



## **AIR PISTOL DISCIPLINE**

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# SSAA WA AIR PISTOL MATCH

## SECTION 1 - AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Air Pistol is intended to be a challenging sport which will test the capacity of the competitor mentally and physically.

The match is to be shot one handed and is a total of 60 shots in 90 minutes at a distance of 10 meters.

## SECTION 2 - SSAA STANDARD RULES

The SSAA Standard Rules cover common rules, that apply to all disciplines.

These Standard Rules should be used with each discipline's current rule book and they take precedence over any standard rule that may be in a discipline's rule book. The Rules covered are shown as heading and subheadings in this rule book.

The current edition of the Standard Rules is available on the SSAA website at [www.ssaa.org.au/standard-rules](http://www.ssaa.org.au/standard-rules)

## SECTION 3 - AIR PISTOL SPECIFICATIONS

**3.1 Grips** - Standard left or right-hand grips. No grips allowed that provide support to the wrist that prevent wrist from being fully visible when the pistol is in the normal firing position.

**3.2 Calibre** – Allowable calibre for Air Pistol is 4,5mm (.177)

**3.3 Sights** - Only Open Sights are allowed. No fibre optic or light enhancing sights allowed. No Optics of any kind are permitted.

**3.4 Trigger Weight** - Minimum Trigger pull is 500g.

**3.5 Cased Air Pistols** - Air Pistols must be carried to the firing line in their case or bag. It may be opened at the bench but the handgun may not be handled until the command:

**“10 Minute Preparation and Sighting Series - START”** is given.

**3.6 Air Pistol Weight & Size** - Air Pistols must not exceed the weight of 1500grams and must fit in the Measuring Box of 420mm x 200mm x 50mm

**3.7 Single Shot** - Air pistols must be Single Shot only. No Semi-Auto Air pistols are permitted.

**3.8 Barrels** - Perforated barrel attachments and ported barrels are allowed.

**3.9 Inspections** - Competitors Air Pistols may be inspected at any time throughout the conduct of the competition to ensure that it complies with the competition rules.

**3.10 Unserviceable Pistol during match** - Only one Air Pistol can be used by a competitor in all stages of a match. If during a match the original Air Pistol becomes unusable, the competitor may correct the malfunction or replace the pistol upon advising the Range Officer.

## **SECTION 4 - SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

**4.1 Ear and eye protection** - It is strongly recommended that **ear and eye protection** be worn at all times by persons who are in the vicinity of the firing line whilst shooting is underway.

**4.2 Closed shoes** - It is required that **enclosed shoes** be worn at all times by a competitor whilst engaged in the competition and in the vicinity of the firing line.

**4.3 Clothing** - When engaged in competitions, competitors should not wear inappropriate or offensive clothing. For safety and for the image of the sport military style camouflage clothing is strongly discouraged.

## **SECTION 5 - STAFFING REQUIREMENTS & DUTIES**

To conduct a registered tournament the following requirements should be met.

**5.1 Match Director** - This official in charge of the entire match including squadding, scheduling, coordinating other staff and services.

**5.2 Chief Range Officer** – Is responsible for conducting the competitors through the match, ensuring the rules are applied equally and impartially. Also be available to answer any questions the shooters may have.

**5.3 Scorer** - the official who will receive all score cards from the Chief Range Officer and records the score then delivers to the Chief Scorer.

**5.4 Chief Scorer** – the official who will cross check all scores, add all scores, compile and publish final results

## **SECTION 6 - SCORING**

**6.1 Course of Fire** - Air Pistol is a 60 shot Match shot at a distance of 10 meters. Only 1 shot per target to be shot during State or National Competitions.

**6.2 Gauging/Scoring** - Where the outside diameter of the shot touches a line it will be given the highest value. A plug gauge or overlay scoring slide of the appropriate calibre may be used by the chief scorer to check. A pellet hole may only be gauged once and the target marked to show this has occurred.

**6.3 Electronic Scoring** - If the club has an electronic scoring machine, this is to be used instead of gauges and no protests are allowed in relation to scoring issues.

## **SECTION 7 – PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

**7.1** - At all registered Championships there shall be a Protest and Appeals Committee (hereinafter called "Appeals Committee") which shall be formed by the appointed nominee to hear and decide protests and appeals

**7.2** - The Appeals Committee shall consist of a minimum of three people, but in no case shall an appellant or protester be included as a member of the Appeals Committee. In competitions where more than one Club is represented a delegate from any of the Club's represented may be appointed to be a member of the said Committee and such appointments shall be at the discretion of their appointed nominee.

**7.3** - A protest may be lodged by any competitor who feels aggrieved by a decision of the Range Officer, the target scorers, or any other organisational matters or methods of conducting the competition. A competitor may protest the conduct of another competitor(s) or that another competitor(s) has not fulfilled their obligations according to these Rules, or has not properly obeyed the Rules.

**7.4** - The protest must be lodged in writing and accompanied by a fee set by the appointed nominee. If the protest or appeal is upheld, the applicant is to be refunded the amount of the fee. If the protest is disallowed, then the fee shall be forfeited to the organisers conducting the competition.

**7.5** - The protest is to be lodged with the Range Officer or other persons nominated by the appointed nominee to receive appeals. A protest may be lodged during the conduct of a competition or after the competition has been completed but not later than 30 minutes after the scores for that competition have been announced or posted. When received, the protest or appeal must be given to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee as soon as possible.

**7.6** - The appointed nominee shall convene the Appeals Committee without undue delay and the Appeals Committee shall be empowered to hear evidence from the

protester, the appellant and person(s) involved in the protest; to require the Range Officer, Scorers or organisers to produce targets, score sheets or other material relevant to the protest; to call evidence from any other person(s) who may be able to help the Appeals Committee; and to do all such other things that the Appeals Committee believes will enable it to reach an unbiased and just decision.

**7.7 - Any accused person shall:**

**7.7.1 -** have a right to be heard before the Appeals Committee and to remain in attendance during each session of the Appeals Committee.

**7.7.2 -** be advised of the time and place the Appeals Committee shall hear evidence of the protest or appeal.

**7.7.3 -** be entitled to remain in attendance before the Appeals Committee until the Appeals Committee adjourns the proceedings to make its decision.

**7.7.4 -** be informed of the evidence or allegations made.

**7.7.5 -** be supplied the details of verbal or written statements made against that person or persons.

**7.7.6 -** be given an opportunity before the Appeals Committee to correct or contradict any accusations or allegations made

**7.8 -** Immediately the Appeals Committee has made a decision, the Appeals Committee Chairman shall verbally announce it to a gathering of competitors summoned to hear the decision or post the decision on a notice board. SSAA Standard Rules Official National Rules No. 8 (Revised November 2018) 10 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on the matter of the protest and on all persons concerned therein.

Note: Desirably the Appeals Committee proceedings and deliberations should be conducted out of the public gaze and free from distractions of the ongoing competition.

## **SECTION 8 - RANGE PROCEDURES**

### **8.1 Range Commands**

#### **“10 Minute Preparation and Sighting Series - START”**

Competitors have 10 minutes to take their Air pistols out of their cases or bags and all equipment they need is to be organised and set up for the shoot. During this time, the competitors must use this for their sighting series. Unlimited shots allowed during this period

After 10 minutes call

#### **“End of Preparation and Sighting Series - STOP”.**

Competitors must cease firing and put their Air Pistols down.

At the completion of the Sighting Series, all competitors must change their targets ready for the competition.

**“90 Minute Match Firing - Start”** If a competitor is not ready they must state in a loud voice “NOT READY”

After 80 Minutes, call **“10 Minutes Remaining”**

At the completion of the 90 Minutes call **“End of 90 Minute Match Firing – STOP”**  
Competitors must cease firing immediately, show clear and put down their Air Pistols.

The Range Officer is to go along the line and clear all pistols for casing and removal.

## **SECTION 9 - INFRINGEMENTS**

### **9.1 Loading of 2 Pellets**

**8.1.1 Unfired** - If a competitor realises what has happened, he/she must signal the Range Officer, who must then oversee the handling of the gun. No extra time is allowed for the clearing of the firearm and there is no penalty.

**8.1.2 Fired** – If the competitor does not realise until after he/she has fired the 2 pellets, he/she must signal the Range Officer. If there are 2 hits on the target the highest scoring shot is credited to the shooter and the second shot is annulled. If there is only one hit on the target, it is counted. No extra time is allowed and there is no penalty.

### **9.2 Target Falls out of the Carrier**

If the target has been fired at then make note for a retrieval and send it in with the next batch of targets for that competitor. At the end of the match retrieve the target and take it immediately to the scorer.

If the target has not been fired at then issue a new renumbered target (the Range Officer must initial it also) and the shooter may continue.

## **SECTION 10 - COMPETITORS**

**10.1** - It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their equipment meets the rules.

**10.2** - Competitors should refrain from boisterous conduct on the firing range during the conduct of an event. A competitor failing to observe this fact may be disciplined by the Range Officer. In the event of boisterous or unsportsmanlike behaviour by a competitor the Range Officer shall caution the offender once, and, if there is any repetition of the conduct, the competitor may be asked to immediately leave the firing line and may also be disqualified. Any disqualification made under this Rule may be appealable under the procedure set down in Section 7 for the Protest and Appeals Committee.

**10.3** - It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they understand the course of fire.

**10.4** - All competitors must be a current financial member of the SSAA.

**10.5** - A junior competitor shall be under the age of 18.

## **SECTION 11 - REGISTERED MATCHES**

**11.1** - An Association or Branch of the SSAA (W.A.) Inc wishing to host a registered competition shall notify their State Delegate, who will inspect the range (if necessary) and notify the State Secretary no later than 7 days before the competition.

**11.2** - Only one state level competition will be registered at one time within a state.

**11.3** - Once a competition is registered the host club may advise the State Secretary and he/she will send out the notification of the competition to all clubs.

**11.4** - The host club will decide and advertise the nomination fee.

**11.5** - The host club will be responsible for providing the range equipment, targets, range staff for the competition.

**11.6** - Host clubs may choose to award additional trophies if they wish, at their expense.



## **SECTION 12 - GRADING**

575 - 600	AA grade
560 - 574	A grade
540 - 559	B grade
500 - 539	C grade
0 - 499	D grade

To qualify for the next higher grade the score must be achieved three times, a competitor can leap several grades by doing so.

An ungraded shooter is deemed to be competing in the highest grade being competed on the day of which there are more than 3 competitors already competing

For an ungraded competitor the score achieved for their 1<sup>st</sup> match will determine the initial grading

The Target to be used in all Air Pistol Matches is the SSAA Air Pistol Targets provided by ACS Print – Target No T26.