

2018 Proposed Rule Changes – ACTION AIR ONLY

(KEY: ~~deleted~~ words, new words)

4.3.3.1 For the sake of consistent time recording of the end of a competitor's attempt at a COF, the use of a Stop Plate, complying with the specifications in Appendix C3, is recommended. Stop Plates must be clearly distinguishable from regular plates and they are subject to sensitivity calibration (see Appendix C1). Stop Plates are non-scoring.

Stop Plates are a device that is used to activated the timer, letting the timer knows that a shot have been fired and that the shooter have completed the shooting, hence to give out the time. Since this is only act as a device to signify the end of the COF, it is not a target for testing shooter's skill, therefore, it should not be used as a scoring target.

4.3.3.4 Falling plates, not less than ~~10~~ 15 centimeters square or in diameter, may be used.

The reduction in size is due to the fact that the effective range of the airsoft guns are limited and to provide more challenge to the shooters, we would recommend to reduce the size of the plate.

5.5.3.1 Competitors are permitted to place "reload boxes", to cushion the fall of ejected magazines and speed loaders, at strategic locations in a COF. However, the size, number and location of reload boxes is subject to approval by Match Officials.

This is added, as the magazines of the airsoft gun holds the gas supplier that power the guns and are fatigue, and if these are dropped onto a hard floor, the magazine can be damaged. Therefore an option have been provided to shooters to place "reload boxes" within the range to cushion the fall of the magazines. The approval from the Match Official is only required when safety of the shooter is concerned.

8.1.2.5 If a handgun has a decocking lever, that alone must be used to decock the handgun, without touching the trigger. If a handgun does not have a decocking lever, the hammer must be safely and manually lowered all the way forward (i.e. not just to a "half-cock notch" or to another similar intermediary position), or by removing the gas supply and dropping the hammer by activation of the trigger.

Due to the mechanism of the airsoft guns, some of these cannot be decock by manually lowering of the hammer without removing of the gas supply. An example of such can be found in an KJWorks CZ-75 Shadow Production gun, when the hammer is lower manually with the gas supply connected, the gun would discharge a round.

8.1.3 If a course of fire requires that a self-loading pistol be prepared with an empty chamber, the slide must be fully forward and the hammer, if fitted, must be fully down or decocked. After the Start Signal,

the first projectile must be chambered by manipulation of the slide, not by trigger action. Violations will incur one procedural penalty.

Due to the design of the airsoft guns, the guns can be fired even when there is no round in the chamber, they can be fired as long as there is gas in the gun. For the DA guns, the pistol can be fired by simply pulling the trigger, even when there is no round in the chamber. The added sentence is to ensure that all shooters have to loaded their guns manually after the start signal, rather than just pulled the trigger and caused the slide to recoil and load the empty chamber with a round, thereby defeating the purpose of the Condition 2.

Classic Division:

10. Handguns must be based on and visibly resemble the profile and contours of the classic 1911-genre design. This means a single-stack, one piece ~~metal~~ frame, slide with stirrup cuts, and a dust cover (with or without an accessory rail) which has a maximum length of 75 mm when measured from the leading edge of the dust cover to the rear of the slide stop pin.

This is because, an airsoft handgun's frame is usually manufactured in plastic not metal, and in order to follow the rules, the change of the frame from plastic to metal is required.

12. Permitted modifications are shaped slides (flat-top, tri-top etc.), shaped trigger guards (squared, undercut etc.), bob-tail backstraps, bull or coned barrels, external extractors, finger-grooves (machined, add-on, wrap-around etc.), custom magazine release buttons, triggers, hammers, single/ambidextrous thumb safeties, any open sights (which may be embedded into the slide), and extended slide lock levers and thumb shields provided they do not act as a thumb rest. *(Identical wording in full bore handgun).*

12.1 Other modifications permitted include those of a cosmetic nature (e.g. custom grip panels, scrimshaw or similar surface engravings, checkering, serrations etc.), replacement single or ambidextrous thumb safeties, and any open sights (which may be embedded into the slide).

These are to follow the relevant clauses in the Classic Division of the real firearm rules

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