

Single Action Match Rules



These rules relate to the matches conducted at WAPA affiliated clubs in the discipline of Single Action.

Rules for 40 shot Black Powder 25m course of fire and 60 Shot 25m Centre Fire / 25m Pistol course of fire have been written with the intent that the Single Action shooter may participate in the same detail as black powder or ISSF shooters with minimal disturbance, subject to the approval of the club management.

General Pistol Rules

- a. Approved pistols are single action revolvers of traditional pre 1900 design, of either original or modern manufacture.
- b. Calibres must be 0.22 to 0.45.
- c. The grip must be the same shape as the original.
- d. The trigger must pass a "bump" test as applied to 25m black powder pistols.
- e. The sights must be unmodified open sights, either adjustable or fixed.
- f. Ammunition may be loaded with either traditional black powder or modern smokeless powders.
- g. Shooting from holsters will not be permitted.

(Note: Clubs are urged to inform members who intend to use black powder loads that many powder throwers and progressive loaders are not suitable for safely dispensing black powder, as static electricity can be generated. Black powder charges must be dispensed using a brass powder flask or other equipment manufactured specifically for dispensing black powder.)

40 Shot Black Powder 25m Course of Fire

The rules for Black Powder 25 metre match, as published and amended from time to time by Pistol Australia, will apply to the extent described below:

- a. Section 2 Safety shall apply except for references to loading benches or tables, disassembly, caps, flasks and grease.
- b. If the shooter is using cartridges loaded with black powder, in the event of a misfire or breakage, the shooter must continue to hold the pistol pointing in a safe direction down range for;
 - (i) At least 5 (five) seconds before re-cocking or attempting to repair, or
 - (ii) At least 15 (fifteen) seconds before unlocking/opening a top break style revolver.
- c. Section 3 Range and Target Standards shall apply.

- d. Section 4 Pistols, Equipment and Ammunition shall be replaced by the General Pistol Rules at the beginning of this document.
- e. Section 7 Shooting Procedures and Competition Rules shall apply except:
 - (i) Unfired shots can be unloaded rather than discharged.
 - (ii) Loading must be done at the firing line, not at a loading table.
 - (iii) If there are other shooters in the detail shooting the Black Powder 25m match, loading of single action pistols will not take place until the Cap Pistols command is given and once loaded the pistol must be kept in the hand at all times.
- f. Section 8 Misfires, Cease to Function and Breakages shall apply except:
 - (i) In a rapidfire series a misfiring cartridge shall be treated the same as a malfunction in an ISSF 25m Centrefire event (regardless of propellant used) subject to the safety procedures for black powder hang fires.
 - (ii) The shooter will be permitted only one malfunction series in the rapidfire stage.

(Note: It is not recommended that Black Powder and Single Action competitors be mixed in the same detail unless the Range Officer is sufficiently competent to deal with the differences)

60 Shot 25m Centre Fire / 25m Pistol Course of Fire

The rules for 25m Centre Fire / 25m Pistol match, as published and amended from time to time by ISSF, will apply to the extent described below:

- a. Section 6 General Technical Rules shall apply except
 - (i) safety flags will not be necessary if insertion is not possible without disassembling the pistol.
 - (ii) scoring gauges and skid gauges used will be either .22, .38 or .45 calibre as applicable to the pistol.
- b. Sections 8.4 Equipment and Ammunition, 8.12 Pistol Specification Table and 8.13 Pistol Configuration Drawing shall be replaced by the General Pistol Rules at the beginning of this document, except that only smokeless powder may be used.

65 shot Service 25 yards course of fire

The rules for Service Pistol 25 Yards, as published and amended from time to time by Pistol Australia, will apply to the extent described below:

- a. Section 2 Safety shall apply except:
 - (i) the placing of a loaded handgun in a holster is specifically prohibited under any circumstances.
 - (ii) When changing position the loading gate must be open, and in the case of a top break style revolver the pistol must remain open.
- b. Section 3 Range and Target Standards shall apply.

- c. Section 4 Firearms, Equipment and Ammunition shall be replaced by the General Pistol Rules at the beginning of this document.
- d. Section 7 Shooting Procedures and Competition Rules shall apply except:
 - 7.4.2 The order of shooting positions for the first stage can be reversed at the discretion of the shooter, beginning with the left side of the barricade and finishing prone. The shooter must notify the range officer before the commencement of shooting if this is the intention.
 - 7.4.2.1 The time for the first stage at 25 yards is 235 seconds in the case of a top break style revolver or 300 seconds otherwise.
 - 7.4.2.1.1 At the commencement of the first 25 yard stage the pistol must be placed on the ground with the hammer down on an empty chamber.
 - 7.4.2.1.7 and 7.4.2.1.8 The time for each series is 15 seconds.
 - 7.4.3.1.1 The time for the series is 8 seconds.
 - 7.4.3.1.2 The time for the series is 12 seconds. The hammer must be cocked only with the thumb of the shooting hand.
 - 7.4.3.1.3 The time for the series is 8 seconds.
 - 7.4.4.1.1 The time for the series is 35 seconds in the case of a top break style revolver or 45 seconds otherwise.
 - 7.4.5 Ammunition need not be carried in the pocket however the use of devices to aid in loading is not permitted.
- e. Section 8 Malfunction of a Pistol shall apply except if the shooter is using cartridges loaded with black powder, in the event of a misfire or breakage, the shooter must continue to hold the pistol pointing in a safe direction down range for;
 - (i) At least 5 (five) seconds before re-cocking or attempting to repair, or
 - (ii) At least 15 (fifteen) seconds before unlocking/opening a top break style revolver.
- f. Section 10 Equipment Control will not apply.
- g. Section 11 Scoring Procedures will apply except scoring gauges and skid gauges used will be either .22, .38 or .45 calibre as applicable to the pistol.