



**ESC CHALLENGE  
25M PISTOL DUET  
(M&W / MJ&WJ / M U18 /W U18)  
Description of the format and the competition rules**

**1. FORMAT**

**a) General**

25m Pistol Duet is a format for competitions between pairs. Each Pair must consist of two (2) athletes from the same nation (1 female, 1 male) who should wear the competition clothing with national colors and identification as per applicable Rules.

In a championship, in each competition, nations may enter a maximum of three(3) pairs. A maximum of two (2) Duets from one nation (registered as Duet 1 and Duet 2) may qualify for the Final and compete for medals.

The third Duet (Duet 3) is not eligible to qualify for the Final.

Each of the two (2) 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.

**b) Number of stages**

The competition consists of two stages:

- Qualification
- Final

**c) Qualification part 1**

Each of two athletes will fire three (3) series of five (5) shots in Precision stage and three (3) series of five (5) shots in Rapid stage (7/3). In total sixty (60) shots per Pair.

The scores of each pair member will be added together and the combined results will be ranked. The eight (8) top-ranked Pairs will progress to the Qualification part 2.

**d) Qualification part 2**

Scores from Qualification part 1 are not carried forward to Qualification part 2. All pairs start from zero. Each of two (2) athletes will fire three (3) series of five (5) shots in Rapid stage (7/3). In total fifteen (15) shots by each Pair member, thirty (30) shots for the Pair. The scores of each pair member will be added together and combined results will be ranked. The four (4) top-ranked pairs will progress to the Medal Matches.

The two (2) top-ranked pairs will progress to the Gold Medal Match (GMM) and the third and fourth ranked pairs will progress to the Bronze Medal Match (BMM).

**e) Medal Matches**

Medal Matches take place in the Final Hall.

The Bronze Medal Match will be shot first, at the assigned time, followed by the Gold Medal Match. One pair will compete against the other pair. They start from zero.

The coach of pair in Medal match must decide and inform RTS Jury after Qualification part 2 which athletes will shoot on which firing point.

Athletes in Pair ranked third after Qualification should take positions on firing points E, F. The Pair ranked fourth after Qualification should take positions on firing points G, H.

Athletes in Pair ranked first after Qualification should take positions on firing points A, B. The Pair ranked second after Qualification should take positions on firing points C, D.

Each athlete will fire Series of five (5) shots in Rapid stage (7/3) on hit and miss basis. Hit zone is 10.2 or higher. In each series the Pair with the highest combined number of hits compared against the other Pair in the Match will be awarded with 2 points. The first pair to score twelve (12) points or more will be declared the winner of the Match.

In case of a tie where both pairs have scored twelve (12) points, the Match will continue with one (1) additional series fired by all members of each pair to decide the tie. If the scores are still tied the pairs will continue to shoot additional series on command until the tie is broken.

## **2. COMPETITION RULES**

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

A 25m range must be used.

Qualification part 1 and Qualification part 2 take place in the Qualification range.

Medal Matches take place in the Final Hall

Electronic Scoring Targets for all ranges

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

Full ring (integer) scoring.

All scores are not carried forward to the next level.

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

The scores and rankings of the pairs are based on the total scores of their two (2) members.

### **d) Tied scores**

Ties will be broken by applying ISSF Rule 6.15.5.

### **e) Malfunctions**

Malfunctions will be governed according to ISSF Rules. One (1) malfunction per each Pair member in each part of Qualification.

## **2.1 QUALIFICATION PART 1 PROCEDURE**

If there are more pairs than available firing points, Part 1 is held in 2 Relays. In case of 2 Relays, Relays must be composed in manner that there is approx. same number of pairs in each Relay. All Pairs must finish Precision stage first and then continue with Rapid stage

Firing points for each Pair are allocated randomly by software. Members of each Pair shoot next to each other. Women takes FP on the left side. Each athlete fires independently of their Pair member. Athletes will be called to the line thirteen (13) minutes before the scheduled Start time of the event.

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

Preparation time: three (3) minutes.

Sighting Series: One (1) series of five (5) shots in precision stage

One (1) series of five (5) shots in rapid stage

Each athlete will fire three (3) series of (5) shots in Precision stage (total 30 shots per Pair).

After all Pairs finish Precision stage, they will continue with Rapid stage.

Each athlete will fire three (3) series of five (5) shots in Rapid stage (total thirty (30) shots per Pair).

The scores of each pair member will be added together and the pairs results will be ranked. The eight (8) top-ranked Pairs will progress to Part 2.

## **2.2 QUALIFICATION PART 2 PROCEDURE**

There must be at least twenty (20) minutes break between Qualification part 1 and the start of Preparation time of Qualification part 2 to allow for the display of results, any protests and for the RTS Jury to check the targets.

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

Preparation time: three (3) minutes.

Sighting Series: One (1) series of five (5) shots in Rapid stage

Each athlete will fire three (3) series of (5) shots in Rapid stage (total thirty (30) shots per Pair).

The scores of each pair member will be added together and the pair results will be ranked. The four (4) top-ranked Pairs will progress to the Medal Matches.

## **2.3 MEDAL MATCHES PROCEDURE**

After athletes have been called to the line, they will be allowed two (2) minutes preparation time. Each series will be fired on command of the CRO, with all athletes firing a series of five (5) shots in Rapid stage (7/3). The procedure for conducting all Matches is the same with appropriate wording used by the CRO in each case.

### **b) Reporting Time**

All eight (8) athletes who qualify for the Final must report to the Finals Range Preparation Area, with all necessary equipment, at least thirty (30) minutes before the Start Time of the Bronze Medal Match. Each Pair may be accompanied by one Coach.

A two (2) hits penalty will be deducted from the score of the first competition series of the Pair if one or more Pair members do not report on time but reports at least twenty (20) minutes before start of BMM.

If one or more Pair members do not report twenty (20) minutes before start of BMM, Pair will not be allowed to start and will lose medal match as DNS.

### **c) Allocation of firing positions**

**BMM:** The Pair ranked third after Qualification should take positions on firing points E and F. The Pair ranked fourth after Qualification should take positions on firing points G and H.

**GMM:** The Pair ranked first after Qualification should take positions on firing points A and B. The Pair ranked second after Qualification should take positions on firing points C and D.

#### **d) Equipment set-up**

All Pairs 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.

No bags or transport boxes may be left on the Field of Play. Athletes in GMM can leave their pistols in preparation area but must set all other equipment.

Pairs for the Medal match must be ready to walk in eight (8) minutes before the Start time. An assistant must make sure that athletes are assembled in the correct order and must indicate to the CRO that they are ready.

Pairs for the Medal Matches will enter the FOP one at a time. As each Pair 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. Pairs for the GMM will remain in the Preparation area.

#### **e) Scoring for the Medal Matches**

Series of five (5) shots in Rapid stage on hit and miss system. Hit zone is 10.2 or higher. The Pair score is determined by the combined result of hits of the two members of the Pair.

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

Highest total: 2 points

Tied score: 1 point

Lowest total: 0 point

#### **f) 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:

**“Preparation Begins now”**.

After 2 minutes: **“End of preparation”**

**“Load”**

(Only one (1) “LOAD” command is given before the start of the first Sighting series. During the entire Final, athletes may continue to load magazines as required.

After one (1) minute **“Sighting series Ready”** (fifteen (15) seconds pause) **“Attention”** and activate the lights.

After series is completed **“STOP.”** There will be thirty (30)s break to change targets to Match **“First/Next series Ready”** (fifteen (15) seconds pause) **“Attention”** and activate the lights.

After series is completed **“STOP.”** (There must be twenty (20)s break before start of next series sequence).

When Medal Match is decided, CRO will command: **“STOP-UNLOAD, MEDAL MATCH IS DECIDED!”**

#### **g) Announcer**

An Announcer should make brief comments on the points awarded to each Pair and the current ranking as the match progresses.

#### **h) Sequence in the Final**

After the end of the BMM, and after those athletes have left the range, coaches have put the pistols for GMM on FP, athletes for GMM will walk in in the same manner as for BMM

The winning Pair will be declared the Gold Medalists and the runners-up will be declared the Silver Medalists.

#### **i) 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 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 Pair, a Coach of the other Pair may also approach and speak to his athlete(s) at the same time. This does not affect the opportunity of the other Pair to request their own "Time-out".

The time will be controlled by the Jury and CRO.

#### **j) Presentation of Medalists**

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

#### **k) 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 of the country designated by 3 letters as determined by the IOC on their non-shooting shoulder.

#### **l) Malfunctions in Medal Matches**

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

#### **m) Penalties**

All penalties will be applied according to ISSF rules.

#### **n) 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.

#### **n) Irregular or disputed matters**

Will be decided by the Jury according to ISSF Rules.