

## Rules & Classification Committee Meeting

Phone Conference

January 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM CST by the Committee Chairman, Trish Magyar (MI). Members present were: Woody Anderson (TX); Bill Batty (MA); John Bratty (CAN); Don Kelly (WI); Debbi Perry (MD); Jim Tiner (NC) and Mike Dowling (NSSA). Dan Lewis (CA) and Sid Miller (NY); provided advance notification they would be unable to participate.

**Motion made by Bill Batty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbi Perry, to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2015 Rules and Classification Committee phone conference. Motion passed all in favor.**

**1. Defective Ammunition (III-A-12-a-3) and Proof Doubles (III-E-7).** A member identified what appears to be a conflict regarding defective ammunition and proof doubles in the referee exam. He submitted the following:

Multiple-choice question 1 reads:

During a regular round or a doubles event, if the brass pulls off of a hull, or defective ammunition occurs between shots on doubles, the referee shall rule that if the first target was dead... The correct answer is 1. First bird dead, proof double to establish second bird.

Question 11 reads:

The following should be considered defective ammunition:

All responses listed are given as true, but the second response is “A shell which the brass pulls off between shots on doubles.”

Since both questions specify that the brass pulls off between shots on doubles, each question must make reference to the first shot fired since the brass cannot pull off the second shot before it is fired.

Given this, question 11 teaches that the first shot must be ruled defective ammunition and the first question teaches that we must count the results of a target shot with defective ammunition.

Rule III-E-7, in essence, states if the first target in a double is broken with defective ammunition it is ruled a “no bird”, and a proof double will be shot to determine the results of both targets. However, the operative word in III-A-12-a-3 is ***between*** shots on doubles. Therefore, there is no conflict. To clarify the rules, III-A-12-a-3, III-A-12-c, III-E-5 and III-E-7 will be revised to include wording regarding brass pulling of the hull between shots on doubles.

**III-A-12-a-3. Brass pulling off the ***between shots on doubles*** is considered defective ammunition for the ***second*** shot.**

**III-A-12-c. Repeated Targets - A target shall be repeated for each allowable instance of defective ammunition. See ***III-E-7 regarding proof doubles for brass pulling of the hull between shots on doubles.*****

**III-E-5-j (new). Brass pulls off the hull between shots.**

III-E-7. If a double is thrown and an allowable gun malfunction or defective ammunition occurs on the first shot, it shall be declared no bird, and the results of a proof double shall determine the results of both targets. **Brass pulling off the hull between shots on doubles is considered defective ammunition for the second shot; the first shot shall be scored, and a proof double will be shot to determine the results for the second target.**

**All revisions are considered Housekeeping.**

[Note: During the revision process it was noted that III-D-5 includes defective ammunition. However, the rule pertains to gun malfunctions, so the reference to defective ammunition should be removed; it is already addressed under III-A-12-c.]

**2. Registering of Champion of Champion Targets (V-A-9).** The inaugural Wayne Mayes Championship will be held at this year's World Skeet Shooting Championships, replacing the previous Champion of Champions event. The Executive Committee felt that more shooters might be encouraged to participate if the event was registered, however, our rules don't currently allow that, so we were asked to consider submitting a change that would permit registration of the targets for the Wayne Mayes Championship. The Committee discussed the impact on classification if four separate 25-target events were to be recorded and felt that it would lead to errors and confusion. However, if a CofC event was held as an Event 6, the targets could then be registered towards lifetime totals and, additionally, the option of registering CofC targets could be opened to any shoot, so long as it is shot as a separate event, and not concurrent with the main events. Would need to be add to VIII-E, Types of Event 6 Matches:

**VIII-E-4. Champion of Champion: When conducted as a separate event, 25 targets each in 12 gauge, 20 gauge, 28 gauge and .410 bore.**

**Motion by Debbi Perry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Woody Anderson, to add VIII-E-4. Motion passed, with one opposed.**

**3. Concurrent Events.** Debbi Perry submitted a proposal to allow shoot management the option to offer 50-target and 100-target concurrent events at the same shoot for Veteran, Senior-Veteran and Super-Veteran participants. If offered, any shooter in one of those concurrent categories would have the option of shooting only 50 targets for concurrent awards, but would not be eligible for any class awards. She felt there are a number of older shooters who do not participate because they are unable to shoot 100 targets. If we were to offer them a 50-target option, then they might. Mike Dowling cautioned that there might be unintended consequences that could result in fewer registered targets, since a 50-target event might be more appealing to some of our older shooters, who otherwise would have shot 100 targets. We have a large percentage of shooters 70+, even though our demographics show that the Association is getting "younger". We could promote more 4X50s, but a lot of shooters don't want to spend the (travel) money for a shorter shoot. The idea has merit, but needs to be investigated further before proceeding... Mike Dowling will do necessary due diligence regarding internal and external (Valerio) IT impact. After the assessment has been completed we

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will decide if we want to propose a rules change for the Executive Committee to discuss at their summer meeting. Adoption would not be until the 2017 shooting year.

**4. “What’s Your Call” Articles.** Will continue to publish articles, but under the by-line of the Rules Committee. Debbi Perry offered to write the articles, so long as **all** of the Rules Committee participates in the review and critique. Discussed, given *Clay Target Nation*, if we should consider a “combined” article. We don’t want to co-mingle, but could do every other month, or top half of the page skeet one month, bottom half next month. Mike Dowling and Debbi Perry will get with Sherry Kerr and report back. Sporting Clays is not currently doing something similar. All agreed it should be separate article, even if on same page; and should have own “label” to identify as skeet.

**5. Referee Exam Review.** John Bratty asked if the answer key reflected the agreed upon change to multiple-choice question 25 regarding hooping of targets to include **all** of the answers as correct. [Note: Checked after the meeting, and it does not.] **HQ will revise the answer key to reflect inclusion of answer 1.** Current questions regarding brass pulling off the hull are fine; added clarification in Rules Book will cover the issue adequately.

The new Rules Book is at the printer and will be sent out with new classification cards. It is “in the queue” to published on the website. [Note: As of January 11<sup>th</sup>, the new Rules Book has been posted on the website.] There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Magyar  
Chairman, Rules and Classification Committee