

18. COMPETITORS' DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

NOTE: The following competitor's duties are in addition to those specified elsewhere throughout these Rules.

18.1 Discipline - It is the duty of each competitor to sincerely cooperate with tournament officials in the effort to conduct a safe, efficient tournament. Competitors are expected to promptly call the attention of proper officials to any infraction of rules of safety or good sportsmanship. Failure of a competitor to cooperate in such matters or to give testimony when called upon to do so may result in said competitor being considered as an accessory to the offense.

18.2 Knowledge of Program - It is the competitor's responsibility to be familiar with the program. Officials cannot be held responsible for a competitor's failure to obtain and familiarize himself with the program.

18.3 Eligibility - It is the competitor's duty to enter only those events for which he is eligible and to enter in the proper classification.

18.3.1 Competitors Will Score - Competitors will act as scorers when required to do so by the Match Director or Chief Range Officer, except that no competitor will score his own target.

18.4 Classification - It is the competitor's duty to have his current Classification Card in his possession when using a classification system. Unclassified competitors must obtain their Score Record Book from the Official Referee, Supervisor, or Tournament Officials.

18.5 Individual Entries - In individual matches it is the duty of the competitor to make his own entries on the forms and in the manner prescribed for that tournament. Errors due to illegibility or improper filling out of the forms are solely the competitor's responsibility. The Statistical Office is not required to accept corrections after the entry closing time.

18.6 Squadding Tickets - It is the competitor's duty to secure his squadding ticket for each match (or to consult the squadding bulletin) in ample time to permit reporting at the proper time and place to fire each match. It is not the duty of officials to page competitors in order to get them on the firing line. Competitors upon receipt of squadding tickets should inspect them for correctness of competitor's number and non-interference in squadding assignment. Errors should be reported immediately to Statistical Officer.

18.7 Reporting at Firing Point - Competitors must report at their assigned firing points immediately when the relay is called by the Range Officer. The proper handgun and ammunition for that particular match must be ready and in safe firing condition. Time will not be allowed for repairs, sight blacking, sight adjustments or search for missing equipment after a relay has been called to the firing line.

18.8 Timing - Time for the firing of a string (within the official time limit) is the competitor's responsibility.

18.9 Loading - No competitor will load a handgun except at the firing point and after command has been given by the Range Officer.

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18.11 Checking Scores and Signing Score Cards - It is the duty of competitors to check their scores as written on score card and to sign score card at the conclusion of match. When scoring is done in the Statistical Office competitors must promptly check Preliminary Bulletin and call attention to errors within the time specified at that tournament. Failure to check scores within time limit forfeits the right to challenge.

18.12 Clearing the Firing Point - It is the competitor's duty to leave firing point promptly at the conclusion of his relay. When leaving the firing point pistols must be unloaded and holstered or cased.

18.13 Checking Bulletin Board - It is the duty of all individual competitors and Team Captains to check Bulletin Board between each match. The Statistical Officer must be immediately notified of apparent errors. Official Bulletins must be checked and the Statistical Officer notified of any discrepancies between the Preliminary and Official Bulletins. Match Director's Bulletins on the Bulletin Board have the same effect as conditions printed in program. It is the duty of competitors to familiarize themselves with all such Match Director's Bulletins.

18.14 Score Cards Must be Signed - At the conclusion of scoring, the scorer will add the value of the shots, place the total on the score card and sign the card. The competitor checks value of individual shots, the total, and signs the card. (In case of discrepancy between individual shot value and totals, individual shot value will be accepted as correct). If a competitor or Team Captain leaves firing line without signing card, no protest will be allowed. If the competitor or Team Captain desires to protest, he shall write "protest" on the score card above his signature. Team Captains verify and sign score cards in team matches.

18.15 It shall be the competitors' responsibility -

- (a) That all equipment meets all rules and match specifications in any match in which that equipment is to be used.
- (b) That competitor's position conforms to the rules
- (c) That competitor has full knowledge of the rules under which the match is fired.
- (d) That after due warning of any infraction of existing rules, that competitor shall understand that a repetition thereof shall be the subject of disqualification for that match or tournament.
- (e) When targets are framed by the competitor, to frame the correct target for the specific match and distance. In such a case, shots fired on an incorrect or on a used target are disqualified.