



Rulebook

The intent of Precision Pistol Competition is to provide the target shooter a competitive program which will improve him to become competence as a fair and safely participant in a high level shooting sport

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Official Rules and Regulations to govern the conduct of all WA 1500 Precision Pistol Competition Matches

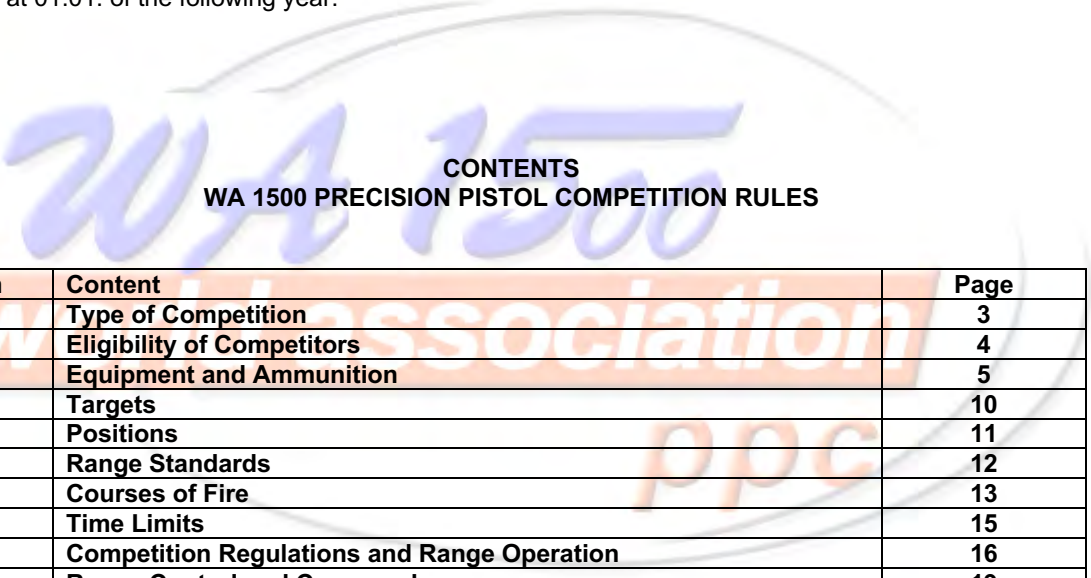
These rules establish uniform standards for WA 1500 PPC Competitions. Where alternatives are shown, the least restrictive conditions apply unless the tournament program sets forth limitations. They supersede all earlier editions and remain in effect until specifically superseded.

Tournament sponsors may not alter these rules except regulations by national firearms laws. If sponsors require additional rules for special conditions, the additions must be fully set forth in the program for the competition concerned.

These Rules provide for the efficient and orderly operation of a tournament. But that's not all. Many local range regulations exist for one reason alone - SAFTY. Others serve a dual purpose, smooth range operation and SAFTY.

It's your responsibility as a Competitor or as a Tournament Official to be familiar with the Rules and to know the meaning behind those which are safety oriented.

Recommendations for rule changes may be forwarded to the WA 1500 Executive Committee latest to the 1th of april every year. Decision will be taken at the Annual Meeting held during the scheduled date. Rule changes will set into charge at 01.01. of the following year.



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1. TYPE OF COMPETITION

1.1 WA1500 Competition

Competition must be authorized in advance of firing by the WA1500 or a WA1500 affiliated organization. The program, procedures, range facilities and officials must comply with standards established by the WA1500 or a WA1500 affiliated organization.

1.2 Sanctioned Tournament

A series of matches covered by an official program. Such matches may be all individual matches, all team matches, or a combination of both, which must be sponsored and sanctioned by a WA1500 affiliated organization. They may be all fired matches or a combination of fired matches and aggregate matches. A tournament may be conducted on one day, or successive days, or may provide for intervening days between portions of the tournament, such as tournaments programmed to be conducted over more than one weekend.

1.3 Authorization

Before being publicized in programs or otherwise, the sponsoring organization

(a) of each type of competition mentioned in Rule 1.7 (a) and (b) shall have agreed to comply with the current regulations for such competition and shall have received approval from the WA1500

(b) of each type of competition mentioned in Rule 1.7 (c), (d) or (e) shall have agreed to comply with the current regulations for such competition and shall have received approval from the affiliated member organization that the competition applied for has been authorized.

1.4 Rules

The local sponsor of each type of competition must agree to conduct the authorized competition according to WA1500 Rules, except as these Rules have been modified by the WA1500 in the General Regulations for that type of competition.

1.5 General Regulations

The local sponsor of each type of competition must agree to comply with the General Regulations published by the WA1500 for the competition concerned.

1.6 Refusal or withdrawal of WA1500 Authorization

The WA1500 may refuse to authorize or may withdraw its authorization for any competition which cannot, or does not, comply with the requirements for that competition.

1.7 Types of Tournaments

The types of tournaments listed below are those which are sanctioned by WA1500 in its Competitive shooting program.

(a) World Championships

Sponsored by the WA1500 and organized by WA 1500 or a local sponsoring organization. These tournaments will be registered.

(b) Continental Championships

Arranged between the WA1500 and a local sponsoring organization. These tournaments will be registered.

(c) Regional Championships

Annual tournaments conducted by member countries affiliated with the WA1500. These tournaments will be registered.

(d) Local Tournaments

May be authorized by the WA1500 member countries after application has been filed by the local WA 1500 affiliated member organization that will act as the sponsor. These tournaments will be registered.

(e) Postal Matches

May be sponsored by a national body or club affiliated with the WA 1500. These matches will not be registered.

1.8 Types of Matches

(a) Match Precision Pistol Competition

Any match fired with firearms as defined in Rules 3.1 – 3.12 when specified in the tournament program. A match may consist of one or more stages.

(b) Stage

A portion of a match which consists of one or more strings.

(c) Classified Match

A match in which awards are given to the winners and the highest competitors in several specified classes such as High Masters, Masters, Experts, Sharpshooters, Marksmen. The classification of competitors may be accomplished by the WA 1500 Classification System (see Section 20) or by other means. The program for classified matches must specify the groups or classes in which awards will be made.

(d) Invitational Match

A match in which participation is limited to those who have been invited to compete.

(e) Squadded Individual Match

A match in which each competitor is assigned a definite relay and target by the Statistical Office. Failure to report on the proper relay or firing point forfeits the right to fire. All entries must be made before firing commences in that match, except when otherwise stated in the tournament program.

(f) Unsquadded Individual Match

A match in which the competitor is not assigned a definite relay or target by the Statistical Office. The competitor reports to the Range Officer within the time limits specified in the program and is then assigned to a target and a relay in which to fire.

(g) Re-Entry Match

A match in which the competitor is permitted to fire more than one score for record, one or more of the highest scores being considered to determine the relative rank of competitors.

The number of scores which may be fired and the number of high scores to be considered in deciding the relative rank of competitors must be specified in the program. Scores fired in these matches shall not be used for classification purposes nor for ranking.

(h) Squadded Team Match

A match in which the teams are assigned a definite time to fire. Teams may be assigned one or more adjacent targets. All entries must be made before firing commences in that match. The entire team must report and fire as a unit.

(i) Unsquadded Team Match

A match in which the teams may report at the firing line at any time within the limits specified in the program, targets being assigned by the Range Officer. The entire team must report and fire as a unit, unless the program provides otherwise.

(j) Aggregate Match

An aggregate of the scores from two or more matches. This may be an aggregate of match stages, individual matches, team matches, or any combination, provided the tournament program clearly states the matches which will comprise the aggregate. Entries in aggregate matches must be made before the competitor commences firing in any of the matches making up the aggregate match.

1.9 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

All tournament sponsors are urged to give special consideration to the needs of news media personnel in order to achieve maximum publicity for the competition. Public news media personnel representing print and/or broadcast should be given every consideration and cooperation in keeping with the proper conduct of the competition.

2. ELIGIBILITY of COMPETITORS

The conditions of a match shall prescribe the eligibility of competitors, teams or individuals. Any limitation of eligibility to compete must be stated in the Match Program. It is the intent and the spirit of these Rules for both individual and team entry that all competitors shall have the same rights. Individuals with a questionable category or classification or teams with a questionable proposed team composition must establish eligibility with the WA1500.

INDIVIDUALS

2.1 Members of the WA1500 affiliate organizations

Any individual who is a member in any affiliate national shooting federation.

2.2 Eligibility Authentication

It is the competitor's responsibility to have his current classification in his possession when entering and competing in precision pistol competition tournaments. The competitor must be a member in good standing of his respective national shooting federations or associations in order to enter WA1500 registered competitions.

2.3 Guest competitors

The local Sponsor may agree guest competitors in a Match or tournament. The sponsor is responsible that all conditions of an individual member are fully filed.

TEAMS

2.4 Team Representation

No competitor may fire in more than one team in any match.

2.5 Teams

(a) Members of teams must be from the same Shooting club. When a national team takes part in a competition abroad, the teams must be built out of the national team.

(b) Entries may be accepted by Pickup Teams if the program specifically provides for such eligibility. Pickup Teams are not eligible for International or National Records.

(c) Members of teams must represent the individual country if so stated in nation by nation matches.

(d) Teams may consist of any mixture of classification of eligible members.

3. EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION

3.1 Revolver 1500

A Revolver chambered to fire center-fire cartridges .32 caliber or larger.

(a) Barrel

Barrel length not to exceed 6 inches (153 mm).

(b) Sights

Sights may be fixed or adjustable. Front sight may not extend beyond the muzzle, the maximum sight radius to be no more than 8.5 inches (216 mm).

Hooded or telescope sights prohibited.

Sight guards may not extend rearward more than 2 inches (51 mm).

(c) Trigger

If the Revolver has single-action capability the single action trigger pull must be at least 2 ½ lbs. (1135 g). A Trigger stop is allowed.

Specifically prohibited is any system of recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting or barrel porting.

All Revolvers shall use double action on every stage except on 50 yards/meters were single action is allowed.

3.2 Pistol 1500

Center-fire Semi-automatic Pistols of .35 caliber or larger.

(a) Barrel

Barrel length not to exceed 6 inches (153mm).

(b) Sights

Sights may be fixed or adjustable. Front sight may not extend beyond the muzzle, the maximum sight radius to be no more than 8.5 inches (216 mm).

Hooded or telescope sights prohibited.

Sight guards may not extend rearward more than 2 inches (51 mm).

(c) Trigger

Trigger pull not less than 3 lbs. (1360 g) single action or for those of double action capability only.

Specifically prohibited is any system of recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting or barrel porting and a separate thumbrest in front of the trigger.

3.3 Optical Sight 1500

A Revolver according to 3.1 or a Pistol according to 3.2, except the sight. Sight must be an optical or electronic device, according to the national firearm laws.

3.4 Rifle 1500

Pistol-Cartridge-Carabines, Center-fire Semi-Automatic Pistols or Double-Action-Revolvers with Pistol Carbine Conversion, or Revolving Rifles of .35 caliber or larger.

a) Barrel no restrictions other than the national firearm laws.

b) Sights no restrictions other than the national firearm laws. Optical or electronic, fixed or adjustable. Front sight may not extend beyond the muzzle.

c) Trigger If a Revolver-system has single-action capability the single action trigger pull must be at least 2 ½ lbs. (1135 g). A Trigger stop is allowed. Trigger pull of a pistol or carbine not less than 3 lbs. (1360 g) single action or for those of double action capability only.

Recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting or barrel porting is allowed.

All Revolver-systems shall use double action on every stage except on 50 yards/meters where single action is allowed.

3.5 Open Match

A Revolver chambered to fire center-fire cartridges .32 caliber or larger or a Center-Fire Semi-Automatic Pistol of .35 caliber or larger.

(a) Barrel

No restrictions.

(b) Sights

No restrictions other than the national firearm laws. Optical or electronic, fixed or adjustable. Front sight may not extend beyond the muzzle.

(c) Trigger

If the Revolver has single-action capability the single action trigger pull must be at least 2 ½ lbs. (1135 g). A Trigger stop is allowed.

Trigger pull of a pistol not less than 3 lbs. (1360 g) single action or for those of double action capability only.

Recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting or barrel porting is allowed.

All Revolvers shall use double action on every stage except on 50 yards/meters where single action is allowed.

3.6 Distinguished Revolver

A Revolver capable of chambering and firing standard 158 grain lead, .38 special load.

All Revolvers shall use Double Action on every stage except on 50 yards/meters where single action is allowed.

It must be a factory manufactured Revolver with no external modifications.

No external or internal modifications may be made to the Revolver as manufactured and sold by the factory of origin.

Except as provided for below no parts may be removed from the Revolver, either externally or internally, nor may any be added.

(a) Barrel

Barrel length not to exceed 6 inches (153 mm).

(b) Sights

Fixed or adjustable rear sights from any manufacturer are acceptable. No 3-position-sight or sighting rib is allowed. An adjustable front sight is not allowed. Front sight can have a maximum height of 10 mm.

(c) Trigger

Must have Single and Double Action capability and must be capable of lifting 2 ½ lbs. (1135 g) when firearm is cocked for single action firing. Triggers will be weighed. Any trigger, sold by the original manufacturer of the Revolver, without modification, may be used.

The honing of the sear or sear notch in the hammer to make a better crisp trigger pull and smooth the action and/or to maintain the required minimum trigger pull is allowed.

(d) Grips

The grip may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand or to facilitate loading.

Weighted grips or grip panels are prohibited.

Size of grips may not exceed the following measure: base 45 x 60 mm, high 120 mm.

e) Chamfered cylinders are allowed.

(f) A crane lock is allowed.

The following are not allowed: trigger shoes; compensator; any external trigger stop device; use of any filler substance to make the front of the trigger smooth; filing or otherwise removing ridges on the trigger; filing or

otherwise reducing the trigger width or length, tape on stocks, thumb rests. Any substance (except sweat preventers) which results in a sticky surface to the stock or hand.

Specifically prohibited is any system of recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting or barrel porting.

3.7 Distinguished Pistol

Factory manufactured (catalogue item) Center-Fire Semi-Automatic Pistol of .35 caliber or larger.

Any accessories, parts and components which are manufactured to duplicate, in materials, shape and dimensions, the original as offered by any of the manufacturers of the pistol, will be accepted.

No external modifications are permitted.

(a) Barrel

Barrel length not to exceed 5 inches (129 mm). Replacement barrels cannot be longer than the original.

(b) Sights

Open sights, from any manufacturer are acceptable. Rear sights may be fixed or adjustable and fixed open front sights may not extend beyond the front of the slide, with maximum sight radius not more than 7.5 inches (191 mm).

(c) Trigger

Trigger pull must not be less than 3 lbs. (1360 g) single action or for those of double action capability only.

(d) Grips

The grip may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand. Finger groove and slip on grips are allowed.

Thumb rest grips/stocks or those flared at the base are not allowed nor is tape on the grip or any substance (except sweat preventers) which results in a sticky surface to the grip or hand.

Specifically prohibited are full-length sight-rails, trigger shoes, any system of recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting, or weighted grips or grip panels.

3.8 Standard Revolver 4,25"

A Revolver capable of chambering and firing standard 158 grain lead, .38 special load.

It must be a factory manufactured Revolver with no external modifications, except for grip which may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand or to facilitate loading.

(a) Barrel

Barrel length not to exceed 4,25 inches (108 mm)

(b) Sights

Fixed or adjustable rear sight. Adjustable front sight is not authorized. Front sight must be a ramp or post as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm, ramp may be exchanged for a partridge if so sold.

(c) Trigger

Must have single and double action capability. No Trigger pull weight required.

(d) Grips

The grip may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand or to facilitate loading.

Weighted grips or grip panels are prohibited.

Size of grips may not exceed the following measure: base 45 x 60 mm, high 120 mm.

See appendix to this rulebook.

(e) Chamfered cylinders are allowed.

(f) A crane lock is allowed.

Specifically prohibited is any system of recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting or barrel porting. Also prohibited is any substance (except sweat preventers) which results in a sticky surface to the grip or hand.

In determining whether a specific firearm meets the spirit and intent as well as the letter of this Rule, it should be remembered that this is meant to be a totally stock firearm.

3.9 Standard Revolver 2,75"

A Revolver capable of chambering and firing standard 158 grain lead, .38 special load.

It must be a factory manufactured Revolver with no external modifications, except for grips/stocks which may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand or to facilitate loading.

(a) Barrel

Barrel length not to exceed 2,75 inches (70 mm).

(b) Sights

Fixed or adjustable rear sight. Adjustable front sight is not authorized. Front sight must be a ramp or post as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm, ramp may be exchanged for a partridge if so sold.

(c) Trigger

Must have single and double action capability. No Trigger pull weight required.

(d) Grips

The grip may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand or to facilitate loading.

Weighted grips or grip panels are prohibited.

Size of grips may not exceed the following measure: base 45 x 60 mm, high 120 mm.

See appendix to this rulebook.

(e) Chamfered cylinders are allowed.

(f) A crane lock is allowed.

Specifically prohibited is any system of recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting or barrel porting. Also prohibited is any substance (except sweat preventers) which results in a sticky surface to the grip or hand.

In determining whether a specific firearm meets the spirit and intent as well as the letter of this Rule, it should be remembered that this is meant to be a totally stock firearm.

3.10 Standard Revolver 2,75" 5 Shot

A Revolver capable of chambering and firing standard 158 grain lead, .38 special load.

It must be a factory manufactured Revolver with no external modifications, except for grips/stocks which may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand or to facilitate loading.

(a) Barrel

Barrel length not to exceed 2,75 inches (70 mm).

(b) Sights

Fixed or adjustable rear sight. Adjustable front sight is not authorized. Front sight must be a ramp or post as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm, ramp may be exchanged for a partridge if so sold. Manufacturer's sights may be replaced with luminescent night sights (subject to the national firearm laws).

(c) Trigger

Must have single and double action capability No Trigger pull weight required.

(d) Grips

The grip may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand or to facilitate loading.

Weighted grips or grip panels are prohibited.

Size of grips may not exceed the following measure: base 45 x 60 mm, high 120 mm.

See appendix to this rulebook.

(e) Chamfered cylinders are allowed.

(f) A crane lock is allowed.

Specifically prohibited is any system of recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting or barrel porting. Also prohibited is any substance (except sweat preventers) which results in a sticky surface to the grip or hand.

In determining whether a specific firearm meets the spirit and intent as well as the letter of this Rule, it should be remembered that this is meant to be a totally stock firearm.

3.11 Standard Semi-Automatic Pistol 5,5"

Mass produced (at least 1,000 produced), factory manufactured (catalog item), Center-Fire Semi-Automatic Pistol, .35 caliber or larger.

(a) Barrel

Barrel length not to exceed 5.5 inches (140 mm).

(b) Sights

Fixed sights only. Manufacturer's fixed sights may be replaced with other fixed sights such as three (3) dot systems or luminescent night sights if not banned by national firearms laws.

(c) Trigger

Trigger pull not less than 3 lbs. (1360 g) single action or for those of double action capability only.

The only modification or replacement part allowed is the magazine bumper pad.

Specifically prohibited are external modifications except for those listed above. Specifically prohibited are full-length sight-rails, trigger shoes, extended slide release, extended magazine well funnel and any system of recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting or barrel porting, or weighted grips or grip panels.

The pistol must be equipped with standard issue or commercially procured grips of the same size and design.

Finger groove and slip on grips are allowed. The grip may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand. Thumb rest grips/stocks or those flared at the base are not allowed nor is tape on the grips/stocks or any substance (except sweat preventers) which results in a sticky or dry surface to the grip or hand.

In determining whether a specific firearm meets the spirit and intent as well as the letter of this Rule, it should be remembered that this is meant to be a totally stock firearm.

3.12 Standard Semi-Automatic Pistol 3,65"

Mass produced (at least 1.000 produced), factory manufactured (catalog item), center-fire semi-automatic pistol, .32 caliber or larger.

a) Barrel

Barrel length not to exceed 3,65" (93 mm).

b) Sights

Fixed sights only. Manufacturer's fixed sights may be replaced with other fixed sights such as three (3) dot systems or luminescent night sights if not banned by national firearms laws.

c) Trigger

Trigger pull not less than 3 lbs. (1360 g) single action or for those of double action capability only.

The only modification or replacement part allowed is the magazine bumper pad.

Specifically prohibited are external modifications except for those listed above. Specifically prohibited are full-length Bo-Mar type ribs on the slide, trigger shoes, extended slide release, extended magazine well funnel and any system of recoil control based on compensators, barrel venting or barrel porting, or weighted grips or grip panels.

The pistol must be equipped with standard issue or commercially procured grips of the same size and design.

Finger groove and slip-on grips are allowed. The grip may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand. Thumb rest grips/stocks or those flared at the base are not allowed nor is tape on the grips/stocks or any substance (except sweat preventers) which results in a sticky or dry surface to the grip or hand. In determining whether a specific firearm meets the spirit and intent as well as the letter of this Rule, it should be remembered that this is meant to be a totally stock firearm

3.13 Safety Parts

No internal modifications may be made that would render the firearm less safe than originally designed by the manufacturer.

All standard safety features of the firearm must operate properly.

3.14 Optical Devices

No optical devices (other than glasses worn for corrective eyesight purposes or sunglasses) will be permitted on the range during match firing for use by competitors. Optical devices have also been interpreted to prohibit the use of mechanical iris, eye patch, or eye cover. Only open sights are allowed. Optical, mirror, telescopic, laser beam, electronically projected dots, etc., computerized sighting-aiming devices are prohibited (for team coaches during team match, see rule 12.6, for Optical Sight 1500 see rule 3.3 and for Open Match see Rules 3.5).

3.15 Release Triggers

Triggers which function on release are prohibited.

Any device programmed to activate the firing mechanism by other than conventional trigger movement is prohibited.

3.16 Ammunition

(a) General

Any ammunition factor higher than 180, is prohibited.

All ammunition must be loaded for and produce sufficient velocity to pass through the target and the backer.

Shots which do not pass through the target and the backer will be scored as misses.

(b) Revolver 1500, Optical Sight 1500, Open Match

Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition of .32 caliber or larger may be used.

(c) Pistol 1500, Optical Sight 1500, Open Match,

Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition of .35 caliber or larger may be used.

The semi-automatic function of the pistol must work properly.

(d) Distinguished Revolver

Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition of .38 special, 158 grain.

No midrange wadcutter ammunition will be allowed.

A minimum power factor of 110 is mandatory.

(e) Distinguished Pistol

Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition of caliber .35 or larger may be used.

No midrange wadcutter ammunition will be allowed.

A minimum power factor of 120 is mandatory.

(f) Standard Revolver 4,25"

Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition .38 special, 158 grain.

No midrange wadcutter ammunition will be allowed.

A minimum factor of 80 is mandatory.

(g) Standard Revolver 2,75", Standard Revolver 2,5" 5-shot

Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition .38 special, 158 grain.

No midrange wadcutter ammunition will be allowed.

A minimum factor of 80 is mandatory.

(h) Standard Semi-Automatic Pistol

Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition. Caliber .35 or larger may be used.

The semi-automatic function of the pistol must work properly. A minimum factor of 120 is mandatory.

(i) Chronograph and Power Factors

Power factor is calculated by velocity (fps) x projectile weight (grains) / 1000.

3.17 Holster

A conventional right- or left-handed holster must be used. For safety reasons, shoulder, cross draw, or holsters which require releasing by insertion of finger within the trigger guard will not be allowed. Holsters must completely cover the trigger.

3.18 Ground Cloth

A ground cloth may be used provided it is not constructed or used in a manner to provide artificial rest or support. The thickness of the ground cloth as used is not to exceed 19 mm. Any ground cloth which is questionable should be submitted to the Match Director for a decision.

3.19 Gloves

Gloves or similar devices can be used only when approved as provided in Section 13.

3.20 Timing Devices

Audible timing devices and/or timing devices sending out visible signals are not allowed except by the Range Officer as part of the range timing equipment.

3.21 Eye Protection

All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the firing line must wear shatterproof shooting glasses or similar eye protection.

3.22 Ear Protection

All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the firing line must wear ear plugs, ear muffs or similar ear protection.

3.23 Electronic Communication Devices

No electronic communication devices permitted forward of the ready line, including, but not limited to pagers, cell phones, radios, tape recorders and the like, except hearing aids, cell phones in flight-mode which are used as timer or optical device for target observation at the warm up and those devices necessary for range officials.

3.24 Other Calibers

Under no circumstances will calibers other than those outlined in Rules 3.1 to 3.10 and 3.14 above be permitted in WA1500 PPC Competitions. Especially prohibited are pistols and Revolvers using .22 Rimfire ammunition.

3.25 Dropped Ammunition and other Equipment

Any equipment dropped on the ground, stays on the ground and may not be touched by the competitor. You may only retrieve that which was dropped on the ground after the command THE LINE IS CLEAR has been given. Dropped firearms can only be handled by or under the control of the Range Officer.

3.26 General

- (a) Each competitor is responsible for his/her firearms and equipment and any questionable items must be submitted to the match officials for a decision prior to being used in the tournament.
- (b) All devices or equipment which may facilitate shooting and which are not mentioned in these Rules, or which are contrary to the spirit of these rules and regulations, are forbidden.
- (c) The Match Director, Jury Members and any Official Range Officer shall have the right to examine a shooter's equipment or apparel at any time, even during the competitions. During the competition, their approach should not be made while the shooter is firing. Immediate action must, however, be taken when a matter of safety is involved.
- (d) The responsibility shall be upon the competitor to submit questionable equipment and apparel for official inspection and approval in sufficient time prior to the beginning of a match so that it will not inconvenience either the competitor or the official.
- (e) The Organizing Committee must inform team officials and shooters, in sufficient time prior to the competition, where and when they may have their equipment inspected.

4. TARGETS

4.1 Official Targets

In WA1500 Sanctioned competitions, only targets approved by WA 1500 will be used. Affiliated organizations may apply by WA 1500 for permission.

4.2 Using the Targets

The WA1500 targets are approved for precision pistol competition at the standard distances: 3, 7, 15, 25 and 50 yards or meters.

The reduced WA 1500 target is approved for shooting the 50 yards/meters stage at 25 yards/meters. Used in both Registered and Approved Tournaments. Reduced WA 1500 targets are not allowed for classification and ranking list.

Use of an additional aiming mark, or marking is prohibited.

4.3 Scoring basics

The WA 1500 target counts with 7 scoring rings and with an X ring added for tie breaking. The width of the lines and numbers is 2 mm and the height of the numbers is 16 mm.

5. POSITIONS

The positions for use in a match shall be stated in the program under conditions of the match and shall be in accordance with the definitions of positions prescribed in this section.

Illustrations all show a right-handed shooter. Left-handed shooting positions are the same as those shown except left hand is the primary hand holding the firearm. Either foot may be in the forward position. Position illustrations on website WA1500.org are only examples. The written Rule is official.

5.1 The Ground

All references to "the ground" in the following position Rules are to be construed as applying to surface of the firing point, floor, such shooting mats, platforms as are customarily used on shooting ranges.

5.2 Artificial Support

- (a) Any supporting surface except the ground not specifically authorized for use in the rules for the position prescribed is prohibited.
- (b) Digging or use of elbow or heel holes at the firing points or the use of depressions which form artificial support for the elbows, arms, or legs is prohibited.
- (c) Use of artificial support is prohibited except as individually authorized for the physically disabled shooter (see Section 13). Equipment such as speed loader, ammunition pouches, holster, or any other equipment would be considered "Artificial Support" when it is positioned in a location so as to provide or give reasonable appearance of providing support.
- (d) It is the intent that clothing must be normal street or uniform type, which corresponds to the weather conditions during the competition involved. No clothing may be worn which will, in any manner, give the wearer artificial support. This includes shooting jackets, coats or vests, which have tightening devices intended to stiffen the body

or tightening devices to stiffen the arm or lend support to the arm.

(e) The term artificial support shall not apply to an elastic type strap or band that is worn on the forearm and does not extend over the wrist or elbow joint.

This rule recognizes that such a strap or band when required merely allows a competitor to compete up to his normal ability and offers no advantage to a shooter with no physical problems.

5.3 Ready Position

Loaded firearm in a conventional right- or left-handed holster. Competitor must start in the standing position. Competitor's hands may not touch the firearm or holster, before the targets start to turn or other fire commands are given. General: Relaxed position. One hand may hover over watch fixed on post or wrist.

5.4 Prone

Body extended on the ground parallel to the line of sight, head toward target. "Roll-over" prone position may be used as long as the body is extended on the ground generally parallel to the line of sight and the position does not interfere with another competitor. The Revolver or pistol may not touch the ground, but may be supported by one or both hands which may touch the ground, and which are extended toward the target. The competitor assumes the prone position from the sitting position and the Revolver or pistol must remain pointing "down range" during the process of changing positions.

5.5 Sitting

The buttocks must be on the ground with the body facing target. Hand may be extended to rear for support, elbow may not touch the ground. Back cannot rest on the ground and one or both knees may be raised. Arm or arms, hand or hands may be supported on or by the knees. The firearm may be held by one or both hands and may touch the leg or legs exempt foot.

5.6 Kneeling

- (a) Kneeling on one knee, the other extended toward the target. Buttocks may be on heel or side of foot but cannot touch the ground. One arm may be supported on the forward knee. The firearm may be held by one or both hands.
- (b) Kneeling on both knees, the buttocks clear of the ground but may rest on heels. The firearm may be held by one or both hands and one or both arms are to be extended without other support.
- (c) Kneeling in 48 (40) shot matches. No part of the shooter's body may extend past the limit line or fault line (which is either real or imaginary) in the following matches: Standard Revolver 4,25", Standard Revolver 2,75", Standard Revolver 2,75" 5-shot and Standard Semi-Automatic Pistol 5,5" and Standard Semi-Automatic Pistol 3,65".

5.7 Standing with Support

(a) Standing behind a post.

Both feet must be behind the line (which is either real or imaginary) extending from the firing line to the rear of the exposed or shooting side of the post.

No part of the firearm may touch the post.

Shooting hand or firearm may be supported by the other hand. The test will be: if the support hand is removed, the firearm can still be fired. Left hand post must be fired before right hand post.

(b) Left hand post:

All shots must be fired around the left side of the post.

Firearm must be held with the left hand and only the left trigger finger may be in the trigger guard.

(c) Right hand post:

All shots must be fired around the right side of the post.

Firearm must be held with the right hand and only the right trigger finger may be in the trigger guard.

5.8 Standing without Support

Standing with bent or straight legs, firearm held by one or both hands. All portions of the shooter's clothing, body and firearm clear of artificial support.

5.9 Changing Positions

When changing positions from kneeling to standing, sitting to prone and prone to standing the firearm must be empty. Magazine or speed loader may be injected in the new position.

Handling with the firearm in standing position means not “changing positions”; not standing without support neither standing with support. Finger must be clear of the trigger.
During changing the positions and other handling the Revolver or Pistol must remain pointing “down range.”

6. RANGE STANDARDS

6.1 Firing Line

The firing line is immediately in front of the several Firing points. All ranges are measured from this firing line to the face of the targets when targets are hung in their proper firing position in front of the backstop.

6.2 Firing Point

That part of the range provided for the competitor immediately to the rear of the firing line from which firing takes place. Each firing point is numbered to correspond with the target frames. It is recommended that each firing point has a minimum width of 3,28 feet (1,25 Meter) except where the Range Inspector of an individual country or region gives permission for shooting points to be closer.

6.3 Shelter

The firing point of outdoor ranges may be covered and enclosed on 3 sides, open toward the targets. There must be ample room for Range Officers and witnesses to move freely in the rear of the shooters. This does not preclude the construction of ranges within areas surrounded or partially surrounded by safety walls.

6.4 Precision Pistol Competition distances are:

3 yards, 7 yards, 15 yards, 25 yards, 50 yards. Distances may be measured in meters. Invitation must show the respective distance.

6.5 Illumination

Artificial illumination of ranges is authorized.

6.6 Target Numbers

Target frames will be numbered on alternating background of contrasting color. The numbers will be large enough to be identified under ordinary light conditions. Numbers must correspond with the firing point numbers. Target numbers will be fixed in position so as to remain visible when the targets are exposed and when concealed.

6.7 Types of Target Frames

Turning targets or fixed frames may be used.

Not more than one record target for each competitor will be in firing position at one time.

7. COURSES OF FIRE

7.1 General

The following courses and types of fire are used in WA1500 Sanctioned Precision Pistol Competition, fired on standard WA1500 targets described in Section 4. See Section 8 for time limits; Rule 20.4 for courses of fire used for classification.

Other courses of fire, other time limits, or the use of other targets, may be scheduled by sponsors provided the conditions are clearly stated in the program.

Stages start with shooter in ready position. The signal to commence firing may be given orally, by whistle, by timer or by having targets turn.

7.2 Standing Without Support Position Course at 7 and 15 yards/meters:

Two stages of 12 shots each fired double action from the standing without support position. First stage fired at 7 yards and second stage fired at 15 yards. Twenty seconds per stage starting with loaded firearm in holster and including time to reload. Revolver firing double action.

7.3 Kneeling and Standing Course at 25 yards/meters:

Six shots kneeling; 6 shots left hand standing with support; 6 shots right hand standing with support.

Time is 90 seconds for entire course starting with loaded firearm in holster and including time to reload. Time starts with shooter in standing position. Revolver firing double action.

7.4 Sitting, Prone and Standing Course at 50 yards/meters:

6 shots sitting; 6 shots prone; 6 shots left hand standing with support; 6 shots right hand standing with support; all firing single or double action. Time 2 minutes and 45 seconds starting with loaded firearm in holster and including time to reload. Time starts with shooter in standing position.

7.5 Standing Position Course without support at 25 yards/meters:

Two stages of 12 shots each fired double action, standing without support at 25 yards. Time 35 seconds for each 12-shot stage starting with loaded firearm in holster and including time to reload.

7.6 Standing Position Course without support at 25 yards/meters:

One stage of 6 shots each fired double action, standing without support at 25 yards. Time 12 seconds starting with loaded firearm in holster and including time to reload.

7.7 WA1500 - 150 Shot Course:

An aggregate of the following stages:

Match 1 – enumeration 7.2.

Stage 1

7 yards — double action — 12 shots from the standing without support position. 20 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster and includes reloading for second 6 shot string.

Stage 2

15 yards — double action — 12 shots from the standing without support position. 20 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster and includes reloading for second 6 shot string.

Match 2 – enumeration 7.3.

25 yards — double action — 6 shots kneeling; 6 shots standing with support, left hand; 6 shots standing with support, right hand. 90 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster and includes reloading for subsequent 6 shot strings.

Match 3 – enumeration 7.4.

50 yards — single or double action — 6 shots sitting; 6 shots prone; 6 shots standing with support, left hand; 6 shots standing with support, right hand. 2 minutes and 45 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster and includes reloading for subsequent 6 shot strings.

Match 4 – enumeration 7.5

25 yards – 2 stages of 12 shots each fired double action, standing without support position. 35 seconds for each 12-shot stage, time starting with loaded firearm in holster and including time to reload.

Match 5

Stage 1 – enumeration 7.2

7 yards — double action — 12 shots from the standing without support position. Twenty seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster and includes reloading for second 6 shot string.

Stage 2 – enumeration 7.3.

25 yards — double action — 6 shots kneeling; 6 shots standing with support, left hand; 6 shots standing with support, right hand. 90 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster and includes reloading for subsequent 6 shot strings.

Stage 3 – enumeration 7.4.

50 yards — single or double action — 6 shots sitting; 6 shots prone; 6 shots standing with support, left hand; 6 shots standing with support, right hand. 2 minutes and 45 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster and includes reloading for subsequent 6 shot strings.

Stage 4 – enumeration 7.6.

25 yards — double action — 6 shots from the standing without support position. 12 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster.

7.8 WA 1500 – 60 Shot Course:

An aggregate of the following stages:

Stage 1 – enumeration 7.2

7 yards — double action — 12 shots from the standing without support position. 20 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster and includes reloading for second 6 shot string.

Stage 2 – enumeration 7.3.

25 yards — double action — 6 shots kneeling; 6 shots standing with support, left hand; 6 shots standing with support, right hand. 90 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster and includes reloading for subsequent 6 shot strings.

Stage 3 – enumeration 7.4.

50 yards — single or double action — 6 shots sitting; 6 shots prone; 6 shots standing with support, left hand; 6 shots standing with support, right hand. 2 minutes and 45 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster and includes reloading for subsequent 6 shot strings.

Stage 4 – enumeration 7.6.

25 yards — double action — 6 shots from the standing without support position. 12 seconds, time starts with loaded firearm in holster.

7.9 WA1500 – 48 (40) Shot Course:

An aggregate of the following stages:

Stage 1.

3 yards — double action — 6 shots, one hand, standing without support, 8 seconds.

Stage 2.

7 yards — double action — 12 shots, one or both hands, standing without support. 20 seconds, includes reloading for second 6 shot string.

Stage 3.

15 yards — double action — 12 shots, one or both hands, standing without support. 20 seconds, includes reloading for second 6 shot string.

Stage 4.

25 yards — double action — 18 shots, one or two hands; 6 shots kneeling, using the post for support, observe the line; 6 shots standing with support, left hand; 6 shots standing with support, right hand. 90 seconds, includes reloading for subsequent 6 shot strings.

7.10 Changing Targets

New Targets are required as following:

WA 1500 – 150 Shot Course

Match 1, Match 2, Match 3, Match 4, Match 5 Stage 1 + 2, Match 5 Stage 3 + 4

WA 1500 – 60 Shot Course

Stage 1 + 2, Stage 3 + 4

Reduced Targets in Match 5

Stage 1 + 2, Stage 3 (reduced target), Stage 4

7.11 Sequencing

All matches and stages must be fired in the correct order. Targets used in a former stage may not be used in a second stage.

8. TIME LIMITS

8.1 Computing Time

When turning targets are used in WA 1500 competition, time is begun from the time the target starts to move to face the shooter until it starts to move to edge position. The signal to commence firing may be given orally, by whistle or by having the targets turn.

In respect of several – very slow – turning targets and skid shots it is to decide as follows:

Using a timer, overtime will be decided 0,5 sec after the given time. Using oral or whistle signals late shot will be decided when the shot is fired after the given signal.

8.2 Time Limits

See Section 7.

8.3 Team Time

The same as in individual matches.

9. COMPETITION REGULATIONS AND RANGE OPERATION

9.1 Changing Firearms

No competitor will change his firearm or interchange parts during the firing of any match (except aggregate matches) unless it has become disabled and has been so designated by the Chief Range Officer. Claim that a Revolver or Pistol is disabled must be made immediately. All shots fired up to the time that the claim is made will stand as part of the official score.

9.2 Sighting Shots

Sighting shots are not allowed as a part of the course of fire.

The Match Sponsor may offer a Warm Up of 2 minutes and 45 seconds on 50 yards/meters and 1 minute and 30 seconds on 25 yards/meters. This is obligate in World and Continental Championships.

9.3 Defective Cartridge

Is one

- (a) that is unsafe to fire by reason of improper loading or structural deficiencies
- (b) that fails to fire when the primer is indented by the firing pin
- (c) from which the bullet has not left the barrel.

No claim for defective cartridge will be allowed.

9.4 Disabled Firearm

A disabled Revolver or Pistol is one that

- (a) cannot be safely aimed or fired
- (b) has suffered damage so that it cannot be fired or will not function properly or
- (c) has suffered the loss of a sight or visible damage to the sight or sights. The fact that the sights are improperly adjusted does not constitute disablement.

A Revolver or Pistol once declared disabled by the Range Officer shall not again be used for competitive firing until the defect has been corrected and until it has been ruled as safe by the Chief Range Officer.

No competitor will be allowed to re-fire because of a disabled revolver or pistol, defective cartridge or malfunction.

9.5 Weighing Triggers

Triggers may be weighed with official WA1500 trigger test weights, at the discretion of the Match Director, Official Referee, Jury or other Match Official; except triggers of revolvers and semi-automatic pistols used in establishing national records shall be weighed by a tournament official immediately after the firing of such record score and must meet the specifications of Section 3 for the firearm prescribed by the tournament program.

Failure of the trigger to meet the trigger pull specifications shall disqualify the competitor in matches previously fired.

While trigger pull is being weighed, the firearm shall be held with the barrel perpendicular to the horizontal surface on which test weight is supported. The rod or hook of test weight shall rest as near the middle of the curve in curved triggers or on a point approximately in middle from lower end of straight triggers.

To pass the weight test, a weight of the correct number of pounds shall be lifted by the gun's trigger while all safety devices are in firing position from the horizontal surface on which it is resting, until the weight hangs free and without releasing the trigger.

Revolvers and/or pistols must be unloaded while trigger is being weighed.

Competitors will be permitted to adjust triggers which have failed to pass the weight test provided they do not occasion any delay.

Failure of trigger to pass the weight test is the competitor's responsibility.

9.6 Competitors' Position

Competitors will take their position at their numbered firing point in such a manner so as not to interfere with competitors on either side. No portion of the shooter's body may rest upon or touch the ground forward of the firing line.

9.7 Coaching Prohibited in Individual Matches

Coaching is prohibited in all individual matches of Registered or Approved Tournaments. As used herein, the term "coaching" shall include, but not be limited to, any form of signaling or communication from or between persons behind the ready line to or with a competitor forward of the ready line at any time after firing has begun and before the competitor returns to a position behind the ready line.

9.8 Matches Not Complete

When a match is not completed by all competitors in accordance with the tournament schedule, the match may be scheduled or cancelled. Any stage which has been completed by all competitors will not be re-fired. Only scores of a match which has been completed will be included in an aggregate event or for WA 1500 Record purposes, and a match is not completed unless all competitors have fired.

9.9 Interference

With the exception of competitors actually firing and such range personnel as may be necessary, the firing points and line will be kept clear at all times. Competitors will not be permitted to interfere with the handling of targets by range personnel.

9.10 Re-firing

No re-fires will be allowed for defective guns or ammunition or for other malfunctions of the shooter's equipment. A competitor may clear jams or malfunctions and replace the necessary cartridge(s) that have misfired or have been dropped, provided all safety requirements are met.

Completing a string of fire in this manner will not constitute a re-fire. No additional time will be allowed. A loaded magazine can be substituted for the dropped cartridge(s) or in case of a misfire or malfunction.

(a) When the firing of a string is interrupted by some occurrence which renders it impossible for one or more competitors to complete the string under the conditions of the match, the Chief Range Officer will proceed as follows: Without being permitted to examine their targets, competitors in the relay who have been so prevented from completing their strings will be asked if they wish to re-fire or accept their score as fired. Targets will then be scored in the usual manner for all competitors except those who have elected to re-fire. Without being scored or otherwise examined, the targets of such competitors who have elected to re-fire will be pasted or replaced with new targets and a complete string will be fired and scored. Reasons authorizing this procedure are:

- (1) failure to allow full time,
 - (2) failure of targets to operate properly or uniformly,
 - (3) failure of the target to remain in position on the frame or carrier,
 - (4) damage to the target rendering proper aiming or scoring impossible,
 - (5) the appearance of some object in the line of fire constituting a hazard,
 - (6) some incident involving a Range Officer or competitor on the firing line,
 - (7) unintended moving of the target.
- (b) If, due a target breakdown, faulty target operation or error, one or more competitors are allowed more time to

complete the string, the Chief Range Officer will immediately order all such targets to be repaired, pasted or new targets installed, the fired target(s) will not be scored or examined and a complete new string will then be fired by the competitor(s) who were allowed extra time. If in the same relay some targets operate properly in accordance with the legal time limit, such targets will be scored in the usual manner and competitors firing on those targets will not be required or permitted to re-fire.

(c) In the case of cross fires or excessive hits, the competitor whose target includes the cross fire or excessive hits, has the option of accepting the low scoring string(s) or re-firing the string(s). If the competitor re-fires, the original target with excessive hits shall be retained by the scorer, and on re-firing the competitor may not receive a score higher than the required number of hits of highest value on the original target. If the score on the re-fired target is higher than the required number of hits of highest value on the original target then the original target shall be scored using the appropriate hits of the highest value; but if the score on the re-fired target is not higher, then such re-fired score will be recorded.

Any shot which can be identified by the bullet hole as having been fired by another competitor, other than the competitor assigned to the target will be disregarded and will not be scored when after this procedure the number of visible hits is higher than the required number of hits on this target.

(d) In the case of some accident involving a competitor on the firing line, such as being hit by lead or powder residue, that competitor must stop firing immediately. Any shots fired will be counted. The entire stage in which the incident occurred must be re-fired on the same target. The lowest scoring shots, which constitute the complete string, will determine the competitor's score for that stage.

9.11 Aliases

No competitor may fire under an assumed name nor may be substituted for another in a match, register, enter or fire in the name of another.

9.12 Score and Classification falsification

No competitor will falsify his score, or classification, nor that of any other competitor, nor be an accessory thereto.

9.13 Cross Fires and Excessive Hits

No competitor will deliberately fire on the wrong target nor fire more than the required number of shots, including hits on some other competitor's target and misses.

9.14 Bribery

No person will offer a bribe of any kind to any of the range, statistical personnel or others, nor be an accessory thereto.

9.15 Disorderly Conduct

Disorderly conduct or intoxication is strictly prohibited on the range and anyone guilty of same will be expelled from the range. Expelled competitors will be disqualified from the competition with no return of entry fees.

9.16 Willful Destruction of Range Equipment

No competitor shall cause any range equipment to become damaged through a deliberate act, and any guilty of same will be expelled without a warning from the range. Expelled competitors will be disqualified from the competition with no return of entry fees.

9.17 Refusal to obey

No person will refuse to obey instructions of the Match Director, Official Referee, Jury, Range Officer or any other officer of the tournament, if instructions are given in the proper conduct of the office.

9.18 Evasion of Rules

No competitor will evade nor attempt to evade nor be an accessory to the evasion of any of the conditions of a match as prescribed in the tournament program or in these Rules. Refusal of a competitor or tournament official to give testimony regarding facts known to him/her concerning violations or attempted violations of these Rules will constitute being an accessory to the violation or attempted violation.

9.19 Disqualification

The Match Director, Official Referee or Jury upon proper presentation of evidence, may disqualify any competitor or order his expulsion from the range for violation of Rules or for other conduct they consider discreditable or unsafe.

9.20 Suspension

For violation of these Rules deemed so to justify, any member may be suspended or expelled from the WA1500 upon presentation of evidence and conduct of a hearing as prescribed of each national shooting federation.

9.21 Scorecards Must be signed

See Rules 19.13, 19.16.

9.22 Unsafe and Incompetent handling of Firearms

Unsafe or incompetent handling of any firearm during any match or tournament will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification from a match or from an entire tournament. A tournament official may stop a competitor during a string of fire in order to ensure the safety of competitors or equipment.

(a) Safety Violations

Any of the following safety violations may result in disqualification from a match. An accumulation of two (2) such safety violations in any single match requires automatic disqualification from that match and may result in disqualification from the tournament.

1. Pointing an unloaded firearm up range or at another competitor or range personnel.
2. Dropping of an unloaded firearm.
3. Leaving the firing line with a loaded firearm.
4. Picking up a dropped firearm, except under the direction of a tournament official.
5. Any accidental discharge. This does not include rounds fired down range over the established time limit, but does include discharges while loading or clearing a firearm.
6. Any other action which a tournament official reasonably believes constitutes unsafe or incompetent gun handling, which in any way poses a potential danger to any person or which evidences a reckless or negligent disregard for commonly recognized safety practices.

(b) Disqualification Violations

The commission of a disqualification violation in any match requires automatic disqualification from that match and may result in disqualification from the tournament. Disqualification violations include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Pointing a loaded firearm up range or at a competitor or range personnel.
This violation will result in the immediate disqualification from the match and the Tournament. The offender should be escorted from the range at the earliest possible moment. This kind of behavior will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
2. Dropping a loaded firearm.
3. Placing a loaded firearm in the holster other than after the command "LOAD" for the start of a Match or Stage (see Rule 10.1.2 and 10.1.3)
4. Any shot in the holster, into a barricade, into the ground less than six (6) feet down range from the firing line, into the air or which strikes a side wall/beam or ceiling.
5. The consumption of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs while competing in a match or tournament.
6. Any other action which a tournament official reasonably believes constitutes unsafe or incompetent gun handling and which poses a danger to any person or which evidences a reckless disregard for the safety of self or others.

(c) Consequence of Disqualification

Any competitor disqualified as described above shall be considered as having completed that match or tournament and shall be placed at the bottom of the list of finishing competitors for ranking purposes.

10. RANGE CONTROL AND COMMANDS

10.1 Discipline

The safety of competitors, range personnel and spectators requires continuous attention by all to the careful handling of firearms and caution in moving about the range. Self-discipline is necessary on the part of all. Where such self-discipline is lacking it is the duty of range personnel to enforce discipline and the duty of competitors to assist in such enforcement.

10.1.1 Cylinders open

Unless revolvers or pistols are holstered or cased, cylinders must be open at all times and/or slides locked open and magazine removed.

10.1.2 Firearms unloaded

Revolvers or pistols will not be loaded until the competitor has taken position at his firing point and the command "LOAD" has been given.

10.1.3 Loaded Firearms

A revolver or pistol that has a cartridge in the cylinder shall be considered as being loaded. A semi-automatic pistol which has the slide in the closed position and/or magazine inserted will be considered as being loaded. No revolver or pistol will be loaded until competitor has taken his place at the firing point and the command "LOAD" has been given by the Range Officer.

10.1.4 "Cease Firing"

All revolvers or pistols will be unloaded immediately upon command.

10.1.5 Not Ready

It is the duty of competitors to notify a Range Officer if not ready to fire at the time the Chief Range Officer asks, "IS THE LINE READY?" any competitor who is not ready or whose target is not in order will immediately raise his arm and call, "NOT READY ON TARGET...". Should the Chief Range Officer cause firing to proceed, the competitor concerned will be given an opportunity to fire his score in the earliest possible relay or by time extension in his relay. Failure of a competitor to notify the Range Officer that he is not ready forfeits his right to fire.

10.2 Loud Language

Loud and/or abusive language that disturbs the operation of the match or the competitors while firing, is not permitted.

Competitors, scorers, and Range Officers will limit their conversation directly behind the firing line to official business. Verbal abuse by competitors or verbal abuse of competitors by match officials are grounds for disqualification or replacement of those guilty of such action.

10.3 Delaying a Match

No competitor may delay the start of a match through tardiness in reporting or undue delay in preparing to fire.

10.4 Policing Range

It is the duty of competitors to police the firing points after the completion of each match before leaving the firing line. The Range Officer will supervise such policing and see that the firing points are kept clean.

10.5 Competitors will Score

Competitors will act as Scorers when requested to do so by the Match Director, Chief Range Officer or if stated in the tournament program (except that no competitor will score his own target).

10.6 Repeating Commands

A Range Officer will repeat the Chief Range Officer's commands only when those commands cannot be clearly heard by competitors under his supervision.

10.7 Firing Line Commands

When ready to start firing a match, the Chief Range Officer or other person giving firing line commands, calls the relay to the firing line. He then announces the match, relay, stage, position, number of rounds and time allowance. Having made sure that the range is clear, he then commands, "LOAD AND HOLSTER."

He then asks, "IS THE LINE READY?" Any competitor who is not ready or whose target is not in order will immediately raise his arm and call "NOT READY ON TARGET..." The person giving the commands will immediately state, "THE LINE IS NOT READY," and then investigate the difficulty and assist in correcting it. When the difficulty has been corrected the person giving the commands calls, "THE LINE IS READY."

The targets will be exposed or the signal to commence firing will be given in approximately 3 seconds.

He then commands, "COMMENCE FIRING" which means to start firing without delay as timing of the string or stage is started with this command or when the targets start to turn. In the case of Approved Tournaments, "Commence Firing" may be signaled verbally or by a short, sharp blast on a whistle or when the targets start to turn.

"CEASE FIRING" is the command given at the end of the time limit for each string, stage or any other time he/she wishes all firing to cease. Firing must cease immediately. Even if a competitor is about to let off a carefully aimed shot he must hold his fire and open the cylinder of his revolver. Failure to immediately obey this command is one of the worst infractions of range discipline. "Cease firing" may be signaled verbally, by a short, sharp blast on a whistle or by moving the targets out of view. When the command to cease firing is given at the end of a string or stage the command is "CEASE FIRING- UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR." On this command all Line Officers check their competitors to make sure each one obeys the command before signaling the person giving the commands that their portion of the firing line is clear. When all Line Officers have given the signal that the range is safe, the necessary commands to score and properly handle targets are given.

10.8 Trigger Control

(a) Double Action.

Double Action firing is accomplished by pulling the trigger through with one motion to raise the hammer and let it fall without otherwise cocking the firearm. When double action is specified it must be used.

(b) Single Action.

Single Action firing is accomplished by cocking the hammer before each shot is fired. When single action is specified either single or double action may be used. Gun may be cocked with either hand.

(c) Semi Automatic Pistol

For semiautomatic pistols, single action is permitted. Semi-automatic pistols - single action style or capable of double action may chamber a round after the gun is clear of the holster and pointed in a safe, downrange direction.

10.9 Loading

After initial loading, all loading will be with cartridges taken from the competitor's pocket, cartridge belt, mechanical loaders or special pouch which must be on the competitor's person, except as provided in Rule 19.11. Cartridge belts and special pouches may be used. No more than 6 cartridges may be loaded in a semi-automatic pistol or magazine. It is the competitor's responsibility to have sufficient ammunition in his possession to complete the stage or match. If the equipment to be used is questionable, it should be submitted to the Match Director for decision prior to the first match.

10.10 Holstered Guns

At the beginning of each stage or match, the firearm must be in the holster. After the command "THE LINE IS READY", no part of the competitor's hands may touch the firearm or holster until the command to commence firing is given or when the targets start to turn.

10.11 Holstered Semi-Automatic Pistols

Semiautomatic pistols may not be holstered with a round in the chamber.

11. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Officials will be thoroughly familiar with conditions of the program and with WA1500 Rules.

11.1 Match Director

The Match Director is directly responsible for the efficient conduct of the entire tournament. The Match Director may change the match and firing conditions as shown by the program provided a Match Director's Bulletin is

posted for the information of all competitors, and that such changes are not contrary to current WA1500 Rules. The Match Director is directly responsible for the efficient operation of the range and of the Statistical Office and for the safety and proper discipline of all tournament operating personnel, competitors and spectators. Instructions from the Match Director for the operation of the tournament will be complied with by all persons on the range. The Match Director will use his/her best judgment at all times and his/her behavior and decisions must be characterized by absolute impartiality, firmness, courtesy and constant vigilance. In the application of these Rules, the Match Director will confer with the Jury on any doubtful point and will be guided by the Jury's decision.

11.2 Jury

In all Tournaments which are not World or Continental Championships, a 3-member Jury will be formed by the Match Director. The Chairman of the Jury must be a member of the sponsoring organization, and complete the reports required by WA1500.

In World or Continental Championships one member of the Jury must be a person from a country or region who is not a member of the hosting Country or Region.

Competitors in that Tournament may be members of the Jury.

Jury Members shall exempt themselves from ruling on a matter in which they are personally involved. The Match Director will name a replacement for that Jury member while ruling on that action. Under no circumstances may any Match Official (Rules 11.1, 11.3, 11.4, and 11.5) be a member of the Jury. The Jury Chairman may disqualify competitor(s), as directed by the Jury, under provisions of Rule 9.19 and 9.22.

11.3 Chief Range Officer

Will have full charge of the range and will conduct the matches on the schedule approved by the Match Director. He is responsible for range safety, and for enforcing all Rules.

11.4 Range Officers

Each Range Officer is an assistant to the Chief Range Officer; competitors may be assigned this duty. He/she is responsible for the safety and discipline of range personnel, competitors and spectators in the sector of the range to which he/she has been assigned. He/she shall supervise the scoring. He/she is responsible for seeing that competitors' equipment and positions are as authorized for the particular match being fired. It is his/her duty to be completely familiar with the program and with the WA 1500 Rules. He/she is to comply to the best of his/her ability with all instructions issued by the Match Director or Chief Range Officer and will render all possible cooperation to other officials. He/she must be constantly alert, impartial in his/her handling of competitors and courteous though firm.

11.5 Statistical Officer

The Chief Statistical Officer is in charge of all statistical work in connection with the match except the actual recording of scores when this is done on the range. The Statistical Officer is directly responsible to the Match Director. He is assisted by such Assistant Statistical Officers as may be required.

11.6 Duties of Statistical Office

It is the duty of the Statistical Office to:

- (a) Register competitors and check their eligibility and classification.
- (b) Accept match entries.
- (c) Prepare, post and keep current a list of competitors showing name, competitor number and classification.
- (d) Squad competitors and prepare range assignment cards where such cards are used.
- (e) Prepare official scorecards.
- (f) Check addition on scorecards and correct totals.
- (g) Tabulate scores on order of merit.
- (h) Prepare Preliminary and Official Bulletins.
- (i) Maintain an Official Bulletin Board.
- (j) Determine winners and distribute awards.
- (k) Report to Match Director and Jury Chairman for appropriate disciplinary action any irregularities in firing or scoring which may be indicated by squadding records or scorecards.
- (l) Make required reports to WA1500 within specified time.

11.7 Retention of Records

The Statistical Office will retain in good order all completed official scorecards until the expiration of the time allowed for challenges and protests.

11.8 Preliminary Bulletins

Preliminary Bulletins on all matches will be posted promptly on the Official Bulletin Board and remain a reasonable length of time to allow competitors to notify the Statistical Office of apparent errors. The challenge closing time will be stated on each bulletin.

However, where a bulletin board is used and all scores of competitors are posted thereon, such will be accepted in lieu of the above, provided a notice appears as to the close of challenge time.

11.9 Official Bulletins

Official Bulletins will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board. However, in the procedure outlined in Rule 11.8 for bulletin boards, such scores shall be acceptable and become final after the elapse of the challenge time period and shall act as an Official Bulletin.

11.10 Correction of Bulletin Errors

The Statistical Office will correct errors which may come to the attention of the office prior to the publication of the Official Bulletin.

11.11 Changing Official Bulletins

No Official Bulletin shall be changed except on authority of the Match Director or Jury granted before the time has expired for challenging the last of the preliminary bulletins required to cover all the scheduled events. Subsequent changes from the Match Director or Jury are limited to correction of:

- (a) Typographical errors.
- (b) Aggregate bulletins on which the total score does not agree with the scores shown on the Official Bulletins for the matches comprising the aggregate.
- (c) Where an error has been made by not following the program schedule of awards.
- (d) Errors in classification of competitors, the competitor having been previously advised of such error and of his/her correct classification.
- (e) Disqualification of competitors as provided by Rules 9.19 and 9.22.

11.12 Individual Squadding

Where advance entries are received, squadding for all matches may be made in advance. Competitors may be squadded so they move a predetermined distance along the firing line after each match. They may be squadded as to class, but wherever practical all of a class should fire on the same relay. Where post entries are received, they may be squadded as fill-ins to the above. Squadding of classes together will be permitted as outlined above. Members from the same club should be separated by at least one firing point.

11.13 Team Squadding

All team matches will be squadded with one or two adjacent targets assigned to each team, and where possible all teams will fire concurrently. When enough targets are available, more than 2 adjacent targets may be assigned each team, but only when all teams can be squadded so as to fire concurrently. Coaching within the team is permitted in team matches. Therefore, not more than 2 adjacent targets will be assigned each team unless all Team Captains indicate their willingness to use more than 2 targets.

Team targets may be assigned by the Statistical Officer or drawn by chance by the Team Captains under the supervision of the Statistical Office or Chief Range Officer.

Team scorecards will show the names of the team officer, and each firing member and alternate.

Except in matches where the targets have been marked with the competitor's name or number, a Team Captain may assign team members to team targets in such order as he desires and may change the order of firing between stages.

11.14 Range Assignment

When used, range assignment cards are prepared by the Statistical Office and delivered to the Range Officers prior to each match. Range Officers check competitors on the firing line to ascertain that each is on the proper firing point as indicated by the range assignment card. Should any reassignment of competitors be necessary on the

firing line Range Officers will carefully note such reassignments in the space provided on the range assignment card. These cards will be turned in to the Statistical Office immediately upon the conclusion of each relay.

11.15 Range Assignment Semi-Automatic Pistols and Rifle 1500

Competitors firing Semi-Automatic Pistols will fire on separate relays than those firing revolvers or will be squadded to the extreme right side of the firing line of each relay. Competitors firing Rifle 1500 will fire on separated relays.

11.16 Target Officers

The targets and frames are under the command of the Chief Target Officer and such Assistant Target Officers as may be required. Target Officers are under the command of the Chief Range Officer.

The Target Officer is responsible for the safety and discipline of personnel engaged in the handling of targets. He/she is responsible for the maintenance of targets in the proper operating condition and for efficient mounting and dismounting of paper targets during the progress of the match. When targets are hung by the competitor, it is the competitor's responsibility that the correct target for the match being fired is hung.

11.17 Duty to Competitors

It shall be the duty of all operating officials and personnel to conduct themselves properly by being fair and impartial to all in carrying out their various duties. No official shall molest a competitor nor allow such practice by another official or other competitors. Should a competitor's equipment or demeanor warrant disqualification from an individual match or tournament, it should be done in such a manner as will cause the least inconvenience to all concerned. In so doing, the official should state to the competitor the Rule or section of Rules under which the disqualification is being made.

12. TEAM OFFICERS' DUTIES AND POSITION

12.1 Team Captain

In team matches, each team must have a designated Team Captain. He/she is responsible for maintaining discipline within the team squad. The Team Captain will at all times cooperate with the officials of the tournament in the interests of safety, efficiency and good sportsmanship.

A Team Captain is responsible for all the duties of members of the team. In the team matches, it is the Team Captain's responsibility to:

- (a) Be familiar with the program.
- (b) Make proper entries.
- (c) Enter all required data on team scorecards.
- (d) Have team members report at proper firing points at the right time, ready to fire.
- (e) Check scores, sign scorecards and make challenges.
- (f) Check preliminary and Official Bulletin and official notices.
- (g) Make protests.
- (h) Collect awards.

12.2 Team Coach

The Team Coach is the Team Captain's deputy performing such duties as the Captain may assign to him/her. The Coach serves as Team Captain in the absence of the latter, and under such circumstances becomes responsible for maintaining discipline within the team and for all other responsibilities of the Team Captain.

12.3 Team Entries

In team matches the team officers, all firing members of the team, and alternate firing members if allowed by the match conditions and provided by the team, must be named on the entry form before the first shot of the match is fired. If the Team Captain or Coach is also a firing member, he/she must also be so named. See Rule 2.4.

12.4 Substitution of Alternates

If alternates are allowed and have been named on the entry form, the Team Captain may substitute an alternate for a firing member at any time before the firing member concerned has fired the first shot of the match (sighting or record), notifying the Scorer and a Range Officer accordingly. After a team member has fired his/her first shot, he/she may be substituted for only in case of disabling emergencies such as accident or illness, and then only if approved by the Chief Range Officer. All shots fired by the replaced shooter count; the replacement fires only the

uncompleted portion of the replaced shooter's course of fire.

12.5 Team Captain and Coach, Position

In team matches the Team Captain or Coach will be allowed on the firing line between and slightly to the rear of the shooter. In such a position as not to interfere with the proper operation of the range or with any members of another team. He/she may not deliberately act as a sunshade or windscreen.

12.6 Coaching in Team Matches

Coaching is permitted in all team matches within the team only. Each competitor may have a coach in fired team matches. No optical devices others than hand-held mono- or binoculars may be used by the coach. The Coach assists team members by calling shots, checking time, checking scoring, ordering sight changes, etc.; but must so control voice and actions as not to disturb other competitors. The Coach will not physically assist in loading, or in making sight corrections, or be positioned to serve as a windbreak.

13. PHYSICALLY DISABLED SHOOTERS

13.1 Physically Disabled Shooters

A shooter who because of a physical disability cannot fire from one or more of the prescribed shooting positions outlined in these Rules, or who must use special equipment or gloves when firing, is privileged to petition the WA1500 or the national associations for permission to assume a special position or to use modified equipment, or both. This petition will be in the form of a written request from the person concerned to the officials outlining in detail the reasons why the special position must be assumed or the special equipment must be used. The petition will be accompanied by pictures of the shooter in the position he desires approved and, if special equipment is required, the pictures will show how this equipment is used. The petition and all pictures must be furnished in exact duplicate. The petition must be accompanied by a medical doctor's statement if the physical disability is not completely evident in the pictures submitted.

(a) Each petition will be reviewed by the WA1500 or the national associations. The officials may require additional or supplementary statements, medical information or pictures. After review the WA1500 or national associations will issue a special authorization certificate to individuals who submit petitions and pictures which have been approved. If approved, the WA1500 or national associations will issue a special authorization certificate to the individual concerned. Such certificates will have necessary pictures attached.

(b) Shooters who have received special authorization certificates will be required to carry them when competing in competition governed by WA1500 rules, and to present them when requested by officials of the competition.

(c) In the event of a protest involving the position or the equipment used by such a shooter, the Jury or Match Director will compare the questioned position or equipment with the certificate and photographs presented by the shooter. If the shooter's position or equipment does not, in the opinion of the officials, conform to that authorized by the WA1500 (or if the shooter has no authorized certificate or pictures), the protest shall be allowed and the shooter will be required to change immediately to the position or equipment which has been approved or to an otherwise legal position or equipment.

(d) Should a protest be carried beyond the Jury, the original protest will be endorsed by the Jury Chairman to show the action he/she has taken and will be forwarded to the National Association or WA1500.

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

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

13.2 Temporary Disability: Substitute Positions

Any shooter who has a temporary physical disability which prevents the shooter from using a specified position as defined in these Rules, may assume a more difficult substitute position as follows:

(a) The substitute position to be used at 25 yards/meters will be Standing Without Support;

(b) The substitute position to be used at 50 yards/meters will be Standing Weak Hand Barricade, unless the shooter is unable to shoot with the weak hand in which case the shooter will shoot from the sitting position.

Any substitute position must conform to the rule which defines it. The Match Director must be informed of the substitute position, and may require that the substitute position be demonstrated so that the Match Director may be certain that it meets the definition of the appropriate rule.

13.3 Special Disability

In special cases of a disability the shooter may show to an authorized member of WA1500 how he will perform the requested parts of the match.

When an approval is given a certificate must be issued and showed to the Match Director and the Chief Range Officer. The shooters aside are to be informed.

14. SCORING AND MARKING

14.1 When to Score

Targets are scored at completion of each stage or match as indicated by tournament sponsors.

14.2 Where to Score

Targets may be scored on the target frames, in back of the firing line or in the Statistical Office. The scorer must be at the target when scoring.

14.3 Target and Scorecards

Targets constitute the scorecard until the score has been recorded on the scorecard and accepted by the competitor (for competitor's duties in scoring see Rule 14.16). Targets remain the property of the tournament sponsor.

14.4 How to Score

A shot hole, the lead edge of which comes in contact with the outside of the bulls-eye or scoring rings of a target, is given the higher value. A scoring gauge will be used to determine the value of close shots. The higher value will be allowed in those cases where the flange on the gauge touches the scoring ring. No scoring gauge will be used unless the diameter of the scoring flange is within these limits:

.32 Caliber, .310"–.314" 10mm/.40 Caliber, .397"–.401" 9mm, .355"–.359" .44 Caliber, .426"–.430" .38 Caliber, .355"–.359" .45 Caliber, .450"–.454"

(a) In case of keyhole or tipped shots the higher value is awarded if the lead edge of the bullet hole touches the scoring ring of higher value even though the hole is elongated to the bullet's length rather than being a circle of the bullet's diameter.

(b) In case of skid shots the higher value is awarded if the lead edge of the bullet hole touches the scoring ring of higher value, except the value of a skid shot may not be more than one ring higher than the original point of bullet contact with the target. The target shall be defined as the entire card or paper on which the scoring rings are printed but shall not include the backing. When the original point of bullet contact is outside the target card it will be scored as a miss.

When the original point of bullet contact is on the target card but outside the scoring rings and the lead edge of the bullet touches a scoring ring it will be given the value of the lowest scoring ring.

(c) When a bullet enters a target from the backside it will be scored as a miss.

14.5 Authorized use of Plug Type Scoring Gauge

The use of the plug type gauge will be restricted to use by authorized range operating personnel who may include the Range Officers, Statistical Officer, Match Director or Jury as appropriate to the type of tournament concerned. No competitor will use scoring plugs of any kind on a target at any time. Where targets are scored on the range, only the above designated officials may use plugs to check values and determine the outcome of challenges. However, competitors acting as scorers may use official WA1500 overlays in the performance of their duties. The tournament program should state in the Match Conditions Section by whom and under what circumstances plug-type scoring gauges may be used.

14.6 Removal of Plug Type Scoring Gauge

(a) The plug type scoring gauge, if used, will remain in the shot hole until the shot value is agreed upon by the competitor and the scorer, or until removed by the Jury after a challenge. If the plug type scoring gauge is removed prior to an agreement of shot value, the shot hole may not be re-plugged and must be taken to the Jury for final decision.

(b) Only the Jury may use a plug type scoring gauge to determine if a shot hole is a double.

14.7 Misses

Hits outside the scoring rings are scored as misses (except as provided in Rule 14.4 (b)). Any bullet which does not pass through the target and backer will be scored as a miss.

14.8 Early or late Shots

If any shots are fired at the target before the starting signal to commence firing or after the signal to cease firing, the shots of highest value equal to the number fired in error will be scored as misses.

Any late shots must be called by the RO and determined to the shooter – note on target and range report.

14.9 All Shots Count

All shots fired by a competitor after he/she has taken his/her position at the firing point will be counted in his/her score, even if accidentally discharged. If a warm up is offered the match will be scored with the first round fired in the warm up.

14.10 Hits on wrong Target

Hits on the wrong target are scored as misses.

14.11 Ricochets

A hole made by a ricochet bullet does not count as a hit but will be scored as a miss. It must be noted that a bullet which keyholes is not necessarily a ricochet.

14.12 Visible Hits and Close Groups

As a general rule only those hits which are visible, will be scored. An exception will be made in the case where the groupings of 3 or more shots are so close that it is possible for a required shot or shots to have gone through the enlarged hole without leaving a mark and there has been no evidence that a shot or shots have gone elsewhere than through the assigned target. In such case, the shooter will be given the benefit of the doubt and scored hits for the non-visible shots, on the assumption they passed through the enlarged hole. If such assumption should place a non-visible hit in either 2 scoring rings, it shall be scored in the higher valued ring.

14.13 Excessive Hits

If more than the required number of hits appear on the target, any shot which can be identified by the bullet hole as having been fired by some competitor, other than the competitor assigned to that target or as having been fired in a previous string, will be disregarded and will not be scored. If more than the required number of hits then remain on the target a complete new score may be fired in accordance with Rule 9.10 (b), except:

- (a) If all hits are equal value the score will be recorded as the required number of hits of that value.
- (b) If the competitor wishes to accept a score equal to the required number of hits of lowest value, he/she shall be allowed to do so.
- (c) If a competitor fires fewer than the prescribed number of shots through his/her own fault, and there should be more hits on the target than the shots fired, he/she will be scored the number of shots of highest value equal to the number he/she fired and given a miss for each unfired cartridge.

14.14 Target Scoring

Targets may be scored and changed as determined by the tournament sponsor and specified in the program provided WA1500 Rules are not violated. After firing the required number of strings or shots, upon command of the Range Officer competitors may go forward and examine their targets, but may not handle or touch them.

- (a) When targets are scored before removal from the frame, the scorer records the hits, has the score accepted by the competitor or the challenge process is completed. Each target is then repaired or replaced by a new target.
- (b) When targets are scored after removal from target frames they are removed by the target detail or the scorer (if a target detail is not provided) on the command "Change Targets" and delivered to the Statistical Office for official scoring or delivered by the scorer to the designated location where scoring is being carried out.
- (c) Targets intentionally altered or marked to benefit a shooter over another competitor will not be scored.

14.15 Scorer's Duties

When targets are scored before removal from the frame or at a designated location away from the firing line, the scorer will:

- (a) Evaluate the hits on the "legend" of the target (in the upper right corner of the target) until he/she completely

evaluates the target, determines and enters the shot values, and

(b) Record the proper number of hits of each value in the space provided on the scorecard, and

(c) At the conclusion of scoring, the scorer will:

(1) Enter the total score.

(2) Sign the card.

(3) Have the competitor (or Team Captain in Team Matches) sign the card.

(4) Deliver the scorecard to the Statistical Office via the established means.

14.16 Competitor's Duties in Scoring

After the scorecard has been completed and signed by the scorer the competitor will:

(a) Review the evaluation of the shots on the target and compare the recorded hits on the scorecard with the target; and

(b) Review the scorecard for complete entries and accuracy of the hits recorded, making sure that they are of the correct value and that the required number of hits for the match are listed; and

(c) Sign the scorecard as competitor if the hits and shot values are properly evaluated and recorded, acknowledging acceptance of the score as it appears on the scorecard; or

(d) Write "challenged" in place of his/her signature if a shot(s) value is questionable or if there is another reason to "challenge" as provided in Rule 17.1; and

(e) After the challenge procedure is completed turn in the scorecard signed by required Match Officials and with the competitor's signature as well.

14.17 Scorecards

Scorecards will be prepared by the Statistical Office and delivered to the competitor who will turn the scorecard over to the scorer at the appropriate time. At the conclusion of each relay Range Officers will collect the completed scorecards and deliver them to the Statistical Office.

14.18 Erasures on Scorecards

Erasures on scorecards are not permitted.

If correction is necessary, it must be made and initialed by the Scorer or Range Officer. To make corrections, the Scorer or Range Officer draws a line, or lines, through the incorrect score and places the correct score above.

15. Penalties

15.1 Early or Late shots

By using turning targets early or late shots may be scored as a miss.

By using fixed targets early or late shots need to be deducted from the shooters target.

To do so, shots of highest value equal to the number fired in error are scored as misses.

15.2 Wrong positions

Each shot fired from a wrong position need to be deducted from the shooters target.

To do so, shots of highest value equal to the number fired in error are scored as misses.

15.3 Fault Lines

Each shot fired whilst the competitor is in breach of the fault line rule needs to be deducted from the shooters target.

To do so, shots of highest value equal to the number fired in error are scored as misses.

15.4 Recording Irregularities and Penalties

The Range Officer is responsible for recording all:

(a) Late or early shots

(b) Position faults

(c) Warnings, and

(d) Penalties

Irregularities and penalties must be recorded on both the applicable target/s and on a Range Report forwarded to the Classification Office.

15.5 Not to obey the Responsibilities of Shooters

Corresponding to rules chapter 14. Scoring and Marking will be fined by the jury with:

- disqualification from the match
- disqualification from the tournament

If the breach of rules emerged after the end of competition a report to the Board of Directors should be done. The board may discuss about an exclusion from WA1500 sanctioned competitions up to 2 years and forward the proposal to the national body. A sanction will be done finally by the national body in own ruling.

16. DECISION OF TIES

16.1 Match

The term "match" as used in this section refers to all individual, team and aggregate matches.

16.2 Value of "X"

In all matches where the X is scored an X is a hit of highest value.

16.3 Team Matches

Ties in team matches will be ranked in the following order:

- (a) by considering team score as though it were a single score fired by an individual. The same precedent applies as that indicated in Rule 16.4
- (b) by highest individual aggregate score.
- (c) by second highest individual aggregate score, etc.

16.4 Breaking Ties

When 2 or more competitors or teams have the same numerical score, tie scores will be ranked in the following order:

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM MATCHES

- (a) By the greatest number of X's in that match.
- (b) By the fewest misses in that match.
- (c) By the fewest number of shots of the lowest value in that match.
- (d) By the fewest number of shots of the lower value in that match.
- (e) In a multi-stage match where targets are scored separately, follow the procedures (a)-(d) on the last fired target; by using reduced targets the last two fired targets.
- (f) Individual competitor ties which cannot be broken will be resolved by the score of the next individual fired match or matches as necessary. For example, match #1 tie will be broken by match #2 score, etc.
- (g) The individual's aggregate score will be used to break the unbreakable individual competitor tie which cannot be broken in the last fired individual match included within the individual aggregate. Tie scores in an additional or supplemental match (such as the Standard Revolver 4" Match, the Distinguished Match or Standard Revolver 2,75" Match etc.) that cannot be broken by (a) through (e) will be broken by a shoot off over the Standing Position Course Without Support at 25 Yards (Match #4).
- (h) All scores tied numerically and tied with X's for places below the last award shall be listed with equal rank in alphabetical order using the competitor's family name.

AGGREGATE MATCHES

- (a) Will be broken by using the score of the match outlined in advance by the Match Sponsor included in that aggregate.
- (b) If still a tie, use procedures listed under "Individual and Team Matches" beginning with (a).
- (c) If still a tie, use the score of the next match outlined in advance by the Match Sponsor included in that aggregate.

17. CHALLENGES AND PROTESTS

17.1 Challenges

When a competitor feels that a shot fired by himself/herself or by another competitor has been improperly evaluated or scored, he/she may issue a challenge. Such challenge must be made immediately upon announcement of the score. Re-plugging or re-gauging is permissible. No challenge will be accepted after the target has been handled by the shooter or removed from the range.

(a) A challenge fee not to exceed 10 euro may be charged to all competitors making challenges. The challenge fee will be collected before making the first recheck of the challenged score. If the competitor's challenge is sustained at any point along the line of re-checks, the challenge fee will be returned. If the challenge is lost, the challenge fee will be included in the general revenue of the tournament. The decision of the Match Director, Jury or Official Referee will be final in WA1500 competition.

(b) When targets are scored on target line frames or at a prescribed location behind the firing line and scoring of a shot is challenged the Range Officer will immediately call the Match Director, Jury or Official Referee who will score the target. If necessary, to avoid delaying the match, the challenged target will be replaced with a clean target and the match will proceed. Match Director, Jury or Official Referee will score the targets as soon as possible and notify the competitor.

(c) When targets are scored in the Statistical Office, a recheck will be made by the Chief Statistical Officer (provided he/she has not previously scored or checked the target) and the Match Director, Jury or Official Referee, in that order.

(d) Bulletin board challenges (score discrepancy) can be made by the competitor during the challenge period.

(e) The Match Director may at his/her discretion recheck any competitor's target by an administrative challenge. Such challenge must be made within the posted challenge period and checked by the Jury.

For further information on the Statistical Office operation, see Section 11.

17.2 Protests

A competitor may formally protest:

(a) Any injustice which the competitor feels has been done him/her except the evaluation of a target, which may be challenged as outlined in Rule 17.1.

(b) The conditions under which another competitor has been permitted to fire.

(c) The equipment which another competitor has been permitted to use.

17.3 How to Protest

A protest must be initiated immediately upon the occurrence of the protested incident. Failure to comply with the following procedure will automatically void the protest:

(a) State the complaint orally to the Chief Range or Chief Statistical Officer. If not satisfied with his/her decision then,

(b) State the complaint orally to the Officials, Jury Chairman or Official Referee. If not satisfied with his/her decision then,

(c) File a formal protest in writing with the Officials, Jury Chairman or Official Referee stating all the facts in the case. Such written protest must be filed within 12 hours of the occurrence of the protested incident.

(d) The Officials, Jury Chairman or Official Referee will then forward the protest with a complete statement of facts within 48 hours of receipt thereof to the national associations or the WA1500.

17.4 Challenges and Protests in Team Matches

Must be made by the Team Captain. Team members who believe they have reason to challenge or protest will state the facts to their Team Captain, who will make the official challenge or protest he/she feels such action to be justified.

18. WA1500 RECORDS

Note: In order for records to be recognized promptly, WA1500 Record Reporting Forms must be submitted to WA1500 by the Statistical Officer of the tournament in which they were fired, after being certified by the Jury. World Record Reporting Forms are mailed to sponsors of WA1500 Registered Tournaments by WA1500 Executive Committee.

18.1 Where Scores for World Records can be fired

Scores to be recognized as World Records must be fired in WA1500 or national registered competition as defined in Rule 1.6, paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d). World Records must be approved by the WA1500 before being declared official. Scores fired during re-entry matches are not allowed.

18.2 Scores to be used

Scores must be complete scores for an entire scheduled match. Stage scores or scores for only part of a match will not be used for records.

18.3 Scores for World Individual Records

Such scores must be fired in individual matches. No score fired in a team match will be considered for recognition of an individual record.

18.4 Scores for World Team Records

Such scores must be fired in team matches where team entry and designation of individual team members is made prior to the start of that team match. No combination of individual match scores will be considered for recognition as a National Team Record.

All members of the team must be members of the same shooting federation or the same club. World Records will be recognized only when the competitor has entered such match.

18.5 Courses of Fire for which World Records are recognized

World Records will be maintained for individual scores over the course of fire stipulated in Section 7. Separate records will be maintained for scores fired with revolvers and semi-automatic pistols. Two- and Four-man team records will be maintained for the WA 1500 – 60 Shot course only, examined from the WA 1500 – 150 Shot Course or in a Team Match as outline in Rule 12. World Records will be recognized for scores fired in both Revolver and Semi-Automatic Pistol.

18.6 Co-holder Records

Tie breaking rules beyond the use of numerical scores including X count will not be employed when establishing world Records. Co-holder status will be accorded to individuals or teams when their score equals a National Record.

19. COMPETITOR'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

19.1 Discipline

It is the duty of each competitor to sincerely cooperate with tournament officials in the effort to conduct a safe, efficient tournament. Competitors are expected to promptly call to the attention of proper officials any infraction of rules of safety or good sportsmanship. Failure of a competitor to cooperate in such matters or to give testimony when called upon to do so in any case arising out of infractions of these Rules may result in the said competitor being considered as an accessory to the offense (see Rule 9.19).

19.2 Knowledge of Program

It is the competitor's responsibility to be familiar with the program. Officials cannot be held responsible for a competitor's failure to obtain and familiarize himself with the program.

19.3 Eligibility

It is the competitor's duty to enter only those events for which he/she is eligible and to enter himself/herself in the proper classification.

19.4 Competitors will Score

Competitors will act as scorers when required to do so by the Match Director, except that no competitors will score their own targets. Also see Rule 14.15.

19.5 Competitors from same Club

When competitors scoring is used, no competitor may score the targets of a competitor from their same club.

19.6 Classification

It is the competitor's duty to know his current classification when using a classification system.

Competitors may check their classification for the revolver, semi-automatic pistol and Optical Sight 1500 on website of WA 1500. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, competitors may not use a classification from one class for another class.

19.7 Individual Entries

In individual matches, it is the duty of the competitor to make his/her own entries on the forms and in the manner prescribed for that tournament. Errors due to illegibility or improper filling out of forms are solely the competitor's responsibility. WA1500 members should use the same name spelling and address in all entries. The Statistical Office is not required to accept corrections after the entry closing time.

19.8 Squadding Tickets

It is the competitor's duty to secure his/her squadding tickets for each match (or to consult the squadding bulletin) in ample time to permit reporting at the proper time and place to fire each match. It is not the duty of officials to page competitors in order to get them to the firing line. Competitors upon receipt of squadding tickets should inspect them for correctness of the competitor's number and noninterference in squadding assignments. Errors should be reported immediately to the Statistical Officer.

19.9 Reporting at Firing Point

Competitors must report at their assigned firing points immediately when the relay is called by the Range Officer. The proper firearm and ammunition for that particular match must be ready and in safe firing condition. Time will not be allowed for firearm repairs, sight blacking, sight adjustments or search for missing equipment after a relay has been called to the firing line.

19.10 Timing

Time for the firing of a string (within the Official time limit) is the competitor's responsibility. Range Officers will not announce the time during the firing.

19.11 Loading

No competitor will load a firearm except at the firing point and after the command "LOAD" has been given by the Range Officer.

19.12 Cease Firing

Competitors must immediately obey this command by unloading the firearm whether or not they have finished their string. Even though pressure has been applied to the trigger, pressure must be released so that the shot will not be fired.

19.13 Checking Scores

It is the duty of competitors to check their scores as written on their scorecard and to sign their scorecard at the conclusion a match. When scoring is done in the Statistical Office competitors must promptly check the Preliminary Bulletin and call attention to errors within the time specified at that tournament. Failure to check scores within the time limit forfeits the right to challenge.

19.14 Clearing the Firing Point

It is the competitor's duty to leave the firing point promptly at the conclusion of the relay. When leaving the firing point, firearm must be unloaded and holstered or handled at the order of the Range Officer.

19.15 Checking Bulletin Board

It is the duty of all individual competitors and Team Captains to check the Bulletin Board between each match.

The Statistical Officer must be immediately notified of apparent errors. Official Bulletins must be checked and the Statistical Officer notified of any discrepancies between the Preliminary and Official Bulletins. Match Director's Bulletins are on the Bulletin Board and have the same effect as conditions printed in the tournament program. It is the duty of competitors to familiarize themselves with all such Match Directors' Bulletins.

19.16 Scorecards must be Signed

At the conclusion of scoring the scorer will add the value of the shots, place the total on the scorecard and sign the card. The competitor checks the value of individual shots and signs the card. If a competitor or Team Captain leaves the firing line without signing the scorecard, no protest will be allowed. If the competitor or Team Captain desires to challenge, the word "challenge" is written on the scorecard in place of the Team Captain's signature. Team Captains verify and sign scorecards in team matches.

19.17 Responsibility

It shall be the competitor's responsibility:

- (a) That all equipment meets all Rules and match specifications in any match in which that equipment is to be used.
- (b) That the competitor's position conforms to the Rules.
- (c) That the competitor has full knowledge of the Rules under which the match is fired.
- (d) To comply with any warning given by a Tournament Official or the Referee, of a minor infraction, and to accept a disqualification ordered for a deliberate violation of the Rules.
- (e) To insure that his/her target is not altered intentionally in any way.

20. WA1500 PRECISION PISTOL COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION

20.1 Classified Competitors

Are all individuals who are officially classified by the WA 1500.

Competitors may verify their classification Revolver, Semi-automatic pistol and Optical Sight 1500 on WA 1500 website.

20.2 Unclassified Competitor

Is a competitor who does not have a current WA1500 precision pistol competition classification. Such competitor shall compete in his first tournament in Master class.

Once a competitor has fired in his/her first tournament, he/she is no longer considered Unclassified. If a shooter has 1 classification e.g. for Pistol 1500, that classification shall be used for all his/her matches listed in Rule 3.1 – 3.12.

After the first match Revolver 1500 (Rule 3.1) or Optical Sight 1500 (Rule 3.3) the classifications will be separated.

20.3 Classification

Precision Pistol Competition Classifications are only established for those individual WA1500 members who are eligible under Section 2.

Competitors may verify their classification on WA1500 website.

20.4 Matches Used for Individual Classification

Scores to be used for Revolver, Semi-automatic pistol and Optical Sight 1500 classifications and reclassification will be those fired in individual matches in both indoor and outdoor WA1500 competition as defined in Rule 1.6.

20.5 Compilation of Scores for Classification Average

Scores fired in complete matches over courses listed in Section 7 will be used to establish a competitor's classification. Competitors may verify their classification on WA1500 Website.

20.6 Lack of Classification Evidence

It is the competitor's responsibility to verify the WA1500 Official Classification and to present classification evidence when required. A competitor will enter a tournament under his/her correct classification and fire the entire tournament in that class. Should it be discovered during a tournament that a competitor has entered in a class lower than his/her current rating, the tournament records will be corrected to show the correct classification for the entire tournament.

This rule applies to all classification.

20.7 Obsolete Classifications and Scores

All classifications and scores except High Master and Master shall become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in WA1500 Precision Pistol Competition at least once during 3 successive calendar years. High Master and Master classifications and scores shall become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in WA1500 Precision Pistol

Competition at least once during 5 successive calendar years.

20.8 Appeals

Any competitor having reason to believe he/she is improperly classified may file an appeal with the WA1500 stating all essential facts.

20.9 Protests

Any person who believes that another competitor has been improperly classified may file a protest with the WA1500 stating all essential facts.

20.10 Team Classification

Teams are classified by computing the “team average” based on the classification of each firing member of the team. To compute this “team average” the key in Table No. 1 for the different classes will be used and the team total divided by the number of firing members of the team. Any fractional figure in the “team average” of 1/2 or more will place the team in the next higher class. The “team average” will establish classification of the team as a unit but will not affect in any way the individual classification of team members. This table will be used to classify both revolver and semi-automatic pistol teams.

TABLE NO. 1 TEAM

Class	Key
High Master	5
Master	4
Expert	3
Sharpshooter	2
Marksman	1

20.11 Reporting Scores

WA1500 competition (see Rule 1.6) sponsors will report to the WA1500 all individual scores fired over the courses stated in Section 7. Scores will be reported as aggregate totals for all matches completed by a competitor. Scores will be reported by each sponsor as soon as that tournament is completed.

20.12 Individual Classification

The following table will be used to establish a competitors Revolver and Semi-Automatic Pistol Classifications:

TABLE NO. 2 INDIVIDUAL

Class	Score
High Master	1476 to 1500
Master	1440 to 1475
Expert	1379 to 1439
Sharpshooter	1290 to 1378
Marksman	0 to 1289

20.13 Establishing Classification

A competitor will be officially classified by the WA1500 when scores for 300 shots have been reported. The competitor may verify his/her Official WA1500 Classification on the Website of WA 1500.

20.14 Reclassification

A competitor who has been classified by the WA1500 in either the Revolver or Semi-Automatic Pistol discipline will be reclassified as follows:

(a) A record of all completed (see Rule 19.9) WA1500 competition (except Postal Matches) scores fired by a classified competitor will be maintained in the WA1500 database.

(b) When a tournament of at least 150 shots are posted, a competitor will be checked for classification. If two scores are received which are above the competitor’s classification, the competitor will be placed in the

classification corresponding to the lower of these two scores. Scores will not be averaged. If, for example, an Expert score is posted for a competitor now classified as a Marksman, that score is flagged. If a subsequent Sharpshooter score is received, the competitor will be reclassified as a Sharpshooter. Since the Expert score is still higher than his/her new classification, it will require only one score of Expert or above to reclassify him/her as Expert.

(c) A competitor who believes his/her classification is too high may file a request with the WA1500 Administrative Staff that his/her classification be lowered. Such competitor must remain in the class concerned until at least 450 shots fired subsequent to his/her last previous classification or reclassification are posted to his/her classification record. When the average of such shots places the competitor in a lower class he/she will be reclassified accordingly. A competitor who has been so classified downward and who by scores fired in WA1500 competition has again earned his/her former classification, which that competitor was allowed to vacate, then that classification shall become final and the competitor shall retain the earned classification until reclassified into a higher class.

