome barbeque at Staccato Vegas

Ammunition: First and foremost, all of 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.

At this time, each five person team should plan to bring **a minimum of 3000 rounds of pistol ammunition and 1500 rounds of rifle ammunition** for the competition as well as weapons zero confirmation. **These figures might increase or decrease slightly** as the competition's stages are finalized over the next two months – updates will be sent out as needed.

If teams wish to train/practice more before the competition on 22 October 2025, they can and should bring additional ammunition.

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:

Staccato Vegas

Attention: Mike Belcher – “Name of Agency and Name of Team’s Main Point of Contact”

1 Prairie Fire Road

Pahrump, NV 89061

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

Unless otherwise noted, the following is the **minimum/mandatory equipment** that each team member **must have** to participate in the competition. **To be clear, teams will not be allowed to compete if they do not bring this equipment.** Some criteria from last year guidance have been modified so be sure to carefully review this information.

- M4-variant rifle with a sling, four magazines (or more), and pouches
 - 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
 - 9mm is preferred as previously mentioned
 - **No Sig P320 pistols are allowed**
 - 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 holsters that need to have at least one means of active retention – minimum would be Safariland ALS, Blackhawk L2D, etc.
Absolutely no friction retention only holsters will be allowed.
 - **No Serpa 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 20 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 (not mandatory but recommended)
- Dump pouch (not mandatory but recommended)
- Hydration system on assault vest/carrier (not mandatory but highly recommended)
- Gloves
- 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 Erik Wollin via email erik.wollin@staccato2011.com with any questions you may have.