6.18 AIR RIFLE AND AIR PISTOL MIXED TEAM EVENTS

6.18.1 General Competition Procedures

6.18.1.1 Events.

This Rule (6.18) provides special technical rules for these events:

- a) 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team and Mixed Team Junior
- b) 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team and Mixed Team Junior

6.18.1.2 Team Composition.

Mixed teams must be national teams (no mixed nations) with two team members, one male and one female. Both team members should wear matching competition clothing with national colors and identification.

6.18.1.3 Team Entries.

Nations may enter a maximum of two teams in one Championship. The entry fee for each team is EUR 170.00 (3.7.4.1). Team members may be changed for other athletes registered in the Championship not later than 12:00 hours before the second day before the day of the Mixed Team competition.

6.18.1.4 Competition Format.

10m Mixed Team events will be conducted in two stages:

- a) QUALIFICATION
- b) FINAL

6.18.1.5 Team Scores.

Team scores and rankings in Mixed Teams events are based on the total scores of the two team members.

6.18.1.6 Coaching.

During the Qualification, coaching will be governed by 6.12.5 (non-verbal coaching is allowed). During the Final, when Announcer commentary is taking place, each coach may approach and speak with his team members on their firing points one time (once per Final) for a maximum of 30 seconds. The Jury-Member-in-Charge must control the time.

6.18.1.7 Malfunctions.

Malfunctions in the Qualification will be governed according to 6.13. Malfunctions in the Final will be governed according to 6.17.1.6. Athletes may have only one malfunction per stage (Qualification and Final), either ALLOWABLE or NON-ALLOWABLE.

6.18.1.8 EST Complaints and Score Protests.

EST complaints during the Qualification will be decided according to 6.16.5.2. EST complaints during Finals will be decided according to 6.18.3.5.

6.18.1.9 Protests.

Protests during the Qualification will be decided according to 6.16. Any protests made during Finals will be decided by a Finals Protest Jury according to 6.17.1.10 d) and 6.17.6.

6.18.1.10 Victory Ceremonies.

Victory Ceremonies for Mixed Team events will be conducted according to 6.17.7.

6.18.2 QUALIFICATION

6.18.2.1 Location.

Mixed Team Qualifications will be fired on the Qualification Range in one or more relays.

6.18.2.2 Squadding.

The two members of each team must be squadded to fire on adjacent firing points with the male athlete on the right and the female athlete on the left. Teams will be squadded by a random computer draw according to 6.6.6. Teams from the same nation may not be squadded next to each other.

6.18.2.3 Call to Line.

For each Qualification relay, the CRO will call the athletes to the line five (5) minutes before the Preparation and Sighting Time starts.

6.18.2.4 Preparation and Sighting Time.

There will be a ten (10) minute Preparation and Sighting Time before the Qualification. This will be followed by a 30-second pause to reset the targets. During the Preparation and Sighting Time, an Announcer may explain the competition format for spectators and may also introduce the competing teams.

6.18.2.5 Number of Match Shots and Time Limit.

In the Qualification Stage, each team member will fire forty (40) Match shots (80 total shots per team), with a time limit of 50 minutes. The Qualification competition will be conducted according to 6.11.

6.18.2.6 Scoring.

Decimal ring scoring (6.3.3.1) will be used for the 10m Rifle Mixed Team Qualification. Whole ring scoring will be used for the 10m Pistol Mixed Team Qualification.

6.18.2.7 Team Ranking.

Teams will be ranked according to their team scores. Ties will be broken by applying 6.15.1 to the team scores (totals of the two team member scores).

6.18.2.8 Qualification for Final.

The top five (5) teams in the Qualification advance to the Final.

6.18.3 FINAL

6.18.3.1 Location.

10m Rifle and Pistol Mixed Team Finals must, if possible, be fired on a Finals Range. Results monitors visible to both members of each team must be available on the FOP.

6.18.3.2 Finals Officials.

The conduct and supervision of Mixed Team Finals will be done according to 6.17.1.10.

6.18.3.3 Squadding.

The five teams in the Final will be squadded by a random draw on the ten (10) firing points of the Finals Range. Team members must be squadded to fire on adjacent firing points. When the team reports (30 min. before), the team coach must inform the RTS Jury which team member will shoot on the left and which team member will shoot on the right.

6.18.3.4 Scoring.

Scores in the Qualification do not carry forward. Finals scoring starts from zero. All Match shots in the Finals (both Rifle and Pistol) will be scored with decimal scoring.

6.18.3.5 EST Complaints During Finals.

If a team member or coach complains, or a Range Officer or Jury Member observes, that the paper strip is failing to advance, the CRO must stop the Sighting Period or competition, direct the Technical Officer to fix the problem and then continue firing.

If a team member complains that his target fails to register or that there is an unexpected zero or unexplained miss, the following steps must be taken:

- a) The Jury and Range Officer must note the time when the complaint occurred;
- b) The Range Officer must stop the second team member from firing and direct the athlete whose target malfunctioned to fire another shot. If the additional shot registers, the Range Officer will direct the team to complete the series/ shot plus 60 seconds of additional time. The value of the additional shot will be counted and the missing shot will be ignored.
- c) If the additional shot does not register, the Range Officer must direct the team with the target that malfunctioned to stop shooting. At the end of the series/ shot, the Jury must stop the competition and direct the Technical Officer(s) to repair or replace the target.
- d) After the target is repaired or replaced, all teams will be given two (2) minutes of unlimited sighting shots. The team that had the malfunctioning target will then complete their series/shot in the time remaining when the interruption occurred plus 60 seconds of additional time. After they complete their series, the competition will continue.

6.18.3.6 Reporting and Start Times.

The Start Time for the Final is when the CRO begins the commands for the first competition series. Teams that qualify for the Final must report to the Finals Range Preparation Area, with both team members, one coach and all necessary equipment, at least 30 minutes before the Start Time. A two-point (2) penalty will be deducted from the score of the first competition series if one or two team members do not report on time. If the Victory Ceremony is scheduled after the Final, all athletes must report with a national team uniform appropriate for a Victory Ceremony. Juries must complete equipment checks during the reporting period and as soon as possible after the athlete reports. Team members and their coaches must be allowed to place their rifles or pistols on their assigned firing points in the FOP at least 18 minutes before the Start Time. Teams and their coaches must be assembled in firing point order for the Call to the Line at least twelve (12) minutes before the Start Time.

6.18.3.7 Call to Line.

The CRO will call all athletes in the Final to the firing line by commanding "ATHLETES TO THE LINE." All athletes must pause on the firing line and turn to face the spectators as the CRO announces "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WELCOME THE ATHLETES IN THE (10 METER AIR RIFLE/AIR PISTOL) MIXED TEAM FINAL." After pausing for applause, the CRO will command "TAKE YOUR POSITIONS." The athletes must then turn and go directly to their assigned firing points.

6.18.3.8 Preparation and Sighting Time.

After one (1) min., the CRO will command "FIVE (5) MINUTES PREPARATION AND SIGHTING...START." After four min. and 30 sec., the CRO will announce: "30 SECONDS." After five min., the CRO will command "STOP...UNLOAD."

6.18.3.9 Presentation of Teams in Final.

After the command "STOP...UNLOAD," Finalists must open gun actions and insert safety flags. Rifle finalists may remain in position during the presentation, but must lower their rifles from their shoulders, keep them down throughout the presentation and turn towards spectators. Pistol finalists must lay their pistols down and turn to face spectators for the presentation. A Range Officer must verify that gun actions are open with safety flags inserted. After finalists' guns are checked, the Announcer will introduce the finalists, CRO and Jury Member-in-Charge according to 6.17.1.12. Immediately after the presentation, the CRO will command "TAKE YOUR POSITIONS."

6.18.3.10 5-Shot Competition Series.

The Final will begin with each team member shooting three (3) 5-shot series (10 total shots per team per series, 30 total shots per team). During each series the two team members must alternate firing shots (see 6.18.3.3 above) with the athlete on the left shooting first and the athlete on the right second (L-R-L-R-L-R etc.). Both athletes may load and prepare their firing positions after the command "LOAD," but the athlete on the right may not shoot until the athlete on the left has fired. Teams will have 300 seconds to fire 2 x 5 shots. A two (2) point penalty will be deducted from the score of a team that shoots out of order.

6.18.3.11 5-Shot Series Procedure.

60 sec. after commanding "TAKE YOUR POSITIONS," the CRO will command "FOR THE FIRST COMPETITION SERIES...LOAD." After 5 sec., the CRO will command "START."

- a) After 300 seconds or after all finalists have fired five (5) shots, the CRO will command "STOP."
- b) Immediately after the command "STOP," the Announcer will give 15-20 sec. of comments on the current ranking of the teams and notable scores. Individual shot scores are not announced.
- c) Immediately after the Announcer finishes, the CRO will command "FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION SERIES, LOAD." This sequence will continue until all team members have fired three (3) 5-shot series.

6.18.3.12 Single Competition Shots.

After each team has fired 3 x 10 shots (30 shots per team), single competition shots with each team member firing one (1) shot will begin. For each shot, the athlete on the left must shoot first and the athlete on the right second. Teams will have 60 seconds to fire their two single shots. A two (2) point penalty will be deducted from the score of a team that shoots out of order. After each team member has fired two (2) single shots, the first elimination will occur. The place finish of each team will be decided as follows:

- a) After each team member has fired 17 shots (15 + 2), the fifth place team will be eliminated.
- b) After each team member has fired 19 shots (15 + 2 + 2), the fourth place team will be eliminated.
- c) After each team member has fired 21 shots (15 + 2 + 2 + 2), the third place team will be eliminated and the bronze medal winner decided.
- d) After each team member has fired 24 shots (15 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 3), the gold and silver medal winners will be decided.

6.18.3.13 Single Shot Procedure.

Immediately after the Announcer finishes commenting on the rankings and scores after three 5-shot series, the CRO will command "FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION SHOT...LOAD." After 5 sec., the CRO will command "START."

- a) After 60 seconds or after all finalists have fired one (1) shot, the CRO will command "STOP."
- b) Immediately after the command "STOP," the Announcer will give 15-20 sec. of comments on the current rankings of the teams and notable scores. Individual shot scores are not announced.
- c) Immediately after the Announcer finishes, the CRO will command "FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION SHOT, LOAD" and this single shot sequence will continue. After all team members have fired two (2) single shots (2 x 17 total shots), the 5th place team is eliminated.
- d) After all remaining team members have fired two (2) additional single shots (2 x 19 total shots), the 4th place team is eliminated.
- e) After all remaining team members have fired two (2) additional single shots (2 x 21 total shots), the 3rd place team is eliminated.
- f) After all remaining team members have fired three (3) additional single shots (2 x 24 total shots), the 1st and 2nd place teams (gold and silver medal winners) are decided.

6.18.3.14 Tie-Breaking.

Ties for a team to be eliminated or to determine gold or silver medal winners will be broken by shoot-offs. Tied teams (both members) must fire additional tie-breaking shots, with the athlete on the left shooting first and the athlete on the right shooting second, until the tie is broken. The CRO will announce "THERE IS A TIE BETWEEN THE TEAMS FROM (NATION) AND (NATION)" and then conduct the shoot-off. The time limit for each tie-breaking shot is 60 seconds per team. Ties will be decided by the team totals for the tie-breaking shots.

6.18.3.15 Final Completion.

If after the 24th shot there are no ties and the gold and silver medal winners are decided, the CRO will command "STOP...UNLOAD" and declare "RESULTS ARE FINAL." A Range Officer must verify that gun actions are open with safety flags inserted. The Jury must assemble the three medal winning teams on the FOP and the Announcer will recognize the bronze, silver and gold medal winning teams.