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VA 4-H Shooting Education

Spring Air 2024

**W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational and
Conference Center, Wirtz, VA**

March 16-17, 2024

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*TDD number is (800) 828-1120

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*TDD numero es (800) 828-1120

2024 Virginia 4-H Spring Air Fact Sheet

[1-2024-Spring Air Fact Sheet v3.doc]

This is a two day event.
We ask that you treat it as such.

Please read through the registration info and match bulletins. Do not rely strictly on this information. If you find a change that I have missed, please let me know. Age participation policy for all events (except BB) tied to calendar year.

Date: March 15-17, 2024

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational and Conference Center, Wirtz, VA

Driving Directions and Map of Facilities: <http://www.skelton4hcenter.org/>

Registration Deadline: [Tuesday, February 20, 2024](#)

Registration Process: Counties/teams that competed in 2023 will be sent notification of the registration information. Registration materials can be downloaded from the VA 4-H Shooting Education Website

<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/shooting.html>

or contact Robert Tillotson or Lynn Wheelless; see contact information below.

Eligibility: Any 4-H member enrolled in a State 4-H Office approved 4-H Shooting Education Club who has completed project portfolios in the event(s) in which they are registered to shoot. Portfolios can be downloaded from the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Website (above).

Portfolios for each participant need to be complete and presented at registration.

Lodging, Meal, and Day Use Fees:

Lodging will be \$49.00 night/room in hotel style rooms with 4 or 5 persons per room or \$11.00/night/person in lodge style rooms. This includes a 12.3% lodging tax. Families with shooting competitors will be given priority for the hotel style rooms. (Please do not ask for them for extended family members such as aunts, uncles, and grandparents.) Youth and adults must provide their own bedding, towels and toiletries. For these room rates, you will be responsible for cleaning the trash out of your rooms and making sure everything is in order. You will be responsible for any damages. There is to be **NO SMOKING** in any building or rooms. Please inform your adults of this. Those wanting hotel style rooms for Friday night only, must be out by 10:00 AM so that room can be cleaned for use on Saturday night. Saturday check-in to rooms after 2:00 PM

Meals are: Breakfast-\$9.00, Lunch-\$10.00, and Dinner-\$15.00. This includes the 4% meals tax. Lodging and meal requirements must be made with registration by [February 20th](#).

Day Use: Everyone who is NOT staying overnight at Skelton 4-H Center will be charged a \$5 day use fee (one fee per weekend). This includes parents, guardians, coaches, family members, and any other visitors. Please contact Robert if you have questions.

Use of Skelton facilities for meals. Skelton has allotted a limited number of areas for groups to have their own meals. These will be on a first come basis. Please contact Robert for additional information. This has to be confirmed with Robert by the registration deadline. They do ask that there be no cooking in the living quarters and no grills.

Entry Fee: The entry fee for 4-H participants is \$46 per youth and includes all matches and event t-shirt.

Payment: Due to the financial guidelines for 4-H clubs, shooting clubs that opted to become activities of VA TECH will receive an invoice at check-in for their total fees due. Payment of these fees will need to be processed through the shooting club's local extension office in a timely manner.

Shooting clubs that opted to apply for independent 501(c)3 status with the IRS (or their county 4-H volunteer Leaders group applied for independent status) will pay at check in on Friday night or Saturday morning. **One check per county/club please!** Make check payable to "Skelton 4H Educational Center." There will be a \$50 fee on any returned check.

The amount owed will be emailed to the coach of record along with lodging assignments and squad times during the week prior to the competition.

Cancellation Policy:

Clubs will be responsible for payment of any meals and/or lodging not canceled by February 20th. Cancellations to be made to Robert Tillotson at ricochetrobert56@gmail.com

Portfolio Review:

Club Coordinators or Unit 4-H Agents must complete the form *VA 4-H Shooting Education Portfolio Certification Document* form **for each competitor**. These completed forms must be emailed to sb102376@yahoo.com by 8:00 PM on **February 27, 2024**. Additionally, **portfolios must be available for review during the check-in process.**

Check-in: Only one official coach of record (or their designee) to come through registration line please! Upon arrival, each club must check-in, **present portfolios and participant registration for review**, pay (if they opted for independent status), receive their housing assignments (if any) and verify the adult(s) who will be providing overnight supervision. As 4-H has gone to online enrollment, health forms, and code of conduct, each club is responsible for either having paper copies of health forms with them or 24 hour access to online health forms for all participants commuting or staying at the center and those adults staying at the center. Clubs must provide any additional information necessary to have a safe, productive and enjoyable weekend.

Mandatory Scorer/Stat House Worker: Even though AR, AP, and BB will be scored by scanning we ask that each county/club designate at least one adult (4-H Instructor and/or 4-H Parent) to assist with tasks as needed throughout the event, such as running targets, sorting targets,

and generally being available to help. They do not have to stay in the stat house the whole time. Just check by and see if any help is needed and it does not have to be the same person designated for the whole weekend. The operators of the Orion Systems have asked for assistance with the scanning process so that they might be able to take a break occasionally and also to be able to teach others about the systems. For those clubs or individuals interested in learning more about the Orion system, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.

Events: BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Silhouette, Air Rifle Silhouette, Presentation Contest, Public Speaking Contest, and Archery.

BB will use the new age classification. All other events (including public speaking and presentation) will use the calendar year for ages to determine classification where necessary.

Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and BB will all be scored by the Orion system in 2024.

Presentation and Public Speaking Contests. The 4-H Shooting Education Program is a vehicle for teaching life skills and the youth participating in the shooting program need to be able to communicate to others their interest and commitment to the shooting sports. Youth may participate in either the presentation contest or public speaking contest. The rules for each will follow the main stream 4-H contest areas and can be accessed at the Virginia Cooperative Extension site which is listed later in this announcement. Awards will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd individual in each event and each age group: Junior (ages 9 to 13) and Senior (ages 14 – 19).

“Spring Air” 4-H Age Policy: Youth that turn 9 to 13 in 2024 will be considered juniors and those that turn 14 or older in 2024 will be considered seniors. See the BB and Air Pistol sections for additional information.

Birth Year	Age
2005	18+
2006	18
2007	17
2008	16
2009	15
2010	14
2011	13
2012	12
2013	11
2014	10
2015	9
2016	8

Finals: Sunday Afternoon
Air Rifle (top 8 sporter)
Air Pistol (top 8 unsupported/standing)

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At this time of year, sometimes sites, particularly those for rules are being updated for the new year. If you find one that has been updated and I have not caught it, please let me know.

Spring Air 2024 -- Overall Event Schedule [2-Spring Air 2024 Schedule.docx] [1/18/24 v3]

Friday, March 15

3:00 PM - until finished	Ranges Set-up
7:00 PM to 10:30 PM	Registration (Reid Jones Jr. Lodge)
10:30 PM	Lights out and quiet

Saturday, March 16

7:00 AM to 7:45 AM	Breakfast
7:15 AM to 8:00 AM	Late Registration (Reid Jones Jr. Lodge)
8:15 AM	Coaches Meeting (Taubman Conference Room)
8:30 -8:45 AM	Participants with 9:00 AM relays need to move equipment to the ranges (leave guns cased)
9:00 AM	Ranges Open and Relay Start Times
BB (1:15)(17)	9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM (Rocovich Range)
BB Test	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Reid Jones Jr. Lodge – lower conference room) (If you shoot on Saturday, please take the test on Saturday. If you shoot on Sunday, you can take the test either day.) Test Times will be posted at the Stat House.
Air Rifle (1:45)(16)	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM (Smith Building)
Air Pistol (1:30)(13)	9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM (Welcome center basement, please use downstairs entrance located on back of building, upstairs is not a lounge area)
AR/AP Silhouette	9:15 AM to 4:30 PM (Rocovich Range) (Walk in)
Archery	9:15 AM to 4:30 PM (Rocovich Range) (Walk in)
All Day	Please have adult(s) check by the registration room to see if help is needed

You are invited and encouraged to come watch the presentation and public speaking contests but please do not enter or leave the room when a contestant is speaking.

9:30 AM **Presentations** - All contestants to Taubman Conference Room

1:00 PM **Public Speaking** - All Contestants to Taubman Conference Room

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Lunch -- Dining Room Small end - Please keep noise down as consideration for AR shooters

6:30 PM to 7:15 PM Dinner

All Day AR, AP, and BB will be scored by scanning with the Orion System – if an “obvious” error is made by the system, which is possible when a BB tears a hole, then that target needs to be brought to the attention of the statistical officers. Targets w/ individual score sheet will be available for coaches inside Reid Jones, Jr. Upper Conference Room for inspection after each relay is recorded. Please do not take them with you.

10:30 PM Lights out and quiet

Sunday, March 17

7:00 AM to 7:45 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM Ranges Open (Same locations as Saturday)

BB 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (If needed)

BB Test 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (If needed) Test Times will be posted at the Stat House.

Air Rifle 8:00 AM

Air Pistol 8:00 AM

AR/AP Silhouette 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Rocovich) (Walk in)

Archery

8:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Rocovich) (Walk in)

Take down BB and AP ranges as soon as events are over

10:30 AM

Take down Silhouette and Archery ranges

12:00 to 12:45 PM

Lunch – Dining Room Small End

10:30 AM

Air Pistol Finals (only for one-handed) (Smith Building – AR range)

12:00 Noon

Air Rifle Finals (Smith Building – AR range) (Earlier if possible)

Take down AR range as soon as Finals are over

3:00 PM

Awards (will start following finals, AR range teardown, awards calculation completion, and facilities cleanup)

Sunday afternoon events will be moved earlier if at all possible but will not start until all ranges are taken down and facilities clean.

NOTE: Help knocking down ranges, packing that equipment up, and cleaning rooms is very important to having the awards in a timely manner.

2024 Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Championship
March 15-17, 2024
W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational and Conference Center
[3A-Spring Air 2024 Registration Instructions.doc] [1/18/24 v3]

This is a two day event.
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Registration Form Instructions

Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
Any forms with names and addresses typed in all caps will not be
accepted.

DO NOT email information back on “strings” of emails as it gets lost
with so many on the string!

There are five spread sheets **[in excel]** that need to be completed for registration. **RETURN IN EXCEL – not pdf., scanned, or any other language or format**

[1] Club Registration:

- Line 1:** Unit (County or Club) Name
- Line 2:** Name of coach of record
- Line 3:** Electronic signature of Certification by Coach or Club Coordinator signifying that all the competitors are knowledgeable of the use of their equipment and of the competition in which they are entered. (BB, supported Air Pistol positions, and AR & AP silhouettes may have coaches.) ***Air Rifle and unsupported Air Pistol positions must be able to handle their equipment without coaching on the firing line. If a competitor is not able to handle their equipment or know the competition process, they will be asked to leave the firing line.***
- Line 4:** Contact Name
- Lines 5:** Address
- Line 6:** City
- Line 7:** State
- Line 8:** Zip Code
- Line 9:** Phone Number
- Line 10:** Email for questions on registration
- Line 11:** Name(s) of individual(s) from the club that can help with stat house. Also, data entry help needed.
- Line 12:** Total number of 4-H competitors. Automatically computed from Competitor Info page

- Line 13:** All Adults and Non-competitors attending Spring Air must be included on this form. **There is a \$5 day use fee for each attendee that is NOT lodging with the Center.** (One fee for one or two days.) All attendees must be registered on this form. This form can be updated after the registration deadline but before the final check in of the weekend. Automatically computed from information on page.
- Line 14:** Children under 4 years of age. Automatically computed from information on page.
- Line 15:** Fees for additional areas of Center that are used
- Line 16:** Lodging needed. Automatically computed from Lodging & Meals sheet
- Line 17:** Meals needed. Automatically computed from Lodging & Meals sheet
- Line 18:** Day use fees. Automatically computed for competitors commuting or those lodging with no meals eaten from center.
- Line 19:** Danish Ribbons, Medals, and Trophies will not be mailed if not in attendance at awards ceremony. They will be available at the next State Function (State Shoot)).
- Line 20:** Grand Total
- Line 21:** Method of payment.
- Due to the financial guidelines for 4-H clubs, shooting clubs that opted to become activities of VA TECH will receive an invoice for their total fees due. Payment of these fees will need to be processed through the shooting club's local extension office in a timely manner.
- Shooting clubs that opted to apply for independent 501(c)3 status with the IRS (or their county 4-H volunteer Leaders group applied for independent status) will pay at check in on Friday night or Saturday morning. **One check per county/club please!** Make check payable to "Skelton 4H Educational Center." There will be a \$35 fee on any returned check.
- The amount owed will be emailed to the coach of record along with lodging assignments and squad times during the week prior to the competition.**
- Line 22&23:** Office Use

[2] Competitor Info:

Please follow the instructions in parenthesis in each column of the registration sheet. For more than 30 participants please add additional lines or sheets.

Do not put additional information in columns (such as days they would like to shoot that discipline or email that information to Robert. **That information needs to be put on the notes worksheet (not in separate email.)** (Additional information may be put in an email but may be missed as registrar is working from registration sheets.)

Competitor Information:

All information for every competitor must be entered. Do not type using all capital letters. Instructions for each column are in each column. **Start on line one and do not leave blank lines for competitors.**

For all disciplines put a "1" in the block if the competitor is shooting that event. Do not put "no" if not shooting that event.

In the column for pistol position place the letter "BS" for Basic Supported, "SS" for Standing Supported, and "1ST" for One Handed Standing.

In the column for Air Pistol Silhouette, select either "Supp" for Supported or "Stand" for Standing.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

[3] Adults & Non-competitors

All adults and Non-competitors attending Spring Air must be included on this form. There is a \$5 day use fee for each attendee. (One fee will cover for one or two days.) **All attendees must be registered on this form!** This form may be updated after the competitor registration deadline but must be finalized before final check-in for the weekend.

[4] Lodging, Meals, & Day Use Info:

Any competitor that wants to "shoot four or more "squadded" events must lodge both nights. Squadded events include: Presentation/Public Speaking, air rifle, air pistol, and BB. Please record all information for all competitors. Also enter any coach, family member, etc., that will be staying at Skelton 4-H Educational Center. Place a "1" in column for each night's lodging for one member of a family (group) desiring a "hotel style" room and a "1" for each person for lodge style room. Place a "1" in column for each meal for each person to be reserved. Form will automatically compute total if "1s" are placed in column. Totals will automatically be entered on Club Registration page. **Place a "1" in Day Use columns for participants who are not lodging with the Skelton 4-H Center.**

Lodging will be assigned at check-in. (Families may stay together in one room for \$49.00/night. A limited number of these rooms are available.) Those wanting hotel style rooms for Friday night only must be out by 10:00 AM so that room can be cleaned for use on Saturday night. Saturday check-in to rooms after 2:00 PM

[5] Notes or Comments:

Please record additional information on this sheet such as special needs, requested shoot days, etc.

[6] Invoice will be automatically computed for information from other pages

Cancellation Policy

Clubs will be responsible for payment of any registrations, meals or lodging not canceled **by February 20th**. Cancellations to be made to Robert Tillotson, ricochetrobert56@gmail.com

Return completed forms to
ricochetrobert56@gmail.com
by **midnight, February 20th.**

VA 4-H Shooting Education Portfolio Certification Document

Name of Competitor: _____ County/Unit _____
Shooting Year: _____

<u>RIFLE</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>
BB		_____
Air Rifle 3P		_____
Air Rifle Silhouettes		_____
3P .22 Rifle		_____
.22 Rifle Silhouettes		_____

<u>PISTOL</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>
Progressive Pistol Program (Air Pistol PPP)		_____
Air Pistol Silhouettes		_____
.22 Camp Perry		_____
.22 Smallbore Hunter Pistol Silhouette		_____

<u>SHOTGUN</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>
Trap		_____
Skeet		_____
Sporting Clays		_____

<u>ARCHERY</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>
10 Yards		_____
15 Yards		_____
20 Yards		_____
25 Yards		_____
30 Yards		_____
30/40/50/60 Meters		____/____/____/____

<u>MUZZLELOADING</u>	JR / SR (circle one).	<u>SCORE</u>
50 yds x 12 shots		_____
Silhouettes (bottles & critters)		_____

<u>HUNTING</u>	JR / SR (circle one).	<u>SCORE</u>
To be determined in January		_____

By signing this document, I certify that I have reviewed the member's portfolio and determined the member has met all competition and safety requirements listed on the discipline project portfolios. The coordinator or 4-H Agent guarantees the Coach of Record will have hard copies of the competitor's project portfolio at the competition available for inspection at match officials' request.

Signature: _____ . Date: _____

Printed Name of Coordinator or Agent: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Have instructors fill out each competitor's project portfolio and turn into you.
2. Review each competitor's project portfolio for competency & safety in each event the competitor is registered to compete in.
3. Neatly fill in the competitor's name, county, and the year where indicated.
4. Neatly fill in competitor's consistent scores at practice/competitions in the space labeled SCORE.
5. Circle JR if the competitor is a Junior competitor, and SR if the competitor is a Senior competitor in disciplines where asked.
6. If any areas in the project portfolio are not filled in correctly, please contact instructors to fill them in as required before signing page 1 of this document.
7. Sign and date
8. Scan and email page 1 to match officials before the required deadline.
9. Ensure project portfolios are with the Coach of Record at each match.

Only 1 form needs to be filled out per shooting year. Take note of minimum score requirements for each discipline and ensure the competitor has consistently met these in practice. Please fill out each blank correctly. It is not the match official's responsibility to go on Orion and look up previous match scores. As stated on both page 1 and 2, this sheet does not replace the requirement of the project portfolios. The coach of record must have the full project portfolios on hand at every competition. The portfolio review process is a risk management issue with up to 6 or 7 pages to review per competitor per match. This ensures coordinators have reviewed each competitor's portfolio before registering them in a match. The failure to complete page 1 completely and correctly could result in the competitor being pulled from events.

2024 VIRGINIA 4H “SPRING AIR” 4-P BB GUN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

[6A-Spring Air 2024 BB Gun Match Program.docx]

Date: Saturday, March 16 & Sunday March 17, 2024

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center, Wirtz, VA24184

Sponsor: Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council

Open to: Youth ages 9 to 15.

The rule is “The age of the competitor shall be determined by the date of the first shot going downrange for each tournament. The limiting out age is still fifteen. However, it has been decided by the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council that if a participant turns sixteen between the State Championship and National Championship, then they will be ineligible to compete for the club team awards. They may still compete at this State Championship as an individual.

Teams will be composed of the top five shooters from each club using scores from the match. Clubs with 10 or more shooters may have multiple teams.

Rules: Current NRA BB Gun Rules (Effective January 2020, Rules date maybe updated if posted) will govern with exceptions from the match program.

<https://competitions.nra.org/media/8919/2023-bb-gun-rules.pdf>

Match Course: 10 shots in each position (prone, standing, sitting, and kneeling) with 10 minutes for each position plus a 50 question test.

Target: AR-4/10 at 5 meters (Orion scoring system targets)

Relays: First relay starts at 9:00 am and successive relays beginning every 75 minutes thereafter. Competitors and coaches need to be at the range 30 minutes prior to relay start time.

Safety: Eye protection will be required on the firing line and for anyone supervising or working on or around the firing line including Shooters, Coaches, and Officials. No talking, electronic devices, or flash photography please.

Challenge Period: SCORING We will be using the Orion scoring system for all targets. Targets will be scored, and posted after each relay. Test scores will be posted after the last shot is fired and after the last test is finished. A link to a website will be provided where the scores and Orion results may be viewed. Supersedes NRA rule 14.3.3.

Test: Each competitor will take a test worth 100 points. Source material for the test

will be the Daisy 10 Lesson Curriculum Guide, and the current NRA 5-Meter BB Gun Rule Book. The test will consist of 40 T/F and 10 multiple choice questions. Test sessions will be scheduled for each relay.

<https://www.daisy.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Daisy-Ten-Lesson-Curriculum.pdf>
<https://competitions.nra.org/media/8919/2023-bb-gun-rules.pdf>

For the state test, questions will be from the **Avanti-Daisy 10 Lesson Curriculum Shooting Education** Lessons 1 through 10; from the **NRA 5-Meter BB Gun Rule Book** sections Revisions, Safety is Shooting's Most Important Rule, and Sections 2.3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.1, 11.4.1, 11.5, 14, 15, 18.

Awards: Medals or plaques will be awarded to top teams and individuals as follows:

Individual Awards –

1st to 3rd place in each; prone, standing, kneeling, sitting, and test;

1st to 10th place in the aggregate; and

1st to 3rd place age 10 and under in the aggregate.(No older than 10 in the year of

competition.)

Team Awards – 1st to 3rd place 5 member teams

Achievement ribbons will also be awarded.

BB will be shot as the 4-H 4P State Championship in 2024. The top three BB teams will be invited to the Daisy National BB Championship, July 5-10, 2023 in Rogers, AR.

Range Officer: Marlene Gray

Official Program for the 2024 Virginia 4-H State “Spring Air” 3-Position Air Rifle

[4A-Spring Air 2024AR Program.doc] [1/14/2024]

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center
775 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, VA24184

Dates and

Relay Times: See schedule. All times are subject to change if necessary.

Sponsor: Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H Shooting Education Program

Events: Sporter: 3x20 individual and 4-member team
Top 8 individuals shoot finals
Precision: 3x20 individual only. Due to limited participation there will be no team competition or finals.

Competition This event is restricted to Virginia 4-H Shooting Education participants
Please note that the Air Rifle event is a 60 shot match and is NOT recommended for novice Air Rifle shooters

Rules: The 3rd^h Edition 2024 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules will apply. <https://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-CMP-Air-Gun-Rulebook.pdf> The wearing of eye protection is mandatory. Scoring will be done utilizing the Orion Scoring System.

	3 x 20 COURSE of Fire	
STAGE	POSITION	TIME LIMIT
PREPERATION AND SIGHTING	PRONE Unlimited sighting shots	8 minutes
RECORD FIRE	PRONE, 20 record shots	20 minutes
CHANGEOVER	PRONE to STANDING	5 minutes
SIGHTING	STANDING Unlimited sighting shots	5 minutes
RECORD FIRE	STANDING, 20 record shots	25 minutes
CHANGEOVER	STANDING to KNEELING	5 minutes
SIGHTING	KNEELING Unlimited sighting shots	5 minutes
RECORD FIRE	KNEELING, 20 record shots	20 minutes

Teams must consist of **four** members and must be declared Saturday morning, March 16th by the coach's meeting before the first shot is fired (9:00 AM)

Targets: NC-AR10 (Orion Scoring System Targets)

Equipment: Competitors must furnish their own rifle, pellets and equipment. Compressed air/ CO2 will not be furnished. Blaze orange clear barrel Indicators (CBI's) are required.

Ammunition: 100% lead wad cutter pellets are the only approved pellets for the match. Targets shot with round or pointed pellets will not be scored.

Finals: Finals will be shot Sunday following the last air rifle relay and air pistol finals and will consist of the top eight sporter competitors.

Awards: Sporter: 1st to 10th individual overall
1st to 3rd in each position
1st to 3rd teams overall
Sub age 14 and under – 1st to 3rd individual overall
(No older than 14 in the year of competition)

Precision: 1st to 3rd individual overall

Qualification for Air Rifle State Development Team: The guidelines for the 2025 Virginia Air Rifle Development Team for the 2025 National Invitational have been developed. If you would like a copy, contact Lynn Wheelles.

Range Officer: Walt Glusiec



State Three-Position Air Rifle Junior Olympics Team Registration Card



Name of School or Club		Team Contact	
Daytime phone		Email	
Mailing Address		Classes <input type="checkbox"/> Sporter OR <input type="checkbox"/> Precision <input type="checkbox"/> Scholastic OR <input type="checkbox"/> Club	
Please provide the name and competitor number of each person who will represent your school or club.			
Last/Family Name	First Name, MI	*CMP Comp #*	Position
			Instructor/Coach <i>(to be listed as head coach on results)</i>
			Team Member
			Team Member
			Team Member
			Team Member

The four members of this team must be selected prior to the event. Should the team qualify for Nationals, the members may be changed.

Look up CMP Numbers at:

<https://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/CreateACMPNumber.pdf>

This form must be submitted by the match director to CMP with the match results.

Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Air Rifle Silhouette, 2024

[4C-Spring Air 2024 4H Air Rifle Silhouette Match Program.doc]

Targets: 1/10 scale metallic silhouettes

Course of Fire: Twenty (20) shots, four stages, 5 shots each.

Stages: 5 shots chickens at 10 yards
 5 shots pigs at 12.5 yards
 5 shots turkeys at 15 yards
 5 shots rams at 18 yards

Position:

All stages will be standing, unsupported position. No part of the shooter's body or clothing may touch the bench.

Equipment: Any .17 air rifle, any sights. Shooters must furnish their own air rifle, pellets and equipment. No shooting jackets, gloves or slings allowed. No air rifles exceeding 800 ft/second velocity. **Air rifles must not exceed velocity of 800 fps**

Time Limits: For each string of 5 shots, there will be a 30 second ready (preparation time) and a 2 minute 30 second fire. One shot will be fired at each metal silhouette starting on the left and moving left to right.

Awards: First, second, and third place individual in each age division (junior & senior). The air rifle silhouettes will be divided into two groups: juniors will be those that are thirteen and under and seniors will be those 14 and older in the calendar year 2023. Achievement awards will be given to each individual based upon individual score. Ties will be broken by long run as follows - 1) Ram, then if still tied by 2) Turkey, then 3) Pig, then 4) Chicken.

Rules: Based on the NRA Air Rifle Metallic Silhouette Rules.

Coaches' Responsibility: Coaches are allowed (and encouraged) to be on the line and may coach their shooters while firing. Coaches are allowed to cock and load air guns for junior competitors. It is the responsibility of each coach to insure that each of their competitors have met the minimum requirements including knowing how to follow range commands and practice safe firearms handling. Competitors must come with experience shooting the firearm they will be using and should have sight settings for the four distances.

Range Officer: Alan Lerch

Match Program

2024 Virginia 4H “Spring Air” Air Pistol

Skelton 4-H Center March 16 & 17, 2024

[5A-Spring Air 2024 AP Match Program.docx] (1/15/24)

Rules: USA Shooting-NRA Progressive Position Air Pistol Rules

--March 1, 2019 PPP Rule Book as updated, will govern

Positions and Ages: There are three positions authorized:

- Basic Supported – Maximum age is 12
- Standing Supported – Maximum age is 14
- Standing – No minimum age for Spring Air

Targets: Orion Air Pistol Targets. Scoring by Orion Scoring System.

Equipment: Competitors must furnish their own pistol, pellets, and equipment. Compressed air / CO2 will not be furnished. Blaze orange Clear Barrel Indicators (CBI's) are required. If a competitor needs to fill or change air or CO2 during a match, once the preparation/sighting period starts, they must ask Range Officer for permission. Non-refillable CO2 cartridges may be replaced on the firing line. Cylinders filled from a scuba tank shall be refilled off the line. Following replacement of the cylinder or cartridge, gas may be released as necessary under the supervision of the range officer before record fire is commenced. Competitors must ask permission from the range officer. Gas shall not be discharged behind the firing line.

Ammunition: 100% lead wad-cutter pellets are the only approved pellets for use during the match. Targets shot with round or pointed pellets will not be scored.

Course of Fire: 40 Shots plus sighters

Fifteen minutes for preparation period and unlimited sighting shots on two sighting bulls

Twenty minutes for twenty record shots on the first set of four targets.

Twenty minutes for twenty record shots on the second set of four targets.

Finals: Finals will be shot Sunday morning on the air rifle range once air rifle is finished. Finals will consist of the top 8, one handed, non-supported competitors.

<u>Awards:</u>	Individual:	Basic Supported	1 st to 3 rd
		Standing Supported	1 st to 3 rd
		International Standing	1 st to 3 rd
	Team:	Supported Position	1 st to 3 rd
		Mixed Position	1 st to 3 rd
		International Standing	1 st to 3 rd

Teams: Air Pistol teams for “Spring Air” may be formed as follows:

Supported Position Teams consist entirely of members who shoot in a Supported position.

Mixed-Position Teams must have: a) One member who shoots in a Supported position and the other two members must shoot in the International Standing position, or b) Two members who shoot in a Supported position and the other one member must shoot in the International Standing position.

International Standing Position Teams are composed entirely of members who shoot in the International Standing position.

Air pistol teams must be designated on the AP Teams form, submitted and must be declared Saturday morning, March 16th by the coach's meeting before the first shot is fired (9:00 AM)

AIR PISTOL TEAM ENTRY FORM

**“Spring Air”
2024 Virginia State 4H
Progressive Air Pistol Championship**

***COACH – PRINT CLEARLY
ALL INFORMATION (Except Score) IS REQUIRED***

MARCH 15-17

CLUB TEAM NAME: _____

COUNTY: _____

AIR PISTOL TEAM TYPE: _____ **(Check One)**

Supported Position _____

(Any combination of Basic Supported or Standing Supported)

Mixed Position _____

(1 Standing & 2 Supported or 2 Standing & 1 Supported)

Standing _____

(All team members shoot from Standing/Unsupported)

TEAM MEMBERS: (Must have three)

COACH'S NAME: _____

Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Air Pistol Silhouette, 2024

[5C-Spring Air 2024 4H Air Pistol Silhouette Match Program.doc v3]

Note: This is an unsquadded event, competitors must be registered during the registration process and the club's coach must have the competitor's portfolio available during check-in.

Targets: 1/10 scale metallic silhouettes

Course of Fire: Twenty (20) shots, four stages, 5 shots each stage.

Stages:
5 shots chickens at 10 yards
5 shots pigs at 12.5 yards
5 shots turkeys at 15 yards
5 shots rams at 18 yards

Shooting Position: **New for 2024** Competitors will register and compete as either Supported or Standing. Competitors 15 and older must shoot standing. 14 and younger can choose either.

Standing Position: No part of the competitor's body or clothing may touch the bench. One or two hands allowed per NRA Rule 5.8

Supported Position: All stages will be seated (in chair at table). The competitor may use supporting material. The competitor may rest any part of either or both hands and forearms and the butt of the pistol on the supporting materials.

Equipment: Any air pistol, any sights. Competitors must furnish their own pistol, 100% lead pellets and equipment. No shooting jackets, gloves or slings allowed. All competitors will be required to use **BLAZE ORANGE** CLEAR/OPEN BARREL INDICATORS (CBI's).

Time Limits: For each string of 5 shots, there will be a 30 second ready (preparation time) and a 2 minute 30 second fire. One shot will be fired at each metal silhouette starting on the left and moving left to right.

Awards: First, second, and third place individual in each age division; Achievement awards will be given to each individual based upon individual score.

Rules: *NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules* (Air Pistol)

Ties: Utilizing best score from longest to shortest distance.

Coaching: Spotters are encouraged to be on the line to spot for their competitors. Competitors in supported positions have the option to follow the rules of PPP regarding loading and pistol adjustments. The standing competitors must load magazines at the proper time and must independently make all adjustments to the pistol to include sight/scope settings. It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure that each of their competitors have met the minimum requirements including knowing how to follow range commands and practice safe firearms handling. Competitors must come with experience shooting the air gun they will be using and should have sight settings for the four distances.

Match Program

2024 Virginia 4H "Spring Air" Archery

(6- Spring Air 2024 Archery Match Program)

Target: **Genesis Bows & Recurve Bows** will use the 80 cm. (16") FITA targets. The targets are divided into ten (10) concentric circles. The values from inside-out are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 respectively.

Hunting-style (non-target) Compound

Seniors will use the 5-spot target. The targets are divided into 4 concentric circles. The values from inside -out are 10, 9, 8, 7, 0. Only one arrow per bullseye. Double shots will result in the highest arrow score being dropped.

Juniors will shoot the 80 cm (16") FITA targets. The targets are divided into ten (10) concentric circles. The values from inside-out are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 respectively. *This will be the last year juniors will shoot the 80 cm target. For Spring Air 2025, they will shoot the 5-spot target.*

Course of Fire: Genesis and Recurve – Three (3) scoring Ends consisting of five (5) shots each at 10 yards and then 15 yards for a total of thirty (30) shots.
Compound – Three (3) scoring Ends consisting of five (5) shots each at 15 yards and then 20 yards for a total of thirty (30) shots.

Time Limit: Three (3) minutes per 5 arrow end.

Categories: There will be three categories: **Genesis Bows, Recurve Bows and Hunting – style (non-Target) Compound Bows** (60-pound maximum draw weight). All categories will be operated simultaneously on the range, with Compound bows shooting their 20 yard Ends with no Genesis or Recurve Bows on the range at the time.

Competitors must be aware that this competition is non-squadded and may affect their other competitions during Spring Air. A competitor may compete in two categories, but there are limits on the number of events each competitor may register for:

Option 1: A competitor may register for two shooting events (Air Rifle, Air Pistol, BB) plus one archery event (Genesis, Recurve, Compound) for a maximum of 3 events, or

Option 2: A competitor may register for two archery events plus one shooting event for a maximum of 3 events.

Public Speaking and Presentation do not count against the maximum of 3 events.

Age Divisions: Juniors (ages 9 – 13) & Seniors (ages 14 – 19) as determined by the calendar year.

Range Limits: A maximum of 12 archers may compete simultaneously on the range. All arrows should be labelled in the event archers share a target.

Awards: First, second, and third place individual in each age division and each category. An achievement award will be given to each individual based on their individual score.

First place team awards will be given in each age division for Genesis Bows.

Definition of a team: a team is composed of three (3) shooters. Therefore two (2) people do not make a team even if their combined score is higher than the combined 3 scores of a team. Team scores will be computed by adding the top three (3) scores of the individuals in each category and age division from each club. Thus, only one team award in each age division in may be won by a single club. "Make-up" teams from across county lines are not allowed unless the members practice and regularly shoot together as members of the club.

Achievement Award:

<u>Ribbon</u>	<u>Score</u>
Gold	250 - 300
Silver	175 - 249
Bronze	100 - 174
Green	0 – 99

Ties: All individual ties to be broken by determining which competitor had a greater number of X's, 10's, 9's, through 1's. If a tie still exists, the scores from the third end will be compared, then the second end, etc. Team ties are determined by the same procedure.

Rules: When shooting, the archer shall straddle the shooting line. Participants will be instructed with verbal commands as follows:

- Shooter to the line, straddle the line with bow in hand
- The line is hot; nock arrow and commence firing
- The line is cold; go forward to the target line

If an unsafe condition occurs, the CEASE FIRE! command will be given. "Sky drawing", also called a High Draw is strictly prohibited.

An arrow leaving the bow is considered a shot unless the archer can reach it from their position with their bow. **An archer must not attempt to reach for the arrow until instructed to do so by the match director, lane official, or range official.**

An arrow going through or bouncing off the target paper shall be shot again regardless of where it hit the target. If an arrow bounces out of the target during an End the match director, lane official, or range official should be made aware and they can give that archer another arrow during that particular End. If there are any archers that have a bounce out that was not re-shot during the End, then a bounce out End can be shot at that particular distance following the conclusion of that distance's three Ends.

- Scoring:
- a. All arrows must be scored before any arrow or the target's face is touched.
 - b. An arrow shaft (not fletching) touching the lines shall count as hitting the inner one and awarded the point higher value.
 - c. An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded "0" points.
 - d. The "X" ring in the center of the 10 is simply scored as a 10.
 - e. An arrow that "robin-hoods" another arrow receives the value of the arrow it "robin-hooded" in the target.

- f. An arrow that skips off the floor and strikes the target is scored where it lands.
- g. An arrow that skips off the floor and bounces off the target is treated as a bounce-out.
- h. Scannable (bubble-type) scorecards will be used.
- i. The scorecard must be signed by the archer at the conclusion of shooting and scoring.

Prior to the competitor pulling their arrows, the judge shall orally count the score at the target. Any protest by the competitor must be taken up at this time. Final decisions rest with the Match Director(s). The score shall then be recorded, and the arrow pulled. Once an arrow is pulled the score for that arrow is final.

Official Postings: For 2023, scores will be posted online only.

Equipment: Shooters **must** provide their own bows, arrows (each shooter must bring a minimum of 5 arrows to the shooting line), accessories and other equipment described for the categories below. Quivers are required for all shooters. NO back quivers are allowed. Eye protection is recommended but not required. Metal, tied, or heat-shrink nock locators may be used. Arm guards are recommended. **Archers must use finger protection in all categories unless using mechanical releases in the compound category. Archers must use finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers. No bare finger draws in any category.**

Genesis Bow – (i.e., Matthew Genesis-type stock bow). Only stock (original), unmodified Genesis Mini or Genesis Original are allowed. Genesis Gen-X are not allowed. Only bare bows with no let-off are allowed. Sights, sight marks/references, mechanical releases, draw stops, and stabilizers are not permitted. Only unmodified Easton aluminum 1820 Genesis arrows are allowed for the Genesis Bow category.

Recurve Bow – Only recurve bows without pulleys or cams are allowed. Sights, sight marks/references, mechanical releases, draw stops, and stabilizers are not permitted. Any arrows that are 20/64 (.3125 inch or 7.93 mm) in diameter or less with field points are allowed for the Recurve Bow category.

Compound Bow – Only compound bows and Genesis Gen-X bows. Magnified sights are allowed. Single pin sights may be adjusted during the end, but you must stay within the allotted time. Only a single stabilizer that may not exceed eleven (11) inches from the bow frame, vibration dampeners, or other devices are allowed. Mechanical releases are permitted with this division only. Maximum draw weight 60 pounds.

Safety Specifications – Comply with all safety specifications in the table below, including minimum arrow weight and maximum arrow diameter.

Coaches Responsibility: It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure that each competitor is familiar with the rules, can understand and follow range commands, and practice safe archery equipment handling.

VA 4-H Shooting Education Archery Equipment Safety Specifications

Draw weight	*Minimum arrow weight		Draw weight	*Minimum arrow weight	
	Pounds	Grains Grams		Pounds	Grains Grams
15	75	4.9	38	190	12.3
16	80	5.2	39	195	12.6
17	85	5.5	40	200	13.0
18	90	5.8	41	205	13.3
19	95	6.2	42	210	13.6
20	100	6.5	43	215	13.9
21	105	6.8	44	220	14.3
22	110	7.1	45	225	14.6
23	115	7.5	46	230	14.9
24	120	7.8	47	235	15.2
25	125	8.1	48	240	15.6
26	130	8.4	49	245	15.9
27	135	8.7	50	250	16.2
28	140	9.1	51	255	16.5
29	145	9.4	52	260	16.8
30	150	9.7	53	265	17.2
31	155	10.0	54	270	17.5
32	160	10.4	55	275	17.8
33	165	10.7	56	280	18.1
34	170	11.0	57	285	18.5
35	175	11.3	58	290	18.8
36	180	11.7	59	295	19.1
37	185	12.0	60	300	19.4

* Complies with National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee rule for a minimum arrow weight of 5 grains per pound of draw weight

Arrows larger than 27/64ths (0.42") in diameter are not permitted.

Maximum drawweight for bows is 60 pounds. Spring Air maximum is 60 pounds.

Finger protection is mandatory unless using a mechanical release. Arm guards are recommended.

Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Public Speaking, 2024

[7A-Spring Air 2024 4H Public Speaking.docx]

The Public Speaking Competition will follow the *Virginia Public Speaking Judging Rubric Suggested Criteria* and will use the *Virginia Cooperative Extension Publication 388-066 (4H-258NP) 4-H Public Speaking Score Sheet* found at:

https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/388/388-066/388-066_pdf.pdf

The only additional requirements to compete at "Spring Air" are that the topic has to be shooting related and contestants may not use the same speech that they used in a previous year.

Appropriate Times for speeches are:

Elementary School age - 2 to 5 minutes

Middle School age - 3 to 6 minutes

High School age - 5 to 7 minutes

Awards:	Junior	1 st to 3 rd
	Senior	1 st to 3 rd

Spring Air 4-H Age Policy: The public speaking competition will be divided into two groups: juniors will be those that are thirteen and under and seniors will be those 14 and older in the calendar year 2024.



4-H Public Speaking Score Sheet

Speaker's Name: _____ Age Category: ☐ Jr. 9-11 ☐ Int. 12-13 ☐ Sr. 14-19

Age by Sept. 30 of 4-H year: _____ Date: _____ Unit/County: _____

Speech Title: _____ Length of Speech: _____

	Blue 5 points	Red 4 points	White 3 points	Constructive Comments:
General Appearance, Poise, Posture (10 pts possible)				
Neatly dressed, well-groomed, good posture				
Calm, pleasant, confident, at ease				
Speech Selection (5 pts possible)				
Age-appropriate topic, one theme				
Voice (30 pts possible)				
Pitch, volume, speed, tone, rhythm				
Clear pronunciation				
No long pauses, no "extra" words (um, uh, you know)				
Audible at all times, distinct, natural voice				
Enthusiastic, personality shows through				
Speaker captures and retains audience attention				
Speech (25 pts possible)				
Well-organized, logical order				
Introduction, body, conclusion				
Up-to-date, accurate, relevant information				
Sticks to subject				
Adheres to time limits (5 pts. deducted for speeches outside of range.)				
Use of Language (10 pts possible)				
Appropriate word choice, clear, correct phrasing				
Uses correct grammar				
Expression (10 pts possible)				
Good eye contact				
Appropriate gestures, body language				
Response to Questions (10 pts possible)				
Adequate, complete answers				
Timely, spontaneous response				

of check marks from red and white columns

X1

X2

Time Ranges: Junior (9-11) = 2-5 mins., Intermediate (12-13) = 3-6 mins., Seniors (14-19) = 5-7 mins.

Scores: Blue = 100-90 Red = 89-75 White = 74 and below

Five points will be deducted for speeches outside the time range.

Category criteria: use the Public Speaking Judging Rubric to clarify.

Components of a speech: speaker, audience, speech; no props or costumes.

100 - _____ = _____ **Final Score**



Public Speaking Judging Rubric: Suggested Criteria

Use the following criteria as a baseline for scoring and providing constructive feedback.

Keep in mind that the rubric provides a set of guidelines for judges; use age-appropriate terms when phrasing feedback to youth.

Criteria	Blue	Red	White
General Appearance, Poise, and Posture	Neatly dressed and well groomed – good posture; smiled when appropriate; seemed confident and at ease throughout speech.	Adequate dress and grooming; posture varied – affected by nervousness or stumbling; overcame initial nervousness; spoke with a few pauses or fill words.	Dress was sloppy, disheveled, or distracting; cleanliness or grooming an issue; was visibly stiff and nervous (e.g. slouched, paced).
Speech Material Selection	Material was age appropriate, easy to follow, evidence of unity, coherence, and emphasis	Although material was age-appropriate, it was somewhat hard to follow, lacking aspects of unity, coherence, and emphasis.	Material was age-appropriate for audience; difficult to follow, little to no evidence of unity, coherence, and emphasis.
Voice: Projection and Volume, Fluency, and Control	Speaker's voice varied effectively with clear expression, clear pronunciation, speed, tone, and volume to engage and keep audience's attention and be heard across the room. Speaker talked enthusiastically with appropriate pauses. Tone of voice, pace, and emotion enhanced the impact of the speech.	Speaker attempted to vary voice, expression, tone, and volume, but was occasionally too loud or too soft to be easily heard. Clarity of speech was inconsistent. The speaker's personality was not used as effectively as it could have been to convey the message. Although the speaker captured the attention of the audience, s/he did not maintain it; inconsistent pausing was noticed.	Speaker attempted to vary voice tone, but with little effect. Audience was inconsistently engaged. Speaker was not loud enough/ clear enough for the judges to hear and did not convey personality. Speaker spoke in a monotone voice, spoke haltingly, or was hard to understand.
Speech	Material organized around a clear purpose with one basic theme; topic was narrow; information was accurate, relevant to topic, and up-to-date; speech had clear steps and logical order; speaker stuck to the subject and conveyed extensive knowledge of topic; speech was complete with introduction, body, summary, and conclusion; speaker stuck to time requirements; highly effective use of speech notes or notes not needed.	Although theme was evident, material could have been more clearly organized or material seemed organized, but theme was not evident. The topic could have been more specific. Information was accurate but out-of-date or information was up-to-date, but could have been more accurate. The speech did not consistently follow a logical order or show clear steps. Although the speaker conveyed knowledge of the topic, S/He did not stick to the subject. Although time limit was adhered to, the speech did not seem complete; needed stronger summary/conclusion.	Purpose and basic theme of speech unclear; topic was too broad; information was incorrect or not relevant to topic; logical order of speech was not evident; speaker did not convey knowledge of the topic and meandered; speech was missing an introduction, body, summary, or conclusion; speaker did not adhere to time requirements.
Use of Language	Speaker's use of language was excellent; the words were put together well to convey meaning without appearing to be memorized. Effective use of language without being too technical or flowery. Correct grammar used.	Speaker did not read entire speech, but hesitated and stumbled to some degree. Sounded memorized. More technical or "flowery" terms used than needed to provide effective information. Grammar was inconsistently correct.	Speaker read speech from cards and stumbled with frequent hesitations and filler phrases: "aaa," "like," "you know." Speaker used technical terms or "flowery" terms without explanation or out of context. Words were not put together well – meaning difficult to understand. Grammar was weak or incorrect.
Expression: Appropriate Gestures and Eye Contact	Used natural movement and descriptive gestures that displayed energy, created mood, and helped audience visualize. Only occasionally glanced at notes; made consistent, meaningful eye contact with audience.	Used some movement and gestures, but they didn't enhance the speech; some eye contact, but relied on notes to a level of distraction.	Used movement and gestures that distracted from the speech (stiff, unnatural body movement and gestures were not coordinated with speech); little or no eye contact (speaker looked at the floor or at notes).
Response to Questions	Speaker seemed well prepared and handled questions with ease. The speaker was able to offer more information than was originally covered in speech. The speaker displayed creative, spontaneous problem solving in response to questions.	Speaker answered questions honestly and appropriately and exhibited knowledge of topic. Some creative thinking and problem-solving skills evidenced; offered few spontaneous responses	Speaker seemed unprepared for questions and had difficulty formulating answers. Little evidence of spontaneity. Very little creative thinking and problem-solving skills evidenced.

Developed by the *Communications: Public Speaking Task Force*

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Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Presentation, 2024

[8A-Spring Air 2024 4H Presentation.docx]

The Presentation Competition will follow the *Virginia Cooperative Extension Communication and Expressive Arts Publication* and will use the *Virginia Cooperative Extension Publication 4H Presentations Scoring Aid 388-062* found at:
https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/388/388-062/388-062-pdf.pdf

The only additional requirements to compete at "Spring Air" are that the topic has to be shooting related and contestants may not use the same presentation that they used in a previous year.

A 4-H presentation should be long enough to make all of your steps clear and easy to follow, but not so long that it bores the audience. In most cases, the time range will be:

2 to 5 minutes for ages 9 to 11 years

5 to 10 minutes for ages 12 to 13 years

10 to 15 minutes for ages 14 - 19 years

Adequate practice will guarantee your timing will be perfect.

Awards: Junior 1st to 3rd

Senior 1st to 3rd

Spring Air 4-H Age Policy: The presentation competition will be divided into two groups: juniors will be those that are thirteen and under and seniors will be those 14 and older in the calendar year 2024.



4-H Presentations Scoring Aid

Name _____ Age as of Sept. 30 _____ Date and year of birth _____

Unit _____ Club _____

Presentation category/topic area _____

Title of presentation _____

Each person evaluating a presentation is to score all items in divisions I, II, III (see reverse side). It is important that each item be scored and additions be checked for accuracy. The scoring team should compare scores and arrive at a combined score for each presenter, blue, 90-100; red, 75-89; white, 74 or below. Time requirements: Juniors (9-11 Yrs) 2-5 minutes, Intermediates (12-13 Yrs) 5-8 minutes, Seniors (14-19) 8-15 minutes. Time deductions: :01 - :60 seconds outside the limit is deducted 2 points, 1:01 minutes or outside the range is deducted 5 points.

Factors for Scoring Place a ✓ in the appropriate category	Blue 5 points	Red 4 points	White 3 points	Constructive Comments:
I. The 4-H Member (25 pts)				
A. Appearance				
B. Voice				
C. Poise				
D. Grammar				
E. Eye Contact				
II. Presentation (35 pts)				
A. Introduction				
B. Method				
C. Verbal Presentation				
D. Teaching Aids/Audience View				
E. Organization				
F. Audience View/Staging of Materials				
G. Summary				
III. Subject Matter (40 pts)				
A. Selection of Subject				
1. Reason for Choice				
2. One Basic Theme				
3. Practical				
B. Information Presented				
4. Accurate and Current				
5. Complete				
6. Appropriate for Experience				
7. Knowledge of Subject				
8. Practical Application				

of check marks from red and white columns

X1

X2

Final Rating:
Blue – 100-90
Red – 75-89
White – 74 or below

100 - _____ = _____ **Final Score**

Points to Consider in Scoring

Two Kinds of Presentations - (1) Illustrated Talk and (2) Demonstration

I. The 4-H Member (25 points)

- A. Appearance - Neat, appropriate dress, good posture. Is the 4-H'er well groomed? *(5 points)*
- B. Voice - Distinct, forceful, yet natural. Does the 4-H'er have a clear, reasonably strong voice with distinct enunciation? Is he/she enthusiastic? *(5 points)*
- C. Poise - Calm, pleasant, confident. Does the 4-H'er keep his/ her composure even when something appears to go wrong or does go wrong? Does he/she have self-assurance, yet a pleasant manner? *(5 points)*
- D. Grammar - Correct, well chosen words. Does he/she use correct grammar and choose words that make the meaning clear? *(5 points)*
- E. Eye Contact - Did the 4-H'er maintain consistent/effective eye contact during the presentation? *(5 points)*

II. Presentation (35 points)

- A. Introduction - Effective, interesting. This is an explanation of the presentation, not an introduction of the 4-H'er. Does it get the attention of the audience? *(5 points)*
- B. Method - Did the 4-H'er demonstrate when the illustrated talk would have enabled him/her to do a better job or vice versa? *(5 points)*
- C. Verbal Presentation - Steps, illustrative material, and explanation coordinated. Does the 4-H'er talk about what he/she is showing and explain the procedure? If information given is to fill time during the process, is it related to what is being shown? *(5 points)*
- D. Teaching Aids, illustrative aids and supplies are large enough for audience to see and are well-arranged. Did the 4-H'er choose the teaching aids that would best tell the story? *(5 points)*
- E. Organization - Presentation well organized, steps clear and logical, not memorized. Is evidence shown that the 4-H'er has planned the presentation? *(5 points)*
- F. Audience View *(5 points)*/Staging of Materials – can the audience and judges view your materials and actions appropriately?
- G. Summary - Are key points summarized? *(5 points)*

III. Subject Matter (40 points)

- A. Selection of Subject *(15 points)*
 - 1. Reason for Choice - Why did the 4-H'er choose this particular subject? This can be implied in talk. *(5 points)*
 - 2. One Basic Theme - Is the presentation confined to one theme or is it so broad in scope that it cannot be covered in the allotted time? *(5 points)*
 - 3. Practical - Is the subject important to the project area and to the 4-H'er? *(5 points)*
- B. Information Presented *(25 points)*
 - 4. Accurate and Current - Is the information correct? Could you follow directions or information given? - Is it the most current information to which the 4-H'er would have access or is obsolete information given? *(5 points)*
 - 5. Complete - Are all the steps in the process shown? Is given information adequate to cover the topic? *(5 points)*
 - 6. Appropriate for Experience - Is the presentation appropriate to the experience of the 4-H'er? *(5 points)*
 - 7. Knowledge of the Subject - Is there evidence that the 4-H'er understands the topic being discussed? *(5 points)*
 - 8. Practical Application - Did the 4-H'er explain how the topic relates to real life situations? *(5 points)*

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USA SHOOTING - NRA PROGRESSIVE-POSITION AIR PISTOL RULES

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PPP Rule Revisions

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The following rules have been revised/ updated. Note the course of fire is now 60 shots for all positions, and the 24 shot finals has been adopted.

****Rule changes are marked in GREEN in the rulebook****

The following rules have been amended or changed:

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1. General Regulations

1.1 Introduction

The Progressive-Position Pistol (PPP) program is intended to introduce young pistol shooters to competitive pistol target shooting and give them a natural progression into the Junior Olympic pistol competitions sponsored by USA Shooting (USAS) and the conventional pistol competitions sponsored by the National Rifle Association of America (NRA). The program is designed to allow athletes to participate with a minimum outlay for equipment and expense. Along the same lines, range requirements are designed with enough flexibility to enable a program to be set up almost anywhere that air pistols can be discharged safely and legally.

1.2 Purpose of Rules

The purpose of these Rules is to establish a single national standard rulebook for Progressive-Position Pistol competition in the United States. All athletes, team leaders and competition officials must be familiar with these Rules and ensure that they are enforced. These Rules may be used to govern any Progressive-Position Pistol competition, whether it is a major national event or a small event involving only two or three teams.

1.3 Intent and Spirit of Rules

The Rules are intended to ensure fair competition for all. Anything that may give an athlete an advantage over others and which is not specifically authorized in these Rules, or which is contrary to the intent and spirit of these Rules, is prohibited. Range Officers and Juries may decide cases not provided for in these Rules, but any such decisions must be based on the intent and spirit of these Rules. No decision by a Range Officer or Jury may be made that is contrary to these Rules.

1.4 Authority to Establish Rules

USA Shooting and the NRA have joint authority to amend or modify these rules after coordination between both organizations.

1.5 Application of Rules

All organizations that promote youth shooting competitions are encouraged to use these Rules to govern Progressive-Position Pistol competitions that they conduct. This ensures that all Progressive-Position Pistol athletes and coaches have the same rules govern all competitions in which they participate.

1.6 Amendments to the Rules

USA Shooting and the NRA may meet as needed to review these rules and approve amendments for the next edition of the Rules. Anyone with recommendations for rule changes is urged to submit them to USA Shooting's National Pistol Coach, Youth Programs Manager or the NRA Competitions Division Air gun Coordinator.

1.7 National Jury of Appeal

USA Shooting and the NRA may appoint a National Jury of Appeal or Protest committee consisting of three experienced, expert competition officials. The National Jury advises competition sponsors, coaches and athletes; answers questions about the Rules and resolves protests and disputes. The National Jury is authorized to decide protests appealed to it by participants in sanctioned competitions (see Rule 9.3). Decisions by the National Jury on protests are final and cannot be appealed further. The National Jury also issues rulings and interpretations regarding the Rules. Anyone who wants additional information

concerning the Rules, who requests a rule interpretation, or who wants to resolve a protest or dispute should contact USA Shooting or the NRA.

1.8 Sanctioned Competition

Any competition sponsor may use these Rules to conduct a Progressive-Position Pistol competition, with or without official sanctioning from a national shooting organization. USA Shooting, nevertheless, encourages all competition organizers to sanction their competitions so that they can be listed in a national registry of coming events, to make athletes in the competitions eligible for national recognition awards, and so that outstanding scores fired in the competition can be recognized as National Records. Any team, club or other organization may request sanctioning, regardless of whether or not they are formally affiliated with USA Shooting. To request sanctioning, log on to your club Rail station account and register your competition online. If you have problems using the online competition registration, contact:

USA Shooting Competitions
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Email competitions@usashooting.org
[Tel. 719-866-4882](tel:719-866-4882)

2. Safety

Target shooting is a very safe sport. However, it is safe only when proper precautions are taken and appropriate rules are followed.

Safety is the foremost concern in all shooting sports. The safety of athletes, competition officials and spectators requires constant, disciplined attention to safe gun handling. Applicable safety rules for Progressive-Position Pistol competitions include both these Rules and the **Safety Rules for Air Pistol Ranges**. Every athlete is responsible for following all established safety rules and safe pistol-handling procedures. An athlete who handles a pistol in an unsafe manner or who violates safety rules may be disqualified.

2.1 Handling Pistols

All pistols must be handled with maximum care at all times. When handling a pistol, care must be taken to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and the pistol action open. All pistols must be cleared and either cased or benched. The handling of pistols is not permitted and SAFETY FLAG must be inserted when any personnel are forward of the firing line. *During Firing, the gun may be put down (not held) only after...the action is open. Air pistols must be made safe by opening the cocking lever or loading port.*

When uncased pistols are being moved from one place to another on the range, or when they are required to be cleared and benched, a **SAFETY FLAG** must be inserted in the bore so that at least one inch of the line is visible at both the breech and muzzle ends.

A **SAFETY FLAG** can be made from a piece of string trimmer line (preferably orange, but any **bright** color will suffice) of 0.09 inches in diameter. This size is flexible enough to be inserted through the breech of most air guns; yet it is stiff enough to push a pellet out of the bore.

This Rule **does** apply to spring-piston air pistols. Competent technical authorities have determined that low velocity air guns (muzzle velocity less than approximately 600 feet per second) are not damaged by discharging them without a pellet. All known target air pistols fall within this category.

2.2 “Load”

Pistols may be loaded only on the firing line. The pistol barrel must be pointed (~~Removed: up~~) downrange during the cocking and loading procedure. Pistols may be loaded only after the command **LOAD** or **START** is given.

2.3 “Start”

Athletes may begin to fire at their targets only after the Range Officer gives the command **START**. Any shot fired before the command **START** in a competition will be penalized two (2) points on the first competition target (see Rule 7.13.1). The command **START** must only be used to signal the start of shooting time; never to begin a preparation period or other activity where live-fire shooting is not permitted.

2.4 “Stop”

When the command **STOP** or **STOP-UNLOAD** is given, all shooting must stop immediately, pistols must be made safe in accordance with Rule 2.1, above, and pistols must be placed on the firing point with the muzzles pointed down range. Any shot fired after the command **STOP** in a competition must be scored as a miss (see Rule 7.13.2).

2.5 Loaded Air Pistol

If an athlete has a loaded pistol after the command **STOP** is given, the athlete must retain his or her grip on the gun and inform the Range Officer immediately by raising his or her other hand and declaring “**Loaded Pistol.**” The Range Officer will then direct the athlete to clear the pistol by firing it into a pellet discharge container or towards an area of the backstop where there are no targets (see also Rule 7.13.4). The **SAFETY FLAG** can also be used to push the pellet from the barrel.

Note: Many ranges utilize a metal can or similar container filled with paper or other soft material that has masking or duct tape over the open end and a handle that allows the Range Officer to hold the Pellet Discharge Container (PDC) in front of the muzzle of a loaded pistol.

2.6 Removing Pistol from Firing Line

Every pistol must be made safe by opening the cocking lever, bolt, or loading port and inserting the **SAFETY FLAG** before removing it from the firing line. Any pistol that remains loaded must be unloaded before it can be removed from the firing line (see Rule 2.5). No pistol may be removed from the firing line during or after a competition until it is cleared by a Range Officer.

2.7 Range Safety Emergency

Any person who observes an unsafe situation anywhere on the range must notify a Range Officer immediately. If a Range Officer is not immediately available, any person may command **STOP** in a safety emergency where there is not sufficient time to call a range officer.

2.8 Personal Safety

2.8.1 Eye and Hearing Protection

All athletes, team officials and competition officials who will be on or near the firing line are urged to wear eye and hearing protection, as appropriate, while on the range. If special regulations for a competition or range require athletes or officials to wear eye or ear protection, that requirement **must be published** in the competition program.

2.8.2 Personal Hygiene

All athletes and other personnel who handle lead pellets are urged to not handle food during shooting and to thoroughly wash their hands immediately after completing shooting.

3. Eligibility to Compete

3.1 Individual Competitors

Any person may compete in Progressive-Position Pistol until 31 December of the year of his or her 20th birthday. There is no minimum age limit. For the purposes of these Rules, an athlete's age for the entire year is considered to be the age of that athlete on 31 December of the year.

Both sexes compete equally. Award classes may be added for female International Standing shooters.

3.2 Teams

A team consists of three members of either or both sexes. Team Members must be identified and entered prior to the start of the actual competition.

A team must represent a club, school, JROTC unit or similar organization. All team members must be members of the club, team, school or other organization. All team members must reside in the geographic proximity of the city where the club, team, school or other organization is based and participate regularly in its activities. Teams that enter competitions are subject to an eligibility determination by the Jury (Rule 6.3). Such rulings must be based on this rule. Jury decisions on team eligibility may be appealed to the National Jury of Appeal (Rules 1.7 and 9.3). In cases where doubt exists regarding the eligibility of a team or individual members of a team to compete, or to avoid the possibility of disqualification at a competition, teams with a member who lives outside of the immediate geographic area of the club, school or organization may request a ruling from the National Jury of Appeal in advance regarding their team eligibility.

Note: It is the intent of this rule to foster competitions between clubs or school teams and to preclude the entry of all-star or "pick up" teams where the best athletes from different clubs are assembled to enter a specific competition.

At National level competitions only, it is possible for the organizers to include "State Association Teams" as an optional separate award category. NRA rule 2.12 will govern the details of eligibility for this one team category.

Just as there are categories of athletes (see Rule 3.4), so are there categories of teams. They are:

- Supported-Position Teams
- Mixed-Position Teams
- International Standing Teams

Supported-Position Teams consist entirely of members who are in the Supported positions.

Mixed-Position Teams must have one member who shoots in a Supported position. The other two members must shoot in the International Standing position.

International Standing Teams are composed entirely of members who shoot from the Sub-Junior International Standing Position and the International Standing position.

A person may belong to two or more clubs, schools and/or a JROTC unit or other similar organization and may compete as a member of different teams in different competitions. However, no one may compete as a member of more than one club team in one tournament.

Note: as a separate team match, the State Association Team match does not preclude a team member from also being a member of a club team at the same event.

3.3 Equipment Divisions

There are no separate equipment divisions.

3.4 Categories and Skill-Level Classifications

3.4.1 Categories

There are four categories of athletes in the Progressive-Position Pistol Program. They are defined by the shooting position used by the athlete. They are:

- Basic Supported
- Standing Supported
- Sub-Junior International Standing
- International Standing

See Rule 5.1 for a description of each position.

3.4.2 Special Categories and Classifications

Competition sponsors are not required to use special categories or classifications in Progressive-Position Pistol competitions. Competition sponsors may, however, use special categories to establish separate athlete ranking lists and offer awards based on those categories. Special categories **must be described in the Competition Program**. Categories that may be used include, but are not limited to:

Gender

Athletes may be divided into male and female categories.

Organizations

Athletes may be divided into groups who represent different types of organizations such as JROTC units, 4-H clubs, American Legion clubs, BSA Venturing crews, or other identifiable groups.

3.5 Mandatory Promotions

An athlete who shoots from either of the Supported positions will be promoted to the next position (see Rule 3.4.1) when he or she reaches the maximum age for the current position.

This Rule is not intended to prevent an athlete from being voluntarily promoted to a higher level as long as the age limits are not violated.

3.6 National Champion

The top male and female athletes who win the International Standing category at the National Championship tournament will be declared the National Champions. The top 2 men and the top 2 women in the International Standing Category will be named to the National Junior Olympic Pistol Squad.

4. Air Pistols and Equipment

4.1 Air Pistols and Sights

The match is a precision pistol event. Multi-shot pistols may be used, but only a single pellet may be loaded at any given moment. The pistols must be of .177 calibers (4.5 mm), and may use air or compressed, non-flammable gas (such as CO₂) for propellant.

4.1.1 Minimum Trigger Pull

The minimum trigger pull is 500 grams (1.1 pounds).

4.1.2 Dimensions and Weight

The air pistol must not weigh more than 1,500 grams. It must fit entirely inside a box measuring 420 x 200 x 50 millimeters.

4.1.3 Grips

Neither the grip nor any other part of the pistol may touch behind the hand. When the pistol is held in the firing position, the wrist must be visibly free.

4.1.4 Sights

Only open sights are allowed.

Corrective lenses may be worn by the athlete, but may not be attached to the pistol.

4.1.5 Air Cylinder Expiration

Air cylinders that are over 10 years past the manufacturing date will not be allowed.

4.2 Clothing and Accessories

4.2.1 Shoes

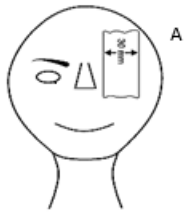
Only normal low-cut, street-type or light athletic shoes are permitted. Shoes may not extend above the ankle and must have a flexible sole. Only one pair of shoes may be used, and they must be a matched pair. All types of high-top boots, including military issue or “combat” boots and commercial shooting boots or sandals are prohibited.

4.2.2 Corrective Lenses

Corrective lenses may be worn by the competitor, but may not be placed in the sights. Athletes may wear normal prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses. Athletes may wear normal protective eyewear.

4.2.3 Athletes are permitted to wear a cap, hat or visor.

It is permitted to use a blinder (A) that is not more than 30mm wide over the non-aiming eye. Side Blinders are prohibited.



4.2.4 Start Numbers

Competition sponsors may issue distinctive start numbers to athletes to make it easier for range officers, spectators and media to identify athletes. If a competition sponsor provides start numbers, all athletes must wear them during the competition.

4.2.5 Special Devices

No pads or elastic bandages are allowed unless they are authorized for medical reasons under Rule 5.1.5. Shooters may not wear bracelets, wristwatches, tennis elbow braces, or similar items on the shooting arm.

4.2.6 General Clothing Regulation

It is the responsibility of athletes, coaches and officials to appear on the ranges dressed in a manner appropriate for a public sports event.

Prohibited clothing during training, competition, and finals: Camouflage clothing, sleeveless T-shirts, shorts which are more than 15 cm above the center of the knee when seated, ragged cut-off shorts, trousers with patches or holes, shirts or trousers with inappropriate messages. No types of sandals. Shoes must always be worn and must be a matching pair.

4.3 Support Equipment

4.3.1 Firm Support

Firm supports should be used for beginning athletes to provide the most solid support until proper sight alignment and trigger control is learned.

Firm supports can include sandbags, kneeling rolls, etc. as well as any rest made of wood, plastic, etc. that can firmly support the butt of the pistol and the athletes hands safely.

Pistols having cylinders that protrude from the bottom of the grip may be unstable when resting on a firm support and present a safety issue. Firm supports used for these pistols may have an opening that allows the pistol to be supported on the bottom of the pistol grip rather than the protruding cylinder. This opening should be of a diameter and depth that results in minimal contact with the protruding cylinder.

Firm supports should be adjusted for height to insure an upright posture and level head position of the athlete.

4.3.2 T-Stand (or similar counterbalance support)

The T-Stand provides an infinitely variable amount of support of the pistol's weight and balance without totally dampening the athlete's movement. By design, it also provides a large range of automatic vertical height adjustment so the athlete can maintain proper body, head, arm, and wrist position.

The T-Stand may support most of the weight initially, progressing to less and less support as the athlete develops. Changes to the counterbalance weight should be done in small increments to allow muscle development without injury.

Adjusting the cradle position of the pistol determines the amount of muzzle weight that the athlete's muscles support. Progressively cradling the pistol rearward of the balance point will allow the athlete's wrist muscles to develop without injury.

The link below contains plans for building a simple, affordable version of the T Stand.

http://www.usashooting.org/library/Youth_Development/Z_PPP_Counterbalance_T_Stand.pdf

4.4 General Equipment Rules

Any pistols, devices, equipment, accessories, or apparel that could give an athlete an advantage over others, that are not mentioned in these Rules, or that are contrary to the spirit of these Rules, are prohibited. The use of any special devices, means or garments that immobilize, provide artificial support, or unduly reduce the flexibility of the athlete's body or arms is prohibited. The athlete is responsible for submitting equipment to competition officials for inspection in cases where doubt exists. Competition Officials have the right to examine the athlete's equipment at any time to be sure it complies with these Rules.

Only sound reducing devices (hearing protection) may be used. Sound enhancing devices, and sound producing devices (other than the pistol itself) are prohibited. Radios, iPods, Tablets, Applephones, Fitbits or any other type of sound producing or communication systems are prohibited during training and competition on the field of play, by athletes or coaches.

Except as explicitly provided in these Rules, no form of supporting equipment, clothing, or accessory is allowed. However, match organizers are encouraged to make provisions for athletes with physical disabilities. Contact the USAS National Paralympic Coach at 719-866-4881 for details.

5. Competition Conditions

Spirit and Intent of the PPP Program

The Progressive Position Pistol Program is designed and intended to be a developmental vehicle that allows junior athletes the opportunity to learn the foundation skills of our sport and have the opportunity to participate in competitions. This provides the opportunity for the development of confidence and knowledge at an early age with a minimal investment. The supported positions should be used as transitional tools along the path of athletic development while the athlete develops the upper body strength and skill level needed to shoot in the unsupported standing position which is the foundation of all international and conventional shooting sports. The rules of the first position are written very broadly, so coaches can progress athletes incrementally within the position without being forced to go to the next position before they are ready.

Within the Spirit of these rules supported positions are not intended as an end in themselves. Coaches should encourage their athletes to progress to Standing Supported and then to International Standing as they become proficient with basic skills and their hands are large and strong enough to do so safely.

This program provides an additional opportunity for coaches of junior athletes to develop their skills needed to work with their athletes in a more controlled environment. Coaches are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities to learn and develop their skills in our sport as well as effective techniques for working with young people. Coaches should attempt to help athletes obtain pistols that are appropriately sized and weighted for juniors. Grants are available from several organizations supportive of youth shooting sports. Our recommendation for the best coach training available is the NRA/USA Shooting/CMP Coach Education Program. Detailed information is available at: <http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/coaching/index.asp>

5.1 Shooting Positions and Course of Fire

There are three shooting positions:

- Basic Supported – 60 shots
- Standing Supported – 60 shots
- Sub-Junior International Standing – 60 shots
- International Standing – 60 shots

In a match, each athlete will use only the one position corresponding to category (Rule 3.4.1).

The feet and legs of a seated athlete may cross the firing line beneath the table or bench, but the chair or seat may not. A standing athlete must not stand on or in front of the firing line with either foot. The pistol and other parts of the body may extend beyond the firing line.

5.1.1 Basic Supported

Minimum age: None. (A club or other governing body may establish a minimum age within its jurisdiction.)

Maximum age: 12 (Athletes must be under 13 years old on December 31 of the year of the competition).

Athlete may be seated or standing, 1 or 2 hands on the grip. Athletes are encouraged to progress to a one-handed position as soon as they may safely do so considering the size of the grip and weight of the pistol. The grip (and hands) may be rested on a firm support or a counterbalanced T stand.



If a firm support is used, the athlete may rest any part of either or both hands and the butt of the pistol on the supporting material. **Any support behind the wrist is prohibited.** The firm support should be designed to provide an erect position with proper sight alignment and extended arm.

If the T stand is used, the support point may be anywhere between elbow and muzzle.

The athlete's shooting arm should be fully extended, with the sights at eye level.

The non-firing hand may provide support for the firing hand or the butt of the pistol.

5.1.2 Standing Supported

Minimum age: None. (A club or other governing body may establish a minimum age within its jurisdiction).

Maximum age: 14 (Athletes must be under 15 years old on December 31 of the year of the competition).

Athlete is standing, 1 hand on the grip, supported by a T Stand or similar counterbalance support. T Stand or similar counterbalance provides support between elbow and muzzle.

The athlete's shooting arm must be fully extended, with the sights at eye level.



5.1.3 Sub-junior International Standing

Minimum age: None. However, a club or other governing body may establish a minimum age within its jurisdiction.

Maximum age: 14 (athletes must be under 15 years old on December 31 of the year of the competition).

International Rules: Unsupported standing with one hand on grip.



5.1.4 International Standing

Minimum age: 15

Maximum age: 20

(Athletes must be under the age of 21 and over the age of 15 on December 31 of the year of the competition)

International Rules. Unsupported standing with 1 hand on grip.

5.1.5 Physical Disabilities

Every effort should be made to encourage and facilitate participation by physically disabled persons, whether the disability is temporary or permanent, as long as the disabled person is not given an unfair advantage over other athletes.

An athlete with a cast or other temporary medical appliance may shoot while wearing that appliance if, in the opinion of the Competition Director or Jury, it does not provide any special advantage.

5.2 Coaching

The rules for coaching depend on the shooter's category.

5.2.1 Supported Categories

Coaching on the line is allowed for athletes using either of the two Supported positions. The coach or assistant may also assist the athlete in setting up and clearing the firing point and loading and cocking the pistol. The coach or assistant may not offer any physical help in making the shot. The coach or assistant may not interfere with adjacent athletes. **Only 1 (one) coach or assistant per athlete is allowed on the line.**

Athletes who are using the Supported positions should be squadded together if possible, so they can receive coaching with a minimum of distraction to the athletes who are shooting from the other position.

5.2.2 International Standing

For the international standing position, coaching is not allowed on the firing line after the beginning of the preparation and sighting time. While on the firing line, after the beginning of the preparation and sighting time, an athlete may speak only with a Range Officer. If an athlete wishes to consult with a coach, or vice versa, permission must be requested from the nearest range officer. Once permission is granted, the athlete will make his or her pistol safe, insert **SAFETY FLAG**, place it on the bench or table with the muzzle pointing downrange, and move to the rear of the firing range to talk to the coach.

5.3 Time Limits

Electronically Scored Targets (EST): **15 minute preparation and sighting time, 75 minutes record time.**

Non EST targets: 15 minute preparation and sighting time, 90 minutes record time. If individually controlled target carriers are used, the match can be conducted with a 15 minute block time for preparation and sighting, followed by a 90 minute block time for record shots. Otherwise, the shooting period may be broken into segments. The rule of thumb for segments is that fifteen minutes should be allocated for the preparation and sighting time, and one and a half minutes should be allocated for each competition shot.

5.4 Targets

Competitions may be conducted using either paper targets or electronic targets. Only official 10-meter air pistol targets with scoring ring dimensions established by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) may be used. Authorized targets bear approved designations of the ISSF, USAS, or the NRA. Targets printed by Cibles Canada Targets (Stock # 103T) may also be used.

If paper targets are used, either B-40 (single bull) or B-40/4 (four bull) targets may be used.

5.4.1 Sighting Targets

Sighting targets or bulls must be clearly identified. When paper targets are used, four bulls are to be marked as sighters by means of a heavy, black, diagonal stripe in the upper right hand corner. This stripe must be readily visible to the unaided eye from the firing line. Each athlete should be given four sighter targets if possible given the range set up. Sighter bulls may be on a single sheet if multiple-bull targets will be used in the competition.

The number of shots fired at sighter targets is entirely at the discretion of the individual athlete.

5.4.2 Record (Competition) Targets

The competition bulls are to be numbered consecutively. In addition, each set of targets must be readily identifiable by marking each target sheet with the athlete's name or an identification number on each sheet. If multiple-bull targets are used, the athletes may shoot the record bulls in any order, but they will be scored as if the athlete fired the targets in the numbered order.

A maximum of five shots may be shot at each competition bull. The number to be fired at each competition bull should be **specified in the match Program**. If it is not in the Program, the Chief Range Officer must inform the athlete at the beginning of the Preparation and sighting time. If target carriers are not used, we recommend that 5 shots be shot at each competition target.

5.4.3 Changing Targets

Athletes, coaches, or range officials may change targets. The athlete is responsible for ensuring that the correct targets are hung.

5.5 Range Specifications

5.5.1 Distance

The shooting distance measured from the target to the edge of the firing line closest to the athlete is 10 meters (32 feet, 9.7 inches).

5.5.2 The Firing Line and Firing Point

The firing line is the front edge of the firing point. It must be marked so that Range Officers and athletes can see it. A firing point is the area immediately to the rear of the firing line that is designated for one athlete. The recommended minimum width of each firing point is one meter (39.4"). The recommended minimum length is 2.2 meters (86.6 in.). There must be one firing point for each target. There must be ample room behind the firing points for Range Officers to move freely.

5.5.3 Target Location and Numbering

Targets and target holders must be centered on a line that is perpendicular from the center of the firing point. Targets or target holders must be identified with numbers. If multiple-bull targets are used, the identifying numbers may be placed in the middle of the target sheet. Otherwise, they must be placed above or below the targets. Either way, the numbers must be large enough to be seen from the firing point. It is recommended that the numbers be on alternating backgrounds or contrasting colors. Targets are numbered consecutively, with target number one being on the left.

5.5.4 Target Heights

Target holders on the range must facilitate the placement of the targets at the correct height. Correct target height for **all** positions is 55 inches (plus or minus 2 inches) when measured from the level of the firing point to the center of the target. Competitions must have target heights specified in the Competition Program.

If single bull targets are used, the distance refers to the center of the bull. If four-bull targets are used, the distance refers to the center of the target sheet.

All targets must be hung at the same height. The tolerances allowed here are intended to accommodate variations from range to range; they do not permit target height variations for individual athletes on the same range. Ranges where paper targets are used may provide for hanging two 4-bull targets at the same height.

On ranges where the physical construction of the range or backstop prevents hanging targets at the correct height, the targets must be hung at the height that is as close as possible to the correct height. The **Competition Program must inform** athletes of the height that the targets will be hung if the correct target heights are not possible.

5.5.5 Shooting Tables and Chairs

Each athlete, regardless of shooting position, will have the use of a table on which to place his or her pistol, ammunition, optics, and other authorized gear. Athletes using either of the standing positions may rest their pistols, hands, and arms on the table between shots. Each athlete should also be provided a chair, stool, or bench to sit on. If athlete are required to furnish their own chairs the Competition Program should inform them of that fact.

5.5.6 Lighting

Indoor ranges must have artificial illumination that provides the necessary amount of light without glare or distracting shadows on the targets or firing points. A minimum illumination of 1000 lumens on the targets is recommended. Targets must be illuminated evenly, with direct light on the target being highly recommended. It is recommended that the firing line area also be well illuminated.

5.5.7 Official Bulletin Board

An area easily accessible to athletes and coaches must be designated as the Official Bulletin Board and they are required to read information posted on it. All official information bulletins and results bulletins must be posted at this location. Preliminary Bulletins on all matches will be posted promptly on the Official Bulletin Board and remain a reasonable amount of time to allow athletes to notify the statistical officer of apparent errors. The protest period should be clearly posted on the bulletin.

5.6 Competition Program

A written document should be prepared to describe the conditions of the competition. This Competition Program or “official program” identifies the name of the competition, date(s), sponsoring organization, location and directions, course of fire, time schedule, fees, entry details, awards and any special conditions that will apply. The Competition Program may not contravene any of these Rules. The Competition Program is a supplement to the Rules and conditions specified in the program also govern the conduct of the competition. Range Officers and Jury Members may use the Competition Program in deciding protests. However, if there is a conflict between the Competition Program and the Rules, the Rules will prevail.

6. Competition Officials and Their Duties

6.1 Competition Director

The Competition Director (Match Director) has primary responsibility for the safe, efficient conduct of a competition. In a major championship, an Organizing Committee with overall responsibility for the conduct of the competition may appoint the Competition Director. In a small competition, the Competition Director may also serve as a Range Officer or Scoring Officer. The Organizing Committee and Competition Director establish the conditions of a competition that are published in a Competition Program (Rule 5.6). The Competition Director appoints other competition officials. If any conditions of the competition must be changed, a Competition Director's Bulletin announcing the change must be prepared and posted on the Official Bulletin Board so all athletes and coaches can be informed. Competition Programs and Competition Director Bulletins may not contradict nor establish any conditions that are contrary to these Rules. The Competition Director must use his best judgment at all times, and his behavior and decisions must be characterized by absolute impartiality, firmness, courtesy and consistent vigilance. In the application of these Rules, the Competition Director may confer with the Jury or may consult with the National Jury of Appeal.

6.2 Range Officers

The Chief Range Officer is in charge of the range and responsible for range safety and operations. His duties include giving range commands, ensuring athletes' equipment and positions conform to the Rules, correcting any technical range faults, receiving protests, and resolving all irregularities such as disturbances, penalties, malfunctions, irregular shots, extra time allowed, etc. In larger competitions, Assistant Range Officers are appointed to assist the Chief Range Officer. Range Officers have the right to examine the athletes' positions and equipment at any time. During a competition, Range Officers should not approach an athlete while he is firing a shot. Immediate action must, nevertheless, be taken when a safety matter is involved.

6.3 Jury

A three-member Jury may be appointed by the Competition Director to interpret and apply the Rules and resolve protests. One member of the Jury will be designated as the Jury Chairman. Jury members should be persons who are familiar with these Rules and have experience in competitions. They may be Competition Officials, Team Officials, parents, or athletes in that competition. Jury members may not rule on a matter in which they or their team are personally involved. The Competition Director will name a replacement for a Jury member who must excuse himself. Decisions by the Jury must be based on applicable Rules or, in cases not specifically covered by the Rules, must be governed by the intent and spirit of the Rules. Protests are decided by a majority. Decisions of the Jury may be appealed to the National Jury of Appeal.

6.4 Equipment Control Chief

Equipment control examinations are not mandatory, except at the National Championships. However, the Competition Director may appoint an Equipment Control Chief and require

athletes to have their equipment inspected prior to a competition. Equipment also may be spot-checked or checked by Range Officers on the line prior to the start of a competition. Team Officials and athletes must be informed in sufficient time before the competition regarding where and when they may have their equipment inspected.

6.5 Statistical Officer

The Statistical Officer is responsible for all phases of scoring and results production during a competition. The Statistical Officer is directly responsible to the Competition Director. The Statistical Officer must retain all fired targets until the expiration of the time allowed for challenges and protests. When the challenge and protest period is over targets will be offered to the athletes for keeping or discarding. The Competition Director and Statistical Officer must appoint and train sufficient scorers to score all targets in a timely manner, according to these Rules. In a small competition, the Statistical Officer may also be a target scorer. The Statistical Officer must ensure that preliminary results are posted on the Official Bulletin Board in a timely manner and that a Final Results Bulletin is provided to team officials and athletes.

6.6 Scorers

Scorers appointed by the Competition Director or Statistical Officer are responsible for fairly and impartially scoring targets. Scorers can be other competition officials, team officials or parents, but cannot be athletes. No one may knowingly score a target for an athlete with whom they have a personal interest. Scorers should operate in pairs so that two scorers initially examine all targets and gauge doubtful shots. In case of disagreement between the two scorers, the Statistical Officer or a Scoring Supervisor or other person designated by the Competition Director or Statistical Officer must make the final decision.

6.7 Team Coach

Each team must have a designated Team Coach. The Team Coach may be a coach, JROTC instructor, parent or other responsible adult. The Team Coach is responsible for all team members and for maintaining discipline within the team. Team coaches must cooperate with competition officials to assure safety, the proper conduct of the competition, and good sportsmanship. Team Coaches must be familiar with the program, make entries, and have team members report to the proper firing points on time and with approved equipment. Team Coaches are encouraged to allow team members to: check scores, make challenges and register protests.

7. Competition Procedures

7.1 Entries

Individual and Team entries must be completed before the start of the competition or before any athlete or team member begins competition firing. The athlete or team coach is responsible for properly filling out entry forms.

7.2 Firing Point Assignments (Squadding)

All athletes entered in a competition must be squadded, or assigned to firing points, through a random draw. Members of a team may be assigned to adjacent firing points on the same relay if those blocks of firing points are determined by the drawing of lots. If there is more than one relay in one day of competition, the Competition Director must normally assign the members of each team to two or more relays. Exceptions may be made when a team must fire together to accommodate travel schedule requirements or when different relays are scheduled on different days. When there are team events, any relay scheduled must have athletes from two or more teams.

Athletes who shoot in the Supported categories, should be squadded together, if practical. If there are multiple relays, it is desirable to group athletes of the same category as much as possible.

7.3 Equipment Control

Competition officials may require athletes to have their equipment checked prior to or after a competition to assure that it complies with these rules. **Officials must carefully adhere to safety rules during inspection.**

7.4 Moving Equipment To or From Firing Line

The Chief Range Officer must call athletes to the firing line at least 15 minutes before the Preparation and Sighting Time starts. After the Chief Range Officer calls the athletes to the line, they are permitted to handle their guns, dry fire (**SAFETY FLAGS** may be removed for dry firing) or carry out holding and aiming exercises on the firing line before the Preparation and Sighting Time starts.

If athletes complete firing before the shooting time ends, they must immediately reinsert the **SAFETY FLAG**. They may leave the firing line, with permission, but they may not remove their equipment from the firing line until the command **STOP** is given at the end of the shooting time, and the Range Officer has checked their pistols to be sure they are safe to be removed. Equipment may be removed from the firing line only after the command **STOP**.

Note: This is to prevent disturbing athletes who are still firing.

7.5 Preparation Period

Athletes must be given 15 minutes Preparation and Sighting Time before MATCH FIRING starts to make their final preparation and fire unlimited Sighting Shots. The Preparation and Sighting Time begins with the command “**Preparation and Sighting Time...Start.**” The Range Officer may not start the preparation and sighting time until athletes have been permitted to bring their equipment to their firing points (see Rule 7.4). Targets must be hung before the preparation and sighting time begins. The preparation and sighting time may not begin while anyone is down range. Athletes may handle their pistols, dry fire, and do holding and aiming exercises on the firing line during the preparation and sighting time.

7.6 Beginning and End of the Competition

The competition begins with the command **START** and ends with the command **STOP**. All sighting and record shots must be fired between these commands. The Range Officer may command **STOP** before the shooting time expires if all athletes finish shooting before the end of the time limit.

7.7 Ten and Five Minute Warnings

The Range Officer should inform the athletes of the time remaining at ten (10) and five (5) minutes before the end of the shooting time with the command **TEN/FIVE MINUTES REMAINING**.

7.8 Two Minute Warning

If paper targets are hung in separate stages, the Range Officer should inform the athletes of the time remaining at two (2) minutes before the end of the shooting time with the command **TWO MINUTES REMAINING**.

The ten, five and two minute warnings are advisory. Athletes are responsible for finishing within the official time limit whether or not the time warnings are given. Additional time may only be given to athletes if there is an interruption or malfunction (see Rules 7.14 and 7.15).

7.9 Target Change Periods

If neither electronic targets nor individually controlled target carriers or changers are used, the end of each match segment will be indicated by the command **STOP, UNLOAD, INSERT SAFETY FLAG**. The Range Officer will make sure the line is safe before allowing anyone to go downrange to change targets. The time used to change targets will not count against the shooting time.

7.10 Dry Firing

Dry firing means releasing the trigger mechanism without releasing the propelling charge (air or CO₂). The athlete may dry fire during the preparation and sighting time and competition as long as the propelling charge is not released. (Removed: If a propelling charge is released during the preparation and sighting time, the athlete will be given a warning for the first offence and a two-point penalty for the second and subsequent offences.)

Note: Not all air pistols are capable of dry firing.

7.11 Sighting and Record Shots

Only one pellet may be loaded at a time, regardless of whether the pistol has a clip or magazine. A “shot” is the release of the propelling charge (air or CO₂), even if no pellet is fired. The release of propelling gas without loading a pellet may be done during sighting shots (sighting shots do not count in the athlete’s score), but any release of propelling gas after record shots begin, whether a pellet was loaded or not, must be counted and scored as a miss.

7.11.1 Sighting Shots

Sighting shots, unlimited in number, may be fired only before the first competition shot. Sighting shots fired after the first competition shot, unless authorized by the range officer, must be scored as misses. Only in Finals where paper targets are used will sighting targets be hung at the same time as record targets.

7.11.2 Record Shots

Only the number of shots specified in the match program may be fired at any single record target (bullseye). Any shot fired after the first record shot is fired, including any discharge of propelling gas or an accidental discharge must be scored as a record shot whether it hits the target or not. (See also, Rule 7.13.6 and 7.13.7.)

7.12 Range Commands

The Range Officer must conduct competition firing by using these commands and procedures (special range commands for final round competition are found in Rule 10.3.8).

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>Before the competition:</i>	Step 1: Before a competition, the Range Officer must prepare the range for firing and, if competition officials hang targets, supervise the hanging of targets. Athletes should not move their equipment to the firing line until they are called to the firing point by the Range Officer.
RELAY NUMBER 1, YOU MAY MOVE YOUR EQUIPMENT TO THE FIRING LINE	Step 2: When the range is prepared, the Range Officer calls the athletes to the firing line. This should be done 15 minutes before the start of the Preparation and Sighting Time, and 30 minutes before the scheduled start time for that relay. As athletes move to the firing line, check to be sure each competitor is present and on the correct firing point.
RELAY NUMBER 1, GO FORWARD AND HANG YOUR TARGETS	Step 2a, if required: After athletes move their equipment to the firing line and, if athletes are responsible for hanging their own targets, the Range Officer instructs athletes to go down range and hang targets.
PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME...START	Step 3: When the 15 minute setup time expires, the Range Officer starts the 15 minute Preparation and Sighting Time. Unlimited sighting shots are allowed. After 14 minutes and 30 seconds the Range Officer must announce "30 Seconds"
END OF PREPARATION AND SIGHTING...STOP	Step 4: At the end of the Preparation and Sighting Time there must be a brief pause of approximately 30 seconds when the Target Officer will Reset the targets for Match Firing.
MAKE THE LINE SAFE, GO FORWARD AND CHANGE TARGET	Step 4a, if required: If stationary target holders are used, Range Officer will direct changing from Sighting to Record targets through match as required after making the line safe.
MATCH FIRING...START OR THIS IS THE [FIRST/ SECOND/ THIRD/ FOURTH] STAGE OF THE MATCH. ____ SHOTS, TOTAL TIME ____ MINUTES... START	Step 5: When targets are reset for match firing, the Range Officer announces "MATCH FIRING...START" for EST or Individual Target Returners. For stationary target systems, the Range Officer will announce the stage, # of shots per target, time, and then give the "START" command. The time limit begins when the command START is given.
<i>During the shooting time:</i>	Step 5a: While athletes are firing, the Range Officer must constantly observe them to assist, answer questions, deal with malfunctions and resolve irregular shots. Step 5b: When athletes finish firing, they must open their pistol actions and insert the SAFETY FLAG . Athletes who have finished firing must step back from the firing line without disturbing other athletes, but they may not remove their equipment until instructed to do so by the Range Officer. Athletes may not leave their firing point without permission from a Range Officer.
TEN/FIVE MINUTES REMAIN	Step 6: When 10 and 5 minutes remain in the shooting time, the Range Officer should announce the remaining time. If at any time during the competition, an athlete asks how much time remains, the Range Officer must inform that athlete of the exact amount of time remaining.
TWO MINUTES REMAIN	Step 6a: If required (For paper targets hung in separate stages only). When 2 minutes remain in the shooting time, the Range Officer should announce the remaining time.

STOP, UNLOAD, INSERT SAFETY FLAGS	Step 7: When the firing time has expired (or when all athletes have finished firing), the Range Officer gives the commands to stop firing, unload pistols and insert SAFETY FLAG . Each athlete must stop immediately, open the loading port so it is clearly visible to the Range Officer, and set the pistol down with the muzzle pointing down range after it has been cleared by a Range Officer.
<i>If there is still a loaded pistol:</i>	Step 8, if required: If an athlete has a pistol with a pellet that is still in the barrel, the athlete must retain his or her grip on the pistol and inform the Range Officer immediately by raising his or her free hand and declaring: “Loaded Pistol” The Range Officer will then direct the athlete to discharge the pistol into a Pellet Discharge Container or direct the athlete to fire the pistol at an area of the backstop where there are no targets.
THE LINE IS SAFE, GO FORWARD AND REPLACE (or REMOVE) YOUR TARGETS Or THE LINE IS SAFE. TARGET HANDLERS, REPLACE (or REMOVE) THE TARGETS	Step 9: When the Range Officer(s) has confirmed that all pistols are unloaded, the Range Officer instructs the athletes or target handlers to change targets. If the last position has been completed, go directly to Step 10.
ATHLETES, YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIRING LINE	Step 10: When all firing is complete, the Range Officer must confirm that all pistols are unloaded with actions open and SAFETY FLAGS inserted. The Range Officer will then direct athletes to remove their equipment from the firing line:

7.13 Irregular Shots

An irregular shot is any shot that is not fired in accordance with these Rules. Any athlete who has an irregular shot must immediately report this to the Range Officer. The Range Officer must make a written record of any irregular shots that occur during the match so that this record can be used by the Statistical Officer to properly score the targets. When paper targets are used, the written record should be made on the target itself. When electronic targets are used, the record should be made on the score tape.

7.13.1 Shots Fired Before the “START” Command of the Preparation and Sighting time

An athlete who fires before the “START” command of the Preparation and Sighting time may be disqualified if safety is involved. If safety is not involved, the first competition shot must be registered as a miss (0).

7.13.2 Shots Fired After the Command “Stop” of the Preparation and Sighting time and before “Match Firing...Start” Command.

A shot fired after the “STOP” command of the Preparation and Sighting Time but before the “START” command of Match Firing must not be counted as a MATCH shot and a two (2) point penalty must be applied to the first competition shot.

7.13.3 Loaded Pistol after “Stop”

If a pellet is in the pistol after the command **STOP**, or if the pistol is charged, but not loaded, the athlete must maintain his/her grip on the pistol and immediately inform the Range Officer by raising his/her free hand and declaring, **“Loaded Pistol.”** The Range Officer must then direct the athlete to unload the pistol by firing it into the backstop or a special pellet container. This shot must not be fired at a record target and may not count as a record shot. (See Rule 2.5)

7.13.4 Shots Not Fired

Record shots that are not fired at all must be scored as misses on the last competition targets equal to the number of record shots that are not fired.

7.13.5 More Than the Specified Number of Shots on a Target (Bullseye)

When an athlete fires more than the specified number of shots on one target (bullseye), he or she will not be penalized for the first two such occurrences. The athlete must be given a two point penalty for the third and all succeeding misplaced shots. When an athlete fires more than the proper number of shots on a single bull, he must shoot a correspondingly lower number of shots on the next target.

7.13.6 Too Many Shots in a Match

If an athlete fires too many shots in a match, the extra last shots must be annulled, if they can be identified. If they cannot be identified, then the highest value shots on the target containing the extra shots will be annulled. In addition, the athlete must be penalized two points for each excessive shot fired, deducted from the lowest value shot(s) in the first series.

7.13.7 Cross-fires

A cross-fire occurs when an athlete fires a shot on another athlete's target. If an athlete cross-fires a sighting shot onto a sighting target of another athlete, he must not be penalized. If an athlete fires a sighting shot onto a record target of another athlete, he must be given a two-point penalty. If an athlete cross-fires a record shot on the target of another athlete, the shot must be scored as a miss. If an athlete receives a cross-fired shot, and it is impossible to determine which shot is his, he will receive the value of the highest undetermined shot.

7.13.8 Misfire

If a shot is fired without the pellet leaving the barrel, the athlete must immediately notify the Range Officer. The Range Officer will assist the athlete in safely removing the pellet. This shot will not be counted as a record shot and the athlete will be allowed to re-fire the shot.

7.13.9 Disputed Shot

If an athlete disclaims a shot on his target, he must immediately notify the Range Officer. If the Range Officer can confirm, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the athlete did not fire the shot, (for example, when an adjacent athlete reports or has a missing shot) the shot will not be credited to the athlete. If the Range Officer cannot confirm that the athlete did not fire the shot, the shot must be credited to the athlete.

7.14 Interruptions in Shooting

When an athlete is interrupted, moved to another firing point, (~~Removed: must repair a malfunction~~), or must stop shooting during the match through no fault of his own, he may request additional time and sighting shots. No additional time or sighting shots will be allowed to compensate for time lost to change or fill a compressed air or CO₂ cylinder. It is the responsibility of the athlete to arrive at the firing line with a properly charged gas cylinder.

7.14.1 Additional Time Required

If the interruption lasts more than three (3) minutes, the athlete must be given additional time equal to the amount of time lost.

7.14.2 Additional Sighting Shots Required

If an interruption of firing lasts more than five (5) minutes, or if the athlete is moved to another target, additional unlimited sighting shots must be permitted. The Chief Range Officer may direct the athlete to shoot on a later relay, if appropriate.

7.14.3 Interruptions of Entire Range

If shooting on an entire range or section of a range is interrupted, all athlete must be given that amount of additional time when firing resumes, if the interruption lasts longer than one (1) minute. If shooting is interrupted for more than five (5) minutes, all athletes must be given additional unlimited sighting shots on fresh sighting targets.

7.15 Malfunctions

If an athlete has an allowable pistol or other equipment malfunction, or if the pistol cannot be safely aimed or fired, he may have it repaired or replaced with the permission of the Range Officer. Any athlete who has a malfunction must notify the Range Officer immediately. (Removed: Additional time or sighting shots will not be allowed if the athlete fails to notify the Range Officer before repairing or correcting a malfunction.) The Range Officer may direct the athlete to make repairs in a safe area outside the range area.

7.15.1 Allowable and Non-Allowable Malfunctions

An allowable malfunction is a malfunction that occurs because the pistol does not function correctly. A non-allowable malfunction is a malfunction that is the fault of the athlete. No extra competition time is allowed to repair or replace a gun after any malfunction, but the Jury may allow an athlete to fire additional sighting shots after repairing a malfunctioning gun, if the malfunction was ALLOWABLE. Having to replace an air or CO2 cylinder because it was not properly filled (either under or over charged) before the competition is a non-allowable malfunction.

7.15.2 Improper Loading

If an athlete loads two or more pellets at one time, inserts a pellet backwards or fails to properly charge a pneumatic air pistol (i.e. short stroke), any shots fired must be scored as fired, and a malfunction cannot be allowed, except that when two shots are fired at one time, only the highest value shot will be scored, if the Range Officer is notified before the next shot is fired. If an athlete thinks he may have loaded two pellets or may have forgotten to load a pellet he may call a Range Officer and ask permission to discharge that shot into a Pellet Discharge Container or the backstop. This may only be done when a Range Officer is present with the athlete. No extra time may be allowed for doing this.

7.15.3 Shots Fired with Low Gas Pressure

Any shot fired with low gas pressure that was caused by the athlete's failure to properly charge the pistol or have sufficient gas in the pistol's air or CO2 cylinder must be scored as a record shot. Any shot fired with low gas pressure that was caused by a pistol malfunction such as a broken seal or gas leak may be nullified and re-fired.

7.15.4 Replacing Cylinders

Having to replace an air or CO2 cylinder because it was not properly filled before the competition is a non-allowable malfunction and no additional time may be allowed. Athletes who must replace cylinders must have the Range Officer clear their pistol and then remove the pistol to a safe area outside the range to replace the cylinder.

Note: This is to assure that this procedure does not disturb other athletes.

7.16 Spectators and Media

Competition sponsors should encourage and assist spectators and media at their competitions. Spectators must remain behind the firing line and may not communicate with athletes except when a Range Officer gives permission for an athlete to speak with someone behind the firing line. The Range Officer may give photographers permission to photograph athletes from the area immediately behind the firing line. Spectators and media may speak in normal tones, but should not speak so loudly as to disturb the athletes. Spectators or media photographers may not use flash photography during competitions. All cell phones and other communication devices must be turned off.

7.17 Penalties for Rules Violations

In case of a violation of the Rules or instructions given by Range Officers or the Jury, the Range Officer or Jury may impose penalties. Penalties can include a warning, a deduction of points or disqualification from the competition. Any decision to disqualify an athlete must be made by at least two Competition Officials such as a Range Officer and the Competition Director or the Competition Director and Jury.

7.17.1 Open Violations

In the case of open violations of the Rules (pistols, clothing, position, etc.) the Range Officer must first give a warning so that the athlete has an opportunity to correct the fault. Whenever possible, the warning should be given during the preparation and sighting time. The athlete must correct the fault or replace the equipment before continuing the competition. No additional sighting shots or extra time will be allowed. If the athlete continues to fire without correcting the fault, two points must be deducted from the score. If the athlete still does not correct the fault after the deduction of points, he must be disqualified. Open violations, where Rule 7.17.2 does not apply, discovered after an athlete completes firing may not be penalized, but the athlete must be advised of the fault, so it can be corrected.

7.17.2 Concealed Violations

In the case of deliberately concealed violations of the Rules, the athlete must be immediately disqualified. Concealed violations include any instance where an athlete alters equipment from a legal to an illegal configuration after it was checked by Equipment Control or the Range Officers before or during the competition. Athletes may be disqualified for concealed violations discovered after the athlete completes firing if the concealed violation was used during the competition.

7.17.3 Safety Violations

In the case of a serious, blatant or dangerous pistol-handling violation where the safety of other persons is endangered, the athlete may be immediately disqualified.

7.17.4 Coaching Violations

In the case of unauthorized coaching violations while the athlete is on the firing line, both the coach and athlete must first be given a warning. After the second coaching violation, two points must be deducted from the athlete's score and the coach must be directed to leave the vicinity of the firing line.

7.17.5 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

In the case of unsportsmanlike conduct (cheating, disobeying instructions of Competition Officials, disturbing other athletes, altering targets, purposely damaging range equipment, disorderly conduct, dishonesty, inappropriate behavior or language, etc.) the Competition Director or Jury may impose penalties including a warning, deduction of points or disqualification, depending on the severity of the violation. Any coaches or spectators who violate this rule may be directed to leave the vicinity of the firing line.

8. Scoring Targets

8.1 Value of Shots

A shot is given the score of highest value scoring ring that is touched by that shot hole.

8.1.1 Misses

Any competition shot that fails to hit the scoring rings of the athlete's target must be scored as a miss.

8.1.2 Irregular Shots

Irregular shots must be reported to the Statistical Officer by the Range Officer and scored in accordance with these Rules.

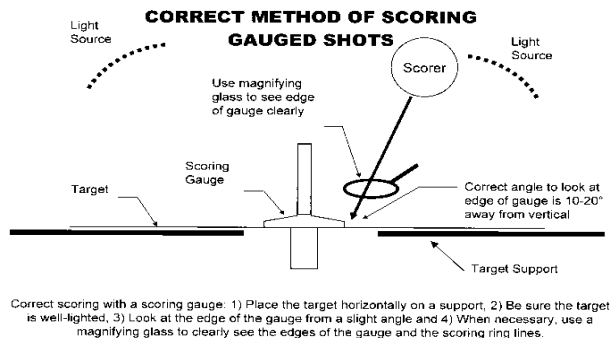
8.2 Paper Target Scoring

Paper targets may be scored manually or with an electronic scoring machine. If scored manually, two scorers must score each shot. If the value of a shot is in dispute, a third scorer or scoring supervisor must resolve the disagreement. The value of each shot scored and the fact that the shot was gauged (plugged) must be recorded on the target. The target acts as an official scorecard.

8.2.1 Using a Scoring Gauge

A shot whose value is not clear must be scored with a scoring gauge ("plug"). The scoring gauge may be inserted only once to determine the value of the shot. The scorer must view the gauge from an angle to clearly see where the edge of the gauge's flange and target meet. Shots that have been gauged must be marked with a plus (+) if that shot is scored as the higher value or with a minus (-) if that shot is scored as the lower value. Both scorers must mark and initial the gauged shot. If a third opinion is required, that person must also mark and initial the shot. The decision of the scorers on the value of a gauged shot is final. Any gauged shot may not be protested.

See diagram below.



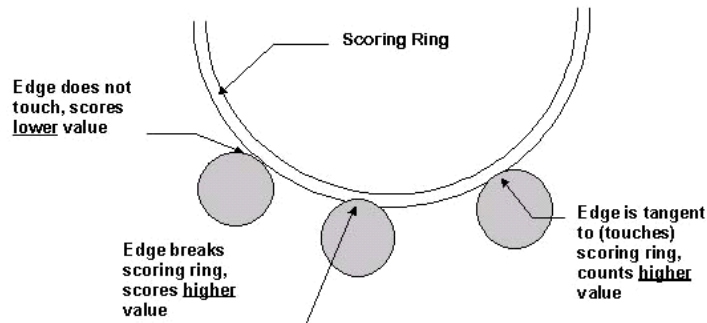
8.2.2 Using the Outward Scoring Gauge

An outward scoring gauge, with a flange diameter of 11.50 mm (0.453 in.), must be used to score shots in the 3 to 10 rings. If the outer edge of the flange breaks the outside edge of the white scoring ring, the lower value is assigned to the shot. If the outer edge of the flange is tangent to or lies inside the outside edge of the white scoring ring, the shot is scored at the higher value.

See diagram below.

SCORING WITH INWARD SCORING GAUGES

Use to score shot values one (1) and two (2) and inner tens



8.2.3 Using the Inward Scoring Gauge

The inward scoring gauge, with a flange diameter of 4.50-4.55mm (0.178-0.182 in.), must be used to score shots in the 1 ring, and to score inner tens. The shot is scored as the highest value ring that the flange of the inward plug gauge touches. When using the inward scoring gauge, if you can see even a faint black gap between the edge of the scoring gauge and the outside edge of the scoring ring, the shot receives the lower value. If you do not see a gap and the edge touches or breaks into the outside edge of the scoring ring, the shot receives the higher value. See diagram below. Remember, the inward gauge is used only to score shot values 1 and inner tens (used in tie-breaking only).

8.2.4 Scoring Inner Tens

An inner ten is a shot that touches the smaller ring inside the ten ring. An inner ten that is doubtful is determined by using an inward plug gauge. Inner tens must only be scored on the targets of athletes involved in ties that cannot be broken by using other tie-breaking rules.

8.2.5 Scoring Torn Shot Holes and Overlapping Hits

When the outside edge of a shot hole is torn or overlaps another shot hole, the shot must be scored according to the location where the pellet actually struck the target. A shot hole that is torn so badly that an inserted scoring gauge will not remain in that location must not be scored with the scoring gauge and must be scored with a template or overlay gauge or by using some other means of determining an accurate outline of the actual pellet hole.

Note: An "Eagle Eye" gauge may be used for this purpose.

8.3 Electronic Targets

8.3.1 Electronic Target Scores

Scores indicated by electronic targets are final unless protested in accordance with these Rules.

8.3.2 Electronic Target Scoring Protests

When electronic targets are used, an athlete who believes a shot has not registered or who believes a shot or series of shots was scored incorrectly must immediately notify a Range Officer to protest the value of the shot(s). The value of an individual shot must be protested before the next shot is fired or within three (3) minutes after the last shot, except for failure of the paper band to advance or when the scoring accuracy of the target is protested. The Range Officer will direct the firing of an additional shot(s) and/or move the athlete to another firing position. After firing is complete, the Range Officer and Jury will determine whether the original, protested shot(s) was scored correctly or if the protest shot(s) should be scored and counted. If a protest concerning a shot value other than zero or failure to register is not upheld, a two-point penalty is applied. Decisions by the Range Officer and Jury are final and may not be appealed.

8.4 Breaking Ties

Ties must be broken for all places in individual and team events. Ties will be broken as follows:

8.4.1 Individual Ties

1. During a FINAL, all ties between any of the top eight athletes must be broken by firing additional shots, one at a time, until the tie is broken.
2. If athletes are tied for eighth place in the final, they will shoot off for the chance to be in the final. The shoot off will include a five minute sighting period for an unlimited number of sighter shots, followed by five shots, individually timed at 50 seconds. Unlike a final, scores for the shoot off shots are not announced during the shoot off. Approximately thirty seconds will be allowed between shoot off shots.
3. All other ties must be broken in favor of the athlete with the higher number of inner tens.
4. If the tie is not broken, the tie must be broken in favor of the athlete with the greater number of 10s, then 9s, then 8s, etc.
5. If any ties remain, duplicate awards will be given.

8.4.2 Multiple Course Individual Aggregates

If there is a Final or last Final, the Final and Final tie-breaking procedures (Rule 8.4.1, #1) will be used. Where there is no Final, ties will be broken by using the last match score, then by using the next to the last match score (if applicable).

8.4.3 Team Events

Ties in team events must be decided by totaling the scores from all members of the tied teams and then applying the tie-breaking rules for individual events listed above. FINALS are not used to break Team ties.

8.5 Results Lists

Targets must be scored as quickly as possible after they are fired. After the targets are scored, the results must be posted on the Official Bulletin Board (Rule 5.5.7) so that team coaches and athletes can see them and the scoring protest period can begin (see Rule 9.1 below). After all scoring protests are decided and all ties are broken, the Statistical Officer must produce an Official Results List or final bulletin. The Official

Results List should list all individual and team athletes in order of their rank or place finish. Copies of the Results List should be distributed to participating teams and individuals.

9. Protests and Appeals

9.1 Scoring Protests (Challenges)

After scores are posted on the Official Bulletin Board a scoring protest period must be provided. If electronic targets are used, the scoring protest period ends 20 minutes after scores are posted. If paper targets are used, scoring protest procedures must give athletes and coaches an opportunity to see their scored targets and to protest any shot values or score totals they believe were scored, recorded, or added incorrectly. The scoring protest period for paper targets must give athletes sufficient time to see their targets, but should not be longer than 60 minutes after scored targets are available for inspection. The expiration time of the scoring protest period must be posted when scores are posted. During the protest period, an athlete or team coach can protest. Scoring protests must be made within the Protest Period. At the end of the scoring protest period, scores become final.

9.1.1 Who May Protest Scores

Athletes must submit scoring protests for their own targets, unless unusual circumstances prevent having athletes check and protest their own scores. Team coaches may advise athletes regarding score protests.

9.1.2 Values of Gauged Shots May Not Be Protested

Shot value protests may only be made on shots whose values were decided without using a scoring gauge (Rule 8.2.1). Decisions made regarding the value of shots by using a scoring gauge cannot be protested, unless there is a recording, tabulation or other obvious error.

9.1.3 Protests of Shot Values during Finals

For electronic targets, protests of the value of a shot in the Final must be made before the next Final shot is fired. For paper targets, athletes will be given the opportunity to see their targets before scores become final.

9.1.4 Protests of Other Team or Individual Scores

Athletes and Team Officials may not protest the scores or targets of other athletes or teams unless there is a recording, tabulation or other obvious error.

9.1.5 Score Protest Fees

The Competition Director may establish a scoring protest fee of not more than \$3.00. The protest fee must be returned if the protest is upheld.

9.2 Protests of Competition Conditions

Any athlete or team official has the right to protest a condition of the competition. Protests can be submitted to any competition official either verbally or in writing. The competition official who receives the protest can rule on the protest. If the protest is denied, the athlete or team official may appeal verbally or in writing to the Jury. If the competition official that ruled on the protest is also on the Jury, the Competition Director must replace him on the Jury during the resolution of the protest. The decisions of the majority of the Jury are final, unless the Jury or the person filing the protest requests a ruling from the National Jury of Appeal.

9.2.1 Protest Fees

The Competition Director may establish a protest fee of not more than \$10.00. If a protest fee is required, it must be paid when the protest is submitted. The protest fee must be returned if the protest is upheld or retained by the Competition Sponsor if the protest is denied.

9.2.2 Competition Protests

Any athlete or Team Official can protest irregularities in the conditions or conduct of the competition and Rules violations by other athletes or competition officials. The protest must be filed in writing within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the protested incident. Written protests must give the following information:

- Name of person filing the protest.
- Date and time when the protest is filed.
- Description of the incident, condition, or decision being protested.
- The specific rule(s) that the protesting person believes was violated by the incident, condition or decision.

Failure to follow this procedure automatically voids the protest.

The decision on the protest by the Competition Director or Jury must be noted in writing on the protest or an attached document. The person filing the protest must be informed of the decision.

9.2.3 Forwarding Protests to USA Shooting

Even if a protest is not appealed, Competition Directors are requested to forward reports or copies of protests to USA Shooting so that any Rules issues involved in the protest may be considered in future editions of the Rules.

9.3 Appeals of Protest Decisions

If a Competition Jury (Rule 6.3) cannot resolve a protest, dispute, or question, the matter may be appealed to the National Jury of Appeal (see Rule 1.7). The protest or question may be submitted to the National Jury of Appeal within 72 hours after the end of the competition. Any decision by the National Jury of Appeal on a protest appealed to it from a competition is final.

10. Finals

Currently, the dropping of the qualification score is under review and may or may not be used for National Junior Olympic Pistol Squad Selection at the PPP National Championship. Any Final format not matching the format outlined below will be clearly outlined in the Match Program.

A Final is part of all major competition shooting events, including the Olympics, World Championships, World Cups and National Championships. A Final is not required in individual Progressive-Position Pistol events, but is highly recommended.

Finals may be held for all, or fewer, categories. Categories cannot be mixed in a single Final.

10.1 Final Round Procedures

The top eight individual athletes in a category advance to the final round. Finals may be conducted by using electronic targets or paper targets.

10.1.1 Determining Final Round Start Position

The top eight athletes will be assigned firing points by random draw. Ties to be eligible for Finals from the Qualification Round will be broken using rule 8.4.

10.1.2 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.

10.1.3 Scoring Finals Targets

Finals scoring may be done with electronic targets, target reading machines or manual devices that classify each ring into 10ths (such as 1.1, 1.2, up to 10.9). If such systems are not available, finals targets may be scored in whole numbers by conventional means. Targets should be scored immediately after each shot and the score of each athlete announced before starting the next shot.

10.1.4 Conducting Finals with Electronic Targets

If finals are conducted by using electronic targets, the procedures described in Rules 10.2-10.4 must be followed, and all final round shots must be scored in tenth ring (i.e. 10.3, 9.7, 10.8, etc.) values.

10.1.5 Conducting Finals with Paper Targets and Target Carriers

If finals are conducted by using single-bull paper targets with target carriers, the procedures described in Rules 10.2-10.4 must be followed. All final round shots may be scored in tenth ring (i.e. 10.3, 9.7, 10.8, etc.) values if suitable scoring gauges are available or they may be scored in whole ring (i.e. 10, 9, 8, etc.) values.

10.1.6 Conducting the Finals with 4-Bull Paper Targets

If finals are conducted on 4-bull paper targets and target carriers are not available, the procedures described in Rules 10.2-10.4 must be changed to accommodate the alternative scoring procedure and all final round shots must be scored in whole ring values. A spotter with a spotting telescope must be located behind each of the eight finalists. After each final round shot, the spotter must estimate as closely as possible the value of that shot and display or announce this shot value for the Range Officer's announcement to the athletes and spectators.

10.1.7 Special Finals for All Athletes

In competitions that have multiple relays or that take place over two or more days, where it is not possible to have the top eight athletes remain for an eight-person final at the end of the competition, the Competition Program may provide that all athletes will complete a ten-shot final round as part of the individual event. If this is done, a final should be conducted at the end of each relay. The same finals procedures that are given in this Rule must be used, except that it may not be practical to announce individual scores after each shot if there are more than eight or ten athletes (An excellent way to announce scores if a large number of athletes are in a final is to announce only the firing points where a ten has been fired on that shot). If this special finals procedure is used, the final round scores will be added only to the scores of the athletes who had the eight highest match scores to determine the final ranking of those eight athletes. The final round scores of the other athletes may be published in the results bulletin for information purposes.

10.2 Preparing for the Final

The start time of the final is the time when the commands for the first shot for record begin. The start time of the final must be announced in advance.

10.2.1 Late Arrivals

Finalists must report to the Range Officer at least 30 minutes before the start of the final. A two (2) point penalty will be deducted from the score of the first MATCH series if the athlete does not report on time. 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.

10.2.2 Assigning Firing Points

Finalists fire together on eight adjacent firing points. Finalists will be assigned firing points by random selection. Firing points must be labeled A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H. Reserve targets must be labeled R1 and R2.

10.2.3 Targets

If single bull targets are used, athletes must be given two (2) sighting targets and ten (10) record targets. If 4-bull targets are used, the two leftmost bulls on the first sheet will be marked as sighters. The first sighting target or the 4-bull target must be hung or placed down range before the preparation and sighting time begins.

10.2.4 Introduction of Athletes

After the Preparation and Sighting Time, all finalists must place their guns down, insert **SAFETY FLAGS**, and turn to face the audience. Introductions should include the athlete's name, and club, school or other affiliation. The Announcer will also introduce the CRO and Jury Member-in-Charge.

10.3 Conducting the Final

When conducting the Final using target carriers, refer to 10.3.6. When using 4 bull targets refer to 10.1.6

FINALS FORMAT	The Finals consists of two (2) series of five (5) MATCH shots each fired in a time of 250 sec. per series. This is followed by fourteen (14) single MATCH shots each fired on command in a time of 50 seconds. Eliminations of the lowest scoring finalists begin after the eighth shot and continue after every two shots until the gold and silver medals are decided. There are a total of twenty (24) Finals shots.
SCORING	<p>Scoring in Finals is done with tenth-ring (decimal) scoring for the respective target. Cumulative total scores in Finals determine final rankings, with ties broken according to shoot-off scores.</p> <p>Deductions for violations occurring before the first MATCH shot will be applied to the score of the first MATCH shot. Deductions for other penalties will be applied to the score of the shot where the violation occurred.</p>
EQUIPMENT SET-UP TIME 20:00 min before	Athletes or athletes' coaches must be allowed to place guns and equipment on the firing points not less than 20 min. before the Start Time. Gun cases and equipment containers must not be left on the FOP.

<p>PISTOL WARM-UP PERIOD 13:00 min before</p>	<p>The CRO will call athletes to the firing line thirteen (13) minutes before the start time by commanding “ATHLETES TO THE LINE.”</p> <p>After two (2) min., the CRO will start a combined Preparation and Sighting Time by commanding “FIVE MINUTES PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME...START.” During this time, finalists may fire unlimited sighting shots.</p> <p>At 30 sec. before the end of the Preparation and Sighting Time, the CRO will command “30 SECONDS.”</p> <p>After five (5) minutes, the CRO will command “STOP...UNLOAD.”</p> <p>No score announcements are made during sighting shots. After the command “STOP...UNLOAD,” finalists must unload their pistols, insert safety flags and place them on the bench and turn to face spectators for the presentation. A Range Officer must verify that gun actions are open with safety flags inserted.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION OF FINALISTS 5:00 min. before</p>	<p>After finalists’ guns are checked, the Announcer will introduce the athletes, CRO and Jury Member-in-Charge</p>
<p>FINAL PREPARATION TIME</p>	<p>Immediately after the presentation, the CRO will command “TAKE YOUR POSITIONS.”</p> <p>The targets and scoreboard must be cleared for MATCH shots.</p> <p>After 60 sec., the CRO will begin commands for the first MATCH series.</p>

<p>1st COMPETITION STAGE</p> <p>2 X 3 Shots</p> <p>Time limit: 150 sec. for each series</p> <p>Competition firing starts at 0:00 min.</p>	<p>The CRO will command “FOR THE FIRST COMPETITION SERIES...LOAD.” After 5 sec., the CRO will command “START.”</p> <p>Finalists have 250 sec. to fire five (5) shots.</p> <p>At 250 sec. or after all finalists have fired five shots, the CRO will command “STOP.”</p> <p>Immediately after the command “STOP,” the Announcer will give 15-20 sec. of comments on the current ranking of the athletes and notable scores. Individual shot scores are not announced.</p> <p>Immediately after the Announcer finishes, the CRO will command “FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION SERIES, LOAD.”</p> <p>After 5 sec., the CRO will command “START.”</p> <p>At 250 sec., or after all finalists have fired five shots, the CRO will command “STOP.” The Announcer will again comment on the athletes and their scores and explain that single shots will begin and that after each second shot, the lowest ranking finalist will be eliminated.</p>
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<p>2nd COMPETITION STAGE</p> <p>SINGLE SHOTS</p> <p>14 x 1 Shot</p> <p>Time limit: 50 sec. (30 for prone) for each shot</p>	<p>Immediately after the Announcer finishes, the CRO will command “FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION SHOT, LOAD.” After 5 sec., the CRO will command “START.”</p> <p>Finalists have 50 sec. to fire each shot.</p> <p>At 50 sec. the CRO will command “STOP” and the Announcer will give comments about the Finalists and their scores.</p> <p>Immediately after the Announcer finishes, the CRO will command “FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION SHOT, LOAD.” After 5 sec., the CRO will command “START.”</p> <p>This sequence will continue until 24 total shots, including 14 single shots, are fired. At the end of the 24th shot, the CRO will command “STOP...UNLOAD.” A Range Officer must verify that gun actions are open with safety flags inserted.</p>
<p>ELIMINATIONS</p>	<p>After all Finalists have fired eight (12) shots, the lowest ranking athlete is eliminated (8th place). The lowest ranked finalists will continue to be eliminated as follows:</p> <p>After 14 shots – 7th place</p> <p>After 16 shots – 6th place</p> <p>After 18 shots – 5th place</p> <p>After 20 shots – 4th place</p> <p>After 22 shots – 3rd place (bronze medal winner is decided)</p> <p>After 24 shots – 2nd and 1st places (silver and gold medal winners are decided)</p> <p>When a finalist is eliminated, he must unload his pistol, insert a safety flag, lay it down and step back from the firing point. A Range Officer must verify that the gun is safe.</p>

<p>TIE-BREAKING</p>	<p>If there is a tie for the lowest ranking athlete to be eliminated, the tied athletes will fire additional tie-breaking single shots until the tie is broken.</p> <p>For the tie-breaking shot, the CRO will immediately announce the family names of the tied athletes and command them to fire the tie-breaking shots with the normal firing procedure. The Announcer will make no comments until the tie is broken.</p>
<p>FINALS COMPLETION</p>	<p>After the two (2) remaining finalists fire their 24th shots, and if there are no ties and no protests, the CRO will declare “RESULTS ARE FINAL.”</p> <p>The Announcer will immediately recognize the gold, silver and bronze medal winners</p>

10.3.1 Five Minute Preparation and Sighting Period

Finalists are given a five (5) minute Preparation and Sighting Period that is initiated with the command **FIVE MINUTES PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME...START**. Athletes may prepare themselves and their equipment and fire unlimited sighting shots at this time. The preparation and sighting time ends with the command **STOP**. Athletes must stop firing. If a pistol is still loaded, the athlete must notify the Range Officer who will direct the athlete to clear his pistol into a special shot container or the backstop (Rule 2.5)

10.3.2 Changing From Sighting to Record Shots

After the command **STOP** ends the preparation and sighting time, the athletes will place the first record target in the carrier or Competition Officials must change electronic targets from sighting targets to the first record target.

If multiple-bull targets are used, the Range Officer must verify that no sighting shots were shot onto record bulls before the first record shot is fired. Range Officers may use a scope to complete this task to avoid going in front of the firing line.

10.3.3 Loading the Shot

When the record targets are in place, the Range Officer gives the command **FOR THE FIRST (NEXT) COMPETITION SERIES (SHOT) - LOAD**. Athletes may not place a pellet in the barrel before the command **LOAD**. The first violation results in a warning. The second violation results in a two (2) point deduction.

10.3.4 Firing the Shot

When all athletes have loaded their pistols, the Range Officer commands “**START**”. Athletes have 250 seconds to shoot 5 record shots in the First Competition Stage, or 50 seconds to shoot 1 record shot in the Second Competition Stage. At the end of 250 (or 50) seconds or after the last athlete has fired, whichever comes first, the shot time is ended with the command **STOP**.

10.3.5 Aiming Exercises

In Finals, holding and aiming exercises are permitted from the time finalists are called to the line (“**ATHLETES TO THE LINE**” command) until the “**STOP**...**UNLOAD**” command at the end of finals is given, except that holding and aiming exercises may not be done during the presentations.

10.3.6 CHANGE TARGETS Command

If a target carrier system is used, the range officer will command **STOP** and **CHANGE TARGETS**. Targets may only be retrieved after these commands to avoid disturbing other athletes.

10.3.7 Retrieving Targets

After the command **CHANGE TARGETS**, the fired target is retrieved and given to the Range Officer and the next record target is sent down range. The Range Officer will announce the scores to the athletes and spectators. If 4-bullseye targets are used, they can be left down range until all the bulls are shot. Competition Officials may score them after each shot using a spotting scope.

10.4 Special Finals Procedures

10.4.1 Athlete's Time Cut Short

If the command **STOP** is given before the 250 seconds expires in the First Competition Stage or the 50 seconds expires in the Second Competition Stage, and an athlete has not fired his shot, the athlete must be given a new 50-second period to shoot each unfired shot, starting with the **Load** and after 5 seconds **Start** Command. The other Finalists must wait until this shot is completed before continuing the Final.

10.4.2 Malfunctions in Finals

- **Pistol Malfunction** - In case of an allowable malfunction (Rule 7.15), the athlete may complete the unfired shot, if he can repair or replace his pistol within three (3) minutes. As soon as the malfunction is repaired, the Range Officer must give a new set of commands with a full 250 (50)-second time limit for that athlete only. The other finalists must wait until the athlete with the malfunction shoots (in the allowed time) before continuing the final. Only two malfunctions may be allowed for one athlete during a final and any tie-breaking shoot-off.
- **Single Target Malfunction** - If an electronic target fails to function, the athlete must be moved to a new target. He will be allowed an additional two (2) minute period for sighting shots before he completes the missing shot. The other Finalists must wait until this shot is completed before continuing the Final.
- **Malfunction of All Targets** – If all electronic targets malfunction during the final and can be repaired within one (1) hour, the remaining final round shots will be completed after an additional five (5) minute sighting time. If the targets cannot be repaired within one (1) hour, the completed final round shots will be totaled and used as the official score.

10.4.3 Early and Late Shots

Shots fired before the command **START** and after the command **STOP** must be scored as misses.

10.4.4 Protests

A finalist who wishes to protest the value of a final round shot must do so immediately after the value of the shot is announced or officially scored (paper targets) and before the commands for the next final shot commence. The athlete may protest by raising his hand and announcing “**Protest.**” The scorers or Jury must check the shot immediately. If the value changes, the finalist receives the new value. If the competition has a scoring protest fee, the fee must be paid after the final, if the value remains the same. Protests of shooting conditions in the final must be made immediately and before the final results are announced.