

2008 Rules for Combined Event.

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7 Individual competition

The Men and Women competition for Senior/Junior/Youth A consists of:

Handicap start, 20m run, 5 Targets down (time limit 1'30"); 1000m run; 5 Targets down (time limit 1'30"); 1000m run, 5 Targets down (time limit 1'30"); 1000m run.

Youth B, Boys and Girls competition consists of:

Handicap start, 20m run, 5 Targets down (time limit 1'30"); 500m run; 5 Targets down (time limit 1'30"); 500m run, 5 Targets down (time limit 1'30"); 1000m run

7a Relay competition (team of 3 athletes)

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Handicap start, 20m run, 5 Targets down (time limit 1'30"); 1000m run; 5 Targets down (time limit 1'30"); 1000m run; for each of the 3 athletes.

Youth B, Boys and Girls, competition consists of:

Handicap start, 20m run, 5 Targets down (time limit 1'30"); 500m run; 5 Targets down (time limit 1'30"); 1000m run for each of the 3 athletes.

The hand over zone must be organised on the start/finish area.

7.1 Scoring Individual Competition

Men and Women Senior/Junior/Youth A and Youth B: 2000 points are awarded for a time of 13 minutes.

Each second faster or slower than the prescribed time is worth +/-4 points

7.1a Scoring Relay Competition

Men, Women Senior/Junior/Youth A and Youth B: 2000 points are awarded for a time of 26 minutes.

Each second faster or slower than the prescribed time is worth +/-4 points

The Combined Event course

The course consists of an integrated air pistol shooting range equipped with falling target and a running course of 3 laps of 1000m each lap.

The LOC will ensure an adequate supply of air and CO₂

7.1.1 The shooting event takes place with any 4.5mm calibre compressed or CO₂ air pistol, fired at a falling target from a distance of 10 metres.

The pentathlete must stand free with both feet on the ground, without support, completely within the firing point. The entire pistol must be held and fired with one hand only.

The pentathletes are responsible for shooting the correct target.

It is compulsory to load each shot with the pistol in contact with the shooting table.

The Shooting competition is in 3 series:

Each series consists of hitting 5 Targets with an unlimited number of shots in a maximum time of 1'30" on a 7-zones target (dimension 59.5mm).

If after 1'30" one or more targets have not been hit, the athlete can start on the running leg without being penalised.

Schedule of the event

The Start will be handicap using two gates.

The athletes must run a short distance to their own shooting line (about 20m) and start the first shooting series of 5 Targets.

Shooting line N° 1 must be the farthest away from the starting gates.

Only after having hit all the 5 Targets using an unlimited number of shots but in the time limit of

1'30", can the pentathlete start from the shooting line to perform the first running leg of 1000m. After the first leg, the pentathlete returns on their own shooting line, where they must reset their target, (only the athlete is authorised to reset their own target) and then start the second shooting series that consists of hitting 5 Targets using a unlimited number of shots but in the time limit of 1'30".

After the second shooting series the pentathlete performs the second running leg of 1000m.

After the second leg, the pentathlete returns to their own shooting line, where they must reset their target, and then start the third shooting series that consists of hitting the 5 Targets using an unlimited number of shots but in the time limit of 1'30".

After the third shooting series the pentathlete performs the third and final running leg of 1000m to the finish line.

A pentathlete must follow the course from crossing the start line until crossing the finish line.

A pentathlete that does not complete the course will be eliminated.

7.2 The Starting area

The start line is located 20 metres from shooting line number 36.

A large display clock clearly visible to all the athletes is compulsory.

7.3.1 The Starter has entire control of the pentathletes whilst on their marks and is the sole judge of any fact connected with the start of the race. They are responsible for synchronising his own, the timekeepers', and for giving the start signal to the first pentathlete at the moment he is due to start and informing him prior to the start about the remaining time to the start.

7.3.2 The Deputy Starters, one for each start line, are under the supervision of the Starter. Their duty is to control that each pentathletes starts according to his start time.

7.3.3 The Starter's Assistants must check the pentathletes in the start-lane(s) and make sure that the pentathletes are lined up in correct order, in right time, wearing the right numbers properly fastened on both chest and back.

7.3.4 The Start

The handicap start must be used, using two gates.

The handicap must be calculated on the basis of the previous event results (Fencing + Swimming from qualification competitions or Fencing + Swimming + Riding from Finals)

The pentathletes are responsible for knowing their own start time and for being at the start line on time.

The announcer will announce 10 minutes, 5 minutes prior to the start of the event

Three minutes before the start the warming up on the shooting range finish

Two minutes prior to the start, the deputy starter will begin lining up the pentathletes.

One minute prior to the start all pentathletes must be in place and in order of their start time.

The Starter will announce "**One minute to start**, thirty seconds, 20 and 10 seconds to the Start

After the OK from the Timekeepers, the Starter will tell the first athlete "**On your Marks**" followed by the start signal.

All timing equipment will start at the start signal.

The start time for the first pentathlete will be 00.00.

Pentathlete N° 1 starts at time 'zero; pentathlete N° 2 starts to 'x' seconds depending on the handicap, and so on

The pentathletes must use always the same shooting line.

7.3.5 False start

When a pentathlete starts too early he will be penalised with 10 seconds penalties to pay on their own shooting line under the control of the shooting judges.

In case of a blatant attempt to start too early he will be penalised by disqualification.

The Referee /Announcer must immediately announce to the pentathlete and the spectators the pentathlete that has started too early and inform him of his false start.

If a pentathlete starts late, he will not be penalised, but his time will be taken from the moment he should have started according to the start list.

7.3.6 The Shooting Judges

It is necessary to appoint one shooting judge for each 3 shooting lines.

They are responsible for:

Starting the chronometer when the athlete grips the pistol, informing the athlete 10 seconds before the 1'30" time limit expires, and giving the signal to 'go' to the athlete 1'30" has expired in the case the athlete has not hits all the 5 Targets.

Observing all shots fired;

Controlling that the athlete loads each shot with the pistol in contact with the shooting table;

After each shooting series checking if the pistols are safe;

Checking that the athlete resets the Target before the start of each shooting series;

Applying and checking any 10 seconds, or 1 minute penalty imposed on the pentathlete at their shooting line.

Checking that during warming up, the athletes do not change the trigger weight.

In case of pistol malfunction, give to the athlete the authorisation to change the pistol

Informing the Shooting Director immediately about any infringement of the rules;

7.4. Common Penalty stops area

The Penalty stop area will be on the athletes shooting line

7.4.1 Last penalties stop area

A penalty area not further than 400 meters to the arrival line must be prepared in case of penalties on the last shooting series that cannot be applied on the shooting line.

7.5 Clothing

A pentathlete must wear athletic clothing.

The pentathlete must wear a top with their name clearly visible and professionally made on the reverse side of the top, below the NF code, of a size between 7-12cm and in a contrasting colour to the colour of their shirt.

Pentathletes must compete with athletics shoes, with or without spikes.

The LOC is responsible for providing every pentathlete with two start numbers.

In the Combined Event the numbers must be worn on the chest and back and be visible in all weather conditions.

Size 1 (height 15cm, width 10cm) shall be worn on the Back and Size 2 (height 20cm, width 20cm) on the Front.

No pentathlete will be allowed to take part in a competition without the appropriate numbers.

It is forbidden for pentathletes to modify the dimensions (size and width) of the start numbers given by the LOC.

Any infringement will be penalised with a 10 seconds penalty to pay on their own shooting line under the control of the shooting judges.

The pentathlete or team who is in first place before the combined event shall be assigned the No. 1, the second place pentathlete/team, No. 2, and so on.

Wristbands or similar items that might provide support are prohibited on the hand and arm holding the pistol.

7.6 Control Section competition materials/equipment and clothing

The equipment inspections must be organised before the beginning of the warming up of the combined competitions

Competitors shall report at the materials/equipment and clothing inspection area at the scheduled time in order to have their equipment checked and marked, and their clothing inspected.

During the pistol check (trigger test, weight, overall size dimensions) the athletes will receive their combined event bib numbers.

A maximum of 1 reserve pistols or barrel per athlete are to be brought to the equipment and clothing checkpoint for inspection and marking, and then must be taken directly to the range and deposited in the reserve pistol boxes before the start.

The range staff will not permit the deposit of reserve pistol after this time.

The pentathlete must use the same pistol in all shots of the event.

In case the pistol ceases to function the pentathlete can use another pistol but this reserve pistol must be previously expected by the Equipment Control.

Pistols are checked as to calibre and dimensions and are subject to a trigger test before the warming up. All accepted pistols are indicated as being allowed for competition.

All approved equipment must be marked with a seal or sticker and recorded on the control card.

Co2 and air must be provided by the organisers

7.6.1 After the equipment has been approved, the pistol must not be modified nor adjusted at any time prior to or during the event in any way that would conflict with the combined Event Rules.

Nor must it be exchanged. Any alterations or exchange will incur a penalty.

If there are any doubts regarding any alteration, the pistol must be returned to the Equipment Control Section for re-inspection and approval.

7.7 Warming up, Sighting and preparation time

The pentathletes have 20 minutes warming up; in which time they can run and shoot unlimited number of shots

3 minutes before the start of the event, the shooting must cease.

Sighting may take place only on the range using a 10m air pistol paper targets.

Paper targets must be placed at the same level and at the same distance from the firing point on the right side of the competition target.

The shooting line corresponds to the athlete's starting number. Athlete No. 1 will shoot on line No. 1, athlete n. 2 will shoot on line n. 2 and so on.

After the warming up and before the start signal the pistol must be on the assigned firing line, not charged and without pellets in the chamber or magazine(s).

At the shooting firing point the pentathlete is allowed to use water and towels.

During the warming up the coaches can assist and communicate with the athletes but out of the shooting line and two minutes before the start of competition, they must clear the Field of Play.

7.8 Malfunctions

Malfunctions are not taken in consideration

Should a pistol cease to function, the pentathlete may use the reserve pistol, or another barrel, that must have also been approved by the Equipment Control Section.

If a shot has not fired due a malfunction, the pentathlete may use the reserve pistol without interrupting their competition, asking the authorisation to the range officer

If the reserve pistol also does not work the athlete will be eliminated.

7.11 Time Adjustments and Responsibility

In those cases where a competitor loses time due to a target error which is not his fault or a target malfunction, TD in cooperation with the Competition Jury shall make an appropriate time adjustment.

7.12 Spare Targets

LOC must guarantee provision of 2 spare targets located following shooting line No.1 (numbered: 0 and 00)

7.13 Infringements and penalties

A pentathlete is penalised by a time penalty of

Ten Second stop for each of the following offences:

- i) contravening clothing regulations
- ii) modifying the dimensions of the start numbers;
- iii) starting too early
- iv) not placing the pistol safely on the table after each shooting series
- v) not loading each shot with the pistol in contact with the shooting table

The ten second stop must be paid on the shooting line (shooting judges are in charge of this task).

In the case of not placing the pistol safely on the table after the last series, the penalty must be paid by the athlete at the last penalty stop area (see rule 7.4.1).

7.14 A pentathlete is penalised by time penalty of **One minute stop** for each of the following offences:

- i) if the pentathlete starts the running leg before the shooting time has expired without having hit all the 5 Targets, one minute for each target missed
- ii) if the athlete shoots on a wrong target

The one minute stop must be paid on the shooting line (shooting judges are in charge of this task).

In case of infraction on the last series, the penalty must be paid by the athlete at the last penalty stop area (see rule 7.4.1).

7.15 A pentathlete is **eliminated** for

- i) not completing the course
- ii) jostling, running across or obstructing another pentathlete so as to impede his progress
- iii) deviation, deliberate or not, from the course,
- iv) unauthorised assistance, if not disqualified, upon discretion of the Competition Jury.
- v) using an unapproved pistol

7.16 A pentathlete is **disqualified** for

- i) modifying or adjusting his officially approved pistol so that it violates the rules
- ii) exchanging his pistol in violation of the rules;
- iii) a blatant attempt to start too early

B 7.17 General Range Requirements

The shooting range must be built in such a way it can guarantee the safety of the pentathletes, coaches, judges and spectators.

On the Combined Event Field of Play the pistol must always be in a closed pistol box.

The pistol can be used only on the shooting line and only after the command of the Shooting Director; otherwise the pentathlete will be eliminated.

The shooting range must be prepared in such a way that the sun does not disturb the shooters (the sun should be behind the shooters).

The shooting range must protect the athletes from the wind, especially lateral wind, using closed walls on the two lateral sides.

The lateral wall must include the athletes shooting lane of minimum one meter in length and in total the lateral wall must be not less than 11 meters.

The shooting range must protect the athletes from the rain, using special roof coverage.

The pentathletes shooting area (1 meter wide) must be clearly defined with two visible lines.

The shooting range must be prepared in such a way the spectators can enjoy the competition and watch the finish, so with the finish line near the shooting range

- i) During both training and competition, competitors must enter the range from one side and exit other side.
- ii) There must be sufficient space (4 meters minimum) behind the firing points to allow the

pentathletes, before and after each shooting series, to run to their shooting line without disturbing the other athletes and to permit the Range Officials and the UIPM TDs to perform their duties.

- iii) Targets must be marked with numbers corresponding to their firing point number. The numbers must be large enough to be easily seen under normal shooting conditions with normal vision at the appropriate
- iv) The targets must be fixed in such a manner that they have no appreciable movement.
- v) The shooting firing point of each athlete must be clearly marked.
- vi) The firing point must be equipped with:
 - a table or bench, about 0.7m - 0.8m high;
 - the table must have a protection for the pistol and the pellets in case of rain (waterproof box) or a place under the table

B.7.15 Air pistol

- i) Only single shot pistols will be admitted.
- ii) The weight of the pistol with all accessories must not exceed 1500 grams. The weight of the trigger pull must have a minimum of 500 grams
- iii) The overall size of the pistol is limited to those dimensions which will permit it to be enclosed completely in a rectangle box having the inside dimensions of 420mm x 200mm x 50mm. A manufacturing tolerance of + 1.0mm in the dimensions of the box are permitted.

B.7.16 Targets

A set of 5 falling Targets must be used for each shooting line.

The valid zone target dimension is 59.5mm.

The minimum distance between each target must be not less than 20mm

Targets have to be fixed to a rack or wall and the centre of the aim must be at 1.40m height.

For correct function of the mechanical target it is obligatory to adjust the target with a spirit level, on the vertical and horizontal planes.

A reset target rope must be brought in a straight line to the table of the pentathlete and fixed there for easy use by the pentathlete or referee.

Provision of paper targets for test aiming are obligatory.