



## 2026 AIR PISTOL EVENTS

When not cased and not in use, all air guns are required to use a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator) in place except as permitted by range officer. All ported barrels must be able to have an OBI (Open Barrel Indicator) properly inserted and visible through the chamber and end of the barrel.

- Pellets – Only wad cutters in .177 cal. Can be used in all three air pistol events.
- Competitors may NOT mark their foot placement in any Air Pistol event. This includes the use of tape, coins, pellets, or any other object.
- Compression or any form of tight clothing is not allowed. This includes any garments to provide support or stability, including belts not looped through pants.
- Two models of Air Pistols or any facsimile thereof (break open pistols) are NOT allowed in this event for safety reasons: Air Venturi V10 Target and Stoeger XP4.

### SINGLE SHOT – TIMED FIRE

<b>TARGET</b>	Orion 1 Bull air pistol target mounted on a turning target system. The scoring rings are equivalent to the ISSF air pistol target (or B-40). <a href="#">View the Turning target System</a>
<b>SCORING</b>	Orion Scoring System, operated by State event staff
<b>DISTANCE</b>	10 meters
<b>COURSE OF FIRE</b>	Total of 40 record shots; Eight (8) series of 5 shots; each shot fired in 3 second intervals.
<b>TIES</b>	USAS General Technical Rule 6.15.1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The highest number of inner tens.</li> <li>2. The highest score of the last ten (10) shot series working backwards by 10-shot series in full ring scoring (not inner tens or decimals) until tie is broken.</li> <li>3. If not yet broken, refer to 6.15.1 for further details.</li> </ol>
<b>TIME</b>	*Preparation time: 5 minutes *Supervised sight-in/practice: one (1) series of five (5) sight-in/practice shots: as needed; approximately 2 ½ minutes. *Loading-Firing: Load – 20 seconds; Ready position – 7 seconds; Fire – 3 seconds.
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	Any 4.5 mm (.177 cal.) compressed air, CO2, or pneumatic air pistol that conforms to the pistol specifications listed here or in the NGB rules Pistol weight: 1500-gram maximum (3.3 lbs.) Trigger pull weight: 500-gram minimum Pistol must fit within confines of a box having inside dimensions of 420mm x 200mm x 57mm* (approximately 16.53" x 7.87" x 2.25"). Only open sights are allowed. Optical, mirror, telescope, laser-beam, electronically projected dot sights, etc. are prohibited.  *(50 mm modified to 57 mm for 4-H, to accept standard daisy air pistol grips)
<b>SHOOTING POSITIONS</b>	8.7.1 FIRING Position – The competitor must stand free, without any artificial or other support, with both feet and/or shoes completely within the firing point. The pistol must be held and fired with one (1) hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support.  8.7.2 READY Position – Shooting must start from the READY position (see illustration, pg. 360).



	Ready position: The competitor’s arm must point downward at an angle of not greater than 45 degrees from the vertical. The arm with the pistol must not be pointed at the ground within the forward edge of the firing point. The arm must remain in this position while waiting either for the appearance of the target or, when EST are used, for the green light(s) to come on.
<b>NGB RULES</b>	International Shooting Sport Federation: <a href="#">ISSF Rapid Fire</a>

### Range Commands and Procedures

COMMAND	ACTION
<b>Before the competition:</b>	Step 1: Before a competition, the Range Officer will prepare the range for firing and, if competition officials hang targets, supervise the hanging of targets. Competitors should not move their equipment to the firing line until they are called to the firing point by the Range Officer.
<b>“RELAY NUMBER ___, YOU MAY MOVE YOUR EQUIPMENT TO THE FIRING LINE”</b>	Step 2: Before the Preparation Time starts, and after any preceding relay is finished, the CRO will call the competitors to their firing points. Only on command, can competitors remove their pistols from their boxes and handle their pistols. As competitors move to the firing line, check to be sure each competitor is present and on the correct firing point.
<b>“RELAY NUMBER ___, GO FORWARD AND HANG YOUR TARGETS”</b>	Step 2a, if required: After competitors move their equipment to the firing line and, if competitors are responsible for hanging their own targets, the Range Officer instructs competitors to go down range and hang targets.
<b>“PREPARATION TIME BEGINS NOW”</b>	Step 3: The Preparation Time is 5 minutes. During the Preparation Time the targets must be visible and facing the competitors. During the Preparation Time competitors may handle their pistols, dry fire, and carry out holding and aiming exercises on the firing line
<b>“END OF PREPARATION TIME...STOP”</b>	Step 4: At the end of the Preparation Time there must be a brief pause of approximately 30 seconds. (EST-Target Officer will Reset the targets for the sighting series)
<b>“FOR THE SIGHTING SERIES, LOAD”</b> (or) <b>“FOR THE FIRST/NEXT MATCH SERIES LOAD”</b>	Step 5: All competitors load within a time of 20 seconds
<b>“ATTENTION”</b>  <b>(Competitor actions in blue)</b>	Step 6a: <b>All competitors assume the READY position.</b> The red lights must be switched on or if turning targets are used, they must be turned to the edge-on position. After a delay of seven (7) sec. (+/-1.0 sec.) either the green lights will come on, or the target will be turned to face the competitor for 3 seconds. <b>At the appearance of the green light, or when the targets begin to move to the face-on position, the competitors may raise and fire.</b> After 3 seconds, the red light will come on, or the target will edge, and the 20 second load time for the next shot will begin; without an additional command. <b>After firing, all competitors will reload and may</b>



	rest pistols on the table with muzzles pointing downrange awaiting the next Attention command.
(If lights/turning targets are not used)	If lights, or turning targets are not available, the commands START and STOP may be used to begin and end the 3 second firing period.
<b>"ATTENTION"</b> (SHOTS 2-5)	Step 6b – 6e: After 20 seconds, the range officer will again give the ATTENTION command after which the procedures outlined in Step 6 above will be followed, until all 5 shots of the series have been fired.
<b>"UNLOAD"</b>	Step 7: After each 5 shot series, competitors are instructed to unload an insert their CBI's and make the line safe.
<b>"GO FORWARD AND CHANGE TARGETS"</b>	Step 8: If competitors are responsible for changing their own targets, the Range Officer instructs competitors to go down range and change targets. Competitors may only touch their practice targets when removing targets from the backer. Only range officers may remove scorable targets from the backer. Any concerns with missed shots, crossfires, doubles, etc. must be discussed before the range officer pulls the target from the backer. Competitors may hang their next blank target for the series.
<b>Steps 5 – 8 are repeated until all 8 series are completed.</b>	



## SLOW FIRE -BULLSEYE

<b>TARGET</b>	Orion 1 Bull air pistol target. (or B-40 target)
<b>SCORING</b>	Orion scoring system, operated by State event staff
<b>DISTANCE</b>	10 meters
<b>COURSE OF FIRE</b>	40 shots total. (5 shots per bull – if paper target used) Must load a single pellet for each shot. Competitors must receive permission from a range officer before expelling air into the backstop, otherwise it will be counted as a scorable shot.
<b>TIME LIMIT</b>	Preparation and unlimited sighting – 15 minutes. 40 shots for score – 50 minutes (if scored electronically); 40 shots – 60 minutes (if paper target used/scored).
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<p>Any 4.5 mm (.177 cal.) compressed air, CO2, or pneumatic air pistol That conforms to the pistol specifications listed here or in the NGB rules.  Pistol weight: 1500-gram maximum (3.3 lbs.)  Trigger pull weight: 500-gram minimum  Pistol must fit within confines of a box having inside dimensions of 420mm x 200mm x 57mm* (approximately 16.53" x 7.87" x 2.25").  Only open sights are allowed. Optical, mirror, telescope, laser-beam, electronically projected dot sights, etc. are prohibited.</p> <p>*(50 mm modified to 57 mm for 4-H, to accept standard Daisy air pistol grips)</p>
<b>SHOOTING POSITION</b>	The competitor must stand free, without any artificial or other support, With both feet and/or shoes completely within the firing point. The pistol must be held and fired with one (1) hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support.
<b>TIES</b>	<p>USAS General Technical Rule 6.15.1.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The highest number of inner tens.</li> <li>2. The highest score of the last ten (10) shot series working backwards by 10-shot series in full ring scoring (not inner tens or decimals) until tie is broken.</li> <li>3. If not yet broken, refer to 6.15.1 for further details.</li> </ol>
<b>NGB RULES</b>	International Shooting Sport Federation: <a href="#">ISSF Slow Fire Rules</a>