

Booklet Number 1

CPSA General and Technical Rules

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SAFETY

2.18 Guns (except semi-automatics and pump-action, see 2.20) must **always** be kept open and **unloaded (empty)**, except when on the shooting mark. Test mounting **may** only be done on the shooting mark, and without exception the gun must **always** be empty **with the barrels pointing out over the shooting range**. Competitors must always check that barrels are clear before loading cartridges and commencing shooting.

2.19 Guns (except semi-automatics and pump-action, see 2.20) may only be loaded when a competitor is on the shooting mark, and then may only be closed, with the barrels pointing out over the shooting range, when it is the competitor's turn to shoot.

2.20 Semi-automatics and pump-action guns **must always** be kept open and **unloaded (empty)**, except **while it is the competitor's turn to shoot** on the shooting mark. They must always be carried empty with the breech open **and a safety flag / breech clip in place**, and the muzzle pointing straight up in the air (**where safe to do so**).

2.21 Before turning from the firing mark at the cessation of shooting, competitors must remove any cartridge case(s) or unfired cartridge(s) from the gun. There must be no movement between shooting marks with a loaded gun at any time. Those using semi-automatics **or pump-action** shotguns must take particular care **to ensure that before moving from the shooting mark that their gun is unloaded, and that a safety flag / breech clip is in place**.

GUNS

SEMI-AUTOMATIC AND PUMP-ACTION

When using semi-automatic and pump-action guns (at DTL and ABT competitions), to mitigate the potential distraction of ejecting cartridges, a cartridge catcher or deflector must be used.

AMMUNITION

+ At the end of each round all spent cartridges must be cleared up.

MISFIRE ADVICE

3.32

b) In the case of a semi-automatic **and pump-action** gun, and after the appropriate time delay (as per rule number 2.36), the bolt must be cycled by the competitor, with the Referee placing their hand over the breach to catch the ejected cartridge. In this case and in the case of non-ejector guns, if there is an indentation in the primer the trigger has been pulled and the gun/cartridge has malfunctioned.

DTL

PROCEDURE

18.3 When all is ready and correct the Referee shall call “Line Ready”. Competitors (**except those using semi-automatics or pump-action, see 18.4**) may **load a maximum of 2 cartridges into their barrels but guns must remain open. There must be no movement between shooting marks with a loaded gun at any time.**

18.4 Those using semi-automatics or pump-action must keep the bolt to the chamber open, **and may only load a maximum of 2 cartridges while it is their turn to shoot.** There must be no movement between shooting marks with a loaded gun at any time and a safety flag / breech clip must be in place, when moving between firing marks 5 and 1.

CHANGING STANDS

18.12 After five targets have been shot at from each stand, an indication to cease shooting and change stands shall be given by the Referee/Scorer calling “**unload and change please!**” Should any additional targets be shot at from a stand they will not be considered as being part of the competition.

18.13 Each competitor (except No.5) then moves to the firing mark (Peg) next on the right and No.5 takes the place of No.1. **Without exception** when competitors walk between firing marks (Pegs) each competitor must ensure that their gun is **open and empty**. All guns must always be carried OPEN AND COMPLETELY UNLOADED when moving. **Those using semi-automatics or pump-action**, must ensure that the breech is open and empty, **with a safety flag / breech clip in place, when moving between firing marks 5 and 1.**

+ At registered DTL competitions, competitors using semi-automatic or pump-action guns must notify the Shoot Organiser when booking into a competition. The Shoot Organiser must then mark all appropriate scorecards with this fact. The competitor must also notify the referee on every stand or round prior to shooting. Failure to comply on each occasion will result in the loss of 3 points.

ABT

27.26 All guns must always be carried OPEN AND COMPLETELY UNLOADED when moving between stations. Those using **semi-automatics or pump-action, must ensure that the breech is open and empty. There must be no movement between shooting stations with a loaded gun at any time and a safety flag / breech clip must be in place, when moving between stations 5 to 6 and 6 to 1.**

27.30 Competitors are not allowed to turn from the shooting station before their gun is OPENED AND COMPLETELY UNLOADED. When a broken target is thrown or the shooting is interrupted, the gun must be opened. No gun shall be closed until the order to continue has been given.

+ At registered ABT competitions, competitors using semi-automatic or pump-action guns must notify the Shoot Organiser when booking into a competition. The Shoot Organiser must then mark all appropriate scorecards with this fact. The competitor must also notify the referee on every stand or round prior to shooting. Failure to comply on each occasion will result in the loss of one target.