

5. POSITIONS

5.1 The Ground - All references to "the ground" in the following position Rules are to be construed as applying to surface of the firing point, floor, and such shooting platforms as are customarily used on shooting ranges.

5.2 Artificial Support - Artificial support is defined as follows:

- (a) Any supporting surfaces, except the ground, not specifically authorized for use in the rules for the position prescribed.
- (b) Any garment, including gloves, which can be interpreted as providing artificial support.
- (c) Other devices which can be interpreted as artificial support. (See Rule 3.18).

Use of artificial support is prohibited except as individually authorized for a physically handicapped shooter. (See Rule 5.5).

5.3 Ready (Starting) Position - "Poised Ready" designates a position in which the pistol is holstered and safe, and neither hand touches the pistol, holster, belt, spare magazine, or spare ammunition. The firing hand must be sufficiently far from the pistol to permit a plane to be passed between gun and hand without touching either. Other ready positions must be designated in the match description or program. Once the ready position is assumed, it may not be changed before the firing signal. Any such change, including the gradual motion of the hand toward the pistol (termed "creeping"), is considered a procedural error, and is to be penalized accordingly.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to assume the correct ready position.

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5.12 Firing Position - Generally, there shall be no restrictions placed upon the stance, position, or technique adopted by any competitor, unless a sponsor wishes to use a given position(s) and specifically states so in the tournament program. Simulation of a shooting situation for a course of fire is not considered to be such a restriction. When firing from the prone position, the competitor's arms and pistol may be supported by the ground, or by a cover placed upon the ground, but no rearrangement of the ground for support will be allowed. No portion of the shooter's body may rest upon or touch the ground in advance of the firing line.