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SECTION 1 BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

1.1. T-Class description

T-Class is a new practical shooting sport with precision rifles, which purpose is to embrace a variable set of shooting skills that could be practiced in severe, but realistic scenarios.

T-Class shooters should possess complex skills, which combine dynamic tactical thinking, rapid assessment of the situation, safe weapon manipulation, accuracy, as well as the ability to react practically in real environment conditions, for a limited time to completion of the shooting stages.

The objective of this new sport is to generate and improve a high level of shooting skills by handling factory made and custom made sniper weapon systems, developed for different kinds of tactical tasks.

T-Class is created by experienced shooters. It also serves the purpose to be a platform for continuation and exchange of knowledge and skills among special military and police forces, whilst preserving the highest professional standards in the interests of the society and national security.

Basic drills in T-Class focus on small targets with variable shooting scenarios, dynamic sniping with high precision weapons, combined long barreled and short barreled shooting, rapid conversion of different complex shooting positions and long-range small target sniping. All of the exercises are performed in a realistic fashion for a limited time (or time is scored), under the effects of a simulated stress.

1.2. In general

1.2.1 This set of rules regulates the approach for conducting the regional and international T-Class competitions, under the aegis and the control of the International T-Class Confederation.

1.2.2. This set of rules is mandatory for every T-Class competition.

1.2.3. Units of measure

1.2.3.1. Units for length

Distances and dimensions of targets may be defined either in meters or yards.

1.2.3.2. Units for angle

In T-Class competitions only the milliradian (MRAD) angular units can be used.

1.2.4. Every authority's decision regarding the safety of the exercises during the competition itself outweighs the regulations described in the current set of rules.

1.2.5. The essence of T-Class competitions is to stimulate innovations and development of new shooting techniques in T-Class sniping.

1.2.6. Abbreviations

- 1.2.6.1. [T] is T-Class Tactical Sniper discipline
- 1.2.6.2. [U] is T-Class Ultra Long Range discipline
- 1.2.6.3. [R] is T-Class Rimfire discipline
- 1.2.6.4. [M] is T-Class Multigun discipline
- 1.2.6.5. [ITCC] is International T-Class Confederation
- 1.2.6.6. [M1] is Module 1 – Marksmanship
- 1.2.6.7. [M2] is Module 2 – Dynamic
- 1.2.6.8. [M3] is Module 3 – Long Range

1.3. Language

1.3.1. The English language is the official language for T-Class. If there are any discrepancies between the set of written rules in English and any other language, then the English set of rules should be acknowledged.

1.3.2. Grammatical gender. Every note for male gender in this set of rules (e.g. "he", "his", "him") should be considered equivalent to female gender, as well (e.g. "she", "her")

SECTION 2 MAIN DISCIPLINES

2.1. T-Class main disciplines

2.1.1. T-Class Tactical Sniper

Precision rifle shooting which includes a variety of shooting skills, that could be practiced in severe, but realistic scenarios, in real environment conditions, different firing positions and for a limited time, under simulated stress.

2.1.2. T-Class Ultra-long Range

Sniper rifle shooting with long range precision rifles in very long distances

2.1.3. T-Class Rimfire

Target rifle shooting with .22LR caliber rifles

2.1.4. T-Class Multigun

Combined shooting (together or separately) with sniper rifles, semi-automatic assault rifles and semi-automatic pistols.

2.2. Modules

The exercises in each discipline are divided in three separate modules (Module 1, Module 2, Module 3), as each module has its own specificity. There can be primary obligatory exercises and secondary optional exercises in each module.

SECTION 3 PLAN OF THE STAGES

The general principles for designing and conducting of the exercises describe the standards, the responsibilities and the limitations for the designers of the T-Class drills.

3.1. General principles

3.1.1. Safety

T-Class competitions must be designed and conducted in accordance to all of the safety weapons regulations and the rules for sports events management.

3.1.2. Quality

The quality level of T-Class competitions is defined by the complexity of the shooting tasks, presented by the drills. The drills must be designed in order to challenge not only the shooting skills of the competitors, but also the physical strength and psychological endurance.

3.1.3. Balance

Tactics, Accuracy, Speed and Precision – these are the four main T-Class elements. They should be always blended in the correct balance for each exercise during T-Class competitions.

3.1.4. Diversity

It is recommended that repetition of exercises during T-Class competitions should be avoided, as for new elements and challenges should be continuously added.

3.1.5. Complexity

The exercises must be complex enough. In such a way, not only shooting and tactical skills can be evaluated, but also the physical strength and psychological endurance of the opponents, as well as their reactions to time limitations.

3.2. Types of drills/stages

There can be basic and special drills/stages in T-Class competitions.

3.2.1. Basic drills/stages

The basic drills are divided in three modules, which require different shooting skills. All of the three modules must be included in every T-Class competition. It is allowed for each module to be conducted in different day and on different range, but for a period not exceeding three consecutive weeks.

3.2.1.1. [T] Module 1. Marksmanship

It covers the primary shooting drills, which assess competitor's basic shooting skills, such as shooting from different positions (standing, prone, kneeling, sitting), identification and evaluation of targets. This module is conducted simultaneously by several shooters on the same firing line. Paper targets are predominantly used. The time for execution of the drill is implemented by a sound signal (verbal command) for start and stop. The scoring is made with points and the shooting distances vary between 20 and 400 meters.

[U] The shooting distances are between 100 and 500 meters. The firing positions

should be prone, from a bench or any other stable positions, which allow for a two point rest of the rifle.

[R] The distances are between 10 and 50 meters.

[M] The distances are between 5 and 300 meters. Metal plates can be used for these drills.

3.2.1.2. [T] Module 2. Dynamic

It comprises shooting drills, which involve moving and shifting of shooting positions with different complexity and surface, multiple targets shooting in mid range, as well as scoring the time with a shooting timer. The scoring is evaluated by the so called hit factor (the points are divided to the time measured). The shooting distances vary between 50 and 600 meters.

[U] The distances are between 500 and 1000 meters.

[R] The distances are between 10 and 100 meters.

[M] The distances are between 5 and 600 meters.

3.2.1.3. [T] Module 3. Long range

It covers the shooting drills at long range. The time for execution of the drill is limited by a sound signal for start and stop. The scoring is calculated with points. The shooting distances vary between 600 and 1000 meters.

[U] The distances are between 1000 and 2000 meters.

[R] The distances are between 100 and 200 meters.

[M] The distances are between 20 and 1000 meters.

3.2.2. Special drills/stages

The organizers of T-Class competitions may include additional special drills/stages with a level of high difficulty and challenge, which should not be included in the overall competition ranking, but they can bring special prizes.

3.3. Competition sanctions

3.3.1. International competitions, which allow participation of competitors from different regions are conducted only with the proper sanction from ITCC.

3.3.2 Regional competitions must be sanctioned from the State Director of the particular region.

SECTION 4 CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN OF THE STAGES

These rules implement the criteria, the requirements and the restrictions for the construction and design of the stages in T-Class competitions. The range director, the stage builders, organizers and the officials are obliged to follow these rules.

4.1. General rules

4.1.1. Constructions and installations

The event organizers bear the main responsibility for the safety of the design and construction of the stages. Written authorization should be acquired from the range master. All kinds of precautions must be taken to prevent injuries of competitors, officials and spectators during the competition. The stages must be designed in such a way that eventual accidents and unsafe actions by the competitors should be prevented. A safe access of the officials and the spectators of every event should be granted.

4.1.2. Safe angles of fire

In the process of stage development, it is of utmost importance that the safe angles of fire should always be pointed out and taken into consideration in every written or verbal briefing. If any competitor breaks the line of the safe angles of fire, he must be disqualified.

4.1.3. Minimum shooting distances

4.1.3.1 Minimum distance for paper targets

[T] 20 meters

[U] 100 meters

[M] 20 meters for sniper rifles, 5 meters for handguns and semi-auto rifles

[R] 10 meters

4.1.3.2. Minimum shooting distance for metal targets (plates)

[T] 100 meters

[U] 500 meters

[M] 100 meters for sniper rifles, 10 meters for handguns and 60 meters for semi-auto rifles

[R] 10 meters

4.1.4. Targets location

All targets and installations must be placed in a such a way that the safe angles of fire should not be breached, during the competitor's movement.

4.1.5. Surface of the shooting range

The surface of the shooting range has to be compliant with the safety of the competitors. Prior the beginning of the competition, the Range Master must inspect the course of the range for possible ricochets or other eventual risks that could pose danger to guests, officials or spectators.

4.1.6. Obstacles

Naturally occurring or artificially built range obstacles must allow the competitors of all body

sizes and dimensions to be able to clear them, as well as safety during the execution of the exercises should not be compromised.

4.1.7. Common firing line

For those stages which require simultaneous shooting from several competitors of the same firing line, a minimum distance of one meter between the shooters must be provided.

4.2. Criteria for designing of the stages

During the building of a stage, it is possible to control the space of the stage by using a variety of restriction tapes, natural or artificial obstacles, or else.

4.2.1. Restriction tapes

These lines restrict the movement of the competitors. They are used in cases when it is necessary to prevent accidental dangerous passing by the shooter, which could pose a risk for him or for the spectators and officials. In other cases, they may imitate different tactical situations, to increase the complexity of the drill or to point out the limits of the shooting area.

4.2.2. Covers and tunnels

The covers and tunnels must be realistic enough so that they could fulfill their functions, as well as restriction tapes must be used to define the borders of the shooting areas.

4.2.3. Decorations and props

In cases when the construction of the stage requires extra decorations and props, the main priority is focused on the safety of the competitors and officials. These installations must be situated in such a way so that the range officers retain their access to observe the actions of the competitors, during the whole execution of the exercise.

4.3. Making modifications in construction of the stages

The ITCC officials are able to modify the construction of the stages or the way of execution of the exercises for various reasons, but these modifications should be acknowledged by the Range Master of the competition.

4.4. Safety areas

4.4.1. The managers (organizers) of the competition must provide sufficient amount of safety areas, which have to be identified with proper signs.

4.4.2. The safety areas must offer tables for comfortable weapon manipulation with clear indications for the safe direction for pointing of the weapons and for the limits of the area. The safety area should also provide enough guns racks, allowing for secure muzzle-up storage.

4.4.3. The competitors are allowed to use the safety areas without the attendance of the match officials. All weapon manipulations must be performed in a safe direction. The acceptable manipulations are: training of sight alignment, disassembling and assembling of

the weapon, cleaning, repairing, dealing with other problems with the weapon or/and additional equipment. Cartridge or munitions manipulations are not allowed in the safety area. Each violation of this rule leads to disqualification of the competitor.

4.4.4. Ammunition reloading is not permitted in the range area. The violation of this rule leads to disqualification.

4.5. Range for zeroing

The organisers of the competition may arrange by their own assessment a special area for zeroing of the rifles prior to the start of the competition itself and only with the presence of the range officer. All actions should be consistent with the general safety regulations in conformity with the safe direction of fire for the concrete shooting range.

4.6. Vendor and demonstrations areas

4.6.1. The vendors bear full responsibility for ensuring the safety during the demonstrations of their products. All vendors must comply with the requirements of the local legislation.

4.6.2. The Range Master must certify enough signs and identification labels for the vendor area.

4.7. Hygiene areas

A sufficient amount of hygiene areas in comply with the expected number of competitors, officials, guests and spectators should be provided.

SECTION 5 STAGES INFORMATION

5.1. General rules

The competitors are fully responsible for the safe execution of the exercises, but only after they have been briefed either verbally or in written form, before the start of each event.

5.1.1. The organizers of the competition may decide not to disclose information about all or some of the exercises before the match, but briefing should be performed immediately before the start of the event itself.

5.1.2. A competitor who was not briefed before the start of the stage should not be allowed to participate in the shooting drill.

5.1.3. In some stages, a permission for the competitors may be granted to acquaint themselves with the characteristics of the course of fire, as they walk through different firing positions, without weapons. The time available for the completion of the walkthrough is determined by the range officer and it should be equal for all competitors. All actions during the walkthrough of the course of fire are supervised by the range officer.

SECTION 6 RANGE EQUIPMENT

6.1. Targets - general rules

6.1.1. Only targets, which have been approved by ITCC and comply with these set of rules can be used in T-Class competitions.

6.1.2. The Range Master may occasionally permit the usage of other targets if they do not contradict to the principles and the spirit of T-Class.

6.1.3. In cases when a common target field is used for several exercises, the relevant metal plates for the different stages must be painted in different colors

6.1.4. No-shoot penalty targets are defined in the briefing and it is not compulsory for them to be marked in a different way.

6.1.5. The targets in Module 2 and 3 could be partially hidden or visible only through an angle, by using hard covers. When a hard cover is being reproduced, a marking penalty target should always be used and checked by the range officer for hits, after every stage drill.

6.1.6. The targets in Module 1 must include the following basic elements: identification and evaluation of targets, self-assessment of the shooter's and weapon's capabilities by cast off firing, sports scoring of targets, firing from different positions.

6.2. Paper targets

6.2.1. Target examples for Module 1 are presented in appendix 5. Event organisers may create some other targets for this module, in accordance with the principles and the spirit of T-Class, as well as this set of rules.

6.2.2. Paper targets for Module 1 may include penalty areas or non-scoring areas with clearly designated borders, including areas imitating bullet-proof cover.

6.2.3. The paper targets in Module 2 and 3 must meet the requirements described in appendix 3. They could be installed as stationary, swinging, popping up, reactive, moving or any other design that simulates the practical approach of the shooting drill.

6.2.4. The event organisers should define the scoring of borderline hits on the paper targets and the definition should be mentioned in the written briefing.

6.3. Metal targets/plates

6.3.1. The metal plates could be either scoring targets and/or penalty targets. Their type and size must meet the requirements described in appendix 4.

6.3.2. The metal targets could be installed as stationary, swinging, popping up, reactive, moving or any other design that simulates the practical approach of the shooting drill.

6.3.3. According to the type of reaction to direct hit, the metal targets could be: stationary, falling down, swinging (with dynamic suspension)

6.3.4. The metal plates should be surfaced in a way, which allows clear scoring of the hits and their surface must be restored after several direct hits.

6.4. Frangible targets

6.4.1. Different targets which are falling apart after a direct hit may also be used - e.g. clay plates, glass bottles, tiles etc.

6.4.2. Frangible targets could be installed as stationary, swinging, popping up, reactive, moving or any other design that simulates the practical approach of the shooting drill.

6.5. Range equipment failure

6.5.1. In event of malfunction of the range equipment, such as failure of the target's suspension, displacement of targets, premature activation or non activation of moving targets during the course of the exercise, the competitor has to repeat the specific shooting drill.

SECTION 7 COMPETITOR'S EQUIPMENT

7.1. Weapons

7.1.1. [T] – Acceptable weapons are bolt action precision rifles and semi-automatic sniper rifles in caliber from 6mm (.243) to 8,58mm (.338)

[U] – Acceptable weapons are ALL bolt- action and semi-auto sniper rifles

[R] - Acceptable weapons are bolt- action and semi-auto sniper rifles ONLY in caliber .22LR

[M] - Acceptable weapons are bolt action precision rifles and semi-automatic sniper rifles in caliber from 6mm (.243) to 8,58mm (.338), semi-auto assault rifles in caliber 5,45x39, 5,56mm NATO (.223) and 7,62x39 and semi-auto handguns in caliber 9x19, 40SW, 357SIG and .45ACP

7.1.2. A change of the rifle or/and of the barrel with other of different parameters during the competition is not permitted.

7.1.3. [M] It is possible for other caliber semi-auto assault rifles and semi-auto handguns to be used, but only after a request and a granted permission from the match director. The competition organisers should not allow using of weapons in such calibers, which pose a significant advantage for the competitors, using them.

7.1.4. [M] – Using of revolvers is not permitted.

7.1.5. All kinds of additional muzzle devices can be used - suppressors, sound moderators, muzzle compensators, etc. if they are acceptable by the local legislation.

7.1.6. The number and the capacity of the magazines/cartridges is not restricted.

7.2. Rifle rests

7.2.1. Acceptable rifle rests are tripods, bipods, monopods, front and rear bags, and all kinds of rifle slings, attached to the weapons.

7.2.2. The position of the rifle rest onto the rifle and/or in relation to the shooter is determined by the Range Master and it is clearly defined during the briefing for the whole competition or the specific stage drill.

7.2.2.1. The fixed rifle rests (bipods and monopods) are recorded during the registration and the weapons check and they do not have to be removed during the whole competition.

7.2.2.2. For some particular stages, it is possible for the competitor to be allowed to remove the rifle rest from his weapon, during his scoring time and after completion of the drill, the rifle rest should be attached again to the rifle, under the control of the range officer.

7.2.3. All kinds of solid rifle rests with hard connection between the front and the rear rest are not permitted.

7.3. Sights

7.3.1. [T], [U], [R] The usage of optical devices (scopes) is required.

[M] The usage of scopes is required only for bolt-action precision rifles. Semi-auto rifles can be equipped with red dot or iron sights. Only iron sights can be used for semi-auto handguns.

7.3.2. The usage of night vision scopes is permitted only if the shooting drill is taking part during the dark time of the day and if those devices are compliant with the local legislation.

7.3.3. Optical scopes or sighting devices can be exchanged, but re-zeroing of the weapon during the competition is not allowed.

7.4. Devices and equipment for identification of the prime shooting conditions

7.4.1. All kinds of additional equipment for measuring of distances, atmospheric conditions, as well as other devices and tables for identification of the prime shooting conditions can be used during the competition.

7.4.2. The usage of rangefinders can be prohibited for some specific stages of the competition.

7.5. Shooting equipment

7.5.1. Slings

All kinds of rifle slings can be used, but not more than one sling per rifle, for the duration of the competition. The sling must not be removed during the whole competition.

7.5.2. Shooting mats (surface covers)

All kinds of shooting mats and other equipment with similar purpose can be used.

7.5.3. Holsters for semi-auto handguns and magazine holders

All kinds of holsters and magazine holders are permitted, but they must have retaining strap systems to prevent accidental slippage during the execution of the stage.

7.5.3.1. The usage only of friction or just mechanical pressure between the holster and the gun/magazine for the purpose of anti-slippage system is not allowed.

7.5.3.2. There is no limitation for the placement of the holsters and the magazine holders on the body of the competitor.

7.5.3.3. When the handgun is placed in the holster, it's barrel must point downwards and not exceeding one meter from the body of the shooter.

7.6. Clothes and uniforms

7.6.1. All kinds of clothing, which allow safe performance on the range is permitted.

7.6.2. Sports clothing and uniforms must not show any symbols, inscriptions or titles, which relate to political, religious and ethnic intolerance, or contradict to the ethics of the sport.

7.6.2.1 The Match director is able to disqualify competitors, whose clothes do not comply with the ITCC rules.

7.7. Eye and ear protection

7.7.1. [T],[U],[R] – The competitors are obliged to use ear protection.

[M] – The competitors must use both eye and ear protection. A shooter is allowed to remove temporarily the eye protection only during sniper rifle shooting.

7.7.2. The usage of eye and ear protection is also mandatory for all others – officials, guests, spectators, trainers, etc.

7.7.3. The Range master can exclude from the range area any person who does not use the mandatory equipment for eye and ear protection.

7.8. Cartridges

7.8.1. Each competitor bears personal responsibility for his cartridges during the competition.

7.8.2. Cartridges, which do not comply with the local legislation are not permitted.

7.8.3. The Match director has the right to forbid the usage of highly penetrating or combustible cartridges or any other cartridges with special designation.

7.8.4. Reloading is not allowed on the range area during the whole duration of the competition.

7.9. Competitor's equipment failure

7.9.1. The competitors must keep their equipment in working condition, but they have the opportunity to repair faulty equipment in the defined safety area, when needed.

7.9.2 If there is a weapon or equipment malfunction during the execution of the stage, which leads to inability for the competitor to continue the course of fire, the range officer accounts the score that was made up till the moment of the malfunction. The competitor is not allowed to repeat the exercise and no scoring is made for the drills that he missed during the time needed for repairs.

7.10. Transportation and storage of competitor's weapon supplies and equipment outside the shooting course

7.10.1. Transportation

7.10.1.1. Bolt action rifles must be hand carried, slung or carried in a bag. If carried by hand, shouldered or slung, the muzzle should point skywards, the bolt action must remain in open position, and a chamber safety flag must be fitted. Detachable magazines must be removed.

7.10.1.2. Semi-auto rifles are carried in the same way as bolt action rifles, with a safety flag which indicates that the action is blocked in an open position.

7.10.1.3. Semi-auto handguns are carried in holsters or holders, unloaded, with detached magazines.

7.10.1.4. Ammunition should be carried in magazines or in retention cases, specifically designed for that purpose.

7.10.2. Storage of weapons and ammunition

7.10.2.1 All weapons and ammo must be stored in proximity of the competitors at the storage areas, which are designated by the organisers. The competitors are allowed to leave the shooting range only after storing their weapons in the special storage area, or by carrying the weapons along with them.

SECTION 8 STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS

8.1. General rules

T-Class uses the following terms:

8.1.1. Course of Fire

A separately timed and scored ITCC shooting challenge, conceptualized and constructed in accordance with ITCC principles of course design, containing targets and challenges which each competitor must safely negotiate.

8.1.2. Stage

A portion of an ITCC match consisting of one course of fire and related supporting facilities.

8.1.3. Match

Consists of a minimum 3 stages of Module 1, minimum 2 stages of Module 2 and minimum 1 stage of Module 3.

8.1.4. League

Consists of a minimum of 3 matches in one shooting season.

8.2 Regional teams

The Regional director decides who will take part of the Regional Team, based on the ranking for the previous year.

8.3. Competitor Status and Credentials

8.3.1. All competitors and Match officials must be individual members of the Licensed T-Class Organisation in the region, where they normally reside.

8.3.2. A competitor and/or a team member may represent only one region at a time.

8.3.3 Residence and/or temporal abidance of a competitor is not related with the region, which he represents.

8.4. Competitor Scheduling and Squadding

8.4.1. Each competitor receives an individual competitor's number for the current match.

8.4.2. A group of competitors can be summoned together in the so called Squad, in regard of the particular stages which have to be attempted during the day.

8.4.3. The Match director allocates the competitor's number and squadding for the whole day or for each separate module, as well as the time schedule of the event.

8.4.4. Each competitor has the obligation to comply with the official schedule of the match, to accept his competitor's number and squad.

8.4.5. A competitor who is not present at the scheduled time and date for a given stage may not attempt that stage without the prior approval of the Match Director, or else the competitor should receive a zero score for that stage.

8.5. Main competition and Pre-match

Only the Match officials, sponsors and other people who have been previously approved by the Match Director can take part in the Pre-match event. All of the other competitors take part in the main competition, but they have the right to attend to the Pre-match as spectators.

SECTION 9 MATCH MANAGEMENT

9.1. Match Officials

The duties and terms of reference of Match Officials are defined as follows:

9.1.1. Match Director

Handles overall match administration including numbering of competitors, squadding, scheduling, range construction, the coordination of all support staff and the provision of services. His authority and decisions will prevail with regard to all matters except in respect of matters in these rules which are the domain of the Range Master. The Match Director is appointed by the host organization and works with the Range Master.

9.1.2. Range Moderator

Maintains the order and security for the whole territory of the shooting range. He is responsible for the control over the safe transportation and weapons manipulations, ammunition and other equipment outside the shooting zones, including the parking area, leisure and dining areas. He regulates the usage of the obligatory ear and eye protection gear for all attendants - guests, visitors, etc. He is subordinate to the Match Director and the Range Master.

9.1.3. Range Master

Has overall authority over all persons and activities within the entire range, including range safety, the operation of all courses of fire and the application of these rules. All disqualifications and appeals to arbitration must be brought to his attention. The Range Master is usually appointed by and works with the Match Director. However, in respect of ITCC sanctioned Level IV or higher matches, the appointment of the Range Master is subject to the prior written approval of the ITCC Executive Council.

9.1.4 Range Officer

Oversees the fair, correct and consistent application of these rules in his individual stage area. Issues range commands, oversees competitor compliance with the written stage briefing and closely monitors safe competitor action. He also declares the time, scores and penalties achieved by each competitor and verifies that these are correctly recorded on the competitor's score sheet (under the authority of a Range Master)

9.1.5. Assistant Range Officer

The Assistant Range Officer has to support the Range Officer's work on the stage. More than one assistants may be required in complex stages with very long distance targets. Their job is to observe the farthest targets by using optical sighting systems, cameras or other technical devices, which would allow them to score a hit or a miss for the specific target (under the authority of a Range Officer)

9.1.6. Stats Officer

Supervises the stats room team, which collects, sorts, verifies, tabulates and retains all score sheets and ultimately produces provisional and final results (under the direct authority of the Range Master).

9.1.7. Quartermaster

Distributes repairs and maintains all range equipment (e.g. targets, patches, paint, props etc.), other range needs (e.g. timers, batteries, staplers, staples, clipboards etc.) under the direct authority of the Range Master.

9.1.8 Gunsmith

Provides technical inspection of the weapons and ammunition during the Match Registration, in order to verify that they comply with the rules of T-Class (under the direct authority of the Range Master).

9.1.9. Staff

Takes care for all issues during a match such as repairing and maintaining of all range equipment and other technical or organisational needs (under the direct authority of the Quartermaster).

9.2. Appointment of Officials

Match organizers must, prior to commencement of a match, appoint a Match Director and a Range Master to carry out the duties detailed in these rules. The nominated Range Master should preferably be the most competent and experienced certified Match Official present.

9.3. Officials' clothing

All Match Officials must have distinctive clothing, which distinguishes them among the competitors and the appropriate labels and insignia should be pointed out.

SECTION 10 TEST FIRING, SIGHTING-IN, ZEROING OF GUNS

10.1. Test firing, sighting-in or zeroing of guns is permitted during the days prior to the start of the competition in a special testing area and only with the presence of the Range Officer. All actions should be consistent with the general safety regulations in conformity with the safe angle of fire for the concrete shooting range.

10.2. The Match Officers have the right to forbid test-firing or zeroing of guns. It is specifically pointed out whether the match rules will allow zeroing or not, as well as the exact date, time and place for test firing/zeroing.

10.3. Each competitor is given a time period for zeroing of no longer than 15 minutes per weapon and he has the right to use his own target, as well as a chronograph during that period.

10.4. Zeroing distances:

[T] 100 meters or 100 yards.

[U] 300 meters.

[M] 20 meters for semi-auto handguns and 100 meters for sniper rifles and semi-auto rifles.

[R] 50 meters.

SECTION 11 THE COURSE OF FIRE

11.1. Rifle Ready Conditions

11.1.1 Bolt action rifles

11.1.1.1. Option 1: Magazine filled and fitted (if applicable), chamber loaded, hammer and/or sear cocked and safety catch applied (if the firearm is designed to have one). If the weapon's design does not allow for safety catch after the cocking of the weapon, then the weapon should be de-cocked.

11.1.1.2. Option 2: Magazine filled and fitted (if applicable), chamber empty and the action is open, safety catch not applied

11.1.1.3. Option 3: Detachable magazine loaded, but not fitted. If the magazine is fixed to the rifle, then it must be empty. The action may be open or closed, safety catch not applied.

11.1.2. Semi auto sniper rifles and semi auto assault rifles

11.1.2.1. Option 1: Magazine filled and fitted, chamber loaded, hammer and/or sear cocked and safety catch applied.

11.1.2.2. Option 2: Magazine filled and fitted, chamber empty and the action closed, safety catch not applied.

11.1.2.3. Option 3: Detachable magazines are loaded, but not fitted and chamber must be empty, safety catch not applied.

11.1.3. Semi auto Handguns

11.1.3.1. Option 1: Magazine filled and fitted, chamber loaded, hammer and/or sear cocked and safety catch applied. If a handgun has a decocking lever, that alone must be used to decock the handgun. If a handgun does not have a decocking lever, the hammer must be safely and manually lowered all the way forward. Some double action gun systems have automatic safety on after loading, in such cases the gun is considered to be in a safety condition.

11.1.3.2. Option 2: Magazine filled and fitted, chamber empty and the action closed, safety catch not applied.

11.1.3.3. Option 3: Detachable magazines are loaded, but not fitted and chamber must be empty, safety catch not applied.

11.2. Competitor Ready Condition

11.2.1. The firearm is prepared, made safe and held or placed as specified in the written stage briefing, and complies with the requirements of the relevant Discipline.

11.2.2. The competitor assumes the start position for the current drill, as specified in the written stage briefing.

11.2.3. A competitor who attempts or completes the course of fire, after an incorrect start position which gave him an advantage, may be required to reshoot the course of fire or receive a penalty, by the Range Officer.

11.3. Range Communications

All commands during a T-Class match are in English. The approved range commands and their sequence are as follows:

11.3.1. "Load And Make Ready" (or "Make Ready" for starts with an unloaded firearm). This command signifies the start of "the Course of Fire".

[M1][M2][M3] Under the direct supervision of the Range Officer, the competitor must face downrange (or in a safe direction as specified by the Range Officer), fit eye and ear protection, and prepare the firearm, in accordance with the written stage briefing. The competitor must then assume the required start position. At this point, the Range Officer will proceed.

[M1] If the stage requires more than one competitors to shoot from a common firing line, all competitors must respond together to the Range Officer's commands.

11.3.1.1. [M1][M2][M3] Once the appropriate command has been given, the competitor must not move away from the start location, prior to issuance of the Start Signal without the prior approval, and under the direct supervision of the Range Officer. Violation will result in a warning for the first offense and may result in penalty for a subsequent offense in the same match.

[M1] If the stage requires more than one competitors to shoot from a common firing line, this rule will affect all of them.

11.3.2. "Are You Ready?" (Competitor ready?) command

[M2][M3] The lack of any negative response from the competitor indicates that he fully understands the requirements of the course of fire and is ready to proceed. If the competitor is not ready at this command, he must state "Not Ready".

[M1] If the stage requires more than one competitors to shoot from a common firing line, the Range Officer addresses each competitor by his number. The competitor must respond either verbally or manually (e.g. by raising of a hand, or a leg). In case, when the competitor is not fully prepared after the check has been performed, he must clearly indicate this, by raising of his hand.

11.3.3. "Standby" command

This command should be followed by the Start Signal within 3 to 5 seconds.

11.3.4 "Start Signal" command

[M1][M2][M3] The signal for the competitor to begin his attempt at the course of fire.

[M1] If the stage requires more than one competitors to shoot from a common firing line, Start Signal applies for everybody.

11.3.4.1. [M2] For all courses of fire, the Start Signal is given by par timer

[M1][M3] Shooting drills with controlled time for completion can be triggered with a Start Signal by par timer, by shot, horn, exploding device or some other sound source, which is specifically described in the written stage briefing.

11.3.4.2. The Range Officer must demonstrate the Start Signal during the stage briefing.

11.3.4.3. [M2][M3] If the competitor in some reason doesn't react on the Start Signal, the Range Officer must make sure that the competitor is ready and to resume his/her commands from "Are You Ready?"

[M1] If the stage requires more than one competitors to shoot from a common firing line, a competitor who for some reason fails to react on the Start Signal or delays his performance is not allowed to reshoot or to receive more time for finishing the shooting drill.

11.3.4.4. [M2][M3] In the event that a competitor inadvertently begins shooting prematurely ("false start"), the Range Officer will, as soon as possible, stop and give the competitor penalty - zero scoring for the stage.

[M1] In the event that a competitor, who is shooting along with other competitors from a common firing line, inadvertently begins shooting prematurely ("false start"), the Range Officer can continue the drill, if he is sure that the Supporting Range Officer has written down the penalty for the liable competitor and appoints him zero scoring for the stage.

11.3.5. [M3] "Reengage" command

This command is given during stage drills, which allow for additional shots to be made in event of a miss. The Range Officer will score a "Miss" and then issue the command "Reengage", after which he should clearly and distinctively start to count the remaining time, according to the stage briefing (e.g. - "Miss", "Reengage", "Five", "Four", "Three", "Two", "One").

11.3.6. [M1][M3] "Stop Signal" command

Stage drills with limited time for completion are stopped with a signal from a par timer, shot, horn, exploding device or some other sound from the same source, which was used for the start of the drill.

11.3.6.1.[M1] [M3] For every shot made after the "Stop Signal" command, the competitor will receive procedural penalty and one of his best hits will be zeroed.

11.3.7. "Stop" - Any Range Officer assigned to a stage may issue this command at any time during the course of fire. The competitor must immediately cease firing, stop moving and wait for further instructions from the Range Officer.

11.3.8. [M2] "If You Are Finished, Unload And Show Clear" – If the competitor has finished shooting, he must lower his firearm and present it for inspection by the Range Officer with the muzzle pointed downrange, fixed magazine empty or detachable magazine removed and chamber(s) empty, action held or latched open.

11.3.9. [M1][M3] "Unload And Show Clear" – If the competitor has finished shooting, he must lower his firearm and present it for inspection by the Range Officer with the muzzle pointed downrange, fixed magazine empty or detachable magazine removed and chamber(s) empty, action held or latched open.

11.3.9.1. If the stage requires more than one competitors to shoot from a common firing line, the competitors are not allowed to get up, or change position until the inspection of their firearm has been completed by the Range Officer. After the inspection, the competitors are allowed to leave the firing line with or without their weapon, according to the stage briefing.

11.3.10. [M] "If Clear, Hammer Down, Open Action" – After issuance of this command, the competitor must not resume shooting. While continuing to point the firearm safely downrange, the competitor must perform a final safety check of the firearm as follows:

11.3.10.1. [M] Semiauto Handguns - Release the slide and pull the trigger (without touching the hammer or decocker, if any). If a handgun has a device, which requires a magazine to be inserted, in order to enable the pulling of the trigger, the competitor must, on issuance of the above command, inform the Range Officer, who will direct and supervise the use and subsequent removal of an empty magazine, to facilitate this process.

11.3.10.2. [M] If the gun proves to be clear, the competitor must holster his handgun. Once the competitor's hands are clear of the holstered handgun, the course of fire is deemed to have ended.

11.3.11. [M] "If Clear, Hammer Down, Open Action" – After issuance of this command, the competitor must not resume shooting. While continuing to point the firearm safely downrange, the competitor must perform a final safety check of the firearm as follows:

11.3.11.1. [M] Semiauto rifles - Release the slide and pull the trigger. If a rifle has a device, which requires a magazine to be inserted, in order to enable pulling of the trigger, the competitor must, on issuance of the above command, inform the Range Officer, who will direct and supervise the use and subsequent removal of an empty magazine, to facilitate this process, and after that to open the action again.

11.3.11.2. [M] If the rifle proves to be clear, the competitor must wait for the Range Officer to fit a chamber safety flag. The action may remain open.

11.3.12. If the rifle does not prove to be clear, the Range Officer will re-issue the commands, until the weapon becomes clear.

11.3.13. "Range Is Clear" - Competitors or Match Personnel must not move forward of, or away from the firing line or final shooting location, until this declaration is given by the Range Officer. Once the declaration is made, officials and competitors may move forward to score, patch, reset targets etc.

11.4. Loading, Reloading or Unloading During a Course of Fire

11.4.1. When loading, reloading or unloading during a course of fire, the competitor's fingers must be visibly outside the trigger guard and the firearm must be pointed safely downrange or in another safe direction authorized by a Range Officer.

11.5. Movement

11.5.1. Apart from the time, when the competitor is actually aiming or shooting at targets, all movement must be accomplished with the fingers visibly outside the trigger guard and the external safety should be applied. The firearm must be pointed in a safe direction.

11.5.2. "Movement" is defined as any of the actions below:

11.5.2.1. Taking more than one step in any direction

11.5.2.2. Changing shooting position (e.g. from standing to kneeling, from seated to standing or vice versa, etc.)

11.6. Assistance or Interference

11.6.1. No assistance of any kind should be given to a competitor during a course of fire, except of any safety warnings, issued by the Range Officer during the stage drill, at any time. Such warnings will not be regarded as a reason for the competitor to be allowed to reshoot.

11.6.2. Any person, who provides some form of assistance to a competitor, during the course of fire, without the prior approval of the Range Officer (as well as the competitor himself, who receives such assistance) may sustain a procedural penalty or even a disqualification for unfair conduct, at the discretion of the Range Officer.

11.6.2.1. Any person interfering verbally or otherwise with a competitor during his attempt at a course of fire may be disqualified for unfair conduct. If the Range Officer believes that the interference significantly affected the competitor, he must report the incident to the Range Master, who may offer the affected competitor a reshoot, at his discretion.

11.6.3. In the event that inadvertent contact with the Range Officer or another external influence has interfered with the competitor during a course of fire, the Range Officer may offer the competitor a reshoot of the course of fire. The competitor must accept or decline the offer, prior to seeing either the time or the score from the initial attempt.

11.7. Sighting Procedures, Dry Firing and Course Inspection

11.7.1. Competitors are prohibited from sighting in and/or dry firing, prior to the Start Signal. Violation will result in a warning issuance for the first occurrence and a procedural penalty for each subsequent occurrence during the same match.

11.7.1.1. [M][M2] Competitors may adjust their electronic sights, while pointing their firearm in safe direction, after the approval of the Range Officer.

11.7.2. No one is allowed to enter or walk through the course of fire, without the prior approval of the Range Officer and only if this is described in the written stage briefing. Violations will incur a procedural penalty, but may lead to disqualification of the competitor for recurrent offenses.

SECTION 12 SCORING AND RANKING

12.1. General Regulations

12.1.1. Each scoring target must be shot according to the specified stage briefing.

12.1.2. Hits on scoring targets and no-shoots (or penalty shoots) will be scored in accordance with the values approved by the ITCC Assembly. Values of scored hits depends on target's size and distance (see Appendix 1).

12.1.3. Each stage briefing must specify the scoring of a hit on a scoring paper target (or a penalty target), when it touches the line between two scoring areas, or the line between a scoring and non-scoring area.

12.1.3.1. Paper tears radiating outwards from the diameter of the bullet hole will not count for score or penalty.

12.1.3.2. Enlarged holes in paper targets which exceed the competitor's bullet diameter, as the case may be, will not count for score or penalty unless there is visible evidence within the remnants of the hole (e.g. a grease mark, striations or a "crown" etc.), to eliminate a presumption that the hole was caused by a ricochet or a splatter.

12.1.4. A competitor who fails to engage a scoring target will incur one procedural penalty per target, as well as the appropriate penalties for misses.

12.1.5. Each miss will be penalized, unless otherwise specified in the written stage briefing.

12.1.6. [M1][M] Approaching Targets. While scoring is in progress, competitors or their delegates must not approach any target closer than 1 meter, without the authorization of the Range Officer. Violation will result in a warning for the first offense, but the competitor or his delegate may, at the discretion of the Range Officer, incur a procedural penalty for subsequent occurrences in the same match.

[M2][M3] All targets are scored by the Assistant Range Officer of the Stage. The Range Officers should announce the score and write it down on the score sheet.

12.1.7. [M1] Touching Targets. While scoring is in progress competitors or their delegates must not touch, gauge or otherwise interfere with any target without the authorization of the Range Officer. Should a Range Officer deem that a competitor or their delegate has influenced or affected the scoring process due to such interference, the Range Officer may score the affected target as a missed target or impose hits for any missed penalty target.

12.1.8. It is recommended all paper targets to be changed with new ones after each competitor. In case if this is not possible, then patches for covering the previous hits must be used, with the following considerations:

12.1.8.1. Prematurely Patched Targets. If a target is prematurely patched or taped, thus preventing the estimation of the actual score, the Range Officer must order the competitor to reshoot the course of fire.

12.1.8.2. Unrestored Targets. If, after completion of the course of fire by a previous competitor, one or more targets have not been properly patched or taped for the new competitor being scored, then the Range Officer must judge whether or not an accurate score can be determined. If there are extra scoring hits or questionable penalty hits thereon, and it is not obvious which hits were made by the competitor being scored, the affected competitor must be ordered to reshoot the course of fire.

12.1.8.3. In the event that patches or tape applied to a restored paper target are accidentally blown off by wind, muzzle blast or another reason, and it is not obvious to the Range Officer which hits were made by the competitor being scored, the competitor will be required to reshoot the course of fire.

12.1.8.4. A competitor who hesitates or self-stops during his attempt at a course of fire, due to a belief that one or more targets have not been restored or reset, is not entitled to a reshoot.

12.1.9. Impenetrable. The scoring area of all scoring targets and no-shoots is deemed to be impenetrable. If a bullet strikes wholly or partially within the scoring area of a paper target, and continues on to strike the scoring area of another paper or metal target, the hit on the subsequent paper/metal target will not count for score or penalty, unless otherwise specified in the written stage briefing.

12.1.10. Hard Cover. Unless specifically described as "soft cover" (see Rule 4.1.4.2) in the written stage briefing, all props, walls, barriers, vision screens and other obstacles are deemed to be impenetrable "hard cover". If a bullet strikes wholly within hard cover, and continues on to strike any scoring paper target or no-shoot, that shot will not count for score or penalty, as the case may be. If it cannot be determined which hit(s) on a scoring paper target or no-shoot are the result of shots fired through hard cover, the scoring paper target or no-shoot will be scored by ignoring the applicable number of highest scoring hit(s).

12.1.10.1. Patches are neither Hard Cover nor Soft Cover. Shots, which have passed wholly or partially through target patches and afterwards hit a paper or metal target will count for score or penalty, as the case may be.

12.1.11. The minimum score for a stage is zero.

12.2. Scoring and ranking

12.2.1. Scoring method

[M1] [M3] Scoring is made by points from the hits, which were made for a regulated time. A competitor's score is calculated by adding the points from all stipulated hits per target, minus penalties.

[M2] There are two scoring methods available for this Module. The chosen method for scoring is specifically pointed out in the written stage briefing for each event:

"Comstock" – There is unlimited time for execution of the stage (which stops on the last shot), unlimited number of shots to be fired, stipulated number of hits per target to

count for score. A competitor's score is calculated by adding the highest value stipulated number of hits per target, minus penalties, divided by the total time (recorded to two decimal places) needed by the competitor to complete the course of fire, to arrive at a hit factor. The ranking for each particular stage is made according to the hit factor, which is calculated up to four decimal places. The overall stage results are factored by awarding the competitor with the highest hit factor the maximum points (100) available for the stage, with all other competitors ranked relatively (proportionally) in descending order below the stage winner.

"Virginia Count" - There is unlimited time for execution, which stops on the last shot, but limited number of shots to be fired, stipulated number of hits per target to count for score. A competitor's score is calculated by adding the highest value stipulated number of hits per target, minus penalties, divided by the total time (recorded to two decimal places) needed by the competitor to complete the course of fire, to arrive at a hit factor. The ranking for each particular stage is made according to the hit factor, which is calculated up to four decimal places. The overall stage results are factored by awarding the competitor with the highest hit factor the maximum points (100) available for the stage, with all other competitors ranked relatively (proportionally) in descending order below the stage winner.

12.2.2. Scoring results of a Module

The scoring is calculated by adding the results from all module's stages. The competitor with highest summarized result is awarded with 100 percent. The scoring for the other competitors is made proportionally in relation to the highest summarized score, with calculation up to two decimal places.

12.2.3. Match ranking.

The calculated sum in percentage from all the three Modules assembles the Match ranking and demonstrates the winner.

12.2.4. Scoring Ties

If, in the opinion of the Match Director, a tie in match results must be broken, the affected competitors must shoot one or more courses of fire, nominated or created by the Match Director, until the tie is broken. The result of a tiebreaker will only be used to determine the final ranking of the affected competitors, and their original match points will remain unchanged. Ties must never be broken by chance (lot).

12.3. Score Verification and Challenge

12.3.1. [M1] Scoring can be performed for a group of targets at a time, after several stages, but only if a team of two Range Officers marks the hits on every target, after the completion of each stage. Non-marked hits will not be accounted for in the scoring.

12.3.2. [M1] After the Range Officer has declared "Range is Clear", the competitor or their delegate will be permitted to accompany the official responsible for scoring to verify the scoring.

[M2] The Range Officer responsible for a course of fire may stipulate that the scoring process will begin while a competitor is actually completing a course of fire. In such cases, the competitor's delegate is entitled to accompany the official responsible for scoring in order to verify the scoring. Competitors must be advised of this procedure during the stage briefing.

12.3.3. A competitor (or his delegate) who fails to verify a target during the scoring process loses all right of appeal in respect of scoring that target.

12.3.4. Any challenge to a score or penalty must be appealed to the Range Officer by the competitor (or his delegate) prior to the subject target being painted, patched, or reset, failing which such challenges will not be accepted.

12.3.5. In the event that the Range Officer upholds the original score or penalty and the competitor is dissatisfied, he may appeal to the Range Master for a ruling.

12.3.6. The Range Master's ruling in respect of the scoring of hits on targets and no-shoots will be final. No further appeals are permitted with respect to such scoring decisions.

12.3.7. During a scoring challenge, the subject target(s) must not be patched, taped or otherwise interfered with, until the matter has been settled. The Range Officer may remove a disputed paper target from the course of fire for further examination to prevent any delay in the match. Both the competitor and the Range Officer must sign the target and clearly indicate which hit(s) is (are) subject to challenge.

12.3.8. Scoring overlays approved by the Range Master must be used exclusively, as and when required, to verify and/or to determine the applicable scoring zone of hits on paper targets.

12.3.9. Far distance targets are scored with the help of optical sighting systems, video systems or other technical devices used by the Assistant Range Officer of the stage. His decision cannot be a matter of appeal, unless there is a video recording or other technical evidence, in which case the competitor may appeal to the Range Master for a ruling.

12.3.9.1. Making the signal for a hit or a miss can be done with specific hand signs by the Assistant Range Officer towards the Main Range Officer who should write down the score.

12.4. Score Sheets

12.4.1. The Range Officer must enter all information (including any warnings given) on each competitor's score sheet prior to signing it. After the Range Officer has signed the score sheet, the competitor must add his own signature in the appropriate place. Whole numbers should be used to record all scores or penalties.

[M2] The elapsed time taken by the competitor to complete the course of fire must be recorded to 2 decimal places in the appropriate place.

12.4.2. If corrections to the score sheet are required, these will be clearly entered onto the original and other copies of the competitor's score sheets. The competitor and the Range Officer should sign any corrections.

12.4.3. Should a competitor refuse to sign or initial a score sheet, for any reason, the matter must be referred to the Range Master. If the Range Master is satisfied that the course of fire has been conducted and scored correctly the unsigned score sheet will be submitted as normal for inclusion in the match results.

12.4.4. A score sheet signed by both the competitor and the Range Officer is conclusive evidence that the course of fire has been completed, and that the time, scores and penalties recorded on the score sheet, are accurate and uncontested. The signed score sheet is deemed to be a definitive document and, with the exception of the mutual consent of the competitor and the signatory Range Officer, or due to an arbitration decision, the score sheet will only be changed to correct arithmetical errors.

12.4.5. If a score sheet is found to have insufficient or excess entries, or if the time has not been recorded on the score sheet, it must be promptly referred to the Range Master who will normally require the competitor to reshoot the course of fire.

12.4.6. In the event that a reshoot is not possible for any reason, the following actions will prevail:

12.4.6.1. If there is insufficiency of recorded hits or misses on the score sheet, those which have been recorded will be deemed complete and conclusive.

12.4.6.2 If there is excess of recorded hits or misses on the score sheet, the highest value recorded hits will be scored.

12.4.6.3. [M2] If the time is missing, the competitor will receive a zero score for the stage.

12.4.6.4. Procedural penalties recorded on the score sheet will be deemed complete and conclusive.

12.4.6.5. If the identity of the competitor is missing from a score sheet, it must be referred to the Range Master, who must take whatever action he deems necessary to rectify the situation.

12.4.7. In the event that an original score sheet is lost or otherwise unavailable, the competitor's duplicate copy, or any other written or electronic record acceptable to the Range Master, will be used. If the competitor's copy, or any other written or electronic record is unavailable, or is deemed by the Range Master to be insufficiently legible, the competitor will be required to reshoot the course of fire. If the Range Master deems that a reshoot is not possible for any reason, the competitor will incur a zero time and score for the affected stage.

12.4.8. No person, other than an authorized Match Official, is permitted to handle an original score sheet retained on a stage, or at any other place, after it has been signed by a competitor and a Range Officer, without the prior approval of the Range Officer or personnel directly involved with Stats. Violations will incur a warning for the first offense, but may be subject to disqualification for subsequent occurrences in the same match.

12.5. Scoring Responsibility

12.5.1. Each competitor has a responsibility to maintain an accurate record of his scores by verifying the lists posted by the Stats Officer.

12.5.2. After all competitors have completed a match, the provisional stage results must be published and posted in a conspicuous place at the shooting range or, if it is an international match, at the official match hotel for the purpose of verification by competitors. The time and date on which the subject results were actually posted (not just printed) at each venue must be clearly stated thereon.

12.5.3. If a competitor detects an error in those results, he must file an appeal with the Stats Officer within 1 hour after the results were actually posted. If the appeal is not filed within the time limit, the posted scores will stand and the appeal will be dismissed.

12.5.4. Competitors who are scheduled (or otherwise authorized by the Match Director) to complete all courses of fire in a match for a period of time less than the full duration of the match (e.g. 1 day format in a 3 day match etc.) are required to check their provisional match results, in accordance with the special procedures and time limits specified by the Match Director (e.g. via a website), failing which scoring appeals will not be accepted. The relevant procedure must be published in advance in the match literature and/or by way of a notice posted in a conspicuous place at the shooting range, prior to commencement of the match.

12.5.5. A Match Director may elect to have results posted electronically (e.g. via a website) either in addition to, or as an alternative to physically printing them. If so, the relevant procedure must be published in advance in the match literature and/or by way of a notice posted in a conspicuous place at the shooting range, prior to commencement of the match. Facilities (e.g. a PC) must be provided for competitors to view the results if a Match Director has elected to have results posted electronically only.

12.6. [M2] Time scoring

12.6.1. [M2] Only the timing device operated by the Range Officer must be used to record the official elapsed time of a competitor's attempt at a course of fire. If a Range Officer assigned to a course of fire (or a more senior Match Official) deems that a timing device is faulty, a competitor whose attempt cannot be credited with an accurate time will be required to reshoot the course of fire.

12.6.2. [M2] If, in the opinion of an Arbitration Committee, the time credited to a competitor for a course of fire is deemed to be unrealistic, the competitor will be required to reshoot the course of fire.

12.6.3. [M2] A competitor who reacts to a start signal but, for any reason, does not continue his attempt at the course of fire and fails to have an official time recorded on the timing device operated by the Range Officer, will be given a zero time and zero score for that stage.

12.7. Scoring Programs

12.7.1. The official scoring program approved by ITCC is available from ITCC website. For ITCC matches, no other scoring program can be used without the written approval of the Regional Director of the host Region.

SECTION 13 PENALTIES

13.1. Procedural Penalties – General Regulations

13.1.1. Procedural penalties are imposed when a competitor fails to comply with procedures specified in a written stage briefing and/or is found to be in violation of other general rules. The Range Officer imposing the procedural penalties must clearly record the number of penalties and the reason why they were imposed on the competitor's score sheet.

13.1.2. Each procedural penalty is equivalent to the highest value of a hit for the current stage.

13.1.3. A competitor disputing the application or number of procedural penalties may appeal to the Chief Range Officer and/or Range Master. A competitor who continues to be aggrieved may then lodge an appeal for arbitration.

13.1.4. Procedural penalties cannot be nullified by further competitor action. For example, a competitor who fires a shot at a target while faulting a line will still incur the applicable penalties even though he subsequently shoots at the same target while not faulting the line.

13.2. Procedural Penalties – Specific Examples

13.2.1. A competitor who shoots while any part of his body is touching the ground or any object beyond a Fault Line will receive one procedural penalty for each occurrence.

13.2.1.1. However, if the competitor has gained a significant advantage on any target(s) while faulting, he may instead be assessed one procedural penalty for each shot fired at the subject target(s), while faulting.

13.2.2. A competitor who fails to comply with a procedure specified in the written stage briefing will incur one procedural penalty for each occurrence. However, if a competitor has gained a significant advantage during non-compliance, the competitor may be assessed one procedural penalty for each shot fired, instead of a single penalty (e.g. firing one or more shots contrary to the required location, shooting position or stance).

13.2.3. Where multiple penalties are assessed in the above cases, they must not exceed the maximum number of scoring hits that can be attained by the competitor. For example, a competitor who gains an advantage while faulting a Fault Line where only 4 metal targets are visible will receive 1 procedural penalty for each shot fired while faulting, up to a maximum of 4 procedural penalties, regardless of the number of shots actually fired.

13.2.4. A competitor who fails to comply with a mandatory reload will incur one procedural penalty for each shot fired after the point where the reload was required until a reload is performed.

13.2.5. A competitor who is reaching for his weapon (e.g. moving hands towards the firearm, a reloading device or ammunition) or physically moving to a more advantageous shooting position or stance after the "Standby" command and prior to issuance of the Start Signal, will

incur one procedural penalty. If the Range Officer can stop the competitor in time, a warning will be issued for the first offense and the competitor will be restarted.

13.2.6. A competitor who fails to engage any scoring target with at least one round will incur one procedural penalty per target, plus the applicable number of misses.

13.3. Disqualification – General Regulations

13.3.1. A competitor who commits a safety violation or any other prohibited activity during an ITCC match will be disqualified and will be prohibited from attempting any remaining courses of fire, regardless of the schedule or physical layout of the match.

13.3.2. When a disqualification is issued, the Range Officer must record the reasons for the disqualification and the time and date of the incident on the competitor's score sheet, and the Range Master must be notified as soon as possible.

13.3.3. Scores for a competitor who has received a disqualification must not be deleted from the match results, and the match results must not be declared final by the Match Director, until the time limit prescribed for appeal has passed, provided no appeal to arbitration on any matter has been submitted to the Range Master (or his delegate).

13.3.4. If an appeal to arbitration is submitted within the time limit prescribed, the provisions of Rule 14 will prevail.

13.4. Disqualification – Accidental Discharge

A competitor who causes an accidental discharge must be stopped by the Range Officer as soon as possible. An accidental discharge is defined as follows:

13.4.1. A shot, which travels over a backstop, a berm or in any other direction, specified as being unsafe in the written stage briefing. Note that a competitor who legitimately fires a shot at a target, which then travels in an unsafe direction, will not be disqualified, but the provisions of stage changing section may apply.

13.4.2. A shot which strikes the ground within 3 meters of the competitor, except when shooting at a paper target closer than 3 meters to the competitor.

13.4.3. A shot which occurs while actually loading, reloading or unloading a firearm.

13.4.3.1. Exception – a detonation, which occurs while unloading a firearm, is not considered a shot or discharge subject to a disqualification. However the firearm must be checked by the Gunsmith Official.

13.4.4. A shot which occurs during remedial action in the case of a malfunction.

13.4.5. A shot which occurs while transferring a handgun or rifle between hands.

13.4.6. A shot which occurs during movement, except while actually shooting at targets.

13.4.7. A shot fired at a metal target from a distance of less than approved, measured from the front of the target to the nearest part of the competitor's body in contact with the ground.

13.4.8. If it can be established that the cause of the discharge is due to a broken or defective part of the firearm, it is considered that the competitor has not committed any safety violation in this Section and a disqualification will not be invoked, but the competitor's scores for that stage will be zeroed.

13.4.8.1. The firearm must be immediately presented for inspection to the Range Master or his delegate, who will check the firearm and carry out any tests necessary to establish that a broken or defective part caused the discharge. If the competitor fails to present the firearm for inspection, prior to leaving the course of fire, then he may not appeal a disqualification for an accidental discharge due to a broken or defective part at a later occasion.

13.5. Disqualification – Unsafe Gun Handling

Examples of unsafe gun handling include, but are not limited to:

13.5.1. Handling a handgun at any time, except when in a designated Safety Area or when under the supervision of and in response to a direct command issued by the Range Officer.

13.5.2. Allowing the muzzle of a firearm to point uprange, or past the default, or specific safe angles of fire during a course of fire.

13.5.3. If at any time during the course of fire, a competitor drops his firearm or causes it to fall, loaded or not. Note that a competitor who, for any reason during a course of fire, safely and intentionally places the firearm on the ground or other stable object will not be disqualified provided:

13.5.3.1. The competitor maintains constant physical contact with the firearm, until it is placed firmly and securely on the ground or another stable object; and

13.5.3.2. The competitor remains within 1 meter of the firearm at all times (except where the firearm is placed at a greater distance, under the supervision of a Range Officer, in order to comply with a start position); and

13.5.3.3. The provisions of Rule 13.5.2 do not occur; and

13.5.3.4. The firearm is unloaded and the action is open.

13.5.4. Allowing the muzzle of a handgun to point at any part of the competitor's body during a course of fire (i.e. sweeping). A disqualification is not applicable if sweeping occurs while drawing or re-holstering a gun, provided the competitor's fingers are clearly outside the trigger guard.

13.5.5. Allowing the muzzle of a loaded handgun to point rearwards uprange beyond a radius of 1 meter from a competitor's feet during drawing or re-holstering. The 1 meter concession only applies when a competitor is facing directly downrange.

13.5.6. Failure to keep the finger outside the trigger guard while clearing a malfunction, when the competitor clearly moves the firearm away from aiming at targets.

13.5.7. Failure to keep the finger outside the trigger guard during loading, reloading, or unloading except where specifically permitted.

13.5.8. Failure to keep the finger outside the trigger guard during movement.

13.5.9. Having a loaded and holstered handgun and the safety not applied.

13.5.10. Handling live or dummy ammunition in a Safety Area.

13.5.10.1. The word "handling" does not preclude competitors from entering a Safety Area with ammunition in magazines or speed loaders on their belt, in their pockets or in their range bag, provided the competitor does not physically remove the loaded magazines or loaded speed loaders from their retaining or storage devices, while within the Safety Area.

13.5.11. Loading the firearm except when specifically authorized by a Range Officer.

13.5.12. Retrieving a dropped firearm. Dropped firearms must always be retrieved by a Range Officer who will, after checking and/or clearing the firearm, place it directly into the competitor's gun case, gun bag or holster. Dropping an unloaded firearm or causing it to fall outside of a course of fire is not an infraction. However, a competitor who retrieves a dropped firearm will receive a disqualification.

13.5.13. Using prohibited and/or unsafe ammunition and/or using a prohibited firearm.

13.6. Disqualification – Unfair Conduct

13.6.1. Competitors will be disqualified for conduct which a Range Officer deems to be unsportsmanlike. Examples include, but are not limited to, cheating, dishonesty, failing to comply with the reasonable directions of a Match Official, or any behavior likely to bring the sport into disrepute. The Range Master must be notified as soon as possible.

13.6.2. A competitor who is deemed by a Range Officer to have intentionally removed or caused the loss of eye or ear protection, in order to gain a reshoot or advantage will be disqualified.

13.6.3. Other persons may be expelled from the range for conduct which a Range Officer deems to be unacceptable. Examples include, but are not limited to, failing to comply with the reasonable directions of a Match Official, interference with the operation of a course of fire and/or a competitor's attempt thereof, and any other behavior likely to bring the sport into disrepute.

13.7. Disqualification – Prohibited Substances

13.7.1. All persons are required to be in complete control both mentally and physically during ITCC matches.

13.7.2. ITCC considers the abuse of alcoholic products, non-prescription and non-essential drugs and the use of illegal or performance enhancing drugs, irrespective of how they are taken or administered, to be an extremely serious offense.

13.7.3. Except when used for medicinal purposes, competitors and officials at matches must not be affected by drugs (including alcohol) of any sort, during matches. Any person, who in the opinion of the Range Master is visibly under the influence of any of the items described herein, will be disqualified from the match and may be required to leave the range.

13.7.4. ITCC reserves the right to prohibit any general or specific substances and to introduce tests for the presence of these substances at any time.

SECTION 14 ARBITRATION

14.1. General Principles

14.1.1. Administration – Occasional disputes are inevitable in any competitive activity governed by rules. It is recognized that the more significant the match is leveled, the much more important the outcome is to the individual competitor. However, effective match administration and planning will prevent most, if not all disputes.

14.1.2. Access – Appeals may be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the following rules for any matter except where specifically denied by another rule. Appeals arising from a disqualification for a safety violation will only be accepted to determine whether exceptional circumstances warrant reconsideration of the disqualification. However, the commission of the infraction as described by the Match Official is not subject to challenge or appeal.

14.1.3. Appeals – The Range Officer makes decisions initially. If the appellant disagrees with a decision, the Range Master must be asked to rule.

14.1.4. Appeal to Committee – Should the appellant continue to disagree with the decision he may appeal to the Arbitration Committee by submitting a first party appeal.

14.1.5. Retain Evidence – An appellant is required to inform the Range Master of his wish to present his appeal to the Arbitration Committee and may request that the officials retain any and all relevant documentary or other evidence pending the hearing.

14.1.6. Preparing the Appeal – The appellant is responsible for the preparation and delivery of the written submission, together with the appropriate fee. Both must be submitted to the Range Master within the specified period of time.

14.1.7. Match Official's Duty – Any Match Official in receipt of a request for arbitration must, without delay, inform the Range Master and must note the identities of all witnesses and officials involved and pass this information towards the Range Master.

14.1.8. Match Director's Duty – Upon receiving the appeal from the Range Master, the Match Director must convene the Arbitration Committee in a place of privacy, as soon as possible.

14.1.9. Arbitration Committee's Duty – The Arbitration Committee is bound to observe and apply the current ITCC Rules and to deliver a decision consistent with those rules. Where rules require interpretation or where an incident is not specifically covered by the rules, the Arbitration Committee will use their best judgment in the spirit of the rules.

14.2. Composition of Committee

14.2.1. International Matches – The composition of an Arbitration Committee will be subject to the following rules:

14.2.1.1. The ITCC President, or his delegate, or a certified Match Official appointed by the Match Director, (in that order) will serve as Chairman of the committee without the right to vote.

14.2.1.2. Three arbitrators will be appointed by the ITCC President, or his delegate, or by the Match Director, (in that order), with one vote each.

14.2.1.3. When possible, arbitrators should be competitors in the match and should be certified Match Officials.

14.2.1.4. Under no circumstances must the Chairman or any member of an Arbitration Committee be a party of the original decision or subsequent appeals, which led to the arbitration.

14.2.2. Regional Matches – The Match Director can appoint an Arbitration Committee of three experienced persons, who are not parties to the appeal and who do not have a direct conflict of interest in the outcome of the appeal. The arbitrators should be certified Match Officials if possible. All committee members will vote. The senior Match Official, or the senior person if there are no Match Officials, will be the chairman.

14.3. Time Limits and Sequences

14.3.1. Time Limit for Appeal to Arbitration – Written appeals to arbitration must be submitted to the Range Master on the appropriate form, accompanied by the applicable fee, within one hour of the time of the disputed call as recorded by Match Officials. Failure to comply will render the appeal invalid and no further action will be taken. The Range Master must immediately record on the appeal form the time and date he received the appeal.

14.3.2. Decision Time Limit – The Committee must reach a decision within 24 hours of the request for arbitration or before the results have been declared final by the Match Director, whichever comes first. If the Committee fails to render a decision within the prescribed period, both a first and third party appellant will automatically succeed in their appeal, and the fee will be returned.

14.4. Fees

14.4.1. Amount.

For international matches, the appeal fee to enable an appellant to appeal to arbitration will be EUR 100.00 or the equivalent of the maximum individual match entry fee (whichever is lower), in local currency. The appeal fee for other matches may be set by the Match Organizers, but must not exceed EUR 100.00 or equivalent in local currency. An appeal brought by the Range Master in respect of a match issue will not incur a fee.

14.4.2. Disbursement.

If the Committee's decision is to uphold the appeal, the fee paid will be returned. If the Committee's decision is to deny the appeal, the appeal fee and the decision must be forwarded to the ITCC.

14.5. Rules of Procedure

14.5.1. Committee's Duty and Procedure – The Committee will study the written submission and retain on behalf of the organizers the fee paid by the appellant, until a decision has been reached.

14.5.2. Submissions – The Committee may require the appellant to personally give further details of the submission and may question him on any point, relevant to the appeal.

14.5.3. Hearing – The appellant may be asked to withdraw while the Committee hears further evidence.

14.5.4. Witnesses – The Committee may hear Match Officials as well as any other witnesses involved in the appeal. The Committee will examine all evidence submitted.

14.5.5. Questions – The Committee may question witnesses and officials on any point relevant to the appeal.

14.5.6. Opinions – Committee members will refrain from expressing any opinion or verdict, while an appeal is in progress.

14.5.7. Inspect Area – The Committee may inspect any range or area related to the appeal and require any person or official, they regard as useful to the process, to accompany them.

14.5.8. Undue Influence – Any person attempting to influence the members of the Committee in any way other than evidence may be subject to disciplinary action, at the discretion of the Arbitration Committee.

14.5.9. Deliberation – When the Committee is satisfied that they are in possession of all information and evidence relevant to the appeal, they will deliberate privately and will reach their decision by majority vote.

14.6. Verdict and Subsequent Action

14.6.1. Committee Decision – When a decision is reached by the Committee, they will summon the appellant, the official and the Range Master to present their judgment.

14.6.2. Implement Decision – It will be the responsibility of the Range Master to implement the Committee's decision. The Range Master will post the decision in a place available to all competitors. The decision is not retroactive and will not affect any incidents, prior to the decision.

14.6.3. Decision is Final – The decision of the Committee is final and may not be appealed unless, in the opinion of the Range Master, new evidence received after the decision, but before the results have been declared final by the Match Director, warrants reconsideration.

14.6.4. Minutes – Decisions of the Arbitration Committee will be recorded and will provide precedent for any similar and subsequent incident during that match.

14.7. Third Party Appeals

14.7.1. Appeals may also be submitted by other persons on a "third party appeal" basis. In such cases, all provisions of this SECTION will otherwise remain in force.

SECTION 15 OTHERS

15.1. Disclaimers

Competitors and all other persons in attendance at an ITCC match are wholly, solely and personally responsible to ensure that all and any equipment, which they bring to the match is fully in compliance with all laws applicable to the geographical or political area, where the match is being held. Neither ITCC, nor any ITCC Officers, nor any organization affiliated to ITCC, nor any officers of any organization affiliated to ITCC accept any responsibility whatsoever in this regard, nor in respect of any loss, damage, accident, injury or death suffered by any person or entity as a result of the lawful or unlawful use of any such equipment.

15.2. Interpretation of Rules

15.2.1. Interpretation of these rules and regulations is the responsibility of the ITCC Executive Council.

15.2.2. All rule interpretations published on the ITCC website will be applied after 7 days from the date of publication.

15.2.3. All rule interpretations will be deemed to be precedents and will be applied to all ITCC sanctioned matches.

15.2.3. Persons seeking clarification of any rule are required to submit their questions in official way to ITCC headquarters.

15.2.4. All such interpretations are subject to ratification or modification at the next ITCC Assembly.

APPENDICES

All Appendices are an integral part of these Rules.

Scoring of targets / zones
for sniper rifle shooting hits in all disciplines and modules

Target scoring is performed in accordance to the angular dimensions of the scoring targets.

Acceptable angular dimensions of scoring targets:

1. Maximum angular diameter of scoring targets: 3,00 MRAD
2. Minimum angular diameter of scoring targets (zones): none

Measurement of angular dimensions of scoring targets

1. Measurement of linear diameter in meters/yards*
2. Measurement of the shooting distance from the position of the shooter to the scoring target in meters/yards
3. Calculation of the angular dimensions of the scoring target, according to the formula:

- For meters:

$$A \text{ [mrad]} = \frac{1000 \times S \text{ [meter]}}{D \text{ [meter]}}$$

A [mrad] - angular dimension in miliradians
S [meter] - linear diameter of the target in meters
D [meter] - distance from shooter to target in meters

- For yards:

$$A \text{ [mrad]} = \frac{1000 \times S \text{ [yard]}}{D \text{ [yard]}}$$

A [mrad] - angular dimension in miliradians
S [yard] - linear diameter of the target in yards
D [yard] - distance from shooter to target in yards

*If the scoring target has more than one linear dimension (i.e. it is different from a circle or a square), then both the shortest and the longest diameter are used for calculation. The Stage Designer decides how many points will be awarded for scoring between those two values, according to the difficulty and specificity of the target.

Scoring is made with points assigned in accordance with the angular dimensions (in MRAD), specified in Table 1. The scoring increments are 0.01 MRAD and each increment brings 1 point.

Example: A scoring target of 0.52 MRAD is evaluated as follows:

1. The table below defines that 0.50 MRAD bring 260 points
2. 2 points are extracted for the extra 0,02 MRAD
3. The result shows that a scoring target of 0,52 MRAD brings 258 points

Table 1

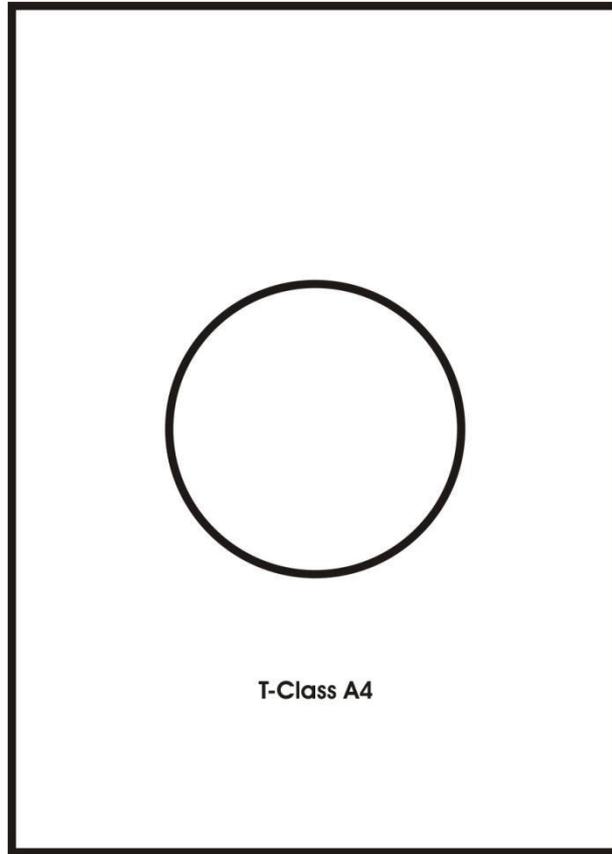
Dimensions of scoring target/zone in MRAD	Points
0,10	300
0,20	290
0,30	280
0,40	270
0,50	260
0,60	250
0,70	240
0,80	230
0,90	220
1,00	210
1,10	200
1,20	190
1,30	180
1,40	170
1,50	160
1,60	150
1,70	140
1,80	130
1,90	120
2,00	110
2,10	100
2,20	90

2,30	80
2,40	70
2,50	60
2,60	50
2,70	40
2,80	30
2,90	20
3,00	10

Stage designers may decide to increase the values for the scoring of a specific target, according to the difficulty, position of the shooter or other factors, but with extent of no more than a 100%.

Scoring targets with angular dimensions of more than 3.00 MRAD should not be used.

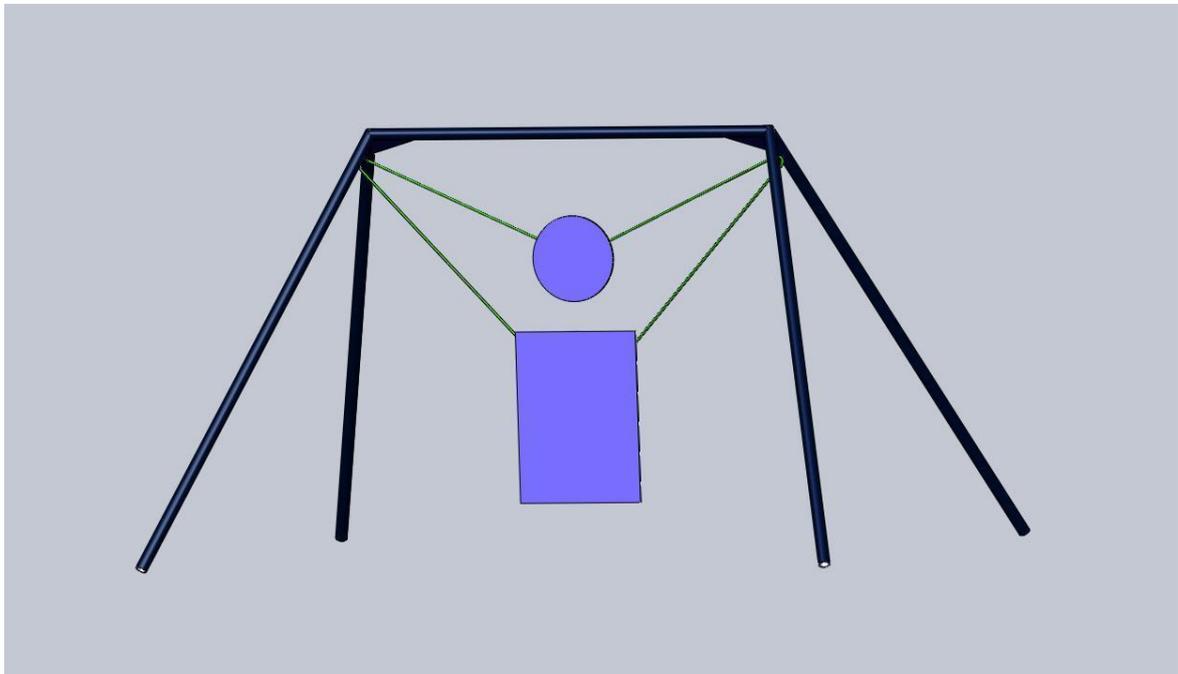
Scoring of targets/zones
for semi-auto handgun and assault rifle shooting hits



(The dimensions are equal to paper sheet A4)
(The central circle's diameter is 10 sm)

Metal targets/plates and metal stands for Module 2 and 3

Stands for metal targets for shooting distances beyond 300 meters



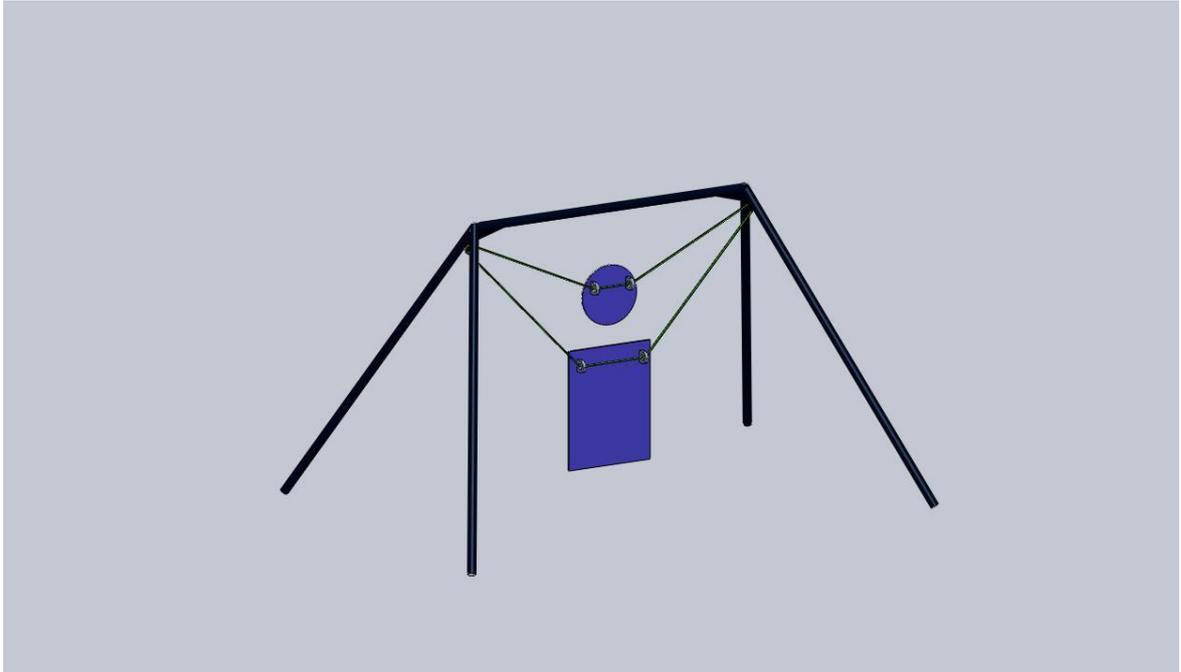
The horizontal bars of these stands have to be flexibly attached, in order for the stand to be positioned firmly on uneven terrain.

Exemplary dimensions of the stand:

- horizontal crossbar - 1 meter
- legs - 1,5 meters
- forward angle - 110 degrees, side angles - 60 degrees.

Material for metal plates for shooting distance beyond 300 meters: 5-6 mm of armored steel sheet. The plate should be relatively light and should produce a distinctive sound, after a hit.

The metal plates should be connected to the stands with a movable link, e.g. - a rope, which should pass through the holes of the plate without fixation, in order for the plate to remain self-centered after a hit, as well as to avoid tension and damage on the links themselves.



Stands for metal plates for shooting distances from 60 to 300 meters

[...]

Material for metal plates for shooting distance up to 300 meters: 16-20 mm of armored steel sheet. The plate should be relatively heavy in order to avoid rolling over after a hit.

The metal plates should be connected to the stands with a movable link, e.g. - a rope, which should pass through the holes of the plate without fixation, in order for the plate to remain self-centered after a hit, as well as to avoid tension and damage on the links themselves.

Exemplary targets for Module 1