



European Field Target Federation Shooting Rulebook

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INTRODUCTION

These rules are based on WFTF rules and will apply to all European Championship and International Open competitions or other European major field target shooting events.

DEFINITIONS

Hamster – A support that is affixed to the underside of the rifle stock and rests on the Shooter's hand or knee, depending on the shooting position.

Kneeling – a shooting position where there shall be only 3 points of contact with the ground: 2 feet and 1 knee. The rear foot shall be upright and straight in line with the knee. A legal seat may be used to support the rear foot and/or ankle, or to keep the knee clean provided that the foot has contact with the ground. The leading hand will support the rifle and from the wrist forward be unsupported by the thigh and the knee. A single rifle sling and butt hook may be used to steady the aim.

Standing – a shooting position where the shot is taken in a standing position without the aid of any support. Only a single rifle sling and butt hook may be used to steady the aim.

Single rifle sling – a sling used to carry the rifle or as a means of steadying the aim. Such a sling shall be attached to the rifle at a minimum of one and a maximum of two points when a shot is taken. The sling may be unclipped from the rifle when not in use.

PCP – precharged pneumatic air rifle.

RGB – Representative Governing Body, the organization that represents a member country at the European Championship and International Open competition.

Springer – air rifle in which the power is generated by a large spring/gas ram and piston.

European Championship – competition hosted by member RGB and registered in Calendar of European Field Target Federation and accepted by WFTF.

1. Equipment

1.1. Air guns

Air rifles, PCP or Springer, with muzzle energy not exceeding 16.3 Joule, and which are in safe working condition may be used. No muzzle energy adjustments may be made to the air rifle during a competition. Fully adjustable rifle stocks are permitted to accommodate various shooting styles and positions. The surface of the hamster must be flat and not shaped to provide lateral support to the rifle.

1.2. Ammunition

Any design of pellet that is completely made of lead, lead alloy, zinc or zinc alloy, or a similar material may be used.

1.3. Sights

Any form of sighting system may be used with the exception of laser sights. No built-in or separate electronical range finding device may be used.

1.4. Rifle accessories allowed:

- A single rifle sling (no additional straps are allowed);
- Butt hook;
- Spirit level;
- Sunshade on scope;
- Scope enhancer - rubber eyepiece extender;
- Thermometer;
- Wind indicator, non-electronic;
- Inclinator.

No additional equipment, electronic or other, may be used to assist the shooter in evaluating the wind or other weather conditions.

1.5. Clothing

Any type of clothing, glove or footwear is allowed provided it is not a hazard to the shooter or others. Clothing may be padded to reduce the pressure of the rifle stock resting on the arm, knee or shoulder. Separate pads may be worn over non-padded clothing. Gloves may not contain any rigid material extending beyond the wrist.

1.6. Seating

The maximum height for any form of seating is 150 mm when flattened between 2 boards. The seat may only be used as an aid in sitting or kneeling shots.

1.7. Targets

Metal silhouette “falls when hit” targets resettable from the firing point shall be used. The hit zones shall be circular and of a contrasting colour to the faceplate. The use of simulated hit zones on any other part of the faceplate is prohibited.

Standard hit zones shall be 40 mm in diameter. A limited number of targets may be with reduced diameter hit zones of 15 mm or 25 mm. If reducers are used, these shall be painted the same colour as the faceplate and shall be fixed to the front side of the target facing the shooter.

2. Shooting Range

2.1. Terrain

A suitable field/forest landscape should be prepared for field target shooting events such that it is clearly identifiable. Terrain should accommodate three courses of 25 lanes, with 2 targets to be erected per lane, a total of 50 targets per course. Lanes of these three courses must be respectively identifiable (e.g. blue /black /white course) along the terrain.

2.2. Target placement and numbering

Targets shall be placed at distances of 8 to 50 meters from the firing line. All targets shall be clearly numbered, per course from left to right, at both the target and the firing line. Targets may be placed at higher or lower elevation to the firing line, but must at all times be fully visible from all shooting positions and face the shooter at a 90° angle, plus or minus 5°.

2.3. Positional targets.

The free shooting position is sitting, but five lanes per course may be designated as 'standing' or 'kneeling'. The total number of targets designated as standing or kneeling may not exceed 10 targets on that particular course, and these positional targets should be divided as equally as possible, e.g. 3 standing and 2 kneeling lanes or vice versa. The maximum distance that positional targets may be placed at is 40 meters. A clear sign at the firing line shall indicate kneeling or standing lanes.

2.4. Targets with reduced hit zones

The total number of targets with reduced diameter hit zones may not exceed 14 targets on that particular course. Maximum distance limitations for such targets are as follows:

<u>Hit zone size</u>	<u>for non-positional targets</u>	<u>for positional targets</u>
15 mm	20 meters	not allowed
25 mm	35 meters	20 meters

2.5. Practice/sighting in range

Practice area shall be provided for the competitors at least one hour before the competition. The practice area should be in close proximity to the competition range. Multiple paper targets should be placed at the between 8 and 50 meters. The range should be large enough to accommodate all competitors in one hour. Compressed air should be available for competitors and a Deputy Marshal shall be present whenever this range is open for practice. All the normal range safety rules will apply.

2.6. Shooting position

The shooting position is indicated by two posts between which competitors must shoot from. When shooting, the barrel of the rifle must be in front of this line, but the trigger must remain behind it.

3. Safety

- 3.1. As is the case in all shooting sports, safety on the range is of the utmost importance.
- 3.2. No rifle may at any time be pointed in the direction of people or animals.
- 3.3. Except whilst shooting, no rifle may be loaded. Rifles must face down whilst being loaded.
- 3.4. When a ceasefire is signaled (one whistle/horn) and a rifle has been loaded prior to the signal, the shot must be fired across the firing line into the ground in front of the shooter.
- 3.5. When carrying a rifle it should be pointed either up or down, unless carried in a case or a bag. If carried in an open rifle carrier, the cocking lever/bolt shall at all times be in the open position.
- 3.6. No non-participants are allowed on the shooting line.
- 3.7. No children or pets are allowed on ranges during a competition, unless accompanied by and under control of a responsible adult.
- 3.8. No alcohol or drugs may be consumed before or during a day's competition until the last shot had been fired. This excludes prescribed medication.

4. Administration

- 4.1. Information for European Championship is transferred to European Field Target Federation website Calendar. The following competition information shall be listed in the web site: place and coordinates, dates, format, organizers contacts, accommodation, rules, rifle import and registration.

The European Championship organizer should organize in a European Field Target Federation website all the relevant information about the competition together with the list of participants. The European Championship host should open the registration to the event at least six month before the competition date. International Open Competition or other major event host should open the registration to the event at least three month before the competition date.

- 4.2. Categories for European Championship are PCP and Springer with muzzle energy limit to 16.3 Joule.

- 4.3. Classes of entry are as follows:

- Junior - not 17 by 1st of January;
- Senior Ladies;
- Senior Men;
- Veteran - 60 years or older on 1st of January.

A minimum of 4 competitors in any class is required to constitute the awarding of competitors at the European Championship.

- 4.4. In both categories national teams consisting of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 competitors can be entered. A minimum of 4 teams in any category is required to constitute the awarding of national teams at the European Championship. Team scores will be derived from the 4 Shooters, registered 24 hours before each competition day, added together at the end of the event.

- 4.5. Teams at European Championship must be entered at least 24 hours before the commencement of the first day of competition. The organizer must post all registered teams on a notice board at the Registration Office. Each RGB is entitled to enter a single team per category.
- 4.6. Shooters grouped together for a course should ideally not consist of members from the same country or club. In three days competition, the groups per course for subsequent competition days may be grouped according to accumulated score ranking. Each shooter must shoot on every course once. Score Cards indicating the shooters' names and starting lane, timers and pens must be prepared per course groups and made available to all shooters groups before each competition day commences.
- 4.7. A Chief Marshal and a sufficient number of Deputy Marshals shall be appointed. All Marshals shall be well versed in shooting safety, rules and especially the understanding and handling of field target shooting specific situations. Where ever possible, they should also be able to speak and understand English. There must be enough Deputy Marshals to cover the complete range within view of each other, and they shall be supplied with identifying vests, effective two way communication equipment and whistles/horns.
- 4.8. Competitors that cannot, for whatever physical or medical reason, comply with a particular shooting position, shall inform the Chief Marshal before commencement of a competition day, and obtain Permission to use an alternative position or aid, providing that no unfair advantage is gained. Chief Marshal written Permission must be visible on competitors Score Card.
- 4.9. Emergency services in the form of an ambulance or qualified first aid staff must be present on the range during at least all European Championship and International Open events.
- 4.10. Insurance
- Each competitor is responsible for his/her own personal accident insurance. In addition to this the host organization shall take out event insurance at European Championship events.
- 4.11. A copy of these Rules shall be kept on the Registration Office during competition days, accessible to all participants.

5. Competition

- 5.1. A full course at the European Championship consists of 50 targets per day over the period of 3 days and of 2 days at the International Open Competitions. A full course must be completed for a score to be deemed valid except for circumstances listed under paragraph 5.10. Additional practice day on the day before commencement of the European Championship competition shall be for the competitors provided.
- 5.2. All rifles shall be chronographed daily. It is preferable that on one these tests are done before the commencement of the competition. At this first test the rifles that exceed 16.3 Joule limit, may be adjusted for a re-test before the competitions starts. The Deputy Marshal shall personally follow loading each pellet, ensuring that it is not deformed or damaged. Tests on subsequent

days may be done at any point along the course as determined by the Chief Marshal. Any failure at these subsequent tests will lead to disqualification. Each time a unique sticker shall be attached to every rifle that has passed the test and the chronograph speed recorded is noted on a competitor Score Card. Up to three subsequent measurements are allowed for rifle chronographing. If the rifle does not comply with the muzzle energy requirements set forth in section 4.2. the rifle will be disqualified for this competition. Upon request, the competitor may continue the remaining course with another rifle.

- 5.3. A competition starts/course re-opens with the sounding of two whistles/horns by the Deputy Marshals. The course is then open and safe for shooting to commence/continue. Any timers that have been paused for the ceasefire are immediately unpaused.
- 5.4. A competition is closed when a single whistle/horn is sounded. All timers are immediately stopped / paused and any loaded rifles are fired across the firing line into the ground in front of the shooters. No participant may move towards a target, unless requested by a Deputy Marshal to do so, range-find a target, or do any other preparation until the course is re-opened.
- 5.5. Competitors are allowed three minutes on a lane with two targets. Timing starts when the competitor sits down, kneels or brings the scope to his/her eye for ranging in the standing position.
- 5.6. A score is indicated on the Score Card by an X for a knock down or a 0 if the target remains standing. Only the shooters in the group on a lane or a Deputy Marshal may handle the Score Cards. Any changes to a Score Card shall be signed off by all other shooters in group.
- 5.7. A shot is deemed to have been fired if air is discharged from a rifle. A shooter may however fire a shot into the ground after declaring this to his/her group shooters.
- 5.8. Targets are addressed in sequence according to numbering. If an incorrect target was shot at, the shooter scores a 0 and carries on with the following target on his/her Score Card.
- 5.9. Any disputed score must be challenged immediately after a shot is fired. Under no circumstances should the competitor touch the reset cord until the dispute has been resolved. Targets should be checked by the Deputy Marshal whose decision is final. Any target found to be defective should be repaired or replaced immediately and may be re-shot only by the shooter who had challenged the shot.
- 5.10. Competitor's may leave the firing line only under the following circumstances:
 - Voluntary abandonment of the Competition, in which case the score up to that point will be accepted as a valid result;
 - To repair equipment that has been rendered unsafe or is incapable of firing a shot due to whatever reasons. This excludes zero-shift of optical equipment or poorly zeroed systems. The competitor may replace the failed part or equipment with the permission of the Deputy Marshal. No visit to the sighting-in range by the competitor or any person on his/her behalf is allowed;

- For any other occurrence deemed valid by the Deputy Marshal.

In all the above case the competitor's Score Card must be signed by the Deputy Marshal or by the Chief Marshal and by the latter's permission only is it possible to leave the firing line, with a stipulated time for return. The time of departure and intended return will be recorded on the Score Card and any card not claimed within the designated return time will be submitted as final score for that competition.

- 5.11. As soon as a competition is completed, all Score Cards, duly completed and signed by all group shooters, must immediately be returned to the Registration Office.
- 5.12. In the event of tied scores for award winning placements, final placements shall be decided by a shoot-off. A lane containing targets according to positional shooting parameters (standing/kneeling) is selected, and competitor's with tied scores will shoot off as follows:
- one round by each tied competitor from the kneeling position;
 - if still undecided, one round by each competitor from the standing position;
 - if still undecided, competitors continue shooting from the standing position until all awards winnings placements have been determined.
- 5.13. Unacceptable conduct on the firing line will not be tolerated. Coaching or barracking of a competitor in competition is prohibited. Rifles will not be shared on the firing line.
- 5.14. The penalty for an unsafe practice or any form of cheating is disqualification, with the organizers reserving the right to take further action.

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