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Footer reference for this revised edition to change	EDITION 2025 (First Print 12/2025) Effective 1 JANUARY 2026	EDITION 2025 (Second Print 07/2026) Effective 1 JULY 2026
PAGE 3	LIST OF 13 ANNEX START WITH RULE 3.12	ALL 13 ANNEX RULE NUMBERS TO READ 3.13.3.1 TO 3.13.3.13
PAGE 3	CONTENTS LIST - ITEMS 9/10/11 HAVE 000	CONTENTS LIST - ITEMS 9/10/11 TO READ 381/455/479 (Page Numbers)
Article 3.13.3.9 page 79	Annex J, add new rule 6.6	6.6 A Judges licence holder can have only one country designation change during their lifetime.
Article 3.13.3.9 page 87	5.1 A fee of Euro 25.00 is charged for an upgrading.	5.1 A fee of Euro 15.00 is charged for an upgrading.
Article 3.13.3.13	Annex AC, replace existing document	Insert New documents, Annex AC1 & AC2
5.2	5.2 When an upgrading is approved by the Judges committee, the ISSF Headquarters will issue a new ISSF Licence.....	5.1 When an upgrading is approved by the Judges committee, the ISSF Headquarters will issue a new ISSF Licence valid for 5 years and this will be sent to the National Federation in the same way as for other Licence issues.
4.6.1.6	Existing drawing for Shotgun vest sponsor markings.	Remove drawing and add: See drawing at rule 9.12.1
6.3.3.1 and 6.3.3.2	Revised MT rules (Editorial only)	Replace existing rule 6.3.3.1 & 2 with new. See Annex F
6.4.6.1	VARIATION ALLOWABLE; CHARACTERS CORRUPT	$\pm 4.00\text{m}$ $\pm 0.50\text{m}$ $+0.10\text{m}/-0.20\text{m}$ $\pm 0.05\text{m}$ $\pm 0.20\text{m}$ $\pm 0.05\text{m}$
PAGE 304	3 BLANK ENTRIES IN INDEX	REMOVE 3 BLANK ENTRIES; also any in other Index throughout
PAGE 313	INDEX ENTRY - MEDAL CEREMONY	REMOVE THIS ENTRY, ALREADY IN CORRECT ALPHABETICAL PLACE IN INDEX
6.4.15 to 6.4.15.9	Revised MT rules (Editorial only)	Replace existing rule 6.4.15 to 6.4.15.9 with new. See Annex F
6.4.15.2	Moving Target, due to technical changes to target sledge, add new rule	If a sled wider than the target is used, the effective target area shall be clearly marked in such a way that the moment at which the target becomes fully visible or completely obscured is unambiguous.
6.7.4.4	Mobile phones or other hand-held communication devices (i.e. tablets, etc.), electronic devices or wrist-worn devices (i.e. smart watches, fitness trackers) must not be in communication mode whilst on the field of play.	Mobile phones and other electronic communication devices are not permitted on the field of play.
6.7.6.2.e	e) The Equipment Control Section must ensure that all Rifle shooting jackets and shooting trousers are identified with a seal bearing a unique serial number that is registered to the athlete. The seal must be designed so that it cannot be removed without breaking the seal. Seals previously issued for one-time- only clothing inspections fulfil this requirement. Jackets and trousers with no seal must be checked for compliance with ISSF Rules and have seals affixed to them that are registered for the athlete. The Equipment Control and Rifle Juries will use the jacket and trouser seals to conduct random checks for compliance with Rule 7.5.1.2;	e) The Equipment Control Section must ensure that all Rifle shooting jackets, shooting trousers and shoes are identified with a seal bearing a unique serial number that is registered to the athlete. The seal must be designed so that it cannot be removed without breaking the seal. Seals previously issued for one-time- only clothing inspections fulfil this requirement. Jackets, trousers and shoes with no seal must be checked for compliance with ISSF Rules and have seals affixed to them that are registered for the athlete. The Equipment Control and Rifle Juries will use the jacket, trouser and shoe seals to conduct random checks for compliance with Rule 7.5.1.2;

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6.7.9.5	Extra time requested between Qualification and Finals	When creating Programmes for ISSF Championships, a minimum period of one and a half hours must be allowed between end of Qualification and Final Reporting time.
6.11.8.f	a) The use of mobile phones, walkie-talkies, pagers or similar communication or electronic devices by athletes, coaches and team officials while on the field of play is prohibited. Any electronic device must not be in communication mode whilst on the field of play. This includes mobile phones. See Rule 6.7.4.4	Mobile phones and other electronic communication devices are not permitted on the field of play. See Rule 6.7.4.4
6.7.9.5	New Rule regarding Post Competition Testing	In all Post Competition targeted testing, following a Qualification, all Finalists in Rifle and Pistol events must also be tested. (Top 10 athletes to allow for DSQ's). This is in addition to any testing carried out in the Finals Preparation area.
6.11.9.7 & 9	All athlete checks by the Range Officers must be completed before the start of Preparation and Sighting time.	All athlete checks by the Range Officers must be completed before the start of Preparation time.
6.17.1.14.c	c) Call to the line. An NTO will direct athletes to line up close to the Finals Range ten (10) minutes before the published START time. When Rifle finalists are called from the Preparation Area to the firing line, they must walk to the line fully dressed with trousers and jackets closed. The CRO will announce "ATHLETES TO THE LINE" .	<i>Add cross reference:</i> See Rule 7.5.2.3 regarding 'walking'.
6.17.1.14.l	currently reads..... and a two (2) hit penalty.....	 and a two (2) point/hit penalty must be applied to the last correct shot/series.
6.17.4.h	And the CRO will command "TAKE YOUR POSITIONS" for Athletes 5, 6, 7 and 8. They will move forward to the Firing Point and the above process will be repeated. , After 20 seconds CRO will command "PREPARATION BEGINS NOW" . During this time the athlete on the right in the 5-target group may take his pistol in his hand to prepare, but he may not do aiming exercises, arm lifts or dry firing.	And the CRO will command "TAKE YOUR POSITIONS" for Athletes 5, 6, 7 and 8. They will move forward to the Firing Point, after 20 seconds CRO will command "PREPARATION BEGINS NOW", and the above process will be repeated. After the command READY, the athletes on the right in the 5-target group, can prepare for the next series, may take his pistol in his hand to prepare, but he may not do aiming exercises, arm lifts or dry firing.
6.18.1.7	Rule title reads: Coaching	Change to read: Coaching and Time out
6.18.1.10	Currently reads c) and d)	Should read a) and b)
6.18.3.7	Delete Rule as duplication	Add cross reference: See rule 6.17.1.8
Page 296	Existing Form STDP to be replaced	Replace existing Form STDP with new version Annex C
7.5.1.2	Only one (1) shooting jacket and only one (1) pair of shooting trousers may be used by each athlete in all Rifle events in any ISSF Championship. All Rifle shooting jackets and shooting trousers must have a seal with a unique serial number issued by ISSF Equipment Control and registered in an ISSF database. Athletes with jackets or trousers that do not have a seal must bring them to Equipment Control to have a seal attached and registered in the ISSF database. Two (2) jackets and two (2) trousers may be registered to each athlete. Athletes with more than one jacket or trousers with ISSF seals must inform the ISSF Equipment Control which item will be used in that Championship. Athletes that change jackets or trousers or any with no seal (new or changed) must bring them to Equipment Control to obtain a seal and retire the previous seal (6.7.6.2.e). When an athlete is selected for post- competition testing, the test must confirm that the seal number registered to that athlete was the seal number on the clothing used by that athlete.	Only one (1) shooting jacket and only one (1) pair of shooting trousers may be used by each athlete in all Rifle events in any ISSF Championship. All Rifle shooting jackets, shooting trousers and shoes must have a seal with a unique serial number issued by ISSF Equipment Control and registered in an ISSF database. Athletes with jackets, trousers or shoes that do not have a seal must bring them to Equipment Control to have a seal attached and registered in the ISSF database. Two (2) jackets and two (2) trousers may be registered to each athlete. Athletes with more than one jacket and trousers with ISSF seals must inform the ISSF Equipment Control which item will be used in that Championship. Athletes that change jackets, trousers or shoes, or any with no seal (new or changed) must bring them to Equipment Control to obtain a seal and retire the previous seal (6.7.6.2.e). When an athlete is selected for post- competition testing, the test must confirm that the seal number registered to that athlete was the seal number on the clothing used by that athlete.
7.5.1.5	Post-competition checks will be made of all Rifle clothing items after Elimination and Qualification Round competitions to ensure compliance (6.7.9).	Add to this rule: As part of the Post-competition testing following all Rifle Qualifications, all likely Finalists must be included in the Post-competition Testing. Usually the top ten athletes, to allow for possible DSQ's. This is in addition to any testing carried out in the Finals Preparation area.
7.5.2.2.d	They must allow the jacket to collapse naturally when placed upright on a level surface	Delete this part of the rule

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7.5.2.3	<i>This is to ensure that the sole can bend when the athlete walks 'normally,' heel-toe, and not robotically stiff-legged and flat footed! Warnings will be given and penalties may be incurred if a Range Official or Jury member observes that behaviour whilst on the FOP in Eliminations, Qualification and Finals</i>	This is to ensure that the sole can bend when the athlete walks 'normally,' heel-toe, and not robotically stiff-legged and flat footed! Warnings will be given and penalties may be incurred if a Range Official or Jury member observes that behaviour whilst on the FOP in Eliminations, and Qualification. In Finals an immediate 2 point/hit penalty will be given.
7.5.4.2	A maximum number of five (5) buttons is allowed to close the jacket	A maximum number of five (5) button holes are permitted to be used at any one time, to close the jacket.
7.5.5.4	Shooting Trousers may be worn in the Rifle Prone events, and the Prone stage of Rifle 3 Position events, Men and Women.	Shooting Trousers may be worn in the Rifle Prone events, and any stage of Rifle 3 Position events, Men and Women.
8.4.1.5 & 8.4.1.6	Replace existing grip diagram with new diagram	Add new drawing to replace existing drawing Annex D
8.4.2.3	Currently reads 87.4.2.3	Should read 8.4.2.3
8.4.4.1	Velocity Tests, rule does not refer to new procedure document published	See ANNEX B Procedures for conducting Rapid Fire Pistol Ammunition Velocity Tests Manual.
8.6.3	Cross reference reads 6.4.11.9.c	Should read 6.4.11.10.c
8.7.6.1.b	b) 10 minutes before the start of Preparation time, and after any preceding relay is finished, the CRO will call the athletes to the line	b) 13 minutes before the Start time, and after any preceding relay is finished, the CRO will call the athletes to the line
8.7.7	New Rule regarding Post Competition Testing	In all Post Competition targeted testing, following a Qualification, all Finalists in Rifle and Pistol events must also be tested. (Top 10 athletes to allow for DSQ's). This is in addition to any testing carried out in the Finals Preparation area.
9.4.2.1.c	c) Due to safety requirements, all parts of the Shotguns or accessories (including the ported Barrels, buttstock, fore-end, the barrel and the interchangeable chokes) must be manufactured by a recognised manufacturer, any modifications which are not following the safety requirements will be prohibited from being used.	c) Due to safety requirements during ISSF competitions, all shotguns must be safe for use and free from any condition that may compromise their structural integrity or safe operation. The following components are considered structural components: barrels, chamber, receiver, locking system, fore-end, and buttstock. Structural components must not be cracked, deformed, or subject to temporary or improvised repair (including but not limited to tape, glue, pins, wire, or similar materials). Any such condition shall result in the shotgun being deemed unsafe and not permitted for use. Modifications to structural components that alter material thickness, pressure tolerance, or mechanical performance — including non-factory or non-professional drilling, porting, or machining — are prohibited. Modifications that are purely ergonomic and do not affect structural integrity or safe operation are permitted. This includes grip shaping, grip filling, and surface adaptations. The grip is not considered a structural component under this rule.
9.5.6.1.b	b) They must possess an ISSF Shotgun Referee's Licence and a current eyesight Certificate.	b) They must possess a current National Level Referee's Licence and a current eyesight Certificate.
9.9.4 to 9.9.4.4	currently reads 9.4.4	change to 9.9.4 etc.
Page 439 9.18.4	Currently 9.18.4 on Page 439 is a repeat Rule no. followed by 9.18.4.3 / 4/5/6/7 which are incorrect	Should read 9.18.5 , followed by 9.18.5.1/2/3/4/5
9.14	Current rules for Shoot-Off 9.14 to 9.14.2.6 to be replaced	New Rules for 9.14 to 9.14.2.6 to be inserted as rules submitted by Shotgun Committee. See Annex A to this document.

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9.17.4.3.b	currently Stations 3, 4 & 5 are used for Shoot-offs	b) Skeet. The tied athletes must line up behind Station 4 in Start number order. The athletes must shoot one regular Double; if the tie is not broken with the first Double, they must shoot one reverse Double on that station; if the tie is not broken, they continue on Station 4 to shoot one regular Double, and if the tie is not broken one reverse Double; this sequence continues, again on Station 4 , until the tie is broken.
9.17.8 to 9.17.9.1	New Rules for VAR	Insert new rules for VAR 9.17.8 to 9.17.9.1 See Annex E
9.17 & 9.18	Finals Rules for Individual and Mixed Team, Shotgun to be changed	Various rules contained in rules 9.17 and 9.18 to be amended, as per document on ISSF website. See Annex B to this document.
9.18.5.1	New rule for Time-outs	In the Final, while shooting is in progress, Coaches/Team Officials, without disturbing the athletes, may request from the Jury Member in Charge, one (1) Coaching Timeout for a maximum duration of thirty (30) seconds . The Jury Member in Charge will then, at the turn of that team's athlete(s) to fire, without disturbing the shooting procedure decide when to stop shooting and allow the Coach/Team Official to approach and speak to the his/her athletes, on the shooting station. The other Coach/Team Official may, during this time, also approach and speak to his/her athletes without losing the opportunity for a timeout. The Jury Member in Charge must control the time.
9.18.5	Currently reads 9.18.4, followed by 9.18.4.3 to 9.18.4.7	Should read 9.18.5, followed by 9.18.5.1 to 9.18.5.5
Section 10	Throughout section 10, reference to run is changed to move, for consistency.	Replace Section 10 with revised pages, minor editorial changes only. Annex G