

PISTOL RULES

- **Changing 25m Backing Targets and Control Sheets.** Backing targets and control sheets must be changed after the sighting series and every 15 competition shots (previously after every 5 competition shots).
- **Vibration Reduction Systems.** The installation of any type of vibration reduction system in or on the pistol is prohibited.
- **Trigger Pull Weight Measurements.** Only trigger weights with metal or rubber knife-edges may be used. Trigger weights with round trigger contact ends may no longer be used.
- **Rapid Fire Pistol Velocity Testing.** The requirement that cartridges must have 2.53g or heavier bullets and produce an average muzzle velocity of 250.0 m/sec or greater is retained, but testing procedures are clarified. A minimum of three cartridges must be checked.
- **Shooting Shoe Sole Flexibility.** If special shooting shoes are worn, the soles of athletes' shoes must bend at least 22.5 degrees when a force of 15 Newton-Meters is applied to the heel area while the boot or shoe is clamped in the testing device.
- **Normal Walking Test.** To demonstrate that their shoe soles are flexible, athletes must walk normally at all times while on the field of play. Repeated violations can result in a 2-point penalty or even disqualification.
- **25m Pistol Grips.** The configuration of the top part of the grip is clarified. The point where the grip first touches the top of the hand may not be more than 30mm from the deepest part of the grip.
- **Time Limits.** Time limits are reduced as follows. These events will have a separate 15-minute Preparation and Sighting times that are not included in these times.
 - 10m Air Pistol Men: From 105 to 75 minutes
 - 10m Air Pistol Women: From 75 to 50 minutes
 - 50m Pistol Men: From 120 to 90 minutes

NEW FINALS RULES

The ISSF Administrative Council has approved many changes in its Finals rules for Olympic events to go into effect in 2013. Detailed rules for these finals have been drafted and will be presented to the Administrative Council for approval at its meeting in November 2012. Since the competition formats for the new Finals have been approved, however, this "Summary" also provides information about the 2013 Finals.

- **10m Air Pistol Men and Women, 10m Air Rifle Men and Women, 50m Rifle Prone Men and 50m Pistol Men.** Eight qualifiers advance and start at the same time. All finalists fire two series of three shots. Single shots begin with shot number seven, with the lowest ranking finalist being eliminated after every two shots (#8, #10, #12, #14, #16 and #18). After 18 shots, two athletes remain to fire two additional shots to decide the gold and silver medal winners.

- **25m Rapid-Fire Pistol Men.** Rules are essentially unchanged from the 2011-2012 rules.

- **25m Pistol Women.** Eight qualifiers advance and start at the same time. The Finals consists of two stages, an Elimination Stage and a Duel Stage.

All scoring is hit-miss. The Elimination Stage consists of five (5) 5-shot rapid-fire series with all eight finalists firing at the same time. In the Duel Stage, the third and fourth place athletes from the Elimination Stage compete for the bronze medal and the first and second place athletes from the Elimination Stage compete for gold. The gold medal duel is fired after the bronze medal duel. Duels are decided by a point system where the best score in each 5-shot series receives two points and tied scores each receive one point each. Duel winners must score seven points.