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NEW 25M PISTOL EVENTS MALFUNCTION RULES – CLASSIFICATION

A Note by the Judges' Committee

The new 2005 rules are as follows:

“8.8.4.5.1 In the case of a **NON-ALLOWABLE MALFUNCTION** every shot that is not fired will be scored as a miss (zero). No re-fire or completion is permitted....”

Thus, if only three shots are fired before the malfunction, scoring say 10, 9, & 10. The five-shot series score will be 29 (ie. the total of the three shots fired).

“8.8.4.5.2 In the case of an **ALLOWABLE MALFUNCTION** the following procedures will be followed....”

Some ambiguity has been found in the Rules when a second Malfunction occurs during the repetition series of 25m Rapid Fire Pistol, or 25m Standard Pistol:

“8.8.4.5.2.1.2 The shooter must fire all five (5) shots at the target(s) in any repeat series, unless a further malfunction occurs. Any shot(s) not fired or not hitting the target in the re-fire must be scored as miss(es) (zero(s)). The shooter may continue to shoot the remainder of the event.”

The Spirit of the Rules is that no shooter should be able to gain any advantage after a malfunction (hence the need to fire all five shots within the time allowed in any repetition situation). However, it is not intended that any shooter, having had one **ALLOWABLE MALFUNCTION (AM)** and having to count the lowest value shots, should be further penalised. Accordingly, the scoring procedure must be as follows:

IF THERE IS a further malfunction, the shooter may not re-fire again (but unfired shots must NOT be scored as zero(s)); the scoring must be as in 8.8.4.5.2.1.6:

“8.8.4.5.2.1.6 If the shooter is unable to complete a full series in the one (1) permitted re-shoot, he must be credited only with as many of the lowest value hit(s) as the highest number of shots he has fired in the series or in the repeat series.”

The scoring may be clearer using the following example. If a 25m shooter gets “9, 10, 10, 10, AM”, and then in the repetition gets “9, Malfunction”, he must be given a score of:

25m Rapid Fire Pistol 39 (and not 29 or 9 that are other possibilities depending upon how the Rule might be interpreted); that is the lowest value shot on each of four targets and one zero for the “fifth” shot that was never fired or, scoring only four shots because that was the maximum number fired in either series.

25m Standard Pistol 38 that is the lowest value four shots on the target and one zero for the “fifth” shot that was never fired, or scoring only four shots because that was the maximum number fired in either series.

In the latest version (SA 931) of the Sius AG Electronic Scoring Targets (EST), the malfunction scores are computed automatically by the EST after the Jury-supervised input of “Allowable” or “Non-Allowable” at the Printer controls. Therefore, it is very important that all Range Officers and Jury Members follow precisely the algorithm (series of pre-determined steps) that is programmed into the EST. This has been based upon the reasoning above, and applies to all targets (paper or electronic).