



Expected changes to the ISSF Rules and Regulations – 2009

While there will be a number of changes to the format of the ISSF Rules & Regulations, most of these are due to relocation of safety rules and those specific rules that apply to both Pistol and Rifle to section 6: General Technical Rules.

There are very few changes that will affect the average shooter:

- **Tie-breaking by count-back**
Inner 10s will be the first step for those ties resolved by count-back.
 - For ties not resolved by the number of inner 10s, the next step will be by count-back in 10-shot series (previously the first step)
 - For ties still not resolved, the next step is by the number of 10s, 9s, 8s, etc.
 - This will involve scoring of inner 10s, and a change to the Register (Score) Cards

- **Trigger weight for ISSF Centre Fire pistols**
The minimum trigger weight for ISSF Centre Fire pistols is expected to be 1000g
 - It is not a requirement that the trigger weight is reduced from the present 1360gm. Trigger weights may be left at their existing setting (particularly if also used for Service or WA1500).
 - This applies **ONLY** to ISSF – there is no change to the minimum trigger weight for other events
 - Shooters are advised that this is an **expected** change and shooters **should not** reduce the trigger weight of their ISSF Centre Fire pistol/s until the rule change is confirmed in the ISSF Rules and Regulations.
 - Reducing the trigger weight of CF pistols needs expert advice:
 - any modification to sear engagement should only be undertaken by a competent pistolsmith.
 - winding back the mainspring tension on most revolvers has little effect on trigger weight, but will increase problems with misfires and malfunctions.
 - reducing the trigger weight on semi-automatic pistols may increase the chance of maxims (i.e. multiple shots for one trigger release).

- **ISSF Finals**
 - Penalty for late reporting for Finals**
 - A 2-points penalty will be applied to a shooter who is late reporting for a Finals. The Reporting Time for Finals is unchanged at 20 minutes before the published Starting Time for the Final.
 - Penalty for discharging gas during Preparation Time for 10m Finals**
 - A 2-points penalty will be applied to a shooter who discharges gas during 10m Finals Preparation Time. Although not permitted in PA competitions, this new rule recognises that at ISSF World Cups, etc. it is not unusual to have approved media personnel forward of the firing line during Preparation Time for Finals

The NRC is producing revised Guides for Range Officers, Equipment Control Forms, and Register (Score) Cards for use at competitions in 2009.