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REGULATIONS**

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## Foreword

The PA General Regulations and General Technical Regulations have been produced to cover the conduct of Pistol Australia Inc. competitions, and for use as a guide for use by PA Affiliates, their Zone Organisations and the organisers of Open shoots.

The principles of fairness and consistency in all respects of the sport are recommended for implementation at all levels of competitions

This 2020 edition of the *PA General Regulations and General Technical Regulations* has been revised to enable them to reflect the current procedures and interpretations of competition procedures.

| Amendments are indicated by a vertical line to the left of changed clauses.

NRC Director

## Abbreviations

SA	Shooting Australia (Australian International Shooting Limited)
ASADA	Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority
GR	General Regulations
GTR	General Technical Regulations
ISSF	International Shooting Sports Federation
IMSSU	International Metallic Silhouette Shooting Union
PA	Pistol Australia Inc.
NCC	National Coaching Council of Pistol Australia Inc.
NRC	National Referee Council of Pistol Australia Inc.
NTS	PA National Team Training Scheme
RTS	Results, Timing & Scoring (formerly known as Classification)
WSPS	World Shooting Para Sport (formerly IPC shooting)
STR	Special Technical Regulations (Match Rules and Regulations)
WA1500	World Association of 1500

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## **1. Objectives and Purpose of these PA Rules.**

### **1.1. General**

1.1.1. PA is recognized by Shooting Australia, the Australian Sports Commission and the Federal Government as the Australian body representing the sport of pistol shooting in Australia.

1.1.2. PA is the official rule-making and competition-sanctioning body for the sport of pistol shooting in Australia with responsibility for the governance of competitions in the pistol shooting events and activities recognized by and/or promoted by the ISSF, IMSSU, WSPS, WA1500, Action Pistol, Shooting Australia and AOC.

1.1.2.1. Shooting competitions conducted by Shooting Australia are subject to Shooting Australia General Regulations and Shooting Australia General Technical Regulations.

1.1.3. PA General Regulations are established by PA to provide general conditions to govern the organization and conduct of pistol shooting competitions in Australia.

1.1.4. PA General Technical Regulations are established by PA to provide technical rules to govern the organization and conduct of shooting competitions in Australia.

1.1.4.1. PA General Technical Regulations provide procedures to be followed where available range facilities cannot meet the applicable International Federations rules; e.g. electronic targets for ISSF Pistol events and Finals.

1.1.5. PA Special Technical Rules are established by PA to provide specific technical rules to govern the organization and conduct of shooting competitions in the PA events.

1.1.6. At PA sanctioned competitions, these PA General Technical Regulations and PA Special Technical Rules are subordinate to the PA Constitution and PA General Regulations, and take precedence over match Special Technical Rules.

1.1.7. PA General Regulations and PA General Technical Rules and the applicable Special Technical Rules must be followed by competition athletes and used by organizing committees to govern PA sanctioned competitions. These regulations and rules may also be used to govern competitions in developmental shooting events, which lead to participation in PA shooting events.

1.1.8. All athletes, team leaders, and officials must be familiar with PA rules and must ensure that these rules are enforced.

1.1.9. The objective is to achieve uniformity in the conduct of pistol shooting throughout Australia and the World, to promote the development of the sport.

1.1.10. PA desires that a standard be maintained in all aspects of the conduct of events that will enable competitors to compare scores achieved in widely separated locations, knowing there is relevance and consistency in such comparisons.

### **1.2. Application of PA General Technical Regulations and PA Special Technical Rules.**

- 1.2.1. These PA General Technical Regulations and PA Special Technical Rules are in accordance with the PA Constitution, and are implemented by The National Referee Council (NRC), a standing sub-committee of PA.
- 1.2.2. PA General Technical Regulations and PA Special Technical Rules are subordinate to the PA Constitution.
- 1.2.3. Where PA has adopted the rules of an International shooting organisation or those shooting organisations outside Australia, the PA Constitution, PA General Rules and PA General Technical rules take precedence for competitions within PA and the PA Affiliates.
- 1.2.4. For rules that relate to a specific Match or event, also refer to the Special Technical Rules for that Match, together with any applicable PA Supplementary rules/regulations.

### **1.3. Scope of PA Rules**

- 1.3.1. PA recommends that these rules be applied at competitions where PA events are on the programme, even if Australian records cannot be established.
- 1.3.2. The scope includes rules for the preparation and organisation of PA Championships, and rules for planning construction and installation of shooting ranges.
- 1.3.3. Throughout these rules, competitions where PA Australian records may be established and which are supervised by PA are called PA Sanctioned competitions (see also 1.4)
- 1.3.4. PA rules must be applied at all PA Sanctioned competitions.
- 1.3.5. Copies of the off-gun scores from PA Sanctioned competitions and PA Selection competitions must be certified by the Chairman of the Jury and forwarded to Pistol Australia office: this can be done electronically.

### **1.4. Pistol Australia Sanctioned Competitions:**

PA Sanctioned Competitions are those competitions for which:

- 1.4.1. PA is the competition sponsor (e.g. PA National Championships),
- 1.4.2. Scores will be used for the selection of athletes to represent PA at international competitions

### **1.5. PA Selection Competitions:**

- 1.5.1. PA may use the Official Results from nominated Affiliate-sponsored Championships and Open competitions for the selection of PA representative teams and programmes.
- 1.5.2. PA rules must be applied at all PA selection competitions
- 1.5.3. The applicable State Referee Council, in co-operation with the Organising Secretary and Range Officials appointed by the Organising Committee, must examine the shooting ranges and equipment. It may approve small deviations from specifications in the PA rules that do not conflict with the intent and spirit of the rules except that no deviations in shooting distances and target specifications are allowed.

## **1.6. Special Considerations.**

- 1.6.1. It is recommended that Organising Committees establish that each athlete has sufficient shooting experience to ensure an adequate level of safety.  
(Note that this rule does not override any mandatory safety requirements included in the Specific Rules and Regulations of PA events, e.g. Eye Protection, Holster Accreditation).
- 1.6.2. When a rule (within the spirit of the particular match) refers to right-handed athletes, the reverse of that rule refers to left-handed athletes.
- 1.6.3. The use of his and he also implies hers and she (within the spirit of the particular match).

## **1.7. Additional competition regulations**

- 1.7.1. Where any additional competition condition needs to be added to meet Safety (see 2.1.2) and/or venue-specific range approval requirements, these conditions:
  - 1.7.1.1. Must be in the spirit and intent of the Specific Technical Rules/Regulation for the event/s, and
  - 1.7.1.2. Should be added to the competition entry form, and reinforced at the Technical Meeting

## **1.8. Organisation and Conduct of PA Championships.**

- 1.8.1. An Organising Committee must be formed. It is responsible for the preparation, administration and conduct of the shooting competitions.
- 1.8.2. The Organising Committee must consist of at least representatives of the host state, an Organising Secretary, a representative of the PA Management Committee, and a representative of the National Referee Council.
- 1.8.3. The National Referee Council of Pistol Australia, in co-operation with the Organising Secretary and Range Officials appointed by the Organising Committee, must examine the shooting ranges and equipment. It may approve small deviations from specifications in the PA rules that do not conflict with the intent and spirit of the rules except that no deviations in shooting distances and target specifications are allowed. Competing States and Countries must be notified of deviations prior to the closing date for final entries in the competition concerned.
- 1.8.4. During competition the Jury must decide all cases that are not provided for in these rules.
- 1.8.5. A Chief Range Officer and appropriate Assistant Range Officers (appointed by the Organising Committee), **together with** NRC Judges, will be responsible for the practical aspects of the individual shooting events (Note: More complete details are contained in the PA range officials courses, and in the 'Guidelines for the conduct of National Championships' published by PA.).

## **1.9. Changes to Rules**

- 1.9.1. When the ISSF and/or WSPS modifies their General and/or Special Technical Rules, such changes will be officially adopted by PA Executive and become effective on the official ISSF effective date for the changes, or as recommended by the NRC Director.

- 1.9.2. When IMSSU modifies its Special Technical Rules applying to the Metallic Silhouette matches, such changes will be officially adopted by PA Executive and become effective on the official IMSSU effective date for the changes, or as recommended by the NRC Director.
- 1.9.3. When the Special Technical Rules applying to the Bianchi Cup matches, such changes will be officially adopted by PA Executive and become effective on the official effective date for the changes, or as recommended by the NRC Director.
- 1.9.4. When WA1500 modifies its Special Technical Rules applying to the WA1500 matches, such changes will be officially adopted by PA Executive and become effective on the official WA1500 effective date or the changes, or as recommended by the WA1500 Director.
- 1.9.5. When PA modifies its Regulations, Rules, or Additions to Rules, such changes will be effective from the official effective date of such changes.

## **1.10. PA Approved Events**

### 1.10.1. Senior events included in PA National Championships

ISSF 50 m Pistol	60 shots	M & F + Teams
ISSF 25 m Standard Pistol	60 shots	M & F + Teams
ISSF 25 m Rapid Fire Pistol	60 shots	M & F + Teams
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Women	60 shots	F + Teams
ISSF 25 m Pistol Women	30 + 30 shots	F + Teams
ISSF 25 m Center Fire Pistol	30 + 30 shots	M & F + Teams
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Men	60 shots	M + Teams
WSPS 50 m Free Pistol	60 shots	M & F
WSPS 25 m Sport Pistol shots	30 + 30	M & F
WSPS 10 m Air Pistol Men	60 shots	M
WSPS 10 m Air Pistol Women	60 shots	F
PA Service Pistol	90 shots	M & F + Teams
PA Service Pistol Unrestricted	90 shots	M & F + Teams
PA 25 Yards Service Pistol	65 shots	M & F + Teams
PA 25 m Aggregate Black Powder	20 + 20 shots	M & F + Teams
PA 50 m Black Powder	40 shots	M & F + Teams
WA1500 Mainmatch/Automatch	150 shots	M & F + Teams
Action Pistol Match	192 shots	M & F + Teams
PA Bigbore Metallic Silhouette	40 or 80 shots	M & F + Teams
PA Field Pistol Metallic Silhouette	40 or 80 shots	M & F + Teams
PA Rimfire Metallic Silhouette	40 or 80 shots	M & F + Teams

### 1.10.2. Junior Events included in PA National Championships

ISSF 50 m Pistol Junior	60 shots	M & F
ISSF 25 m Standard Pistol Junior	60 shots	M & F
ISSF 25 m Pistol Junior	30 + 30 shots	M & F + Teams
ISSF 25 m Rapid Fire Pistol Junior	30 + 30 shots	M & F
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Junior Men	60 shots	M
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Junior Women	60 shots	F
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Junior Mixed	60 shots	M & F Teams only

### 1.10.3. PA Approved Events not included in PA National Championships

ISSF pistol events (all)

WA1500 events **subject to Australian restrictions on barrel length and calibre.**

Specifically NOT APPROVED are

Standard Revolver 2.75"

Standard Pistol 2.75"

PA 13-Shot Black Powder 13 shots M & F

PA Air Pistol Metallic Silhouette 40 or 80 shots M & F

1.10.4. PA recognizes some additional special shooting events, which are variations of recognized events, to encourage participation, support competitions organized by PA and PA Affiliates, and to address unique competition conditions in Australia. For other than PA National Championships Organizing committees may designate any event 'Open' even though it may normally be 'Men's' or 'Women's'.

### 1.11. PA Dress Guidelines

PA has developed dress guidelines In order to provide a publicly acceptable appearance for the sport of pistol shooting. The guidelines are available on the PA website.

## 2. Safety

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

### 2.1. General.

2.1.1. PA rules state only specific basic safety requirements mandatory for use in PA Championships. Necessary and special safety requirements differ from range to range. The safety of a shooting range will depend to an extent on local conditions.

2.1.2. The Organising Committee may establish additional safety rules. If these are required, they must be approved by the National Referee Council.

2.1.3. The Organising Committee bears the responsibility for safety on the range used, and must know the principles of range safety and apply them.

2.1.4. Safety requires continued and careful attention to pistol handling and caution in moving about the range. Self-discipline is necessary. Where self-discipline is lacking, it is the duty of Range Officials to enforce discipline and the duty of athletes and Team Officials to assist such enforcement.

2.1.5. In the interests of safety, a Jury Member or a Range Official may stop shooting at any time. Athletes and Team Officials are obliged to notify Range Officers or Jury Members of any situation that may be dangerous or which may cause an accident.

2.1.6. No one except an Equipment Control Officer, Range Officer, Referee or Jury Member may handle an athlete's equipment without permission.

2.1.7. Pistols must be handled with maximum care at all times.

- 2.1.8. For all matches supported by Pistol Australia any and all safety mechanism/s must be operational and applicable to the type of firearm being used. Modifications that would render the firearm less safe than originally designed by the manufacturer are not allowed.
- 2.1.9. Pistols may be loaded only on the firing line and then only after the appropriate command or signal is given, and only in accordance with the applicable Special Technical Regulations.
- 2.1.10. After the last shot, the athlete must ascertain that there are no rounds in the chambers or magazines and have the Range Officer or Judge verify this before leaving the firing line.
- 2.1.10.1. Responsibility for ensuring there are no rounds in the chambers or magazines remains with the Range Officer.
- 2.1.11. When permitted by the applicable Special Technical Rules, dry firing and aiming exercises are permitted only on the firing line or in a designated area, and only with the permission of the Range Officer.
- 2.1.12. Handling pistols is not permitted when any personnel are forward of the firing line.
- 2.1.12.1. Special provisions for PA 50 m Black Powder event (disassembled pistols for cleaning purposes) and the Rapid Fire Stage of PA 25 m Aggregate Black Powder event (loading, but not capping behind the firing line) provide for the handling of these pistols when operating personnel are forward of the firing line. Any handling of Black Powder pistols when operating personnel are forward of the firing line **must be** strictly and totally within the provision of the rules for the PA Black Powder events and controlled by a Range Officer.
- 2.1.13. No shot may be fired without permission from the Range Officer.
- 2.1.14. When the command or signal to “STOP”, “CEASE FIRE” or “UNLOAD” is given, all athletes must stop shooting immediately. Athletes must unload their pistols and make them safe.
- 2.1.14.1. Special provisions for ISSF and WSPS 25m events, and PA Black Powder events allow an athlete to not unload on a claim for a malfunction. Any claim for a malfunction during the conduct of ISSF and WSPS 25m events, and PA Black Powder events must be strictly and totally within the provision of the rules for the events.
- 2.1.14.2. Special provisions for PA Black Powder events allow an athlete to not unload on a command or signal to “STOP”, “CEASE FIRE” or “UNLOAD” if any shot/s remains unfired. Any athlete who has unfired shot/s must bring the firearm to an approved safe condition, keep the firearm in a safe direction, and await further instructions from the Range Officer.
- 2.1.15. The Range Officer or other appropriate Range Officials are responsible for giving the commands “LOAD”, “CAP PISTOLS”, “START”, “STOP”, “CEASE FIRE”, “UNLOAD” and other necessary commands. The Range Officer must be sure that the commands are obeyed and that pistols are handled safely. An athlete who handles a pistol without the permission of the Range Officer after any appropriate “STOP” or “CEASE FIRE” command has been given may be disqualified.

## **2.2. Hearing Protection.**



2.2.1. Athletes and other persons in the immediate vicinity of the firing line are required to wear earplugs, earmuffs, or similar ear protection.

2.2.1.1. Venue Management may mandate suitable hearing protection on its range sections.

### **2.3. Eye Protection.**

2.3.1. All personnel on a range are urged to wear shatter-proof shooting glasses or similar eye protection while shooting.

2.3.1.1. Approved eye protection is mandatory for the Action Pistol Matches, WA1500, IMSSU Metallic Silhouette, PA Black Powder and PA Service Pistol events.

2.3.1.2. Venue Management may mandate suitable eye protection on its range sections.

### **2.4. Holster use and PA Holster Accreditation.**

2.4.1. The holstering of a loaded pistol, or the drawing of a loaded pistol from the holster is prohibited, excepting:

2.4.1.1. Athletes who hold and present a current PA Holster Accreditation card and are competing or training in an event that requires the drawing of a loaded pistol from the holster, or

2.4.1.2. When under the direction of an approved person as part of a PA Holster Accreditation Course.

2.4.2. The holster must be safe, serviceable and suited to the pistol/revolver being used

2.4.2.1. The holster belt must pass through belt loops on the athlete's clothing. If a double belt is used the inner belt must pass through the belt loop. Where two belts, that are not both part of the holster rig, are used they must be affixed by the use of keepers, and the inner belt must pass through belt loops on the athlete's clothing.

2.4.2.2. The holster MUST cover the trigger when the firearm is holstered

2.4.2.3. When holstered the firearm must

- Not be directed at any part of the athlete's body
- Not be directed to the rear (i.e. must not be directed up range)
- Be directed within one metre of the athlete when standing normally
- When unholstering the firearm must not be directed to the rear

2.4.2.4. Any retention device, if used to pass Equipment Control, must be used throughout the match

2.4.2.5. Holster tie-down is NOT permitted

2.4.2.6. Shoulder and cross-draw holsters are prohibited

2.4.2.7. When holstered a part of the firearm must be positioned no lower than the top edge of the belt.

- 2.4.2.8. The holster belt must be firm (and stiff where the holster is attached) and must be wide enough to support the holster without the holster swivelling on the belt
- 2.4.3. Any holder of a PA Holster Accreditation Card who is disqualified for safety relating to holster use must have the PA Holster Accreditation Card removed subject to re-qualification through a PA approved course.
- 2.4.4. Special provisions for PA Service Pistol Unrestricted event and PA 25 Yards Service Pistol event allow unloaded pistols to be carried in a holster whilst under the control of the Range Officer. The participant must hold a holster accreditation qualification.
- 2.4.4.1. Any holstering of unloaded semi-automatic pistols to reload the magazine during the conduct of PA Service Pistol Unrestricted or PA 25 Yards Service Pistol stages must be strictly and totally within the provision of the rules for the event.
- 2.4.5. Any holstering of unloaded firearm during the conduct of PA Service Pistol Unrestricted event and PA 25 Yards Service Pistol event is not permitted when personnel are forward of the firing line and must be strictly and totally within the provision of the rules for the events. Holstering of the firearm must be completed before any personnel go forward of the firing line.

## **2.5. Safe handling areas.**

- 2.5.1. At PA Championships, at least one 'Safe Handling Area' must be designated. Where designated, they are to be identified by the appropriate signage.
- 2.5.2. These areas may include Equipment Control, Designated Safe Handling areas for competitors, Authorised Trade display areas, and Authorised Gunsmith areas.
- 2.5.3. Firearms may only be handled in a safe handling area when under the supervision of a competition official. Firearms must be inspected by a competition official to ensure that the firearm and any magazines are empty.
- 2.5.4. WA1500 Staging Area. A Staging Area is provided for WA1500 events and is to be supervised by a range official. This area should be adjacent to the applicable range section and has two (2) defined and signposted sections:
- 2.5.4.1. The first area will be designated as the "SAFE AREA". In this area competitors in the next relay may gear up and practice draw in an approved direction. No ammunition may be handled in this first area; magazines/speedloaders may not be charged. At the completion of an athlete's preparation in the first area the firearm must be holstered before the athlete moves to the second area.
- 2.5.4.2. The second area will be designated as the "GEAR UP AREA". In this area the competitors may charge speedloaders or magazines. At no time may a firearm be un-holstered until the athletes are assembled at the firing line and the LOAD command is given.
- 2.5.5. Action Pistol 'Gear Up' area. A 'Gear Up' area is provided for Action Pistol events. This area should be adjacent to the applicable range section and is to be supervised by a range official,

## **3. Eligibility**

These eligibility regulations determine who is eligible to participate in **PA** sanctioned competitions or compete in different groups, classes, categories, or types of competition. Athletes who meet specific eligibility requirements for groups, classes, categories or types of competition are eligible to compete in those groups, classes, categories or types of competition.

### **3.1. Affiliation:**

- 3.1.1. To be eligible to participate in PA sanctioned individual and team competition, participating athletes must fulfil PA membership requirements.
- 3.1.2. All resident Australian participants in PA sanctioned matches must be individual members affiliated to PA.
- 3.1.3. Overseas residents must be affiliated with the appropriate National Federation recognised by PA.

### **3.2. Eligibility for Awards and Records**

- 3.2.1. Athletes who are not Australian Residents are not eligible for championship awards at the PA National Championships, State or National Junior Olympic Championships or PA Selection matches unless there is a reciprocal arrangement with their PA recognised National Federation. Visitor awards may be provided at these competitions.

### **3.3. Graded Competitions.**

**See also 3.5 Physically Disabled Athletes**

- 3.3.1. PA National Championships are off-gun.
- 3.3.2. PA administers an athlete grade / classification system that may be used by organizing committees to permit athletes to compete for awards among others of similar abilities.
- 3.3.3. The Host Affiliate or host club may provide Graded awards. Competition programs must state whether a grade / classification system will be used.
  - 3.3.3.1. Where graded competitions are conducted for ISSF, WSPS and PA events, the grades to be used will be as set by PA.
  - 3.3.3.2. The conditions for change of grade for ISSF, WSPS and PA events, will be as set by PA.
  - 3.3.3.3. Grades/classification for Action Pistol is as set by the Action Pistol rulebook.
  - 3.3.3.4. Grades/classification for Metallic Silhouette Pistol is as set by IMSSU.
  - 3.3.3.5. Grades/classification for WA1500 is as set by the WA1500.
- 3.3.4. **Use of Grade Record Card:**
  - 3.3.4.1. Where graded competitions are conducted, the Host Affiliate or host club must require proof of grade.

### **3.4. Juniors**

- 3.4.1. For PA competitions, juniors are athletes who will be under the age of 21 on December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition.

### **3.5. Physically Disabled Athletes**

Pistol Australia recognises that physically disabled athletes may need variations to the rules relating to shooting position to enable them to compete in events other than those included in WSPS events.

#### **3.5.1. Special Positions and/or Equipment**

An athlete who because of a physical disability cannot fire from one or more of the prescribed shooting positions outlined in the event Rules, or who must use special equipment or gloves when firing, is privileged to petition PA for permission to assume a special position or to use modified equipment, or both. This petition will be in the form of a written request from the person concerned to PA outlining in detail the reasons why the special position must be assumed or the special equipment must be used. The petition must be accompanied by pictures of the athlete in the position for which approval is sought and, if special equipment is required, the pictures will show how this equipment is used. The petition and all pictures must be furnished in exact duplicate. The petition must be always accompanied by a medical professional's statement if the physical disability is not completely evident in the pictures submitted.

(a) Each petition will be reviewed by PA. The officials may require additional or supplementary statements, medical information or pictures. If approved, PA will issue a special Authorisation Certificate to the individual concerned. Such Certificates must have necessary pictures attached.

(b) Athletes with special Authorization Certificates are required to carry them when competing in competition governed by these rules, and to present them when requested by officials of the competition.

(c) In the event of a protest involving the position or the equipment used by such an athlete, the Jury will compare the questioned position or equipment with the certificate and photographs presented by the athlete. If the athlete's position or equipment does not, in the opinion of the officials, conform to that authorized (or if the athlete has no Authorized Certificate and pictures), the protest will be allowed and the athlete will be required to change immediately to the position or equipment which has been approved or to an otherwise legal position or equipment.

(d) Should a protest be carried beyond the Jury, the original protest will be endorsed by the Jury Chairman to show the action he/she has taken and will be forwarded to PA.

(e) National Records may not be established by use of scores fired in special positions or with special equipment as may be authorized according to this rule.

(f) Two types of authorizations are issued: temporary and permanent. Permanent authorizations are issued to competitors who are permanently handicapped.

#### **3.5.2. Substitute Positions / Variation to Course of Fire**

Any athlete who has a physical disability (temporary or permanent) which prevents the athlete from using a specified position as defined in these Rules, may assume a more difficult substitute position. Any substitute position must conform to the rule which defines it. The Jury must be informed of the substitute position, and may require that the substitute position

be demonstrated so that the Jury may be certain that it meets the definition of the appropriate rule.

Where a substitute position is authorized under these rules the course of fire will also be reviewed to ensure that athlete is meeting the basic requirement of each stage where a change of position after each string of shots is required, and also to ensure suitable target engagement,

3.5.4. Competitors using the provisions in 3.5.1 or 3.5.2:

3.5.4.1. Cannot set, or equal, Australian National records in events other than WSPS events in which they are Classified, and

3.5.4.2. Are not eligible for selection to represent Australia in events other than WSPS events in which they are Classified.

3.5.5. Competitors can be graded while using the provisions in 3.5.1.a

**3.6. PA National Records**

3.6.1. PA recognizes National Records for each Individual and Team Event included in PA National Championships (1.10).

3.6.2. PA may recognise National Records in various categories including but not limited to Resident, non-Resident, etc.

3.6.3. Requirements For National Records:

3.6.3.1. To be recognized as a PA National Record, the score must be fired in a PA National Championships or PA Recognized competition as approved by PA Executive.

3.6.3.2. The competition must have been conducted on facilities that meet all technical requirements for distances, timing, etc. The athlete or team who fired the record score must be a current PA member/s and have used only equipment that completely fulfils all requirements for that event as per the applicable rules.

3.6.3.3. The athlete or team who fired the record score must have used only equipment that completely fulfils all requirements for that event as per the applicable rules.

3.6.3.4. PA may also recognise PA National Records fired by non-residents in PA Sanctioned competitions (see 3.2.1).

3.6.3.5. All team records with the exception of WA1500 event consist of three-person teams.

3.6.3.6. Team records for WA1500 consist of two-person teams.

3.6.4. Reporting National Records:

3.6.4.1. When a **PA** National Record is equalled or exceeded, the organizing committee must report this on a National Record application form provided by PA (available on the PA web site at [www.pistol.org.au](http://www.pistol.org.au)).

3.6.4.2. The competition Jury Chairman must certify that the requirements for National Records were fully met by each athlete who established a record score.

3.6.4.3. When an organizing committee fails to report National Records, athletes who fire possible records may send a National Record application to PA to have their record recognized. An official results list for the competition should be sent in with the application.

### **3.7. Recognition of National Records**

3.7.1. No national record is official until recognized by PA and a national record certificate issued.

3.7.2. PA will maintain National Record lists that will be available to competition organizing committees and posted on the official PA web site.

## **4. Range and Target Standards**

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular event.

4.1. Ranges to be used for PA National Championships are to be inspected and checked by a delegate of the NRC.

4.1.1. This delegate will report in writing to the NRC Director and to PA Management on the condition and suitability of the range and facilities for a PA Championship.

### **4.1.2. Paper Targets:**

4.1.2.1. Samples of paper targets (3) to be used in PA Championships must be submitted to the NRC to verify conformity with specifications, at least three months prior to the start of the Championships.

4.1.2.2. The quality and dimensions of paper targets must be examined again by the National Referee Council prior to the beginning of PA Championships. Only targets that are the same as the approved samples may be used.

4.1.2.3. Target paper must be of a non-reflecting colour and material so that the target is clearly visible under normal light conditions at the appropriate distances. The target paper must register shot-holes without excessive tearing or distortion.

### **4.1.3. Metallic Targets**

4.1.3.1. Metallic targets to be used in PA Championships must be inspected by the NRC Delegate to verify conformity with specifications, at least three months prior to the start of the Championships.

4.1.3.2. Timing mechanisms to be used in PA Championships must be inspected by the NRC Delegate to verify conformity with specifications, at least three months prior to the start of the Championships.

4.1.4. Ranges and targets will be again inspected by the competition Jury before the commencement of the competition, and before each day's competition.

#### **4.2. Range Standards.**

4.2.1. New outdoor ranges should be constructed in such a way that the sun is behind the athlete as much as possible.

4.2.2. The range may be divided into sections with suitable protective walls.

4.2.3. The range and range sections may be surrounded by walls, if necessary for safety reasons. Protection against accidental shots may be provided by baffle systems between the firing line and targets.

4.2.4. There must be sufficient space behind the firing points for Range Officials and the Jury to perform their duties.

4.2.5. Space must be provided for spectators. The spectator area should be separated from the area for athletes and officials by a suitable barrier.

#### **4.3. Shooting Distances.**

4.3.1. Records will be valid only if the range meets the standards specified.

4.3.2. Shooting distances are measured from the face of the target to the firing line (that line onto which the athlete must not place any part of his foot).  
(Note that for events that involve positions other than 'standing', the applicable match rules will apply)

#### **4.4. Pistols, Equipment and Ammunition**

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

4.4.1. Each athlete must have all pistols and equipment to be used in the competition officially examined and approved by the Equipment Control Section prior to the competition. Only pistols and equipment which have been approved for the competition concerned may be used.

4.4.2. The use of devices and equipment contrary to the spirit of the **event** rules is forbidden.

4.4.3. If an athlete begins the competition with an unapproved pistol and/or equipment, he must be penalized as follows

- a. Non ISSF matches – refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match
- b. ISSF matches – by the deduction of two (2) points from the lowest value shot of the first series He must not be permitted to continue until his gun or equipment has been approved by Equipment Control. He may only resume firing at a time determined by the Jury. No additional sighting shots or extra time will be allowed.

4.4.4. If an athlete alters a gun or equipment after it has already been checked, so that it no longer conforms to the rules, before or during the competition he must be disqualified.

4.4.5. The athlete must use the same pistol in all series throughout the event:

4.4.5.1. Where the replacement of a pistol following a break or cease to function is permitted in the Specific Technical Rules for an event, those rules will apply.

## **5. Competition Officials**

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

### **5.1. General.**

5.1.1. The Range Officers and the Jury must control the competition in close co-operation with each other. The Range Officers are responsible for the actual conduct of the competition while the Jury will act in an advisory and supervisory capacity.

5.1.2. The Range Officers and Jury are responsible to the Organising Committee and to PA respectively, for the conduct of the competition in accordance with these rules.

5.1.3. All Range Officers and Members of the Jury must be familiar with the rules of PA and ensure safety, and that the rules are enforced in a fair and equitable manner.

### **5.2. Jury**

5.2.1. At National competitions, a Jury must be formed to advise, assist and supervise the competition officials appointed by the Organising Committee;

5.2.2. Before the beginning of the competition and during the competition, the Jury must examine the shooting ranges and check the organisational arrangements and the organisation of the operating personnel etc. to ensure that they conform to PA rules.

5.2.3. At National Competitions the Jury must consist of 3 to 7 members who must hold an NRC Judge Licence valid for the event. The NRC may give authority to other experienced persons to act as Jury Members.

5.2.4. Members of the Jury have the right to make individual decisions during the competition, but should confer with other Jury Members and Range Officers when any doubt exists.

5.2.5. All cases in dispute must be decided by a majority of the Jury. The Team Official or athlete concerned may appeal the Jury decision to the Jury of Appeal.

5.2.4.1. Athletes and Team Officials may not be members of a Jury.

5.2.6. Jury Members must not advise or assist athletes beyond the scope of the PA and event rules at any time during the competition.

5.2.7. The Jury must supervise the examination of pistols, equipment and accessories.



- 5.2.8. The Jury has the right to examine the pistols, equipment, positions, etc. of athletes at any time, even during the competition. During the competition, approach should not be made while the athlete is firing a shot or a series of shots. Immediate action must be taken when a matter of safety is involved.
- 5.2.9. The Jury must supervise target distribution, the allocation of firing points and shooting time schedules, and the scoring procedures.
- 5.2.10. The Jury must accept any protest submitted in accordance with the PA and event rules. After consultation with the Range Officers and others directly concerned it will rule on the protest.
- 5.2.11. No penalty will be imposed without the approval of a Member of the Jury.
- 5.2.12. A majority of the Jury must be present on the range during a competition so that if necessary a Jury decision can be made immediately. The Chairman of the Jury must ensure the presence of sufficient members of the Jury.
- 5.2.13. The Jury must decide in all cases that are not provided for in the rules of the PA. Such decisions must be made within the spirit and intent of these rules.

### **5.3. Jury of Appeal.**

- 5.3.1. At PA National Championships a Jury of Appeal must be appointed by the Management of PA.
- 5.3.2. It must comprise the President, Vice President of PA or their nominees, and up to two (2) other members, preferably from the Management and Executive of the PA.
- 5.3.3. Athletes and Team Officials may not be members of the Jury of Appeal.
- 5.3.4. Its function is to make decisions on protests submitted to it.
- 5.3.5. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal are final.

### **5.4. Chief Range Officer.**

- 5.4.1. There must be one Chief Range Officer in charge of all Range Officers and Range Personnel. He is responsible for the correct conduct of the competitions.
- 5.4.2. The Chief Range Officer must co-operate with the Jury at all times.
- 5.4.3. He must arrange after consultation with the Jury and the Organising Committee, the measures to be taken for the elimination of technical faults occurring (e.g. power failure, mechanical breakdown etc.). He must have technical experts on call and necessary material and emergency service available.
- 5.4.4. He must take charge when irregularities occur which his Range Officers are unable to resolve.
- 5.4.5. He may receive protests and pass them on to the Jury.

5.4.6. In co-operation with the Chief RTS Officer he must ensure that targets are scored efficiently, so that no delays occur in the publication of the results.

## **5.5. Range Officers.**

5.5.1. There must be a Range Officer appointed for each section of targets. He will:

5.5.1.1. Be responsible to the Chief Range Officer for the conduct of the competition in the section entrusted to him and must co-operate with the Jury Members and the Jury at all times.

5.5.1.2. Be responsible for maintaining order on the range with particular attention to safety.

5.5.1.3. Ensure that athletes comply with the Rules.

5.5.1.4. Supervise the correct operation of the targets.

5.5.1.5. Give the required commands.

5.5.1.6. Call the athletes to the firing points.

5.5.1.7. Check the names, start numbers and shooting positions of the athletes to ensure that they conform to the shooting schedule, range register and scoring cards.

5.5.1.8. Ensure that the pistols and athletes' equipment have been examined and approved.

5.5.1.9. Where targets are scored on-range, be responsible for the accurate recording of shots by the Register Keepers.

5.5.1.10. Receive protests and pass them on to the Chief Range Officer or Jury.

5.5.1.11. Be responsible for the recording of irregularities, disturbances and penalties, in the Range Report/s, Range Register and on the score card.

## **5.6. Register Keepers. See also 11.1**

5.6.1. Where targets are scored on-range a Register Keeper must be appointed for each section. He will:-

5.6.1.1. Be responsible for the accurate recording of scores that are called or signalled to him.

5.6.1.2. Enter each shot on the range register and ensure that all other details are entered (name, State, start number, details of irregularities, penalties, etc.).

5.6.1.3. **deleted**

5.6.1.4. Refrain from remarks and comments regarding the score and not engage in discussions with the athletes.

(Note that for Metallic Silhouette events, each 'spotter' will normally carry out the duties of the Register Keepers)

#### **5.7. Chief RTS Officer.**

5.7.1. The Chief RTS Officer is in charge of the RTS Office. He is responsible to the Chief Range Officer for all activities associated with the scoring of the targets, producing the result lists, and all actions carried out in the RTS Office.

5.7.2. He must co-operate with the Jury at all times.

### **6. Pre-Match Administration**

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match/Event.

#### **6.1. Competition Organizing Committees**

6.1.1. All PA sanctioned competitions must be conducted by an organizing committee that is appointed by a PA affiliated organization (1.8.1).

6.1.2. Organizing Committees applying for PA sanction must agree to comply with PA regulations and rules. When applying to conduct a PA sanctioned competition, the Organizing Committee agrees to assume all liability for actions or events occurring in conjunction with the competition.

6.1.3. The athletes must be informed of the exact shooting time schedules and the allocated firing points no later than 1200 hours on the day preceding the competition.

#### **6.2. Application of Rules**

6.2.1. It is the duty of all competition officials to know the competition regulations and rules and to apply them fairly, faithfully and impartially.

6.2.2. Individual athletes and teams should be able to shoot under conditions that are as equal as possible.

#### **6.3. Anti-Doping Control**

6.3.1. Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) or PA may normally conduct testing for banned substances during the PA National Championships and PA Selection competitions. Testing for banned substances may be conducted by (ASADA) or PA at other PA sanctioned competitions at the option of PA.

6.3.2. Drug Testing Procedures:

6.3.2.1. Testing procedures will follow procedures and requirements established by ASADA.

#### **6.3.3. Banned Substances**

6.3.3.1. For ISSF and WSPS events, all drugs on the current IOC, ISSF and WSPS prohibited substances lists are banned, and positive tests for any drugs on these lists are grounds for penalties.

6.3.3.1.1. Competitors who opt out of selection to represent Australia may be exempted from 6.3.3.1.

#### **6.3.4. Athlete Responsibility**

6.3.4.1. All athletes subject to drug testing are responsible for assuring that any drugs or medications they take do not contain banned substances. Athletes or their physicians wanting assistance in checking medications may contact ASADA). Athletes are strongly urged to use ASADA or other available assistance in checking medications before taking them; but regardless of any advice given by medical professionals, the athlete is responsible for any banned substances detected during drug testing. Failure to comply with testing or to appear for a drug test can result in the same penalty as a positive drug test.

#### **6.3.5. Athletes to Be Tested**

6.3.5. PA and/or ASADA will determine the number of tests to be conducted and the method of selecting athletes to be tested.

#### **6.3.6. Penalties**

6.3.6.1. Athletes testing positive may be suspended from participating in PA sanctioned competitions or ISSF and AOC events for periods to be determined by PA, Shooting Australia, ASADA or the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

### **6.4. Allocation of Shooting Times and Firing points**

6.4.1. The athletes must be informed of the exact shooting time schedules and the allocated firing points no later than 12:00 hours on the day preceding the competition.

6.4.2. Should it become necessary to change the shooting schedule before the day of the event or stage, the athletes must be informed of this no later than 17:00 hours on the day preceding the competition or official practice.

### **6.5. Practice Shooting.**

6.5.1. Athletes must be informed of official practice times.

6.5.2. At PA sanctioned competitions, and depending on local conditions, opportunity for practice must be provided for as many days as possible but not less than one day prior to the competition.

6.5.3. The Range Officer must ensure that during these practice periods all athletes have equal opportunity.

6.5.4. Athletes may practise at all distances.

## **6.6. Team entries**

The team leaders or Team Officials must submit entries with names of the athletes for the team events to the Organising Secretary at least one hour before the start of the competition.

## **6.7. Allocation of Firing Points**

Individual athletes and teams should be able to shoot under conditions that are as equal as possible.

6.7.1. The allocation of the firing points and shooting time schedules must be by the drawing of lots, or method approved by the National Referee Council.

6.7.2. In the case of team competition the team members must be distributed as equally as possible between the relays (details).

6.7.3. If a competition lasts for more than one day all athletes must be scheduled to fire an equal number of shots each day.

## **6.8. The Conduct of Athletes and Team Officials**

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

6.8.1. All athletes must be familiar with and must observe the Pistol Australia Code of Conduct. A breach of this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action, and may result in disqualification from the match or event. Physical and/or verbal abuse of officials, competitors, spectators or others will not be tolerated.

6.8.2. All athletes and Team Officials must be acquainted with the PA Rules and the Competition Programme, and must ensure that they are followed.

6.8.3. The athlete must present himself at the appointed time and at the designated firing point with the necessary and approved equipment.

6.8.3.1. The rules for individual events may specify the reporting time.

6.8.4. Loud or disturbing noise or talk is not permitted near the firing line. Range Officials, Jury Members, Team Officials and athletes must limit their conversation to official business when near the athletes. The Range Officer must ensure that the noise of the spectators is kept at a minimum level.

(Note: - Whilst the actual shooting is in progress, noise levels should be controlled, but spectator enthusiasm during or at the conclusion of a close shoot off for example, may well be encouraged).

Music should be played during Finals but the volume must be suitable for the environment – the athletes have to be able to hear the range commands and the spectators have to be able to hear the announcer.

6.8.5. Each team must have a Team Leader who is responsible for maintaining discipline within that team. An athlete may be appointed as a Team Leader. The Team Leader must cooperate with Range Officials at all times in the interest of safety, efficient operation of the competition and good sportsmanship. A Team Leader is responsible for all official affairs concerning a team. The Team Leader has the responsibility to:

6.8.5.1. Complete the necessary entries with accurate information and submit them to the appropriate officials within the designated time limit.

6.5.4.2. Be familiar with the programme.

6.8.5.2. Ensure team members report, ready to shoot at the designated firing point, at the correct time, with approved equipment.

6.8.5.3. Check scores and submit protests.

6.8.5.4. Check preliminary and official bulletins, scores and announcements, receive official information and requests, and pass them to team members.

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## **7. Protests and Appeals.**

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

### **7.1. Verbal Protests.**

7.1.1. Any athlete or Team Official has the right to protest a condition of the competition, decision or action immediately and verbally to a Competition Official, Judge, Range Officer or Jury Member. Such protests may be submitted on the following matters:

7.1.1.1. An athlete or Team Official considers that the PA Regulations, PA Rules or competition programme were not followed in conducting the competition.

7.1.1.2. An athlete or Team Official does not agree with a decision or action by a Competition Official, Referee, Range Officer or Jury Member.

7.1.1.3. An athlete was impeded or disturbed by a person or for any cause.

7.1.1.4. An athlete had a long interruption in shooting.

7.1.1.5. An athlete had irregularities regarding shooting times, including shooting times that were too short or the non-appearance of targets within the specified time.

7.1.2. Competition Officials, Judges, Range Officers and Jury Members must consider verbal protests immediately. They may take immediate action to correct the situation or refer the protest to the full Jury for decision. In such cases, a Range Officer or Jury Member may stop the shooting temporarily if necessary.

### **7.2. Written Protests.**

7.2.1. An athlete or Team Official who does not agree with the action or decision taken on a verbal protest may protest in writing to the Jury, except in the case of ISSF Finals when the ISSF rules will apply. An athlete or Team Official has the right to submit a written protest without making

a verbal protest. Written protests must be submitted not later than 30 minutes after the matter in question occurs and must be accompanied by a fee as set by PA Management. The protest fee must be returned if the protest is upheld and will be retained by the Organising Committee if the protest is lost.

7.2.2. The Organising Committee must supply printed forms for use in submitting written protests.

7.2.3. Written protests must be decided by at least three (3) Jury members.

7.2.4. A copy of the written protest, and of the Jury decision must be forwarded to the NRC Secretary.

### **7.3. Scoring Protests.**

7.3.1. An athlete or Team Official who considers that a shot was scored or recorded incorrectly may protest that score, except that decisions made regarding the value of shots by using gauges are final and cannot be protested. Scoring protests may only be made on score values which have been decided without using a gauge or when incorrect entries in the result list or scoreboard have been made.

7.3.2. All scoring protests must be submitted within the Protest Time for the event. The time when the scoring protest time ends must be posted on the main scoreboard.

7.3.3. A fee of AUS \$2.00 per individual result must be paid to the Jury when a scoring protest is submitted. This fee must be returned if the protest is upheld and will be retained by the Organising Committee if the protest is lost.

### **7.4. Appeals.**

7.4.1. In the event of a disagreement with a Jury decision, the matter may be appealed to the Jury of Appeal. Such appeals must be submitted in writing by the Team Leader or a representative not later than 30 minutes after the Jury decision has been announced and must be accompanied by a AUS \$10 fee. The fee, together with the original protest fee for the matter in question must be returned if the appeal is upheld and will be retained by the Organising Committee if the appeal is lost.

7.4.2. In special circumstances, the time for submitting appeals may be extended up to 24 hours by decision of the Jury of Appeal. Such decision can postpone the victory ceremony for the event under appeal.

7.4.3. The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final.

7.4.4. A copy of the written appeal, and of the Jury of Appeal decision must be forwarded to the NRC Secretary.

## **8. Results**

### **8.1. Results must include:**

- Competition Name
- Competition Dates:
- Match Name

- Match Date:
- Rank:
- Name:
- State (or Club, for Affiliate competitions):
- Stage Subtotals:
- Total:
- Comments:
- Legend:
- Authorisation

8.1.1. For PA National Championships, a copy of the results must be made available for each competitor, and for each PA Affiliate.

8.1.2. These results may be either hard-copy, or electronic (CD or USB), or web download.

8.1.2. At the completions of each day's competition, an electronic copy of the results must be forwarded to the PA Office.

8.1.3. An electronic (digital) copy of the results must be forwarded to the PA Office within 24 hours of the completion of the competition

## **9. Media Relations.**

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

9.1. Suitable facilities, assistance and co-operation must be provided for the press, radio, and television personnel, to ensure publicity. During competitions, however, the athletes must not be disturbed by photography or interviews.

9.1.1. The RTS Office must publish as soon as possible, the correct final results lists. They must contain the family name, first name, start-number and the State or Territory of each athlete. These results must be made available to the news media.

9.1.2. All athletes must wear identification or start numbers on their backs during both competition and training.  
(Note: an exception is granted to athletes using the 'Creedmoor' position during Metallic Silhouette competitions. In these circumstances, the start number must be clearly displayed in the athlete's bay.)

9.1.3. Progressive, preliminary, and final scores must be displayed on large scoreboards, to keep the athletes, spectators and the news media informed at all times. These scoreboards must be located near the competition ranges, but at a suitable distance to avoid disturbing the athletes.

9.1.4. For events with Shoot-offs and/or ISSF Finals, where possible the progressive scores and placings for Finals will also be available as an electronic display for spectators.

## **10. PA General Technical Regulations**

### **10.1. General**

10.1.1. These Rules are part of the PA General Regulations and apply to all pistol events.



10.1.2. PA General Technical Regulations are subordinate to the PA Constitution and PA General Regulations.

## **10.2. ISSF/WSPS Pistol Events**

10.2.1. ISSF/WSPS Pistol rules as adopted by PA Executive apply with the following exceptions:

10.2.1.1. Separate WSPS Pistol events may be programmed in conjunction with any ISSF events.

10.2.1.2. At the option of the Organising Committee, WSPS athletes may shoot in ISSF event/s at competitions up to, but not including, the PA National Championships. Scores achieved by WSPS athletes in these competitions will not apply for international selection criteria except as permitted by Shooting Australia.

See also 3.5

### **10.2.2. 50 m Pistol**

Refer to '[Australian Conditions](#)' (12.1) where Electronic Targets, Automatic Targets, or Pit Marking is not available:

### **10.2.3. 25 m Rapid Fire Pistol**

10.2.3.1. Sampling of ammunition is by the procedure authorised by the NRC.

10.2.3.2. Chronographs approved by the NRC are to be used for the determination of bullet velocity.

10.2.3.3. Scales approved by the NRC are to be used for the determination of bullet weight.

### **10.2.4. All ISSF Events**

10.2.4.1. At the option of the Organising Committee, female athletes may shoot in ISSF event/s designated as men's events and junior athletes may shoot in ISSF event/s designated as senior events at competitions up to and including the PA National Championships. Scores achieved by female or junior athletes in these competitions will not apply for international selection criteria except as permitted by Shooting Australia.

### **10.2.5. Scoring procedures - ISSF Finals**

10.2.5.1. Where Electronic Targets or Electronic Target Reading machines are not available, the scoring of Finals competitions is by the use of NRC approved overlay gauges.

## **10.3. Action Pistol Matches:**

10.3.1. Organisational and administrative matters in the Action Pistol rules are subordinate to the PA Constitution and PA General Regulations.

10.3.2. Competition procedures for Action Pistol Matches are as per the Action Pistol Rules.

## **10.4. WA1500**

10.4.1. Organisational and administrative matters in the WA1500 rules are subordinate to the PA Constitution and PA General Regulations.

10.4.2. Competition procedures for WA1500 events are as per the WA1500 Rules.

**10.5. PA Service Pistol. Service Pistol Unrestricted, and 25 Yards Service Pistol events**

Refer to the PA Special Technical Rules for these events

**10.6. PA Black Powder events**

Refer to the PA Special Technical Rules for these events

10.6.1. The PA Special Technical Rules for Black Powder only provide the general format for PA 13-shot Black Powder events. PA Affiliates may specify the categories of Black Powder pistols to be used at competitions within their Affiliate.

**10.7. PA Metallic Silhouette events**

10.7.1. Organisational and administrative matters in the IMSSU rules are subordinate to the PA Constitution and PA General Regulations.

10.7.2. Competition procedures for IMSSU events are as per the IMSSU Rules.

**10.8. Malfunctions**

Refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

**10.9. Penalties for Rule Violations.**

10.9.1. Infringements should normally be graded by the Jury, as follows:

10.9.2. In the case of general as distinct from specific violations or infringements of the Rules (pistols, clothing, position, etc.) a warning must first be given so that the athlete may have the opportunity to correct the fault.

10.9.2.1. Whenever possible, the warning should be given during the practice shooting or training stages. During the competition if the athlete does not correct the fault, (having been warned) two points must be deducted from his score. If the athlete still does not correct the fault, disqualification may be imposed. (Note. Specific penalties require no warning).

10.9.3. A warning to the athlete must be expressed in terms that will leave no doubt that it is an official warning. However, it is not necessary to precede other penalties with a warning.

10.9.4. In the case of concealed violations of the Rules, when the fault is deliberately concealed, immediate disqualification must be imposed.

10.9.5. In cases of violations of the Rules or instructions of Range Officers or the Jury, penalties may be imposed on the athlete by a Jury Member or the Jury.

**10.10. Equipment Control**

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

- 10.10.1. Prior to the competition each pistol and other equipment must be examined by the Equipment Control Section to ensure that it conforms to PA Rules. The athlete is responsible for presenting any pistols and equipment, including any questionable equipment and/or accessories, for official inspection and approval.
- 10.10.2. The Equipment Control Section will be assisted and supervised by the Jury.
- 10.10.3. The Organising Committee must inform Team Officials and athletes where and when they may have their equipment inspected in sufficient time prior to the competition.
- 10.10.4. The Organising Committee must provide a complete set of gauges and instruments for equipment control before and during PA Championships.
- 10.10.5. The Equipment Control Section must register the name of the athlete, the make (manufacturer), serial number, and calibre of each pistol approved.
  - 10.10.5.1. All approved equipment must be marked and the approval must also be indicated on an Equipment Control Card.
- 10.10.6. After equipment has been approved, it must not be altered at any time prior to or during the competition in any way that would conflict with the PA Rules.
- 10.10.7. If there are any doubts regarding an alteration, the equipment must be returned to Equipment Control for re-inspection and approval.
- 10.10.8. The approval of the equipment is valid only for the competition for which the inspection is made.

## **11. Scoring Procedures**

Refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

### **11.1. 'Cameron' Scoring System.**

- 11.1.1. The Cameron System has been approved for use when scoring paper targets at the target line.
- 11.1.2. Under this system there is only one Register Keeper, who will accompany the scorer at the target line. The RK will record the score as called by the scorer, and must then call this back to the scorer to ensure the recording is correct. The call back must be loud enough that the athlete can hear it.
- 11.1.3. In the event of a challenge the scorer will check the disputed shot value and, once a decision is made, will recall the score. The Register Keeper must call this back even if there is no change.

### **11.2. ISSF Pistol Events:**

- 11.2.1. Scoring equipment approved by the NRC is to be used for scoring paper targets.

### **11.3. Action Pistol Match**

- 11.3.1. Overlays approved by the NRC are to be used for the scoring of paper targets.

#### **11.4. WA1500**

11.4.1. Overlays and gauges approved by the NRC are to be used for the scoring of targets.

11.4.1.1. A plug gauge may only be used on the request of the athlete, and may only be used by a RTS jury member and in the presence of the athlete.

11.4.1.2. Plug gauges must conform to the specifications in the WA1500 rules (14.4). ISSF plug gauges must NOT be used.

#### **11.5. PA Service Pistol. Service Pistol Unrestricted, and 25 Yards Service Pistol events**

11.5.1. For PA Service Pistol, Service Pistol and 25 Yards Service Pistol events the scoring of doubtful bullet holes, plug gauges of the following dimensions will be used:-

11.5.1.1. For calibres 7.62 mm to 9.65 mm a gauge with a Flange diameter 9.65 mm (+ 0.05 mm, - 0.00). Spindle diameter as appropriate. Spindle length 10-15 mm

11.5.1.2. Overlays approved by the NRC may be used for the scoring of paper targets.

#### **11.6. PA Black Powder events**

11.6.1. For PA Black Powder 25 m (Aggregate) and 50 m events the scoring of doubtful bullet holes, plug gauges of the following dimensions will be used:-

11.6.1.1. For calibre 4.5 mm (.177") and 5.6 mm (.22"), inward scoring gauges as per the ISSF Regulations.

11.6.1.2. For calibres 7.62 mm to 9.65 mm a gauge with a Flange diameter 9.65 mm (+ 0.05 mm, - 0.00). Spindle diameter as appropriate. Spindle length 10-15 mm

11.6.1.3. For calibres larger than 9.65 mm a gauge with a Flange diameter 11.43 mm (+0.05 mm, - 0.00). Spindle diameter as appropriate. Spindle length 10-15 mm.

#### **11.7. Results, Timing and Scoring Office.**

11.7.1. The Organising Committee must establish an office for preparing paper targets before the competitions and for recording and producing result lists after the competitions. The office must be under the supervision of the Chief RTS Officer and the necessary assistants.

11.7.2. The Jury must supervise all work done in the RTS Office. The Final Result List must be signed by the Chairman of the Jury or his delegate to confirm its accuracy.

11.7.3. Each official must certify his work by initialling the scorecard and results list.

11.7.4. The Jury must examine the 10 best individual and the 3 best team results prior to the final publication of the results list.

- 11.7.4.1. This may be waived for matches where
- a. the targets have been scored by a dedicated scoring team, in the presence of a jury member AND
  - b. the shooter has had the opportunity to check his targets AND
  - c. the athlete has signed off his score card

11.7.5. The Chairman of the Jury must certify a complete copy of the results to be forwarded to PA.

**11.8. Value of Shots.**

Refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

**11.9. Gauges and Overlays.**

11.9.1. All gauges and instruments that are used at PA Championships must be examined and approved by the Jury prior to the competition.

**11.10. Tie Breaking**

Refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

(Note: For Action Pistol Match, and the WA1500 matches the tie breaking procedure may be subject to PA supplementary regulations).

11.10.1. Where the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match require a shoot-off to be conducted such shoot-off must begin as soon as possible after the Protest time has expired. The athletes involved must remain in contact with the Chief Range Officer pending an announcement of a time and place of the shoot-off.

**12. Shooting Procedures and Competition Rules**

Refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

**12.1. 'Australian Conditions' for ISSF events without Electronic Targets**

As a number of procedures in the course-of-fire for ISSF/WSPS rules cannot be properly reproduced on ranges using paper targets, PA has authorised a number of 'Australian Conditions':

**12.1.1. 50m Pistol, Qualification Round**

12.1.1.1. The event is divided into six (6) series each of ten (10) competition shots,

12.1.1.2. Following the combined Preparation and Sighting time, the event time is divided into six (6) series each of 15 minutes.

12.1.1.3. Once the first competition shot has been fired, no further sighting shots are allowed unless permitted by the Jury in accordance with these Rules. Any further sighting shot(s) fired in contravention of this rule must be scored as miss(es) in the competition.

12.1.1.4. If competitors are changing own targets, allow up to 3 minutes after range is clear for competitors to get settled in their bays. This period is to allow competitors to rest before commencing the next series.

**12.1.2. 10m Pistol, Finals Round – after Sighters:**

12.1.2.1. For procedures, refer PA RO Guides

12.1.2.2. Decimal scoring, using scoring machines, or gauges approved by the NRC.

**12.1.3. 25m events, Qualification Round – score and patch after each 5-shot series**

12.1.3.1. For procedures, refer PA RO Guides

**12.1.4. 25m events, Finals Round**

12.1.4.1. For procedures, refer PA RO Guides

12.1.4.2. Hit/miss scoring using overlays or gauges approved by the NRC.

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