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## 1. GENERAL

1.1 Each league team will shoot two matches against every other team, one at home and one away.

1.2 The home team will provide targets, score sheets, range officers and refreshments.

1.3 Matches may be shot at other mutually agreed upon locations to minimize travel or to use a better facility.

1.4 The home club listed on the schedule will co-ordinate the match, fulfill all hosting functions, and will be responsible for payment of range fees if applicable.

1.5 Cancelled matches are to be rescheduled as soon as possible at a mutually agreed upon time and place.

1.6 Primary responsibility for rescheduling lies with the home club. The league statistician must be notified immediately of the change.

1.7 If a team fails to show for a match and does not notify the other club or the league statistician, they forfeit all points for that match.

1.8 No points will be awarded for matches shot after April 30.

1.9 Shooters winning points for their team must be current members of that club.

1.10 A shooter may not shoot for more than one club in any season without acquiring permission from the League to change club affiliation.

## 2. MATCHES

2.1 A match consists of each team member shooting one 60-shot course of ISU Standard Pistol:

- One 5 shot sighting target (the shooter may or may not shoot the sighting shots).
- 20 shots slow-fire, two 10 shot targets (comprised of two 150 second 5 shot series per target).
- 20 shots timed-fire, two 10 shot targets (comprised of two 20 second 5 shot series per target).
- 20 shots rapid-fire, two 10 shot targets (comprised of two 10 second 5 shot series per target).

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- 2.2 Any re-fire series will be shot after both regular 5 shot series have been fired on that target.
- 2.3 Targets will be scored after the completion of the 60 shot course of fire.
- 2.4 The 45 degree arm angle required by “the ready position” may be impossible at some ranges due to high shooting benches. In this case, the arm will be held as low as possible.
- 2.5 If turning targets are not available, a whistle or other signaling device may be used to mark the beginning and end of shooting. In this case, the voice command “**Turn**” will be used to indicate the point at which the targets would normally turn away prior to the commencement of shooting (approximately three seconds following the command “**are you ready?**”), seven seconds later the whistle sounds indicating the start of shooting. The next whistle blast indicates cease-fire.
- 2.6 A competent Range Officer must control movement and timing around the firing line. The Range Officer’s commands must be obeyed at all times. CSSA safety rules must be strictly enforced.  
**Once the Range Officer has declared the “line is safe”, no shooter may approach the line for any reason.**  
All competitors must wear ear and eye protection.
- 2.7 Home and visiting shooters are to be alternated on the firing line. At the end of the 60 shot course of fire, shooters will pass their targets to the shooter on the **right** for scoring. The shooter on the extreme **right** will pass his/her targets to the shooter on the extreme **left**. If there is an odd number of shooters, a member of the opposing team should score the targets of the odd shooter.
- 2.8 Minimum trigger release weights are 1000 grams or 2.2 pounds.

## 3. MALFUNCTIONS

- 3.1 A shooter may or may not choose to claim a malfunction.
- 3.2 There are two types of malfunctions: **Allowable** and **Non-allowable**.
- 3.3 A maximum of four is allowed, two in the 150 second stage and two in the combined 20 and 10 second stages.
- 3.4 If the pistol ceases to function, the shooter will be allowed to repair the pistol. If it will be a time-consuming repair, he/she should continue with another gun, or repair the gun and shoot on a later relay.

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- 3.5 To claim an **Allowable Malfunction**, he/she must retain his/her grip and immediately signal the Range Officer by raising his/her free hand. **The gun must not be tampered with prior to inspection.** The total number of shots fired must be recorded. If awarded an **Allowable Malfunction**, the shooter re-fires another 5 shots at his/her target. He/she scores the lowest 10 shots discharged at the target, including misses.
- 3.6 **A shooter may correct a malfunction during the allotted time without claiming a malfunction**, but any shots not fired during the allotted time must be scored as misses.
- 3.7 In a slow fire series, when a malfunction occurs due to a misfire (dud round), a new piece of ammunition may be substituted and fired if time allows.

## 4. ALLOWABLE MALFUNCTIONS

- 4.1 A bullet sticks in the barrel.
- 4.2 The trigger mechanism fails to operate.
- 4.3 A struck cartridge fails to discharge.
- 4.4 A case has not ejected.
- 4.5 The magazine or any part of the pistol has jammed or broken.
- 4.6 The pistol fires automatically: the automatically fired shots found **highest up on the target** shall be disregarded. The pistol must be repaired to the Range Officer's satisfaction, or another gun used.
- 4.7 **Scoring:** The shooter fires a 5 shot re-fire string, **but only the lowest 10 shots count.**

## 5. NON-ALLOWABLE MALFUNCTIONS

- 5.1 Any malfunction that could have been reasonably prevented by the shooter.
- 5.2 The pistol has been tampered with prior to inspection of the malfunction by the Range Officer.
- 5.3 The safety was not released.
- 5.4 The pistol was not loaded.

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- 5.5 Less than the required number of cartridges were loaded.
- 5.6 Magazine not inserted correctly, or has fallen out (unless due to damage of the mechanism).
- 5.7 **Scoring:** The shooter fires a 5 shot re-fire string, **but only the lowest 9 shots count.**

## 6. CROSSFIRES

- 6.1 If a shooter cross-fires, he/she scores only the shots hitting his/her target.
- 6.2 The cross-fired upon shooter scores the highest ten shots on his/her target (must be confirmed that someone cross-fired on his/her target, otherwise he/she scores the lowest ten shots on his/her target).

## 7. MAGAZINE CAPACITY

- 7.1 No more than 5 rounds may be loaded into the pistol.

## 8. LATE SHOTS

- 8.1 **Non-turning targets:** Shots fired after the buzzer will be scored as misses.
- 8.2 **Turning targets:** Holes horizontally elongated more than 7 mm in length are misses. The edge of the hole closest to the centre of the target is used for scoring purposes.

## 9. MATCH SCORE SHEETS

- 9.1 **Please print clearly.** Arrange your shooters in order of class. Indicate the match number, the home and visiting team, and circle the club name on each sheet.
- 9.2 Results of the match are to be calculated at the end of all shooting and recorded in triplicate.
- 9.3 A representative of each team must sign each team's result sheets.
- 9.4 One copy is for the home team, one copy is for the visiting team, and **the original** must be mailed, faxed, e-mailed or delivered to the League Statistician **immediately after the match** (the home team is responsible).

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## 10. ENTRY FEES

10.1 League entry fees are \$25 per team plus \$5 for each participating shooter. These are to be paid by the club Captain to the League Treasurer by Dec 15 each year.

10.2 Team fees not paid by Dec 31 have a \$15 late fee applied.

10.3 A reminder notice is to be sent out after Dec 15 by the League Treasurer.

## 11. AWARDING OF TEAM POINTS

11.1 A total of **nine points** will be awarded for each match as follows:

Highest team score (total of the 5 best scores regardless of class)... 2 points

**If the total score of both teams is tied**, each will receive.. 1 point

Highest team score (total of the best scores in each class) ..... 1 point

Highest AA class ..... 1 point

Highest A class ..... 1 point

Highest B class ..... 1 point

Highest C class ..... 1 point

Highest D class ..... 1 point

Highest E class ..... 1 point

Effective 2009/2010, a new Open class is created for a one-year experiment. This class will allow shooters to use one or two hands and any type of sights (e.g. scopes, red-dots etc.) Open class scores are not used to determine match scores, but are eligible for buckle awards based on the number of shooters competing in at least half of the matches.

## 12. TIES (between individuals)

12.1 The highest individual score for the last 10 shots fired (the **last** rapid fire target) working back in 10 shot increments determines who gets the point for his team.

## 13. CLASSIFICATION

13.1 Classes are defined by the following ranges of average scores (effective 2009/2010):

E: 000.0 to 374.9	D: 375.0 to 424.9	C: 425.0 to 464.9
B: 465.0 to 489.9	A: 490.0 to 414.9	AA: 415.0 to 600.0

See Appendix A for a historical record of Class ranges.

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13.2 A new shooter will be assigned a classification as follows:

13.2.1 **For the first match** he/she will temporarily shoot in the highest class (QAA).

13.2.2 **For the second match** a temporary class will be assigned based on the score shot in the first match (e.g. QAA or QA or QB or QC or QD or QE).

13.2.3 **After the first two matches** a permanent class will be assigned based on the average of the first two matches. This class must be used for the remainder of the season.

13.3 **Exception to the above:** Standard pistol scores shot in other leagues or competitions (proof required), or in a pre-season qualifying match (must be held prior to the club's first match), may be used to determine an initial temporary class for a new shooter (first two shoots only). Once he/she has shot two matches in our league, he/she gets a permanent classification based on the average of his/her first two shoots, and must use it for the remainder of the season.

13.4 If a shooter has not shot for two consecutive seasons, he/she will be considered a new shooter.

## 14. RE-CLASSIFICATION

14.1 All shooters' classifications will be calculated at the end of the shooting season, based on the average of their best 9 scores.

14.2 If a shooter's average for the season is **WITHIN** the parameters of his/her current class, his/her classification for the following season will not change.

14.3 If a shooter's average for the season is **ABOVE** the parameters of his/her current class, his/her classification will be automatically raised to the appropriate class for the following year.

14.4 If a shooter's average for the season is **BELOW** the parameters of his/her class, his/her classification will not change, but if he/she shoots below his/her class parameters **two consecutive years**, he/she will be automatically reclassified downward to the higher class achieved during the previous two consecutive years.

14.5 Downward reclassification may be requested by a shooter for medical, injury or age related reasons after one year.

## 15. VOLUNTARY UPWARD TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATION

- 15.1 A shooter may elect to move temporarily upward in class to fill a team vacancy, but his individual scores will be recorded in his/her proper class for individual seasonal awards.
- 15.2 His/her name and chosen temporary class (e.g. TAA) must be on the score sheet **prior to the start of the first relay of the match** (although he/she may shoot on any relay).
- 15.3 The class he/she is moving **to** must be vacant, and the class he/she is moving **from** must **not** be left vacant.
- 15.4 If another shooter comes to the match later, and has a permanent classification the same as the vacancy filled by the temporarily reclassified shooter, then the late shooter will shoot in that class, and the temporarily reclassified shooter must be returned to his/her proper class on the score sheet.

## 16. AWARDS

- 16.1 The League Team Championship Trophy is awarded to the winning team for one year. **It is to be returned to the League Convenor at the end of the following season for re-presentation at the AGM.**
- 16.2 A keeper award will also be awarded to the winning team.
- 16.3 Awards will be presented to individual class winners, to the most-improved shooter, and to the team shooting the highest team score.
- 16.4 A shooter must compete in at least 50% of their club's scheduled matches to be eligible for awards.
- 16.5 The Most Improved Shooter award is to be presented to the shooter who achieved the greatest increase expressed as a percentage of his/her maximum possible increase, i.e.  $\text{Improvement} = 100 * (\text{This\_year's\_average} - \text{Last\_year's\_average}) / (600 - \text{Last\_year's\_average})$ .

## 17. THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 17.1 Total points at the end of the scheduled season will decide The League Team Champion.

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17.2 If clubs are tied on total points, the highest team score shot by the tied clubs during the season will decide the winner.

17.3 If still tied, the next highest team score will be used until the tie is broken.

## **18. THE LEAGUE OUTDOOR MATCH AND/OR AGM**

18.1 The AGM will be held immediately after the match and is open to any League member.

18.2 At the AGM, finances, rules schedules etc. will be reviewed.

18.3 The position of the League Statistician, Treasurer and Convenor will be filled by election.

18.4 The League Executive will consist of a Statistician, Treasurer, Convenor and one voluntary Captain from each club.

18.5 At least one business meeting of the Executive will be held during the season.

18.6 For changes to League rules and bylaws, the principle of one vote per team will be used. Voting by all members attending the AGM is allowed on issues relating to minutes, reports, etc.

## **19. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEAGUE CAPTAINS**

19.1 Organize home matches, ensure ample supply of targets, score cards and score sheets.

19.2 Receive schedule of the season's matches and notify his/her team when and where matches are to be held.

19.3 Forward match results to the League Statistician immediately after the match.

19.4 Act as primary contact when re-scheduling of a match is required.

19.5 Maintain a current list of all club contacts.

19.6 Post current match results and league standings on the club bulletin board.

19.7 Collect League entry fees and forward them to the League Treasurer before Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## 20. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEAGUE STATISTICIAN

- 20.1 Issue a list of classifications for all shooters before the start of the new season.
- 20.2 Collect match scores from all clubs.
- 20.3 Calculate the total points for each team.
- 20.4 Calculate each individual's yearly average and his classification for the following year.
- 20.5 Determine the season's Most Improved Shooter.
- 20.6 Issue League Standings and Match Scores at the end of each month, and final standings immediately after the season is finished.
- 20.7 Keep a record of scores and updated classifications for all shooters.

## 21. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEAGUE TREASURER

- 21.1 Collect League entry fees and hold funds in trust for the League.
- 21.2 Purchase and distribute awards at the Annual Outdoor Match and AGM (shared with Convenor).
- 21.3 Pay League expenses as required.
- 21.4 Maintain financial accounting and prepare financial reports for the Executive and AGM meetings.

## 22. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONVENOR

- 22.1 Prepare and distribute the season's match schedule to all clubs two weeks prior to the start of the shooting season.
- 22.2 Prepare and distribute an updated list of contact people.
- 22.3 Play an active role in organizing the Annual Outdoor Match and AGM. The annual match and AGM should be rotated among the clubs.
- 22.4 Purchase and distribute awards at the Annual Outdoor Match and AGM (shared with Treasurer).

**APPENDIX A – Classification Score Ranges History**

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AA	525.0	to	600.0
A	500.0	to	524.9
B	475.0	to	499.9
C	450.0	to	474.9
D	400.0	to	449.9
E	000.0	to	399.9

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AA	515.0	to	600.0
A	490.0	to	514.9
B	465.0	to	489.9
C	425.0	to	464.9
D	375.0	to	424.9
E	000.0	to	374.9

**Revision History**

- 2005-11-04 Retyped.  
Defined Statistician, Treasurer, Convenor roles.  
Changed match rescheduling notification from Secretary to Statistician.  
Club affiliation change to be approved by League, not the Secretary.  
Changed safety rules reference from OHA to CSSA.  
Added trigger release weights, as approved at 2005 AGM.  
Added "and circle the club name ..." to Match Score Sheets.  
Added email as an option for delivery of result sheets.  
Change result delivery from Secretary to Statistician.  
Added Entry Fees section.  
Changed first match temporary classification from AA to QAA.  
Added list of valid temporary classifications for second match.  
Added downward reclassification request option as per 2005 AGM.  
Changed awards keeper from Secretary to Convenor.  
Changed "trophy" to "award" to allow for alternative choices.  
Added award for team shooting the highest score.  
Added the definition of Most Improved Shooter as per 2005 AGM.  
Changed "Secretary" to "Statistician, Treasurer, Convenor" in list of officers elected at the AGM and members of Executive.  
Changed "Representatives" to "Delegates".  
Changed "Secretary" to "Statistician" in reference to match results.  
Changed "Secretary" to "Treasurer" in reference to fees.  
Added Dec 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for fees.  
Separated responsibilities into Statistician, Treasurer, Convenor.
- 2005-11-05 Added option to substitute new piece of ammunition for a dud in slow fire, per 2004 AGM.  
Added other competitions (per 2003 rules) or pre-season qualifying matches (per 2005 AGM) as alternative scores for initial temporary class.  
Clarified that season averages are calculated on the best 9 scores, as per 2005 AGM.  
Added section numbering and more headings.
- 2009-11-17 Rev 4  
Change page header to read 2009/2010 Rev 4 instead of 2005/2006 Rev 3.  
Change "Delegate" to "Captain" everywhere per 2006 AGM.  
Add section 18.6 regarding voting at AGM.  
Revise section 20.6 regarding when match scores and standings are issued.  
Revise section 11 regarding the number of points per match and the new team total point and the new Open class.  
Revise section 13 regarding class ranges. Reference Appendix A to allow recording a history of these ranges. Create Appendix A.