



**10M AIR RIFLE/AIR PISTOL  
ESC CHALLENGE  
TRIO U-16 & U-18 MJ/WJ  
Description of the format and the competition rules**

**1. FORMAT**

**a) General**

It is a Team format. Trio must consist of three (3) athletes from the same nation and same gender who should wear the competition clothing with national colors and identification as per applicable Rules.

Each of the three (3) athletes entered in the competition must be registered by the set deadline but may be changed for other athletes registered in the Championship by latest 12:00 the day before the start of the Competition.

Athletes from U-16 category can compete for the U-18 Trio if they are not part of U-16 Trio.

**b) Number of stages**

The competition consists of two (2) stages:

- Qualification
- Final

**c) Qualification**

Each of three (3) athletes will fire thirty (30) shots in a time limit of thirty (30) minutes.

The scores of each Trio members will be added together, and the combined results will be ranked. The four (4) top-ranked Trios will progress to the Final.

**d) Final**

Consists of the Semi-finals and the Gold Medal Match (GMM)

**e) Semi-finals**

Scores from Qualification are not carried forward to Semi-finals. All Trios start from zero.

In Semi-finals the Trio ranked first after qualification will compete against the Trio ranked fourth. The Trio ranked second will compete against the Trio ranked fourth.

The score of each shot is determined by the combined result of the three (3) members of the Trio. Points are awarded according to the combined score of all Trio members.

The first Trio to reach twelve (12) points or more will be declared the winner of the Match. In case of a tie where both Trios have reached twelve (12) points, the Match will continue with one (1) additional shot fired by all members of each Trio to decide the tie. If the scores are still tied the Trios will continue to shoot additional shots on command until the tie is broken.

Winners of the Semi-finals will compete in the Gold Medal Match, Trios losing the Semi-finals will be awarded with bronze medals (2 sets of medals).

## **f) Gold Medal Match**

The score of each shot is determined by the combined result of the three members of the Trio. Points are awarded according to the combined score of all Trio members.

The first Trio to reach twelve (12) points or more will be declared the winner of the Match. In case of a tie where both Trios have reached twelve (12) points the Match will continue with one (1) additional shot fired by all members of each Trio to decide the tie. If the scores are still tied the Trios will continue to shoot additional shots on command until the tie is broken.

## **2. COMPETITION RULES**

### **a) Targets and Ranges**

A 10m range must be used. Semi-finals and the Gold Medal Match must take place in a dedicated area of the range or in the Final Hall.

Electronic Scoring Targets for all ranges

### **b) Scoring at the Qualification stage.**

Decimal scoring for Air Rifle and Air Pistol. All scores are not carried forward to the next level.

### **c) Scores and rankings**

The scores and rankings of the Trios are based on the total scores of their three (3) members.

### **d) Tied scores**

Ties will be broken by applying the ISSF existing rules. Ties will be broken by the highest score of the last ten shot series, etc. (decimal scores) and then by comparing decimal scores on a shot-by-shot basis beginning with the last shot, then the next to the last shot, etc.

### **e) Malfunctions**

Malfunctions will be governed according to ISSF Rules. One malfunction per each member of the Trio per stage.

### **f) National identification, Dress-code**

The athletes from each nation are recommended to wear shooting clothes of same design and color decisions. They must display their national identification on their shooting clothing as follows:

The name or flag of the country designated by 3 letters as determined by the IOC on their shooting jacket pocket for rifle.

The name of the country designated by 3 letters as determined by the IOC on their non-shooting shoulder for pistol.

### **g) Penalties**

All penalties will be applied according to existing rules for 10m Air Rifle/Air Pistol events.

### **h) Music & Spectator Activity**

During the Qualification stages and the Medal Matches, music is allowed.

Enthusiastic audience support is encouraged and is recommended during the Medal Matches.

### **i) Irregular or disputed matters**

Will be decided by the Jury according to existing rules for 10m Air Rifle/Air Pistol events.

## **j) Equipment**

No bags or transport boxes may be left on the Field of Play.

### **2.1 QUALIFICATION**

Firing-points for each Trio are allocated randomly by software. Members of each Trio shoot next to each other. Each athlete fires independently of their team member. Athletes will be called to the line twenty (20) minutes before the scheduled Start time of the event.

#### **a) Course of fire**

Equipment Set up time: ten (10) minutes.

Preparation and Sighting time: ten (10) minutes.

Each athlete will fire thirty (30) shots in a time limit of thirty (30) minutes. The scores of each Trio member will be added together and the Trio results will be ranked. Athletes who do not qualify for Semi-final should remove their equipment from the firing-line as soon as possible.

### **2.2 SEMI-FINAL**

Two (2) Semi-finals can be shot at the same time or may be shot separately. Semi-finals will be held in dedicated area of the range or in Finals hall. If Semi-finals are not following Qualification, athletes are responsible to report to designated area twenty (20) minutes before Semi-finals (first Semi-finals if they are shot separately).

A two (2) points penalty will be deducted from the score of the first competition shot if one or more Trio members do not report on time but reports at least ten (10) minutes before start of Semi-finals.

If one or more Trio members do not report ten (10) minutes before start of Semi-finals, the Trio will not be allowed to start and will be ranked at the Semi-finals as DNS.

The Chief Range Officer will command athletes, **“Take your positions”** ten (10) minutes before the scheduled start time of Semi-finals. This allows five (5) minutes to take positions before the start of Preparation and Sighting time.

#### **a) Course of fire**

Preparation and Sighting time: five (5) minutes).

Decimal scoring will be used in all Semi-finals. The score of each shot is determined by the combined result of the three (3) members of the Trio.

Athletes will fire single shots on command in fifty (50) seconds

Points are awarded according to the total team score, as follow:

Highest total: 2 points

Tied scores: 1 point

Lowest total: 0 point

After each shot in Semi-finals, CRO will announce who won points in each Semi-finals pair and the total score.

#### **b) Time-out**

A Coach or athlete may request a “Time-out” by raising a hand whilst the announcements are being made after the completion of a series. This may be requested once only during the Semi-finals. The Coach may approach and speak to his athlete(s) on the firing-line for a maximum time of one (1) minute. If a “Time-out” is requested by one Trio, a Coach of the other Team may also approach and speak to his athlete(s) at the same time. This does not affect the opportunity of the other Trio to request their own “Time-out”. The time will be controlled by the Jury and CRO

## **2.3 GOLD MEDAL MATCH PROCEDURE**

After athletes have been called to the line, they will be allowed five (5) minutes preparation and sighting time. Each round will be fired on command of the CRO, with all athletes firing a single shot in a time limit of fifty (50) seconds.

### **a) Reporting Time**

All six (6) athletes who qualify for the Medal Match must report to the designated reporting Area, with all necessary equipment, at least 30 minutes before the Start Time of the Gold Medal Match. Each Trio may be accompanied by one Coach.

A two (2) points penalty will be deducted from the score of the first competition shot if one or more Trio members do not report on time, but reports at least twenty (20) minutes before start of GMM.

If one or more Trio members do not report twenty (20) minutes before start of GMM, Trio will not be allowed to start and will be ranked at the medal match as DNS.

Athletes will wear New BiB number for GMM. BiB Number will display Athletes name and number which will represent his Qualification ranking.

### **b) Allocation of firing positions**

Gold Medal match will be held on dedicated part of the firing range or in Finals Hall

Trios will stand next to each other.

### **c) Equipment set-up**

Trios for the GMM must be allowed to place their equipment on their allocated firing points at least twenty (20) minutes before the scheduled Start time. Coaches may assist their athletes. All must return to the preparation area not later than fifteen (15) minutes before the Start time.

Trios for the GMM will enter the FOP one team at a time. As each Trio enters the FOP the Announcer will introduce them to the spectators. Athletes must stand in front of their designated firing points, facing the audience, and remain in that position until all have been presented, including the Jury Member in Charge, and the Chief Range Officer.

### **d) Scoring for the GMM**

Decimal scoring will be used. The score of each shot is determined by the combined result of the three members of the Trio.

Athletes will fire single shots on command in fifty (50) seconds

Points are awarded according to the total team score, as follow:

Highest total: 2 points

Tied scores: 1 point

Lowest total: 0 point

### **e) Commands of the CRO**

#### **“Range is Ready for Medal Match”**

When all introductions have been made: **“Take your positions”**

After one (1) minute for athletes to take their positions

#### **“Five minutes preparation and sighting time, Start”.**

After 4 minutes 30 seconds, **“30 seconds”**

After 5 minutes, **“Stop”**.

After 30 seconds to allow the targets to be reset for Match:

**“For the first (1<sup>st</sup>) competition shot, LOAD”** five (5) seconds **“START”**

After fifty (50) seconds, or when all six (6) athletes have fired a single shot. **“STOP”**

**f) Announcer**

An Announcer should make brief comments on the points awarded to each Trio and the current ranking as the match progresses. The CRO will repeat the commands to **“LOAD”** and **STOP”** until all athletes have fired a single competition shot.

**g) Time-out**

A Coach or athlete may request a “Time-out” by raising a hand whilst the announcements are being made after the completion of a series. This may be requested once only during the Gold Medal Match. The Coach may approach and speak to his athlete(s) on the firing-line for a maximum time of one (1) minute. If a “Time-out” is requested by one Trio, a Coach of the other Trio may also approach and speak to his athlete(s) at the same time. This does not affect the opportunity of the other Trio to request their own “Time-out”. The time will be controlled by the Jury and CRO.

**h) Presentation of Medalists**

The Gold and Silver Medalists will be joined on the Field of Play by the two (2) Bronze medalists and line up, for official photographs and announcements.

**i) Malfunctions in Gold Medal Match**

Malfunctions in Gold Medal Matches will be governed according to ISSF Rules (only one (1) malfunction will be allowed for each Trio member during the Gold Medal Match).

Athletes may be allowed one (1) minute to repair or replace a malfunctioning firearm to permit the Medal Matches to continue without unnecessary delay.