

3. FIREARMS, EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION

3.1 Open Firearms - Any semi-automatic handgun or revolver used in competition shall be serviceable and safe. If any pistol is observed to be unserviceable or unsafe, it shall be withdrawn at the request of the tournament director. The term "firearm" as used in these rules includes anything attached, permanently or temporarily, to the pistol. All standard safety features of the guns must operate properly

3.1.1 Open Rimfire Firearm - Any semi-automatic handgun or revolver chambered for .22 Rimfire ammunition, which is serviceable and safe. If any pistol is observed to be unserviceable and unsafe, it shall be withdrawn at the request of the Tournament Director. The term "firearm" as used in these rules includes anything attached, permanently or temporarily, to the pistol. All standard safety features of the guns must operate properly.

3.1.2 Open Modified Firearm - Any semi-automatic handgun or revolver used in competition shall be serviceable and safe. All standard safety features of the guns must operate properly. If any pistol is observed to be unserviceable or unsafe, it shall be withdrawn at the request of the tournament director. The term "firearm" as used in these rules includes anything attached, permanently or temporarily to the pistol. Wings are prohibited.

3.2 Metallic Sight Firearm - Minimum caliber is 9 x 19mm (9mm): a semi-automatic firearm with no more than a 6 1/4-inch barrel length. The front sight not to extend beyond the muzzle, the maximum sight radius to be no more than 8.5 inches. A Revolver's barrel will not exceed 8 5/8 inches in length. The front sight not to extend beyond the muzzle, maximum sight radius not more than 11 inches. All standard safety features of the guns must operate properly. The following items are prohibited:

- (a) Wings.
- (b) Peep, ghost, optical or electronic sights.
- (c) Orthopedic grips - no part of the grip may encircle the hand.
- (d) Thumb rests.
- (e) Compensators or ported barrels.

● **3.2.1 Production Firearm** - The intent of this rule is to encourage the use of production firearms as manufactured and promote NRA Action Pistol Shooting at the "Grass Roots" level. Accordingly, in order to keep this class from becoming an "Equipment Match", Single Action only pistol are prohibited.

A Production Firearm is a semi-automatic handgun or revolver which is or has been a catalog item readily available to the general public equipped with factory notch & post sights. All standard safety features of firearms must operate properly. The firearm shall have no visible internal or external modifications except as follows:

- (a) Grips may be replaced or modified to fit the competitor's hand or to facilitate loading. Checkering, stippling, grip tape and grip sleeves are permitted.
- (b) Barrel length may not exceed 5.35 inches for semi-automatic pistols and may not exceed 6 inches for revolvers.
- (c) Wide "target" style hammers and triggers, if included on the firearm as originally manufactured, are permitted.
- (d) Only open sights may be used. The front sight must be a non-adjustable post sight. The rear sight may be adjustable if the firearm was originally manufactured with an adjustable sight. Sights may be replaced but they must use the original dovetail cuts and must retain the original configuration of the firearm. Fiber optic sights are permitted.
- (e) Barrels may be replaced with original factory barrels with the same configuration of the original barrel.
- (f) All production firearms must fire the first shot of every stage double action.
- (g) Trigger weight may not be less than 3.5 lbs. In any mode.

- (h) External finishes, either protective of decorative, or other non-functional embellishments. (i.e. Such as engraving, inlays or inscriptions) are permitted.
- (l) Holsters must be designed for carry and suitable for everyday use. Competition, race type and open front holsters are prohibited.

The following firearm modifications are prohibited:

- (a) Single action only firearms
- (b) Custom -shop firearms.
- (c) Changes in the original factory sight configuration of the firearm are prohibited. Front adjustable sights are prohibited.
- (d) Peep, ghost, optical, electronic, Bo-Mar and Aristocrat type sights.
- (e) Thumb rests, orthopedic grips, grip or magazine extensions. No part of the grip may encircle the hand.
- (f) Compensators, ported or weighted barrels.
- (g) Race type holsters.

3.2.2 Production Rimfirearm - as described in 3.2.1 except chambered for .22 caliber Rimfire ammunition. All standard safety features of the guns must operate properly.

3.3 All Types of Pistols Will Compete Together - The same conditions of time, distance, or scoring shall apply to all firearm types equally. When Centerfire and Rimfire Firearms are allowed in the same tournament separate aggregate awards must be provided. A sponsor may recognize Rule 3.2 metallic Firearms and 3.2.1 Production Firearms by providing a separate award(s), or may restrict a tournament to only these firearms. Any such conditions must be stated in the Official Program.

3.4 Weight Restrictions - There shall be no restriction on overall weight of pistols. The trigger pull shall not be less than 2 pounds.

3.5 Sight Restrictions - Sponsor must state one of the options in the program:

- (a) There shall be no restrictions on sights, sight radius, or length of barrel.
- (b) Optical sights of any type are prohibited.

3.5.1 Sights - Any sighting device programmed to activate the firing mechanism is prohibited.

3.6 More than One Pistol in a Tournament - A competitor shall not be permitted to wear or use more than one pistol in a tournament. (Except as provided in Rule 9.9.)

3.7 Pistol and Holster Position - The pistol and holster must be carried in the same position throughout the entire match.

3.9 Optical Devices - The internal workings of optical sights may be changed during a match. However, no external modifications to the sight may be made. The same sight must be used throughout the match.

3.11 Gloves - Gloves may be worn which do not form an artificial support.

3.12 Holsters - (See Rules 3.12.1, 3.12.2, 3.12.3, 3.12.4, 3.12.5.)

3.12.1 Holsters Must be Practical, Safe, Serviceable, and Suited to the Pistol Used - Holsters in use must retain the pistol during any activity within a course of fire.

3.12.2 Retention Device - If a retention device is used to pass a holster test, then the retention device must

be used throughout the match.

3.12.3 Holster Eligibility - No match shall require the use of a particular type of holster, nor shall any holster type which is permitted in any match be barred from any other match. However, in matches requiring a draw from a concealed condition, the degree of concealment may be specified and ruled upon by the Match Director, Deputy Match Director, or Official Referee.

3.12.4 Unsafe Holsters - Match officials are required to prohibit the unsafe use of any holster by any competitor. Therefore, in choosing a holster, and the position and manner in which it will be worn, a competitor should give due regard to the safety regulations in order to ensure that his choices are safely consistent with his personal shooting style and stance.

3.12.5 Holster Wear - Holsters must be worn in such a manner as not to violate safety considerations. It shall be the responsibility of the Match Director to enforce this Rule.

3.16 Release Triggers - Triggers which function on release are prohibited.

3.16.1 Trigger Shoes - Trigger shoes or extensions of any kind will not protrude beyond the dimensions of the trigger guard. Any pistol in violation of this Rule shall be withdrawn from competition until modified to comply.

3.17 Ammunition -

(a) The lower limit of caliber shall be 9mm.

(b) All ammunition fired in the Tournament must meet or exceed the power floor as described when checked by chronograph using the formula:

Bullet weight (grains) X muzzle velocity (feet per second) = not less than 120,000

NOTE: Chronographs are mandatory in Registered Tournaments only.

(c) Handholds may be used.

(d) Any ammunition used must be loaded within safe limitations for the handgun to be used.

(e) Ammunition will be tested as follows:

(1) Muzzle velocity shall be determined by the use of a chronograph.

(2) Competitors' loads shall be tested by the sponsor by firing loads for revolvers through a six inch barrel revolver; loads for semi-automatics through a five-inch barrel semi-automatic. In the event that a test barrel for the caliber to be tested is not available, or the ammo fails to meet the power floor, then the loads will be tested through the competitor's pistol.

(f) All ammunition fired by a competitor in a tournament must maintain identical bullet design, weight, and velocity.

NOTE: When chronographing ammunition use the following procedure:

1. Using test firearm, fire one (1) round over the chronograph; if it meets power floor, test is over.

2. If first round fails, fire second round. average the two and if average meets power floor, test is over.

3. If the two rounds fail, fire third round. average the three and if average meets the power floor, test is over.

4. If the three round average fails to meet power floor, notify competitor to report to chronograph with his/her firearm for testing.

5. Repeat steps 1-3, firing ammunition through competitor's firearm. If the ammunition still fails to meet

power floor after this test, the competitor is disqualified from the tournament.

3.17.1 Rimfire Ammunition - Any .22 caliber Rimfire ammunition that may be fired without danger to competitors, range personnel or equipment is permitted. Tracer, incendiary, and similar ammunition is prohibited. Rule 3.17(f) applies.

3.18 General - All devices or equipment which may facilitate shooting and which are not mentioned in these Rules, or which are contrary to the spirit of these Rules and Regulations, are forbidden. The Match Director, Official Referee, Jury Chairman or Supervisor shall have the right to examine a shooter's equipment or apparel. The responsibility shall be upon the competitor to submit questionable equipment and apparel for official inspection and approval in sufficient time prior to the beginning of a match so that it will not inconvenience either the competitor or the official.

3.18.1 All Equipment Must Be Safe and Serviceable - All equipment used in the Tournament, including handguns, holsters and ammunition, must be safe and serviceable. No modified equipment may be used if it could compromise the safety and reliability of such equipment. Modified firearms, holsters and ammunition could be hazardous to the competitor, his fellow competitors and bystanders; equipment should be of proven reliability and safety.

3.19 Eye Protection - Safety eye glasses may be worn at the competitors' option. However, their use is highly recommended. Hosting clubs may require eye protection.

3.20 Ear Protection - All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the firing lines are urged to wear ear plugs, ear muffs or similar ear protection. Match sponsors (and/or ranges) may require ear protection.