



World Shooting Para Sport Community

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Re. Notice regarding 2017 ISSF Rules

Dear World Shooting Para Sport friends,

We would like to officially confirm that World Shooting Para Sport will be adhering to all the changes made in the 2017 edition of the ISSF rules. This decision was made in line with the Memorandum of Understanding (signed 2010) between the ISSF and World Shooting Para Sport. The 2017 ISSF Rules include some changes that World Shooting Para Sport believes will have an exciting impact for World Shooting Para Sport competitions. These rules will be applied for all competitions starting 6 February 2017.

Finals Changes

10m and 50m Single Position Events - The two 3-shot series at the beginning of each Final are increased to 5-shot series to be fired in 250 seconds (150 seconds for 10m & 50m Rifle Prone). These Finals will now consist of 24 shots.

P3 (mixed 25m Pistol SH1) Event - This Final is changed to a progressive elimination Final that is very similar to other final formats. In the new format, eight finalists will shoot four 5-shot series. After the fourth series, the 8th place athlete will be eliminated. Eliminations will continue until the gold and silver medals are decided after the tenth series.

Other Rule Changes

Results, Timing and Scoring (RTS) – Results classification has been changed to “results, timing and scoring”.

Paperless (Sustainable) Competitions - Organising Committees will have the option of using paperless, electronic systems to distribute start lists, results lists and information bulletins

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if wireless Internet connections are generally available on the shooting venue so that officials, coaches and athletes can view these documents on their handheld communication devices.

Disqualification - If an athlete is disqualified during any phase of an event (Qualification or Final), the athlete's scores for all phases of the event must be deleted.

Definition of Loading - The new rules clarify that "a gun is considered loaded when a cartridge or pellet or a magazine with cartridges contacts a gun." Loading may only be done after the command "LOAD."

Finals Production and Music - The use of music and commentary in Finals is now required. Music should also be used during Elimination and Qualification competitions if possible.

Sound-Enhancing Hearing Protection - Athletes may, of course, wear sound reducing hearing protection, but they may not wear sound-enhancing hearing protection on the firing line or shooting stations. Competition officials are allowed to wear sound-enhancing hearing protection.

Mobile Phones - Athletes may not use mobile phones or hand-held or wrist-worn communication devices on their firing points or shooting stations.

Coaching - The new Rules permit non-verbal coaching in all events.

Blinders - athletes can use one front blinder (30 mm maximum width) and may no longer wear side blinders.

Corrective Lenses in Rifle Sights - Rifle athletes will be allowed to place a single corrective lens in their rear sights.

Air Rifle Specifications - The current limitation on how low the butt-plate may be extended was eliminated (was 220mm below the centerline of the bore). No part of the butt stock between the butt plate and pistol grip may be more than 140mm (except the wood stock) below the centerline of the bore. The maximum fore-end depth was increased from 90mm to 120mm.

Air Rifle Butt Plates - With the advent of multi-part butt-plates, the method of measuring butt-plate offsets had to be changed. Measurements will now be made from the outside edge of any part of the butt-plate. No part of the butt-plate may be more than 30mm from the butt stock center.

50m Rifle Specifications - No part of the butt-stock between the butt plate and pistol grip may be more than 140mm (except the wood stock) below the centerline of the bore. Any devices projecting downward or outward from the butt-stock are prohibited.

Rifle Weights - Weights attached to any part of the rifle except the barrel "must be within the fundamental shape of the stock" (weights cannot protrude out from the stock). Tape cannot be used to attach weights.

Rifle Clothing Rules - Rifle clothing rules remain unchanged, but strict no-tolerance post-competition testing for stiffness and thickness will continue.

Rifle Bipods - Rifle bipods may not remain on rifles during 50m firing times.

Pistol Sights - Fibre optic and reflecting colour sights are prohibited.

Pistol Support Stands (see ISSF Pistol Rulebook) - Pistol athletes will be permitted to use adjustable “pistol support stands” on their tables or benches during training and competitions (Qualification and Finals) provided the total height of the table and support stand does not exceed 1m.

The 2017 edition of the ISSF Rulebook will be available in the near future. A further summary of the changes made can be found on the ISSF website (<https://www.paralympic.org/shooting/rules-and-regulations/technical-rules>).

We wish to thank you again for your commitment to World Shooting Para Sport, and for working with us.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact World Shooting Para Sport office at ipcshooting@paralympic.org

Kind regards

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