

# USPFC AIR PISTOL (10-METER)-2026

## **GUIDING BODIES**

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## **EVENTS:**

### **INDIVIDUAL; UNISEX 18+**

Master, Expert, Sharpshooter and Marksman

### **2-PERSON TEAM; UNISEX**

“A” Division: Master and Expert

“B” Division: Sharpshooter and Marksman

Team score will be an aggregate of Individual event scores, combined as a team.

**Entry Deadline: June 9, 2026**

## **EQUIPMENT**

**Targets:** Air gun competition may be conducted on either paper or electronic targets. *If VIS scoring is used, paper targets that are compatible with the target specifications in the VIS system documentation must be used. If Electronic Scoring Target Systems are used the rules regarding the use of these systems must be sent to all competitors well in advance of the Games.*

**Weapons:** Any 4.5 mm (.177 cal) compressed air, CO<sub>2</sub> or pneumatic air pistol that complies with the following requirements may be used:

- 1) The weight of the pistol with all accessories must not exceed 1500g (3.3 lbs.)
- 2) The trigger pull must be at least 500g (17.6 oz), measured with the barrel vertical.
- 3) No part of the grip or accessories may encircle the hand. The heel rest must extend at a right angle not less than 90 degrees to the grip. Any upward curvature of the heel and/or thumb rests and/or downward curvature of the side opposite the thumb is prohibited. The thumb support must allow free

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upward movement of the thumb. However, curved surfaces on the grips or frame, including the heel and/or thumb rest in the longitudinal direction of the pistol are permitted.

- 4) The overall size of the pistol is limited to those dimensions that will permit the pistol to be enclosed completely in a rectangular box having maximum inside dimensions of 420mm by 200mm by 50mm. A manufacturing tolerance of  $\pm 0.5\text{mm}$  to 0.00mm in the dimensions of the box will be permitted. In the case of semiautomatic air pistol, the magazine need not be fitted for the box test.
- 5) Ported barrels and perforated attachments for air pistols are allowed, provided pistols comply with all other requirements, including dimensions.
- 6) Movement or Oscillation Reduction Systems-any device, mechanism or system that actively reduces, slows or minimizes pistol oscillations or movements before the shot is released is prohibited.

**Ammunition:** Pellets must be made of lead or similar soft material. Only 4.5mm (.177 cal.) pellets may be used.

**NOTE:** *Weapons and ammunition are the responsibility of the competitor.*

Competitors must use only equipment and apparel that complies with CMP and NRA rules. Anything (guns, devices, equipment, accessories, etc.) which may give an athlete an unfair advantage over others, and which is not mentioned in these Rules, or which is contrary to the spirit of the CMP Rules & Regulations, is prohibited. The competitor is responsible for submitting all equipment and apparel for official inspection and approval to a USPFC Equipment Inspector prior to its use in USPFC competition. Team leaders are equally responsible for ensuring that the competitors equipment and apparel comply with the CMP Rules & Regulations.

## **CLOTHING**

Competitors in air pistol events may wear ordinary sport or casual clothing. Only low-sided shoes that do not cover the ankle bone are permitted. The shoe sole must be flexible in the entire forward part of the foot. Removable inner soles or inserts may be used in competitor's shoes, but any inserts must be flexible in the forward part of the foot.

## **GENERAL SPORT RULES for Air Pistol**

Where conflicts between CMP/NRA guidelines and USPFC rules occur (i.e., awards formula, eligibility of competitors and substation after competition begins) always use USPFC rules.

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**CLASSIFICATION:** *Competitors may use their official national classification card or Score Record Book to receive an “Assigned Classification.”*

The averages listed below will be used to establish USPFC Classification:

Master	Expert	Sharpshooter	Marksman
93.00+	88-92.99	82-87.99	Less than 81.99

Any competitor without an established classification or who cannot present evidence of such will shoot their Individual event. The score they obtain in their Individual event will be used to determine their proper classification for the awarding of medals in the various classes in the Individual event. This classification will also be used for the Team event.

A competitor’s classification will not change during the tournament. A competitor will enter a tournament under their correct classification and shoot the entire tournament in that class. Should it be discovered during a tournament that a competitor has entered in a classification lower than their current rating, the competitor will be subject to possible disqualification. *The USPFC reserves the right to reclassify any shooter based upon “known ability” or other evidence to the skill of the individual.*

All classifications and scores will become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in a USPFC or other nationally sanctioned competition at least once during three (3) consecutive USPFC events. Master classifications and scores will become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in USPFC competition at least once during five (5) USPFC events.

Competing in a higher class-Any individual or team may elect, before firing, to compete in a higher classification than the one in which they are classified. Such individual or team must fire in such higher class throughout the tournament and not revert to earned classification for any event in that tournament.

Classification Appeals-Any competitor having reason to believe that they are improperly classified may file an appeal with the USPFC Director stating all essential facts. Any such appeals must be filed prior to the start of competition. The USPFC Director will make the final determination as to the classification.

Classification Protests-Any person who believes that another competitor has been improperly classified may file a protest with the USPFC Director stating all

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essential facts. Any such protests must be filed prior to the start of competition. The USPFC Director will make the final determination as to the classification.

Team Classification-Teams are classified by computing the “team average” based on the classification of each firing member of the team. To compute this “team average” the key below for the different classes will be used and the team total divided by the number of firing members of the team. Any fractional figure in the team average of one half or more places the team in the next higher class. The “team average” will establish classification of the team as a unit but will not affect in any way the individual classification of team members.

Team Class Key	
Master	4
Expert	3
Sharpshooter	2
Marksman	1

## **COMPETITION CONDITIONS**

### **Shooting Positions:**

Competitors must take their positions on the firing line so that both feet contact the floor behind the rear edge of the firing line. The pistol may extend over the and beyond the firing line if the feet remain behind the firing line. No form of artificial support may be used (i.e., resting against a table, bench or other device). **Note:** Position descriptions are given for right-handed competitors; for left-handed competitors, reverse right and left.

### **Air Pistol Firing Position**

The athlete must stand free, without any artificial or other support, with both feet and/or shoes completely within the firing point. The pistol must be held and fired with one (1) hand only. The wrist must be visibly free of support.

### **Target Heights**

Targets must be placed so that the target center or the center point of the record bulls is 1.4m  $\pm$ .05m (55 in.  $\pm$ 2.0in) above the level of the range.

## **COURSE OF FIRE**

**Coaching:** Coaching or assisting a competitor on the firing line during an individual event is not permitted. A competitor in an individual event may clear their air gun and leave the firing line to speak with a coach, after obtaining permission from the Range Officer. Coaching team members on the firing line

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during a team-only competition is permitted, provided that a team may have only one coach on the firing line.

**Air Pistol 60 (AP60):** 60 shots. Fired as a separate event or fired as a qualification for an Air Pistol final. According to these conditions:

- 1) All Air Pistol events are fired on the ISSF 10m Air Pistol target. Full ring (integer) scoring will be used.
- 2) If electronic targets are used, there will be a 15-minute preparation and sighting stage, followed by a record fire stage of 1 hour and 15 minutes (75 minutes)
- 3) If 4 single-bull paper targets are posted at one time, each 20-shot stage must be timed separately. There will be a 10-minute Preparation and Sighting stage before the first Record Fire stage. Each Record Fire stage will consist of 20 Record Fire shots (five shots on each bull) in a time limit of 25 minutes. After each 25-minute Record Fire stage, the firing line must be cleared so personnel may go forward to change targets. There will be a 2-minute Pre-Preparation time and a 3-minute Preparation and Sighting stage before the second or third Record Fire stages start.
- 4) If the range is equipped with target carriers and single bull targets are used, there will be a 15-minute Preparation and Sighting stage, followed by a Record Fire time of 1 hour and 30 minutes (90 minutes).

## **BREAKING TIES**

In Air Pistol events where whole number (integer) scoring is used, ties must be broken in the following order:

- 1) In favor of the competitor with the highest number of inner tens;
- 2) Series-by-series countback, beginning with the last 10-shot series, then the next to the last series score, etc.
  - a. If 10-shot series are equal, the 10-shot series with the greater number of inner tens ranks higher.

If any ties remain, tied competitors will be ranked with equal rank and be listed alphabetically according to their last names.

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## **AWARDS**

A maximum of 8 sets of medals (1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place) will be required. USPFC will advise of the number of sets needed based on total entries, plus a reasonable margin.

### **ATTENTION COORDINATORS**

**THE GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL SPORTS.  
YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS.**

**PRECISE RESULTS MUST BE FORWARDED  
TO THE HOST COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
CONCLUSION OF THIS SPORT**

The USPFC Director assigned to your sport is knowledgeable and experienced in providing assistance during the preparation and running of the sport. Questions, a detailed accounting of your preparations, and any area requiring approval of the USPFC shall be submitted in a timely manner to this USPFC Director.

The USPFC Directors want to work with you to make your sport a success.

***PLEASE USE THE USPFC DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.***