

Proposed 2015 SHOTGUN Specific Rule Changes

- 1.2.1.1 Short Courses – Must not require more than 8 rounds to complete and are restricted to a maximum of 12 scoring hits.
- 1.2.1.2 Medium Courses – Must not require more than 16 rounds to complete and are restricted to a maximum of 24 scoring hits. Course design and construction must not ~~enable~~ require more than 8 ~~targets~~ rounds to be shot ~~or 10 scoring hits to be available~~ from any single location or view.
- 1.2.1.3 Long Courses – Must not ~~include~~ require more than 28 ~~targets~~ rounds to complete and are restricted to a maximum of 32 scoring hits. Course design and construction must not ~~enable~~ require more than 8 ~~targets~~ rounds to be shot ~~or 10 scoring hits to be available~~ from any single location or view. A COF requiring 24 or more rounds must not stipulate an unloaded gun as a start condition.
- 4.3.3.2 Metal plates do not recognize power and are not subject to calibration or calibration challenges. If a metal plate has been adequately and directly hit (i.e. with a full diameter bullet) but it fails to fall or overturn, a Range Officer may declare range equipment failure and order the competitor to reshoot the course of fire, after the faulty plate has been rectified.
- 4.3.3.3 Metal plates which fail to fall or overturn when initially hit, but which fall or overturn when hit with a subsequent shot, are not subject to a reshoot.
- 4.3.4.1 ~~Metal no-shoots, if hit, should be repainted during the scoring process. Metal no-shoot poppers and plates, must be shot and fall, overturn or self-indicate to score. If hit, they should be repainted during the scoring process.~~
- 5.2.4 ~~Unless otherwise specified in the written stage briefing,~~ Ammunition and speed loaders must be carried on the competitor or gun in pouches, pockets, loops, clips or other suitable retention devices, unless otherwise specified in the written stage briefing. Loops, clips or other suitable retention devices fitted to the gun, or to a sling fitted to the gun, to hold individual cartridges or speed loaders are specifically permitted.
- 5.6.1.1 Ammunition tested must be of the same type i.e. birdshot or buckshot or slug, and configuration (see Rule 5.5.7), and not mixed for testing purposes. All ammunition used by a competitor in a match must be capable of satisfying the minimum power factor. Match Officials may call for tests of a competitor's ammunition at any point during the match.
- 5.6.3.2 An initial 8 sample rounds for the chronograph test ~~of the same ammunition type~~ will be drawn from the competitor at a time and place determined by Match Officials, who may require additional tests of a competitor's ammunition at any time during the match.
- 8.2.1 The ~~shotgun~~ firearm is prepared, made safe and held or placed as specified in the written stage briefing, and in compliance with the requirements of the relevant Division.
- 9.1.5.2 Slug or a buckshot pellet, ~~or pellets from a birdshot cartridge,~~ strike wholly within the scoring area of a paper target, and continue on to strike down a scoring metal target or no-shoot, this will be treated as range equipment failure (see Rule 4.6.1). The competitor will be required to reshoot the course of fire, after it has been restored.
- 9.5.1.1 If two or more targets receive direct scoring hits as a result of a single shot they will both, or all, be scored normally unless Rule 9.1.5 applies (also see Rule 9.5.6).
- 9.5.8 Frangible targets must be fully penetrated or break with a visible piece missing ~~or~~ separated from the original target to be counted for score.

9.5.11.2 For a paper target hits will not be counted for score and the target will be treated as a missed target. However, competitors are permitted to ~~shoot at~~ re-engage the target ~~again~~ with the correct ammunition type for score.

9.5.11.3 Metal targets and metal no-shoots will be scored normally but the competitor will be subject to procedural penalties (see Rule 10.2.12).

~~10.4.9~~ 10.5.16 A shot fired using slug ammunition unless this ammunition type has been specifically nominated as being acceptable for the course of fire.

~~10.4.10~~ 10.5.17 A shot fired using buckshot ammunition during a course of fire that has been specifically nominated as requiring birdshot ammunition for safety reasons.

APPENDIX C1: Target Calibration and Testing

~~10. For targets in close proximity to no shoots and where a metal no shoot is struck down or the scoring area of a paper no shoot is hit then the procedure will be as laid down in Section 9.6 of the rules. The Chief Range Officer or Range Master may, in their absolute discretion, decide to test the achievability to shoot the scoring target without penalty. They may decide to exclude a hit or hits on a no shoot from the stage score but no re shoot will be given. The ruling will be final. No further appeal or protests will be permitted with respect to the scoring decision.~~

APPENDIX D: Shotgun Divisions

Special conditions:

18. Detachable magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 10 rounds at the Start Signal. However, detachable magazines with ~~a~~ an original maximum capacity of up to 12 rounds are permitted. Magazines must not be clipped, taped or otherwise attached to any other magazine at any time. Guns with fixed magazines may have an initial load of 14 rounds.

23. In the case of double ~~barrelled~~ barreled shotguns, which have a maximum capacity of 2 rounds loaded at any time, devices that help to load a pair of cartridges at a time are deemed not to be speed loaders.

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