

# A Summary of Proposed 2017-2020 ISSF Rules Changes Regarding Shooting Equipment

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**IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION:** The rule changes summarized in this document are proposed rules that were recommended by ISSF Committees, but these rules are still subject to further comments and final approval by the ISSF Administrative Council that will meet on 29 June 2016. No 2017 Rule changes will become final until the ISSF Administrative Council approves them.

## Uniform Standard for Equipment and Clothing

The ISSF's standard for evaluating new and modified equipment has been strengthened. The full text of this rule is printed below:

*Shooting is a sport where equipment and clothing play a critical role. ISSF Rules and rule enforcement procedures do not prohibit performance enhancing equipment and clothing, but they strive to limit and control equipment, clothing and accessories to ensure that all athletes have equipment and clothing with relatively equal performance enhancing capabilities. Athletes must use only equipment and clothing that complies with ISSF Rules. Any gun, device, equipment, accessory or other item that may give an athlete an unfair advantage over others and that is not specifically mentioned in these Rules, or that is contrary to the spirit of these Rules, is prohibited.*

**IMPORTANT:** When manufacturers consider the introduction of new products, they are urged to contact ISSF HQ to request a determination regarding whether the new item of equipment is legal according to ISSF Rules.

## Sound-Enhancing Hearing Protection

Athletes may not wear sound-enhancing hearing protection on the firing line or shooting stations. Competition officials are allowed to wear sound-enhancing hearing protection.

## Clay Targets

The use of bio-degradable (eco-friendly) clay targets is encouraged in all ISSF Championships. The use of bio-degradable (eco-friendly) clay targets is required in all ISSF World Championships and the Olympic Games.

## Paperless (Sustainable) Competitions

Organizing Committees will have the option of using paperless systems (start lists, results, notices) to conduct their competitions if wireless Internet connections are generally available on the shooting venue.

### **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones or hand-held communication devices may not be used by athletes on the firing lines or shooting stations.

### **Blinders**

Only shotgun athletes will be permitted to use side blinders (60 mm maximum depth). Rifle, pistol and shotgun athletes can wear one front blinder 30 mm maximum width), but no side blinders.

### **Corrective Lenses in Rifle Sights**

Rifle athletes will be allowed to place corrective lenses in their rear sights.

### **Air Rifle Specifications**

The limitation on how low the butt-plate may be fixed was eliminated (was 220 mm below the centerline of the bore). No part of the butt stock between the butt plate and pistol grip may be more than 130 mm below the centerline of the bore.

### **50m Rifle Specifications**

No part of the butt stock between the butt plate and pistol grip may be more than 130 mm below the centerline of the bore.

### **Rifle Clothing Rules**

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

### **Rifle Bipods**

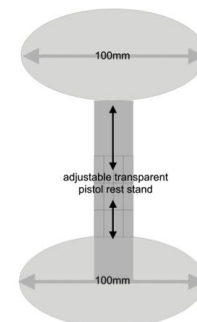
Rifle bipods may not remain on rifles during firing times.

### **Pistol Sights**

Fiber optic and reflecting color sights are prohibited.

### **Pistol Support Stands**

Pistol athletes will be permitted to use adjustable “pistol support stands” on their tables or benches during training and competitions (qualification and finals) provided the total height of the table and support stand does not exceed 1.00 m (see illustration).



### **Shotgun Ammunition**

The use of colored wads is prohibited. Only transparent or translucent wads may be used. Strict enforcement of maximum shot charge limits (24.0 g +0.5 g tolerance) will continue.

### **Shotgun Butt Stocks**

The lowest point of the butt stock or toe of the butt plate may not be more than 170 mm below a horizontal line extending from the bottom of the shotgun action.

### **25m Pistol Women Final**

The present finals format with a semifinal and two medal matches will be replaced by a progressive elimination format where the eighth place athlete will be eliminated after 20 shots (4 5-shot series) and the gold and silver medal winners will be determined after 50 shots (10 5-shot series).

### **Shotgun Finals**

The present finals format with a semifinal and two medal matches will be replaced by a progressive elimination format where the sixth place athlete will be eliminated after 20/25/30 shots (skeet/trap/double trap) and the gold and silver medal winners will be determined after 60/50/80 shots.

### **10m/50m Single Position Finals**

In all Rifle and Pistol single position Finals, the two 3-shot series at the beginning of the Final will from 2017 be changed to two series of 5-shots.