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These extracts relate to Pistol events and have only those rules that change the conduct of pistol events. Changes to rule numbering and minor changes are not included.

6.2.1.4 The ISSF may refuse to accept the entry of an athlete in a competition if it has substantial information from competent authorities that such an athlete presents a serious threat to the safety of others on a shooting range.

6.2.2.2 Safety flags must be inserted in all rifles, pistols and semi-automatic shotguns at all times other than during authorized dry firing or live firing on a firing point. The purpose of safety flags is to visibly demonstrate when gun actions are open and guns are unloaded. To demonstrate that air rifles and air pistols are unloaded, the safety flag must be long enough to extend through the full length of the barrel.

- **If a safety flag is not used as required by this rule, a Jury Member must give a WARNING with instructions to insert a safety flag in the gun.**
- **If the Jury confirms that an athlete refuses to use a safety flag as required by this rule and after being warned, the athlete must be disqualified.**

6.2.2.4 When placing a gun down to leave the firing point or when firing is complete, all guns must be unloaded with actions (bolt or locking mechanism) open and safety flags inserted. Before leaving a firing point, the athlete must ascertain and the Range Officer must verify that there is no cartridge or pellet in the gun's chamber, barrel or magazine **and a safety flag is inserted.**

6.2.2.7 The handling of guns is not permitted and safety flags must be inserted when any personnel are forward of the firing line.

6.2.4.2 It is the athlete's responsibility that any air or CO2 cylinder is still within its validity date. This must be checked by Equipment Control.

6.3.4 Targets and Target Standards

- Rifle and Pistol Finals are scored in decimal values, **except that 25m Pistol Finals use hit-miss scoring with hits zones based on decimal values established by the ISSF Executive Committee.**

6.4.1.7 The ISSF recommends that all new ranges be accessible to disabled persons. Existing ranges should be adapted to make them accessible to disabled persons.

6.4.3.5 Each range must be equipped with a large clock at each end of the hall on which the time can clearly be seen by athletes and officials. The Finals range preparation area must also have a clock. Range clocks must be synchronized with results computers to show the same time. Rifle and Pistol Finals ranges must have a count-down clock that shows the time remaining for each shot.

6.4.11.3 In 25m events, the targets must be placed in groups of five (5), for the Rapid Fire Pistol event; and in groups of four (4), three (3) or exceptionally five (5) for the 25m Pistol, 25m Center Fire Pistol and 25m Standard Pistol events.

6.4.11.9 45 degree reference lines should be placed on range walls or section dividers to the left or right of the firing points. (25m ranges)

6.7.5.3 The use of any special devices, means or clothing, including the use of Kinesio, medical or similar taping, which immobilizes or unduly reduces the movement of the athlete's legs, body or

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arms, is prohibited for rifle, pistol and running target shooters in order to ensure that athletes' performance skills are not artificially improved.

6.7.6.1 If shorts are worn during competitions, the bottom of the leg must be not more than 15 cm above the center of the kneecap.

6.7.7.1 Equipment Control Procedures...

- It is the athlete's responsibility that any air or CO2 cylinder is within manufacturer's validity date (maximum of ten (10) years); **this may be checked by Equipment Control and advisory recommendations may be given;**...
- One copy of the Equipment Control Card is given to the athlete who must retain this card with his equipment at all times. **If an athlete loses his Equipment Control Card, there is a EUR 10.00 fee to replace it;**...

6.11.1 Rules for 10m and 50m Rifle and Pistol Events

6.11.1.1 Preparation and Sighting Time

Athletes must be given 15 minutes before the competition starts to make their final preparation and fire unlimited Sighting Shots.

- **Sighting targets must be visible at least 15 minutes before the Preparation and Sighting Time starts;**
- **Athletes may not place their guns and equipment on their firing points until the Chief Range Officer has called the athletes to the line;**
- **The Chief Range Officer must call athletes to the line at least 15 minutes before the Preparation and Sighting Time starts;**
- **If there is more than one relay, each relay must be allowed the same amount of time to bring their equipment to the firing line;**
- **After the Chief Range Officer calls athletes to the line, they are permitted to handle their guns, dry fire or carry out holding and aiming exercises on the firing line before the Preparation and Sighting Time starts;**
- **Pre-competition checks by the jury and range officers must be completed before the Preparation and Sighting Time starts;**
- **The Preparation and Sighting Time begins with the command "PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME...START"**
No shot may be fired before the command "START;"
- **An athlete who fires a shot or shots before the start of the Preparation and Sighting Time must be disqualified if safety is involved. If safety is not involved, the first competition shot must be registered as a miss (0).; and**
- **The Preparation and Sighting Time must be timed to end at the official starting time for Match firing.**

6.11.1.2 "START" of Competition

- **At the end of the Preparation and Sighting Time, the Chief Range Officer will command "END OF PREPARATION AND SIGHTING...STOP." There must then be a brief pause of approximately 30 seconds so the Target Officer can reset the targets for MATCH or record firing.**
- **When all targets are reset for MATCH or record firing, the Chief Range Officer will command "MATCH FIRING...START." MATCH firing is considered to have started when the CRO has given the command "START." ...**

6.11.10 Special Competition Regulations

- **It is not permitted to put any substance on the floor of the Firing Point to gain an unfair advantage or to wipe the firing point without permission.**

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- It is not permitted to place non-removeable tape or draw lines with a permanent marker on the floor.
- No one may change or modify any range structure or equipment (e.g. bench size, cutting mats, adding gun cases or boxes to the bench, etc.)...

6.15 TIE-BREAKING

6.15.1 Individual Ties in 300m, 50m, 25m and 10m Events

All tied scores will be broken for 300m, 50m, 25m and 10m events by applying the following Rules:

- The highest number of inner tens;
- The highest score of the last ten (10) shot series working backward by 10-shot series in full ring scoring (not inner tens or decimals) until the tie is broken;
- If any ties remain, scores will be compared on a shot-by-shot basis using inner tens (i. e. an inner ten outranks a 10 that is not an inner ten) beginning with the last shot, then the next to the last shot, etc.;
- If any ties remain, and EST are used, scores will be compared on a shot-by-shot basis using decimal ring scores beginning with the last shot, then the next to the last shot, etc.;
- If any ties remain, the athletes must have the same ranking and must be listed in Latin alphabetical order using the athlete's family name unless there is a tie to enter the Finals; and
- If decimal scoring is used for 10m Air Rifle or 50m Rifle Prone Elimination or Qualification events, ties will be broken by the highest score of the last ten shot series, etc. (decimal scores) and then by comparing decimal scores on a shot-by-shot basis beginning with the last shot, then the next to the last shot, etc.

6.15.5 Ties in Olympic Events with Finals

If there is a tie to be eligible for the Finals from the Qualification Round, the tie will be broken by Rule 6.15.1.

6.17 FINALS IN OLYMPIC RIFLE AND PISTOL EVENTS

6.17.1.2 Start Positions and Bib Numbers. Starting positions in Finals are assigned according to the athletes' Qualification ranking **and new Bib Numbers (1-8 or 1-6) are issued. The firing points should be labelled A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H. The reserve targets should be labelled R1 and R2.**

(note that this target numbering clashes with rules for Finals for events - SCT)

6.17.1.3 Reporting and Start Time. The Start Time for Finals is when the CRO begins the commands for the first MATCH shot/series. Athletes must report to the Preparation Area for Finals at least **30 minutes** before the Start Time...

6.17.1.4 Late Arrival. Any finalist who does not report to the Preparation Area within **10 min.** after the Reporting Time may not start and will be recorded as the first eliminated athlete and shown as DNS. If a finalist does not report, the first elimination will begin with the seventh place, or fifth place for a 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Finals.

6.17.1.5 Scoring. Qualification scores entitle an athlete to a place in the Finals, but do not carry forward. Finals scoring starts from zero (0) in accordance with these rules. A deduction or penalty must be applied to the score of the MATCH shot/series where the violation occurred. No score below zero (0) will be recorded (e.g. 3-1 point deduction = 2, 0-1 point deduction = 0).

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6.17.1.6 Malfunctions, 10m and 50m Finals. If an athlete has an ALLOWABLE MALFUNCTION (Rule 6.13.2) during a single shot, a maximum of **one (1) min...**

6.17.1.7 **Score Protests.** Score protests regarding the value or number of shots are not permitted in Finals.

6.17.1.8 **EST Complaints.** If an athlete complains that his target failed to register a shot during sighting shots, the athlete will be directed to fire another shot at that target. If that shot registers, the Finals will continue. If that shot does not register or if there is a complaint regarding the failure of a paper/rubber strip to advance, the CRO must command "STOP...UNLOAD" for all finalists and the athlete with the malfunctioning target must be moved to a spare target or the malfunctioning target must be repaired or replaced. As soon as that athlete has a functioning target, the CRO will give all finalists two (2) minutes preparation time and then restart the Preparation and Sighting Time for that Finals. After commands for the first MATCH shot/series start, no further complaints regarding malfunctioning targets may be made. If there is a complaint concerning an unexpected zero (0), the Competition Jury must determine the proper actions to take.

6.17.1.9 **Finals Range Equipment.** Finals Ranges must be equipped with an LCD scoreboard system, a count-down clock visible to finalists and a speaker system. Chairs must be provided for Jury Members on duty, Range Officers, coaches and eliminated athletes.

Finals Course of Fire – 10m and 50m Pistol

- Decimal scoring
- 2 x 3-shot series, each in 150-seconds
- 14 x single-shot series, each in 45-seconds
- Lowest score shooter eliminated at shot #8
- Thereafter, another shooter is eliminated after each **two** shots

Finals Course of Fire – Rapid Fire Pistol

- Virtually as for 2012 rules

Finals Course of Fire – 25m Pistol

- Hit/Miss scoring (decimal ≥ 10.3)
- 25 (5 x 5) shots Semi-final - Top four ranked shooters from Elimination stage of Final proceed to Medal stage
- Medal Stage (shooters in pairs: 3rd + 4th: 1st + 2nd after eliminations)
- In Medal Stage, 10 (2x5) shots: In each 'Medal series, winner in the series gets 2-points: if tied, 1-point each - Winner of the Duel is first to seven (7) points
- 3rd and 4th from the Elimination round 'Duel' to decide 3rd place
- 1st and 2nd from the Elimination round 'Duel' to decide 1st place

8.4.4.2 **The ammunition of at least one (1) athlete from each relay must be tested. The Equipment Control Jury will supervise the selection of the athletes to be tested and collect the ammunition to be tested before each 30-shot Qualification stage (Athletes should have as least 50 rounds with them for each stage of competitions.). A Jury Member must take ten (10) cartridges from the ammunition that the athlete is using, place them in a labeled envelope, seal the envelope and hand it to the testing officer. After the stage is completed, the athlete selected must go to**

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the testing station. The testing officer will load a magazine with three (3) cartridges and fire them in that athlete's pistol and record the muzzle velocity of each cartridge. If the average velocity is under 250.0 m/sec, the test must be repeated. If the average velocity of the six (6) shots is less than 250.0 m/sec, the athlete must be disqualified.

8.5.2 If shorts are worn during competitions, the bottom of the leg must be not more than 15 cm above the center of the knee cap. Skirts and dresses must also comply with this measurement.

8.5.6 Athletes Shoes

- Only low-sided shoes that do not cover the ankle bone (below the medial and lateral malleolus) are permitted. The sole must be flexible in the entire forward part of the foot;
- Athletes may use removeable inner soles or inserts in their shoes, but any inserts must also be flexible in the forward part of the foot;
- An ISSF-approved testing device will be used to check sole flexibility;
- To demonstrate that shoe soles are flexible, athletes must walk normally (heel-toe) at all times while on the field of play. A warning will be given for the first offense, a two-point penalty or disqualification will be given for subsequent violations;

8.6.2 Pistol Transport Boxes

Athletes may use pistol transport boxes to take pistols and equipment to the shooting ranges, but pistol boxes may not be placed on the bench or table, provided the bench or table complies with Rule 6.4.11.10 (0.70 m to 1.00 m high). During Finals, pistol transport boxes or equipment bags must not remain on the FOP.

8.6.3 Pistol Support Stands

Athletes may place pistol support stands or boxes on the bench or table to rest their pistols between shots. The total height of the bench or table with a support stand or box on it may not exceed 1.00 m (see Rule 6.4.11.10, maximum bench height is 1.00 m).

During Elimination or Qualification Rounds, a pistol transport box (Rule 8.6.3) may be used as a pistol support stand, provided the total height of the bench or table plus the box does not exceed 1.0 m. During Finals, a pistol transport box may not be used as a pistol support stand.

8.7.2 Ready Position

In the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Event, 25m Pistol and 25m Center Fire Pistol Rapid Fire Stages and 25m Standard Pistol 20 sec. and 10 sec. series, shooting must start from the READY position (see drawing). In the READY position, the athlete's arm must point downward at an angle of not greater than 45 degrees from the vertical. The arm with the pistol must not be pointed at the ground within the forward edge of the firing point. **The arm must remain in this position while waiting either for the appearance of the target or, when EST are used, for the green light(s) to come on.**

8.7.3 Ready Position Violations

A ready position violation occurs when an athlete in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Event or in the Rapid Fire Stage of the 25m Pistol or 25m Center Fire Pistol Event, or in the 20 second or 10 second stages of the 25m Standard Pistol Event:

- **Raises his arm too soon and this movement becomes part of the arm lift (continuous motion);**
- Does not lower his arm sufficiently; or
- Raises his arm above 45 degrees before the light changes or the targets start to turn.

8.7.6.1 Preparation Time for 25m Events

- **Athletes should report to their Range Section, but must wait to be called to their firing points;**

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- Before the Preparation Time starts, and after any preceding relay is finished, the CRO will call the athletes to their firing points. Only on command, can athletes remove their pistols from their boxes and handle their pistols;
- Pre-competition checks by the Jury and Range Officers must be completed before the Preparation Time starts;
- Preparation Time begins with the command "PREPARATION TIME BEGINS NOW". During the Preparation Time the targets must be visible, facing the athletes. During the Preparation Time athletes may handle their pistols, dry fire and carry out holding and aiming exercises on the firing line; and
- Preparation Time allowed before the competition starts is as follows:

25m Standard Pistol	5 minutes
25m Precision Stages	5 minutes
25m Rapid Fire Stages or Events	3 minutes

8.7.6.3 Specific Rules for the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Qualification Event

"ATTENTION"	The red lights must be switched on or if paper targets are used, they must be turned to the edge-on position and the athlete must bring his pistol to the Ready Position.
	After a delay of seven (7) seconds (+/- 0.1 second) either the green lights come on, or the target must turn to face the athlete.

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8.11 PISTOL EVENT TABLE

Event	Men/ Women		Number of Shots per competition target (paper)	Number of Sighting Targets (paper)	Number of Sighting Shots	Scoring and Patching Paper Targets	Time Limits	Preparation and Sighting Time
10m Air	Men	60	1	4	Unlimited during Preparation and Sighting Time	In the Classification Office	1 hour,15 minutes* 1 hour 30 minutes if EST are not available	15 Minutes
	Women	40					50 minutes* 60 minutes if EST are not available	
50m Pistol	Men	60	5	2	Unlimited during Preparation and Sighting Time	In the Classification Office	1 hour 30 minutes, 1 hour 45 minutes if EST are not available	15 Minutes
25m Rapid Fire Pistol	Men	60	1 New targets for each athlete for each stage (5+30 shots)	5	1 series of 5 shots in each stage	After every 5 shot series	2 stages of 30 shots of 2 five-shot-series in 8, 6, 4 seconds	3 Minutes Preparation
25m Pistol	Women	60	15 New target after the first 15 competition shots in the precision and rapid fire stages	1	1 series of 5 shots in each stage	After Sighting Shots and every 5 shot series	Precision stage: 30 shots of 6 five-shot- series in 5 minutes	Precision stage: 5 Minutes Preparation Rapid Fire Stage: 3 Minutes Preparation
25m Center Fire Pistol	Men	60					Rapid fire stage: 30 shots of 6 five- shot-series in the rapid fire program	
25m Standard Pistol	Men	60					4 five-shot-series in 150, 20, 10 seconds	

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