

# 50m PISTOL - Australian Conditions

These rules for ISSF 50m Pistol are applicable for 50m ranges under Australian conditions (i.e. for ranges that do not have Electronic Targets, Pit Marking or automatic Targets for 50m)

## **Before the competition**

- Your eye protection
- Your hearing protection
- Stopwatch
- Targets
- Patches
- Range Incident Forms
- (for competition) check
  - Shooters in the correct bays
  - Pistols and other equipment approved
  - Shooters wearing Start numbers if provided

## **Preparation and competition:**

**Check the range is clear of personnel, call....**

### **“ATHLETES TO THE LINE”**

- Competitors to be allowed \*10 minutes to set up their equipment.
- Dry firing and aiming exercises are permitted. Range Officer checks must be completed during this time.

(Note: all details must be allowed the same amount of time).

**15 minutes before the competition time call...**

### **“15 MINUTES PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME - START”**

- Start stopwatch.
- **After 14½ minutes call...**

### **“30 SECONDS”**

- **After 15 minutes call...**

### **“END OF PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME....STOP – UNLOAD”**

- Clear all pistols (pistols to be flagged)
- Reset stopwatch.
- Allow personnel forward to change targets

(If competitors changing own targets allow up to 3 minutes after range is clear for competitors to get settled in their bays.)

**Check the range is clear of personnel, call....**

### **“MATCH FIRING...START”**

**After 15 minutes call...**

### **“STOP – UNLOAD”**

- Clear all pistols (pistols to be flagged)
- Reset stopwatch.
- Allow personnel forward to change targets

Repeat this procedure for a total of 6 series of 15 minutes

**At the end of the relay and all personnel have returned:**

- Clear all pistols for casing and removal
- Complete Range Report, and forward to the RTS Office

**See reverse for common irregularities and infringements**



## **Targets**

- ISSF 25/50m Precision Target
- Targets are scored in the Classification Office



## **Course of Fire**

- Competitors allowed to occupy their bay 10 minutes before the start of preparation time.
- Preparation & Sighting time 15 minutes
- Competition series: 6 series each of 10 shots in 15 minutes.

## **\*NOTE:**

The 10mins at the firing line prior to preparation and sighting time may need to be shortened at Open competitions – but every detail must be given the same amount of time.

## **Malfunctions and Repairs:**

A competitor may repair or replace the pistol (if the malfunction is allowable) but no extra time is given. Extra sighters may be allowed if requested. (Rule 6.13)

## COMMON IRREGULARITIES & INFRINGEMENTS

Competitors **MUST** be discouraged from packing up while others are shooting – it is a courtesy to wait until the end of the match time.

### **Remember** –

- the Target Officer **MUST** record any anomalies, missing shots, possible doubles etc on the target, (he has the backing target, Classification do not) **AND**
- the RO **MUST** record them on the Range Report. A report must accompany every batch of targets sent to Classification.

### **Malfunctions** – rule 6.13.3 & 4

Check whether it is **ALLOWABLE** (i.e. it is not something the competitor could have reasonably avoided)

- **If ALLOWABLE** – competitor may repair or replace the pistol but no extra time is given. Extra sighters may be allowed if requested.
- **If NON-ALLOWABLE** – while the competitor may be able to repair the pistol he will not be permitted to replace it, nor will any extra sighting shots be permitted.

### **Late Shots** – rule 6.11.1.3

- The shot is counted as a zero
- If it cannot be identified the highest value shot is deducted and scored as zero

### **Crossfires** – rule 6.11.8

- Scored as a zero on the competitor's target
- The competitor who received the extra shot will either
  - Have the shot annulled if it can be identified, or
  - Have the lowest value hit annulled
- Crossfires in sighters do not incur any penalty. (If a shooter is allowed additional sighters and shoots on the match target of another competitor there is a 2pt penalty - rule 6.11.8.3)

### **Too Many Shots on a Target** – rule 6.11.7.2

The competitor may shoot one less on the next target – he may do this twice without penalty. If the target officer sees more shots than there should be – and it is not a crossfire – he may so advise the competitor. However, do not get into a discussion – allow the shooter to view his target (not touch it) and make a note on the Range Report.

If competitors are changing their own targets, it is the competitor's responsibility to check the shots on his target and point out any problems before handing it in for scoring.