



INTERNATIONAL BLIND SPORTS FEDERATION

SHOOTING RULES

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Notes: The original rules were drafted by Michel Romanet. The 1998 version of the rulebook was modified by Stefan Kopcik based on the changes approved at the meeting of the IBSA Shooting Subcommittee in Valence, France, on July 7th, 2001, during the Second IBSA European Shooting Championship

The amendments approved largely dealt with the following:

- Small corrections of typos and replacement of "UIT" abbreviation by "ISSF"
- Unification of time limits for respective disciplines and positions.
- Unification of the utilization of a rifle support or a shooting sling for prone and sitting positions.
- Broadening the range of usable aiming equipment with sound output to include laser-based gear, which was developed in France.

All of these changes were intended to ensure an unambiguous interpretation of the rules for shooting.

Franz Voglbauer edited the last version, with some points approved at the meeting of the IBSA Shooting Subcommittee in Kosice, Slovakia, on July 31st 2002, during the First IBSA Shooting World Championship.

5.4.1 BM2: Shooting Time

40 shots prone	1 hour
40 shots standing	1 hour 30 minutes

BM3: Shooting Time

60 shots standing	1 hour 45 minutes
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5.4.2 BM2: Shooting Time

20 shots sitting	50 minutes
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BM3: Shooting Time

40 shots standing	1 hour 15 minutes
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5.4.3

prone position	45 second
standing position	75 second

7.2 The general lighting of the range will be less than 200 lux - check

SHOOTING

GENERAL POINTS

IBSA lays down technical rules for shooting in order to codify the leading shooting events that it sanctions.

PURPOSE

The purpose is to standardize the organization of shooting in the world, in order to promote the development of this sport.

1 BASIC RULES

- 1.1** The ISSF rules shall be enforced in all cases except where they are modified by the rules for the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) Shooting Subcommittee.
- 1.2** These rules must be enforced in all IBSA competitions.
- 1.3** IBSA recommends that these rules be enforced in all air rifle shooting events where competitions for the visually impaired are scheduled.
- 1.4** These rules are laid down for air rifle shooting.
- 1.5** These rules are to be enforced by both men and women.
- 1.6** On the international scheme, there are four classes: men and women (junior and senior for both).
- 1.7** All guns must be handled and discharged safely as described in the ISSF rules. It will be the responsibility of the coaches and/or the delegation leaders to check that the competitors entered into shooting events are able to handle rifles safely. Infringement of this rule can lead to an immediate disqualification of the competitor.
- 1.8** Infringement of the rules will entail:
 - 1.8.1** 1st infringement: warning (yellow card)

1.8.2 2nd infringement: deduction of two points from score (green card)

1.8.3 3rd infringement: disqualification from the competition (red card)

1.9 Competition numbers shall be assigned to competitors for each competition and shall be published in all lists and timetables, etc. The numbers shall be displayed on the backs of the competitor's jacket and must be large enough to be read easily from the public stand.

1.10 The competitor must report on the range 30 minutes before the beginning of the competition.

1.11 All protests, including appeals as regards technical matters, must be dealt with according to ISSF rules. The US\$ 50.00 protest fee must be paid directly to the Organizing Committee. Appeals must be accompanied with a US\$100 guarantee. If the objection is upheld, the \$100 guarantee shall be given back by the Organizers. If not, the guarantee will be kept by IBSA. The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final.

1.12 For international shooting events, there is no limit to the number of competitors per event or per country. In case of Paralympic Games, World or Regional Championships, the organizers are allowed to restrict the number of competitors per event or per country, but only at the discretion of the Chairman of the IBSA Technical Subcommittee.

1.13 Bids to organize sanctioned shooting competitions must be submitted to the secretariat of the appropriate international federation. At the same time, copies must be sent to the secretariat of IBSA.

- 24 months before World Championships
- 18 months before Regional Championships
- 12 months before any other international competition

1.14 The Technical Delegate of IBSA must stand in the Jury of Appeal and approve it. The names of the members of the Jury and the Jury of Appeal must be published before the beginning of the competition.

1.15 For each competition the composition of the Juries shall be:

1.15.1 Jury for ISSF shooting rules:

- 2 ISSF Referees.
- 1 Range official appointed by IBSA.

1.15.2 Jury of Appeal:

- 1 Chairman (IBSA Technical Delegate)
- 1 Member of the Organizing Committee (not a member of the original Jury)
- 1 Member of the IBSA Executive Committee or his/her representative.

1.15.3 Jury for IBSA Shooting Rules:

Three members from different participating countries. Each country shall appoint candidates for this Jury on the final "entry form". The Organizing Committee will submit the list of candidates to IBSA without delay. For each event three members of the Jury will be designated by IBSA

1.16 Before the beginning of the competition a technical meeting shall be held, chaired by the IBSA Technical Delegate, with the representatives of the Countries and the Organizing Committee.

2 RECORDS

2.1 For records to be ratified by IBSA, the competition must be:

- a) Sanctioned by IBSA.
- b) Held in accordance with ISSF and IBSA rules.
- c) Be a Paralympic, World, or Continental IBSA Competition.

2.2 In addition, the Organizing Committee must comply with the following conditions:

- a) The details concerning the competition shall be notified to the IBSA secretariat at least 24, 18, or 12 months before the events. (See Rule 1.13)

- b) One Technical Delegate or a Technical Representative of IBSA shall attend the competition at the expense of the Organizing Committee, in order to supervise the event.
- c) All results and records achieved shall be forwarded to the IBSA secretariat for registration and maintenance of the record book.
- d) The "Application for Shooting Records" shall be presented in time to the IBSA Secretariat.

3 CLASSIFICATIONS - ENTERING THE COMPETITIONS

3.1 CLASSIFICATION OF THE SHOOTERS

Shooters are allowed to take part in the competitions if they are considered blind or partially sighted in accordance with IBSA sight classification:

- B1: No light perception in either eye up to light perception but inability to recognize the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction.
- B2: From the ability to recognize the shape of a hand to visual acuity of 2/60 and/or visual field of less than 5 degrees.
- B3: From visual field acuity of 2/60 up to visual acuity of 6/60 and/or visual field of more than 5 degrees and less than 20 degrees.

All classifications are in the both eyes with best correction.

Note: all athletes who use contact or corrective lenses must wear them for classification, whether they intend to wear them or not during competition.

- 3.2** To be allowed to participate, all shooters must give the following proof before competition:
 - a) Proof that that they are blind or visually impaired in accordance with IBSA sight classification (B1, B2, B3). Note: all B classes compete together.

b) Proof of nationality (belonging to the state they compete for internationally)

c) Proof of their handicaps, if required for the competition.

3.3 COMPETITION CATEGORIES

The B1, B2 and B3 categories of visual impairment form only one class.

Specific events are organized for men and women.

In case of international competition, the events will be scheduled as follows:

Junior Women: under 20 years old on January 1st of the considered period.

Senior Women: 20 years old or over on January the 1st of the considered period. (Example: in period from June 1st 2002 to May 31st 2003 all women born after December 31st 1983 are considered Senior)

Junior Men: under 20 years old on January 1st of the considered period.

Senior Men: 20 years old or over on January the 1st of the considered period.

Note: in competition other than Paralympic Games, World or Regional Championships, other age categories may be created.

3.4 WORLD AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS

3.4.1 MEN'S AIR RIFLE - 10 METRE

BM1 60 shots prone position (English match)

BM2 120 shots in three positions

40 shots prone
40 shots sitting
40 shots standing

BM3 60 shots standing

3.4.2 WOMEN'S AIR RIFLE - 10 METRE

BW1 60 shots prone position (English match)

BW2 60 shots in three positions

20 shots prone
20 shots sitting
20 shots standing

BW3 40 shots standing

3.4.3 Championships for juniors (men and women) can also be organized with the same events. However, a junior who would be outclassed in order to compete in a senior competition can not take part in the junior competition.

3.4.4 World and Regional Championships for juniors and seniors may be held simultaneously or at different dates and places.

3.4.5 The World Championships must be organized during even years between Paralympic Games years.

3.4.6 The Continental Championships will be organized during odd years, between the World Championships and Paralympic Games.

4 TEAMS

4.1 There will be team competition in each event, but shooters from one class will not be able to take part in the competition of another class.

4.2 Each team will consist of three competitors.

4.3 Only one team per country may enter each event.

4.4 In order to make possible classing per team, at least four countries must appear on the start list of the event.

- 4.5** All teams must be registered in writing, on the appropriate forms, before the drawing of the lots for the shooting posts.
- 4.6** Team scores will be shot concurrently with the individual scores, i.e. no separate team matches will be shot.
- 4.7** Team medals will be presented in team events as specified in the regulations of the international federations (3 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals)

5 PROCEDURES OF THE EVENTS AND RULES OF THE COMPETITION

5.1 SHOTS PER TARGET:

Only one shot per target in every championship.

5.2 ATTEMPT TARGETS

All shooters must provide 4 attempt targets for each competition.

5.3 POSITIONS

5.3.1 PRONE POSITION

The shooting range must provide a table. The measurements are:

Height:	70	to	90	cm
Width:	90	to	150	cm
Length:	190	to	230	cm

This table may be fitted out with a groundsheet. The shooter may also use a deep carpet to put down his elbows (See ISSF rules). He must lie on the shooting post and turn his head towards the target. He must hold the rifle with two hands and the support of one shoulder. The rifle can rest on the forecast support on the back part, one centimetre in front of the trigger guard. When he is aiming, he can put the cheek close to the butt of the rifle. Neither forearms nor jacket sleeves can come into contact with the support.

If the shooter does not use a support, he is authorized to use a shooting sling (See ISSF rules).

5.3.2 SITTING POSITION

The shooter must sit, freely, on a stool that does not have a back. His feet may be put on the floor. He must hold the rifle with two hands, the shoulder, the cheek, and the part of the chest that is next to the right shoulder. Only one elbow must rest on the table or board, and the body must be well clear of the board. The rifle can rest on the forecast support on the back part, one centimetre in front of the trigger guard. Neither forearms nor jacket sleeves can come into contact with the support.

No support may be gained from the board/ table frame. If the shooter does not use a support, he is authorized to use a shooting sling.

5.3.3 STANDING POSITION

The shooter must stand free with both feet on the firing point surface or on the ground cloth without any other support. The rifle must be held with both hands and the right upper arm, the cheek and the part of the chest next to the right upper arm. However, the jacket or upper arm beyond the area of the right shoulder and right chest must not support the rifle. The left upper arm and elbow may be supported on the chest or on the hip. In order to recover more easily his position in front of the target, the standing shooter can put a mark on the floor. He will touch this mark only with the side and front of the left foot.

Before shooting, the rifle can rest on a steady stand directed towards the target.

Warning: the rifle must be kept at least 5cm from any part of the stand while shooting.

5.4 RIFLE EVENTS

5.4.1 MEN'S AIR RIFLE - 10 METRE

BM1 60 shots prone (See rule 5.3.1)

Shooting time including sighting shots: 1 hour 30 minutes

Target: 10 meters air rifle target (See ISSF technical rule 3.2.3)

BM2 120 shots in three positions

40 shots prone (See rule 5.3.1)

40 shots sitting (See rule 5.3.2)

40 shots standing (See rule 5.3.3)

Shooting Time (including sighting shots)

40 shots prone: 1 hour

40 shots sitting: 1 hour 15 minutes

40 shots standing: 1 hour 30 minutes

Targets: 10m Air Rifle Target for prone and sitting positions.
 10m Air Pistol Target for standing positions.

BM3 60 Shots Standing (See rule 5.3.3)

Shooting time including sighting shots: 1 hour 45 minutes

Target: 10m air pistol target (See ISSF technical rule 3.2.6)

5.4.2 WOMEN'S AIR RIFLE - 10 METRE

BW1 60 shots prone (see rule 5.3.1)

Shooting time including sighting shots: 1 hour 30 minutes

Target: 10 metre air rifle target (See ISSF technical rule)

BW2 60 shots in three positions

20 shots prone (See rule 5.3.1)

20 shots sitting (See rule 5.3.2)

20 shots standing (See rule 5.3.3)

Shooting Time (including sighting shots)

20 shots prone: 40 minutes

20 shots sitting: 50 minutes
20 shots standing: 50minutes

Targets: 10m Air Rifle Target for prone and sitting positions.
10m Air Pistol Target for standing positions.

BW3 40 Shots Standing (See rule 5.3.3)

Shooting time including sighting shots: 1 hour 15 minutes

Target: 10 m air pistol target (See ISSF technical rule 3.2.6)

5.4.3. FINALS AIR RIFLE - 10 METRE

The following are positions for finals of respective categories:

BM1 and BW1	prone position	45 sec.
BM2/3 and BW2/3	standing position	75 sec.

5.4.4 Shooting times defined in 5.4.1.and 5.4.2. are shortened by 10 minutes if electronically evaluated targets are used.

6 GUIDE

6.1 CHOICE OF ASSISTANT

For competition, each shooter may attend with his/her own assistant to the shooting range. However, each shooter may have only one assistant.

6.2 THE COMBINATION SHOOTER/ASSISTANT

The shooter and the assistant form a team, which means that any error the assistant makes is deducted from the score as if it were made by the shooter himself.

6.3 DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT

The assistance lent to the shooter on the shooting range must be limited to the strictly necessary propositions. Everything the visually impaired shooter can do alone he must do himself.

6.3.1 DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT BEFORE THE COMPETITION

The assistant must place and adjust the spot lighting of the target. The organizers must help him.

Amongst other things he must check the following:

- Number of targets and numbering.
- Detect any mistake in the printing of the target.
- All the technical details around the shooting range that cannot be checked by the visually impaired shooter.

6.3.2 DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT DURING THE 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE EVENTS START

Position the shooter in front of the target so that he/she needs no more help during the competition.

Help the shooter in settling the "technical aids" such as the air rifle supports, stool, and in preparing the line of fire.

6.3.3 DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT DURING THE COMPETITION

During the competition the assistant must, amongst other things:

- Change targets for the competitor.
- Indicate to the shooter the exact position of the impacts.
- Give the shooter important information about the competition such as time passage, the number of targets, etc.
- Check that the general rules of the competition are followed.

The assistant must intervene immediately if there is any danger of the safety rules being broken by the shooter.

When the assistant is not in the above processes he/she must step back 2 metres and sit down.

6.4 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SHOOTER AND ASSISTANT

The shooter and the assistant can make contact at any moment in order to exchange information. During the competition, they must not

speak. They can communicate only by sign language (See example above)

6.4.1 INDICATION OF THE SCORE

The assistant indicates the score to the shooter by a light feel of the hand, as follows:

- On the shooter's hand if the score is less than eight
- On the forearm if the score is eight
- On the arm if the score is nine
- On the shoulder if the score is ten
- Twice on the shoulder if the centre of the target's bull is hit

6.4.2 INDICATION OF THE SCORE BY THE WATCH SYSTEM

The assistant indicates the impact position by using an imaginary watch on his back.

For example: the guide feels the shooter's upper arm and taps on his back at the position five on the watch dial. This means that the score is nine down on the right.

RULES FOR THE SHOOTING RANGE AND THE TARGET

7 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RANGE

- 7.1** The length of the shooting range is 10 metres according to the ISSF standards with the following requirements:
- 7.2** The general lighting of the range will be less than 200 lux - check.
- 7.3** The target lighting will be provided by the competitor (spot of about 13 500 lux). He can choose the brightness and the degree of the beam diffused by the lamp.
- 7.4** The target and its support must not be lightened by any other means. Distracting reflections are not permitted.

8 TARGETS

- 8.1** The target is that recommended by the rules of the ISSF for the 10 metres air rifle and air pistol shooting.

9 TARGET SUPPORT - SIGHT

- 9.1** The shooter may provide the target support. However, organizers must provide targets supports if requested by the head of a team.
- 9.2** The sight can be stuck on the front part of the support, above the centre or beside the ISSF target. It comprises gradually shaded zones of colour (with a white centre when the Swarovski system is used).
- 9.3** A fixed sighting target can be put on the wall, just above the area where the target transport normally places the target, and then shoot on the ISSF target.
- 9.4** The diameters of the zones will be left for each competitor to judge.
- 9.5** Each competitor shall provide his own "sight".

10 EQUIPMENT RULES

- 10.1** All clothes worn by the competitor must correspond to ISSF rules.
- 10.2** Ammunition projectiles, indifferent in square shape, are made of lead or any other soft material. Diameter maximum 4.5 Major (Calibre .177).
- 10.3** Any type of air rifle, or CO2 rifle that seems conventional, in conformity with the specifications of the ISSF rules, and with the following improvement. (Rule 11)

The weight of the weapon fitted with the aiming device must not exceed six kilos.

11 FURTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS

- 11.1** The rifle shall be equipped with a telescope that converts light into sound. Sound is transferred by means of a headphone or earphone to the competitor. The rifle may also be equipped with a laser-based aiming device with an acoustic output.
- 11.2** The electronic aiming devices must be those which are available in any shop or could be ordered.
- 11.3** Apart from the electronic aiming device, no assistive devices may be fitted to the rifle (such as front sight, back sight adjuster)
- 11.4** The competitor shall provide his/her own lamp, rifle and scope-system.
- 11.5** All equipment shall be submitted to an examination as per ISSF and ISCD regulations.
- 11.6** The transmitted sounds, produced by acoustic ear/headphones shall be adjustable in order not to impede other competitors.
- 11.7** The rifle support for prone and sitting positions may be composed of adjustable parts, which may be disassembled.