



SPORTING RULES MODIFICATIONS (in blue)

The following rules will be enforced from 01/01/2011.

GENERAL TECHNICAL RULES for all handguns categories

SECTION I: Shooting positions

A. Freestyle

Any safe shooting position without artificial support. **No part of the handgun, and its sighting apparatus, and the shooter's hand(s) holding the pistol up to the wrist, are allowed to come in contact with the face of the shooter or the head equipment (cap, shooting glasses, shields, ear muffs,...).** The firearm may only come in contact with the competitor's body and/or clothing. No part of the firearm may touch the ground or ground cover. The firearm must be held in such a manner that a match official can **easily see that these rules are being complied with and that** the firearm is visibly clear of the ground at all times when in the firing position. **The shooter's equipment (cap, shields, etc.) must allow a Match Official to easily see that these rules are being complied with at all times when in the firing position.** A competitor placing a shoe or boot sideways on the ground must not place any part of the firearm on the heel. This position will be allowed only if the shooter's hand, or some portion thereof, is placed between the firearm and the heel. Nesting the barrel in the top part of a shoe or boot, or across the sole notch of the heel, constitutes artificial support and is not allowed.

B. Standing

The shooter must assume a safe standing position with the firearm supported only by one or both hands.

No part of the shooter's body may be artificially supported in any way. No part of either arm, from the shoulder to the wrist, is allowed to come in contact with any other part of the shooter's anatomy or may be artificially supported in any way.

The shooter's hands may only contact his/her handgun and sighting apparatus. The shooter's hands may be in contact one with each other. The handgun and its sighting apparatus may be in contact with the shooter's hands only.

The firearm must be held in such a manner that a Match Official can easily see that these rules are being complied with at all times when in the firing position.

The shooter's equipment (cap, shields, etc.) must allow a Match Official to easily see that these rules are being complied with at all times when in the firing position.

Nevertheless, for shooters assuming the one handed ISSF shooting stance, the non shooting hand may rest on the waist, in the pocket, in the belt, ..., assuming the spirit of the rules expressed in the former paragraph is enforced.

Section IV: Allowed – not allowed

The following equipment/accessories/attitudes are allowed:

a) Shooting mat:

A flat shooting mat or ground cover of a thickness not to exceed 25.4mm (1"). [This mat must be of uniform thickness and cannot be folded or used to gain any support.](#)

SECTION IV: ALLOWED - NOT ALLOWED

B. Not Allowed

i) [Shaped forends \(Production and Unlimited firearms\):](#)

“Funny forends” with wedges or melon slices cut out of one or both sides with the idea of providing a contour effect to fit the shooter’s leg or some other part of his anatomy as a shooting aid. All these and any other variations are violating the artificial rest rule. Match Directors and juries have the authority to rule on any funny forend at any match. If, in their opinion, any of these funny forends violates either the artificial rest rule, the spirit of the rule, or both, they have the authority to refuse the entry of any such firearm in any IMSSU match ([Unlimited firearms](#)).

[No part of the forend may protrude in a direction which is not parallel to the bore's axis.](#)

[Examples of forbidden forends which illustrate the spirit of the rule:](#)

[It is not allowed to hold a pistol by slipping the fingers or any part of the hand between the barrel and the forend, freestyle or standing.](#)

[The distance between the upper side of the barrel and the underside of the forend \(taken at the middle of the barrel\) cannot exceed 55 mm.](#)

[Drawing not to scale:](#)

Section IV: Allowed – not allowed

B. Not allowed

j) [Extractor.](#)

[All handguns must be equipped with a device which partially or totally extracts the empty case or an unfired cartridge from the chamber. Pistols without such a device are not allowed.](#)

The following rule will be enforced from 01/01/2013.

STR for the Field Pistol category

A - Events

Events Shooting position Pistol used

Production Standing Any Production handgun [as per Big Bore \(no diopters\)](#)

Production any sights Standing Any Production [scoped or not scoped](#) handgun [with any kind of sights](#)

The following point will be immediately enforced.

ERRORS TO BE CORRECTED

Section II.

Paragraph A: "No part of the front sight post or blade (with the exception of a [production](#) hood) ..."

Paragraph E:

No main part, except for the barrel, may be duplicated. Depending of the type of handgun, such main parts are:

- frame,
- [barrel](#),
- slide,
- cylinder,
- breech,
- bolt,
- action.

Replacement barrels must also be chambered in a calibre originally offered by the manufacturer.

RULES FOR AIR GUN COMPETITION

These rules are immediately included in the IMSSU Sporting Rules, but air gun competitions are facultative events at the will of the matches sponsors.

It is a beginning which may be modified according to circumstances.

Usable pistols and rifles:

- Production Pistol with classic post and notch sighting apparatus. No diopters, no scopes or other optical devices.
- Production Rifle. Any sights may be used. Adjustable buttplates must be centered. Adjustable combs may be raised no more than 1" (25.4 mm) above the lowest position. Forend palm rests cannot be used.

Production pistols and rifles:

Any 4.5 mm (.177") pistol or rifle which conforms to the criteria and specifications of the ISSF rules.

Ammunitions:

4.5 mm (.177) lead pellets.

Shooting positions:

- Pistol:
Standing.
- Rifle:
Standing.

Events:

- Production pistol Standing.
- Production rifle Standing.

Targets:

Chickens and pigs should be made from 4mm and turkeys and rams from 3mm or nearest equivalent steel plate. Their size is 1/10th of full size targets.

Size of the feet:

Chicken, Pig and Turkey: width ¾" or 19mm, length 1" or 25mm.

Ram: width ¾" or 19mm, length 2" or 50mm.

Shooting distances:

- Handguns:
Chickens: 9 m.
Pigs: 12 m.
Turkeys: 15 m.
Rams: 18 m.

- Rifles:
Chickens: 18 m.
Pigs: 25 m.
Turkeys: 32 m.
Rams: 39 m.

A tolerance of plus or minus 2.5 % is allowed.

The storage of reservoir tanks for either compressed air or CO₂ is prohibited on the firing line or in adjacent spectator areas.

All others IMSSU Sporting rules apply.

The organization of air gun matches is not mandatory during Continental and World Championships. Organizers can organize air gun competitions as side events at their will.