

Shoot Rules

Canadian Airgun Field Target Association

CAFTA

1) Air gun

- A) Any safe air gun, of any configuration, shooting a single pellet.
- B) Any air gun declared unsafe to people and/or property, including targets, by the match director, will be barred from use in the match.
- C) In the event of a broken air gun, the Match Director may allow repairs to be done without penalty. If a replacement air gun can be found, the competitor may continue with the approval of the Match Director.

2) Sights

- A) **Any** form of sighting system may be used in all Divisions, subject to the provisions in sub-section, **B**). Turret clicking, all types of reticules, and focusing (for a sharp image) are specifically allowed in all Divisions.
- B) **Optical sights** may not be set higher than sixteen (16) times magnification at any time in the Hunter Division, only. All distance markings must be covered in the Hunter Division, only.

3) Ammunition

- A) Any design of pellet that is completely constructed of lead, zinc, or their alloys, may be used.

4) Shooting Equipment and Accessories

- A) **Bum bags** and **cushions** are allowed to be used by **all competitors**, provided they are not higher than **6" (15cm)**. **All competitors** may use a **shooting mat** to keep their clothes from getting dirty or wet.
- B) **Portable seats**, which are **18" (46cm)** or less in height, will be allowed in the **Open** and **Hunter** Divisions, provided that they do not have a backrest. **Portable seats** will be allowed in the **International** Division, provided they are not higher

than **6” (15cm)** and do not have a backrest. **Portable seats** will not be used as an air gun support in the **International** and **Hunter** Divisions.

C) Straps or harnesses, that improve a shooter’s position, will be allowed in the **Open** Division, only. These will not be allowed in the **International** or **Hunter** Divisions.

D) Kneepads and elbow pads are allowed in the **Open** and **International** Divisions, only. These will not be allowed in the **Hunter** Division.

E) Knee risers (separate and/or adjustable) and **thigh rests** will be allowed in the **Open** and **International** Divisions, only. These will not be allowed in the **Hunter** Division.

F) Traditional rifle slings will be allowed in **all** Divisions. **Traditional rifle slings** have two attachment points on an air gun. **Single point rifle slings** are allowed in the **Open** and **International** Divisions, only. **Single point rifle slings** will not be allowed in the **Hunter** Division.

G) Bipods, crossed sticks, and monopods will be allowed in the **Open** Division, only. These will not be allowed in the **International** Division. **Monopods** only, will be allowed in the **Hunter** Division.

H) Match style Butt Hooks and Adjustable Butt Pads/Plates will be allowed in the **Open** and **International** Divisions, only. These will not be allowed in the **Hunter** Division.

I) Rifle mounted wind indicators are allowed in **all** Divisions. **Handheld wind indicators** are allowed in the **Open** Division but will not be allowed in the **International** and **Hunter** Divisions.

J) Separate sighting or range finding systems, will be allowed in the **Open** Division. These will not be allowed in the **International** and **Hunter** Divisions.

K) All forms of clothing, hats, shoes, boots, and gloves are allowed for all competitors in **all** Divisions, regardless of their style of shooting.

L) Any item not listed in Sections A to K, above, will not be allowed.

M) See Division Rules for any further allowances or restrictions.

5) Targets

A) Silhouette-style targets, having a circular kill zone through the faceplate that the pellet must pass through, consequently striking the trip paddle with sufficient energy to cause the target to fall, will be used. Targets will be re-settable from the firing point and generally resemble typical air gun quarry, but geometric designs may also be used.

B) Targets should not be closer than 10 yards, nor should they be further away than 55 yards, from the firing point.

C) The Match Director should insure that all shooting lanes and physical limits of the firing points are clearly defined.

D) A clear and unobstructed view of the kill zone must be afforded to all competitors from the shooting position for that target.

E) Shooters may reset their own targets once the scorer gives them permission.

6) Scoring

A) Scoring will be done on the basis of one (1) point for each “hit” and zero (0) for each “miss”. A hit will be awarded when the target falls.

B) Any movement of the kill zone paddle, which does not result in the target faceplate falling, will be recorded as a “miss”.

C) For the **Hunter Division**, two (2) points will be scored for a knockdown, one (1) point for a hit on the target, and a zero (0) for a complete “miss” of the target.

D) A discharge into the ground, without first announcing one’s intention to deliberately discharge the gun in such a fashion, shall be recorded as a “miss”.

E) If a gun discharges due to a malfunction of the gun, the shooter will complete the lane, but the incident will be recorded and reported to the match director, who will make a decision on how to score the lane.

7) Shooting Position

A) Any shooting position is allowed, but some lanes may be set up for a forced position, such as **standing, kneeling, or prone**. **Bum bags, cushions, and shooting mats** may be used to protect the shooters clothing from the ground. No portion of a shooter’s torso will be allowed ahead of the designated shooting area.

B) **Kneeling** shall be defined as one knee and both feet in contact with the ground. The air gun will be supported by the shooter and by no other means, other than **traditional rifle slings** or **single point rifle slings**, which may be used according to Division rules. The leading hand may not be supported in any way.

A **bum bag** or **cushion** may be used as a support for the kneeling leg and ankle and/or to protect the knee from the ground. This is also a safety issue to protect the shooter's knee from stones or sharp objects that may be in the ground. A **shooting mat** may be used for the same purpose.

C) Standing shall be defined as standing upright. The air gun will be supported by the shooter and by no other means, other than **traditional rifle slings** or **single point rifle slings**, which may be used according to Division rules.

D) Prone shall be defined as the shooter lying on the ground. The air gun will be supported by the shooter and by no other means, other than **traditional rifle slings** or **single point rifle slings**, which may be used in accordance with Division rules. No support may be used from the ground to the shooter or rifle, unless allowed in the Division rules. The shooter may use a **shooting mat** to protect their clothing from getting dirty or wet.

E) If a shooter is unable to take a forced shooting position for any valid reason, the Match Director may allow the shots to be taken from any other forced position in lieu of requirement, or if unable to do so, from their normal shooting position, with no penalty given the shooter.

F) When a shooter is not in a forced position, natural support may be gained from the course, such as resting on logs or branches at the shooting position, unless Division rules prohibit its use.

8) Disputed Scores

A) Any challenge to a target, must be recorded on the score sheet, before leaving that lane.

9) Penalties

A) The penalty for a deliberate infraction of the Shoot Rules, unsafe gun handling, unsafe practices, unsportsmanlike conduct, or any form of cheating, is disqualification from the Match.

10) Target Sequence

A) The Match Director may designate a sequence for shooting targets, by number, shooting left to right, nearest to farthest, etc.

B) If there are multiple targets on a lane, the shooter must declare the order in which he/she is planning to shoot them, if there is no suggested order.

C) If it is not clear from the shooter's position which target is near, far, left, or right, the shooter must declare the shooting order they will use before beginning the shot sequence on the target they will engage first.

D) Once order is understood, a target shot out of order will be recorded as a miss for the target that should have been shot.

11) Time Per Shot

A) The Match Director may impose a time limit per lane or per target before a regular match begins or if a match is being unduly held up by an individual or group of shooters.

B) Timers will be used at the **National Championship Match**. Timing will be set at one (1) minute per shot in each lane plus one (1) minute preparation time. Time will run concurrent.

C) Timing will start when the shooter enters the shooting area as specified by the Match Director.

D) Shots not executed within the time limit will be recorded as misses.

12) Tied Scores

A) In the event of two or more shooters tying for an award, a shoot-off or other tie breaking system will take place as decided by the Match Director.

13) Match Director

A) Any matter, not covered by these rules, will be the decision of the Match Director, and that decision will be final.

Classifications

Open Division

PCP

A) **Any PCP air gun**, with **any sight**. Includes those powered by Co2, single stroke pneumatic, and multi-stroke pneumatic.

Piston

A) **Any Piston gun**, with **any sight**.

International Division

PCP

A) **Any PCP air gun**, with **any sight**. Includes those powered by Co2, single stroke pneumatic, and multi-stroke pneumatic. The power of the rifle may not exceed the current WFTF maximum allowable level of 12 fpe (at the muzzle) with the competitor's ammunition.

B) **Shooters may not use natural support** from the ground or course (such as from trees, tree branches, fallen logs, etc.).

C) **Portable seats** will not be allowed if they are higher than **6" (15cm)** or have a backrest. **Seats** or **cushions** of any kind will not be used, as a rest, to support the rifle.

D) **Straps** or **harnesses** will not be used to enhance the shooter's position.

E) **Bipods**, **crossed sticks**, and **monopods** will not be allowed.

F) **Handheld wind indicators** will not be allowed.

G) **Separate sighting** or **range finding systems** will not be allowed.

Piston

- A) **Any Piston gun** with **any sight**. The power of the rifle may not exceed the current WFTF maximum allowable level of 12 fpe (at the muzzle) with the competitor's ammunition.
- B) **Shooters will not use natural support** from the ground or course (such as from trees, tree branches, fallen logs, etc.).
- C) **Portable seats** will not be allowed if they are higher than **6" (15cm)** or have a backrest. **Seats, bum bags, or cushions** will not be used, as a rest, to support the rifle.
- D) **Straps or harnesses** will not be used to enhance the shooter's position.
- E) **Bipods, crossed sticks, and monopods** will not be allowed.
- F) **Handheld wind indicators** will not be allowed.
- G) **Separate sighting or range finding systems** will not be allowed.

Hunter Division

- A) **Any air gun design**, with **any sight**, but with optics subject to restrictions in sub-section C. **Match air guns** may be used, but must have all adjustable parts at their minimum placement.
- B) **Seats, bum bags, or cushions** will not be used, as a rest, to support the rifle.
- C) **Optical sights** will not be set higher than **16 times** magnification. Clicks may be used on the turrets and focusing is allowed to obtain a sharp image. All distance markings must be covered. Any reticule is allowed.
- D) **Single point rifle slings** will not be permitted.
- E) **Match style butt hooks and Adjustable Butt Pads/Plates** will not be allowed. The **length of pull** may be adjusted to suit the shooter but will not be adjusted during the match. Any **butt pad/plate** must be in a neutral position, vertically.
- F) **Kneepads and elbow pads** will not be used to support the air gun.
- G) **Handheld wind indicators** will not allowed.
- H) **Knee risers and thigh rests**, either attached to the rifle, or held separately, will not be allowed.

I) Straps and harnesses that improve the shooter's position will not be allowed.

J) Separate sighting or range finders systems will not be allowed.

K) Monopods will not be attached to the rifle in any way nor will they be driven into the ground. They will not have a surface larger than two (2) inches by three (3) inches on the top, to rest the rifle on. The base will not be larger than one and one half inches (1 ½") in diameter or smaller than three quarters of an inch (¾") in diameter. The monopod will not have any addition attachments to it that give rigid lateral or longitudinal support to the rifle, as if it was sitting on a bench or in a fitted notch or channel.

Additional Classes

A) If there are enough shooters to justify another class within each Division, the Match Director may provide an additional class. Above classes may be subdivided, such as A & B or A, B & C. Shooters usually qualify for classes based on their first day or first round scores. Each class would then be awarded prizes.

B) Air guns that are classified in one Division will not compete for awards in any other Division.

C) If there are not enough competitors for awards in a Sub-class, the competitor will still be welcomed to shoot, but may be eligible for High Division awards.

World Championship Match

Should CAFTA apply to the WFTF to host a World Championship match, the WFTF Core Rules will be used as the Shoot Rules for the Championship, augmented by CAFTA rules that are not in conflict with the Core Rules. World Safety rules will apply unless they conflict with the Hosting Club, in which case, the Hosting Clubs' safety rules will take priority over all. Air guns will follow the guidelines of the WFTF with the power to not exceed 12-foot pounds energy at the muzzle, with pellets that the competitor shoots in the match. Matters that are not covered in the Core Rules will be covered by CAFTA rules, and for those matters not covered in all rules, the match Director's decision will be final.

CAFTA Quick Reference Chart

| Optional Item | Classification of Shooter and Air Gun | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| | PCP | Piston | International PCP | International Piston | Hunter |
| Match Style Air Gun | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limited |
| Sporting Style Air Gun | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Unlimited Optics | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| 16X Magnification or less | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Other sights | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Bum Bag/cushion | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| All forms of Clothing | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Shooting mat | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Seats 18" (46cm) or Under | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| Seats 6" (15cm) or Under | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Straps | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| Harness | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| Kneepad | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Elbow pad | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Separate/adjustable Knee Riser | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Traditional Rifle sling | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Single point Rifle sling | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Bipods | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| Crossed Sticks | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| Monopods | Yes | Yes | No | No | Limited |
| Natural support | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| Match style Butt Hook | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Adjustable Butt Pad | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limited |
| Adjustable Butt Plate | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Limited |
| Thigh Rest | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Rifle mounted Wind Indicator | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Hand held Wind Indicator | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| Separate Sighting system | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| Range finder system | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| Power level of rifle | Set by MD | Set by MD | Set by WFTF | Set by WFTF | Set by MD |
| Currently, items not listed, are not allowed. | | | | | |