



6.16.6 Appeals

If there is a disagreement with a Jury decision, the matter may be appealed to the Jury of Appeal, except that decisions by a Finals Protest Jury (6.17.1.10 d) and decisions by the RTS Jury on the value or number of shots (6.16.5) are final and may not be appealed. Such appeals must be submitted in writing by the team leader or a representative not later than 30 minutes after the Jury decision has been announced. **The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final.**

6.16.7 **Copies of all decisions** regarding written protests and appeals must be forwarded by the Technical Delegate(s) to the ISSF Secretary General together with his Final Report for review by the appropriate Section and Technical Committees.

6.17 FINALS IN OLYMPIC RIFLE AND PISTOL EVENTS

6.17.1 General Finals Competition Procedures

6.17.1.1 **Qualification for Finals.** All athletes entered in an event will fire the Qualification course (Rule 3.3.2.3 and 3.3.4) to determine the finalists for that event. The eight (8) highest-ranking athletes in the Qualification advance to the Finals, except in 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men, the six (6) highest-ranking athletes advance.

6.17.1.2 **Start Positions.** Start positions in Finals are assigned according to a random draw that is done automatically by the computer when the Finals Start List is released. 10m and 50m firing points must be labelled R1-A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-R2. Targets for 25m Pistol Women Finals must be labelled A-B-R1-D-E/F-G-R2-I-J. The reserve targets are designated R1 and R2.

6.17.1.3 **Reporting and Start Times.** The Start Time for a Final is when the CRO begins the commands for the first MATCH shot/series. Athletes must report to the Finals Range Preparation Area at least 30 minutes before the Start Time. A two (2) point/hit penalty will be deducted from the score of the first MATCH shot/series if the athlete does not report on time. Athletes must report with their equipment including sufficient ammunition to complete the Final, competition clothing and a national team uniform that is appropriate to wear in the Victory Ceremony. The Jury must confirm that all finalists are present and that their names and nations are correctly recorded in the results system and on the scoreboards. Juries must complete equipment checks during the reporting period as soon as possible after the athlete reports.

6.17.1.4 **Late Arrival.** Any finalist who does not report to the preparation area within 10 min. after the Reporting Time may not start and will be recorded as the first eliminated athlete and shown as DNS. If a finalist does not report, the first elimination will begin with the seventh place, or fifth place for a 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Finals.



- 6.17.1.5 **Scoring.** Qualification scores entitle an athlete to a place in a Final, but do not carry forward. Scoring in Finals starts from zero (0) in accordance with these rules. A deduction or penalty must be applied to the score of the MATCH shot/series where the violation occurred. No score below zero (0) will be recorded (e.g. 3-1 point deduction = 2, 0-1 point deduction = 0).
- 6.17.1.6 **Malfunctions, 10m and 50m Finals.** If a finalist has an ALLOWABLE malfunction (Rule 6.13.2) during a single shot, a maximum of one (1) min. will be given to repair the malfunction or replace the gun, after which the athlete will be directed to repeat the shot. If a finalist has an ALLOWABLE malfunction in a 5-shot series and the malfunction can be repaired or the gun replaced within one (1) min., any shots fired in that series will be counted and the athlete will be permitted to complete the series within the time remaining when the malfunction was claimed plus additional time equal to the time required to repair the malfunction, but not exceeding one (1) min. Finalists may have only one ALLOWABLE MALFUNCTION per Final.
- 6.17.1.7 **Score Protests.** Score protests regarding the value or number of shots are not permitted in Finals.



6.17.1.8 **EST Complaints During Finals**

- a) If a finalist complains that his target failed to register a shot during Sighting shots, the athlete must be directed to fire another shot at that target. If that shot registers, the Final will continue. If that shot does not register or if there is a complaint regarding the failure of a paper/rubber strip to advance, the CRO must command “STOP...UNLOAD” for all finalists and the athlete with the malfunctioning target must be moved to a reserve target. As soon as that athlete is in position on a spare target, the CRO will give all finalists two (2) minutes preparation time and then restart the Preparation and Sighting Time for the Final.
- b) If there is a complaint concerning an unexpected zero (0) (missing shot) during a MATCH shot/series, the Jury (Jury Member-in-Charge, second Competition Jury Member and one RTS) must determine whether the missing shot actually was a miss (0) or if the target malfunctioned (the Jury may direct the CRO to stop firing so they can examine the target). Unless the Jury finds credible evidence that the shot missed the target, it shall direct the athlete to fire another competition shot (10m/50m), 25m Pistol Women series completion (one shot) or a 25m Rapid Fire Men series. If the extra competition shot registers, the value of that shot shall be counted in lieu of the unexpected zero (missing shot) and the Final shall continue. In a 25m Rapid Fire Men Final, the score of the repeat series shall count in lieu of the hit total of the original series.
- c) If the shot fired on a target that had the unexplained miss does not register, the athlete must be moved to a reserve target (25m RFP to another target group). In 10m or 50m Finals, the athlete who was moved to a reserve target must be given two (2) minutes Preparation and Sighting Time. The athlete who is moved must, on command, be allowed to fire the missing competition shot, series completion or refire series (25m RFP) before competition firing continues for all athletes.
- d) During any delay in competition firing, other finalists are permitted to do aiming exercises and dry fire. If the total delay to resolve the unexplained miss issue is longer than five (5) minutes, all athletes in 10m and 50m Finals must be given two (2) minutes Sighting time before competition firing resumes.

6.17.1.9 **Finals Range Equipment.** Finals Ranges must be equipped with an LCD scoreboard system, a count-down clock visible to finalists and a speaker system. If a count-down clock is not visible to all finalists, all controlled times must be shown on monitors clearly visible to all finalists. Chairs must be provided for Jury Members on duty, Range Officers, coaches and eliminated athletes.



- 6.17.1.10 **Finals Officials.** The conduct and supervision of Finals must be done by the following personnel:
- a) CRO. An experienced Chief Range Officer with an ISSF A or B license must conduct Finals;
 - b) Competition Jury. The Competition Jury must supervise the conduct of Finals. The Jury Chairman must designate himself or one Jury Member as the Jury Member-in-Charge;
 - c) RTS Jury. One member of the RTS Jury must be present to oversee the Finals' results process;
 - d) Finals Protest Jury. One member of the Jury of Appeal, the Jury Member-in-Charge and one other member of the Competition Jury, as designated by the Technical Delegate and Jury Chairman, shall act as the Finals Protest Jury and must decide protests if any are made during a Final; no appeals against Finals Protest Jury decisions are permitted;
 - e) Range Officer (RO). One or two experienced Range Officer(s) will assist the CRO by checking guns for safety, escorting finalists and their coaches to and from the FOP and handling any malfunction claims during the Final;
 - f) Technical Officer(s). The Official Results Provider appoints the Technical Officer(s) to prepare and operate the ESTs and the graphic display of results and to consult with the Juries regarding any technical problems;
 - g) Announcer. An official designated by the ISSF or Organizing Committee must work with the CRO and be responsible for introducing finalists, announcing scores and providing information to spectators; and
 - h) Sound Technician. A qualified technical official must be available to operate the sound and music system during the Final.
- 6.17.1.11 **Finals Production and Music.** The conduct of Finals must use color, lighting, music, announcements, commentary, staging and CRO commands in a complete production that portrays the athletes and their competitive performances in the most appealing and exciting ways to spectator and television audiences.
- 6.17.1.12 **Presentation of Finalists.** After the Sighting Period or Series, Rifle finalists may remain in position, but must lower their rifles from their shoulders and turn their heads towards spectators and the TV camera. All Pistol finalists must place their guns down and turn to face the audience. The Announcer will introduce finalists by giving the name, nation and brief information about each Finalist. The Announcer must also introduce the CRO and Jury Member-in-Charge.



6.17.1.13 Finals Rules and Procedures.

- a) ISSF General Technical Rules or the Technical Rules for each event apply in all cases not covered by Rule 6.17.
- b) After reporting to the Preparation Area, finalists or their coaches must be allowed to place their guns and equipment on their firing points at least 18:00 min. before the Final start time (15:00 min. before for 25m Pistol Finals). Gun cases and equipment containers must not be left on the FOP. Athletes and coaches must then return to the Preparation Area to be called to the firing line for their warm-up period and presentation.
- c) When Rifle finalists are called from the Preparation Area to the firing line, they must walk to the line fully dressed with trousers and jackets closed.
- d) After finalists are called to the line, they may handle their guns, get into firing positions and do holding or aiming exercises but they may not remove safety flags or dry fire until the **“PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME...START”** command or **“PREPARATION BEGINS NOW”** (25m Pistol) command.
- e) In Finals, dry firing is permitted only during a Preparation and Sighting Time, Changeover and Sighting Times or a Preparation Period, except that dry firing during 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Finals is permitted in accordance with 6.17.4. Dry firing, at any other time must be penalized with a one (1) point deduction in 10m and 50m Finals and a one (1) hit deduction in 25m Pistol Finals.
- f) No finalist is permitted to load a rifle or pistol until the CRO gives the command **“LOAD.”** Loading is defined as bringing a cartridge or pellet or magazine with cartridges into contact with the gun (see 6.2.3.4).
- g) In Finals, holding and aiming exercises are permitted from the time finalists are called to the line (**“ATHLETES TO THE LINE”** command) until the **“STOP...UNLOAD”** command at the end of the Final is given, except that holding and aiming exercises may not be done during the presentations.
- h) If a finalist in a 10m or 50m Final loads and fires a shot before the **“PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME...START”** command or before the **“FOR THE SIGHTING SERIES...LOAD”** command, he must be disqualified.
- i) If a finalist fires a shot after the **“PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME...STOP”** command or the **“CHANGE-OVER AND SIGHTING TIME...STOP”** command and before the **“START”** command for the next competition series, the shot must not be counted as a MATCH shot and a two (2) point penalty must be applied to the first MATCH shot.



- j) If a finalist in a 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Final fires a shot before the green light for a series comes on, the entire series must be scored as zero (0) hits. If a finalist in a 25m Pistol Women Final fires a shot before the green light for a shot comes on, that shot will be scored as a miss and a one (1) hit penalty will be deducted from the score of the series.
- k) If a finalist fires an extra shot in a series or single shot time, the extra shot must be nullified and a two (2) point/hit penalty must be applied to the last correct shot.
- l) If a finalist who is not involved in a shoot-off or malfunction completion/refire loads and fires a shot that shot must be nullified. There is no penalty for this inadvertent mistake.
- m) Safety flags must remain inserted in finalists' guns until the Preparation and Sighting Time starts. Safety flags must be inserted during the presentation and when an athlete is eliminated or the Final concludes. Athletes who are eliminated during a Final must place their guns down on the firing point, bench or equipment box (3-Position Finals) with actions open and muzzles pointed downrange, with safety flags inserted. A Range Officer must check all guns to make sure safety flags are inserted. Medal winners may pose with their guns immediately after the Finals, but no guns may be removed from the firing points until safety flags are inserted and checked by a Range Officer. If an athlete inadvertently fails to insert a safety flag, a Range Officer is authorized to correct the fault and insert a safety flag.
- n) Non-verbal coaching is permitted during all Finals. Verbal coaching is permitted only during 3-Position Rifle Final changeover times.

6.17.1.14 **Presentation of Medalists.** After the CRO declares “**RESULTS ARE FINAL,**” the Jury must assemble the three medalists on the FOP and the the Announcer must recognize the medal winners by announcing:

“**THE BRONZE MEDAL WINNER, REPRESENTING (NATION), IS (NAME)**”

“**THE SILVER MEDAL WINNER, REPRESENTING (NATION), IS (NAME)**”

“**AND THE GOLD MEDAL WINNER, REPRESENTING (NATION), IS (NAME)**”

6.17.2 **FINALS – 10m AIR RIFLE AND AIR PISTOL MEN AND WOMEN, 50m PISTOL MEN, 50m RIFLE PRONE MEN**

NOTE: Timings in this rule are provided as guidelines. For detailed timings for the conduct of Finals, check the “Commands and Announcements for Finals” documents that are available from ISSF Headquarters.



a) FINALS FORMAT	The Final consists of two (2) series of five (5) MATCH shots each fired in a time of 250 sec. per series or 150 sec. per series for 50m Rifle Prone (5 + 5 shots). This is followed by fourteen (14) single MATCH shots each fired on command in a time of 50 sec. or 30 sec. for 50m Rifle Prone. Eliminations of the lowest scoring finalists begin after the 12th shot and continue after every two shots until the gold and silver medals are decided. There are a total of twenty-four (24) shots in the Final.
b) SCORING	Scoring in Finals is done with tenth-ring (decimal) scoring. Cumulative total scores in a Final determine final rankings, with ties broken according to shoot-off scores. Deductions for violations occurring before the first MATCH shot will be applied to the score of the first MATCH shot. Deductions for other penalties will be applied to the score of the shot where the violation occurred.
c) EQUIPMENT SET-UP TIME 18:00 min before	Finalists or their coaches must be allowed to place guns and equipment on their firing points not less than 18 min. before the Start Time.
d) WARM-UP PERIOD 13:00 min before	The CRO will call finalists to the firing line thirteen (13) minutes before the start time by commanding “ATHLETES TO THE LINE.” After two (2) min., the CRO will start a combined Preparation and Sighting Time by commanding “FIVE (5) MINUTES PREPARATION AND SIGHTING TIME...START.” During this time, finalists may fire unlimited sighting shots. At 30 sec. before the end of the Preparation and Sighting Time, the CRO will command “30 SECONDS.” After five (5) minutes, the CRO will command “STOP...UNLOAD.” No score announcements are made during sighting shots.
e) PRESENTATION OF FINALISTS 5:30 min. before	After the command “STOP...UNLOAD,” Rifle finalists must unload their rifles and insert safety flags. Rifle finalists may remain in position during the presentations, but they must lower their rifles from their shoulders and are expected to turn their heads and faces towards spectators and the TV camera used to show the presentations. All finalists' rifles must remain down, out of their shoulders, until the presentation of all finalists is finished. After the command “STOP...UNLOAD,” Pistol finalists must unload their pistols, insert safety flags, place them on the bench and turn to face spectators for the presentation. A Range Officer must verify that gun actions are open with safety flags inserted. After finalists' guns are checked, the Announcer will introduce the finalists, CRO and Jury Member-in-Charge according to Rule 6.17.1.12.
f) FINAL PREPARATION TIME	Immediately after the presentation, the CRO will command “TAKE YOUR POSITIONS.” The targets and scoreboard must be cleared for MATCH shots. After 60 sec., the CRO will begin commands for the first MATCH series.



g) 1st COMPETITION STAGE 2 x 5 Shots Time limit: 250 sec. for each series Competition firing starts at 0:00 min.	The CRO will command “FOR THE FIRST COMPETITION SERIES... LOAD.” After 5 sec., the CRO will command “START.” Finalists have 250 sec. to fire five (5) shots. At 250 sec. (150 sec. for prone) or after all finalists have fired five (5) shots, the CRO will command “STOP.” Immediately after the command “STOP,” the Announcer will give 15-20 sec. of comments on the current ranking of the athletes and notable scores. Individual shot scores are not announced. Immediately after the Announcer finishes, the CRO will command “FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION SERIES, LOAD.” After 5 sec., the CRO will command “START.” At 250 sec. (150 sec. for prone), or after all finalists have fired five (5) shots, the CRO will command “STOP.” The Announcer will again comment on the athletes and their scores and explain that single shots will begin and that after each second shot, the lowest ranking finalist will be eliminated.
h) 2nd COMPETITION STAGE SINGLE SHOTS 14 x 1 Shot Time limit: 50 sec. (30 for prone) for each shot	Immediately after the Announcer finishes, the CRO will command “FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION SHOT, LOAD.” After 5 sec., the CRO will command “START.” Finalists have 50 sec. (30 sec. for prone) to fire each shot. At 50 sec. (30 sec. for prone), the CRO will command “STOP” and the Announcer will give comments about the Finalists and their scores. Immediately after the Announcer finishes, the CRO will command “FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION SHOT, LOAD.” After 5 sec., the CRO will command “START.” This sequence will continue until 24 total shots (two 5-shot series and 14 single shots), are fired. At the end of the 24th shot, the CRO will command “STOP...UNLOAD.” A Range Officer must verify that gun actions are open with safety flags inserted.
i) ELIMINATIONS	After all Finalists have fired twelve (12) shots, the lowest ranking athlete is eliminated (8th place). The lowest ranked finalists will continue to be eliminated as follows: After 14 shots – 7th place After 16 shots – 6th place After 18 shots – 5th place After 20 shots – 4th place After 22 shots – 3rd place (bronze medal winner is decided) After 24 shots – 2nd and 1st places (silver and gold medal winners are decided)



j) TIE-BREAKING	If there is a tie for the lowest ranking athlete to be eliminated, the tied athletes will fire an additional tie-breaking single shot(s) until the tie is broken. For the tie-breaking shot, the CRO will immediately announce the family names of the tied athletes and command them to fire the tie-breaking shot(s) with the normal firing procedure. The Announcer will make no comments until the tie is broken.
k) FINALS COMPLETION	After the two (2) remaining finalists fire their 24th shots, and if there are no ties and no protests, the CRO will declare “RESULTS ARE FINAL.” The Jury must assemble the three medalists on the FOP and the Announcer will immediately recognize the bronze, silver and gold medal winners according to 6.17.1.14.