

FITASC SPORTING BASIC RULE SUMMARY

As at 1st January 2024

EQUIPMENT/DRESS

Ammunition - weight/size	28g shot size not exceeding 2.5mm diameter. Minimum 2.0mm diameter.
Reloaded ammunition	Allowed in domestic events. Prohibited in international events.
Shotguns allowed	Not exceeding 12 gauge. No Pump shotguns. No dispersers allowed. Minimum barrel length of 66cm. No straps or slings allowed. Any use of micro camera on the shotgun is banned. Shooters may not share a shotgun.
Sighting/aiming devices on shotgun	Prohibited.
Eye & ear protection	Mandatory (FITASC rules and SA Law).
Dress code	Bermuda type shorts 5cm above knee permitted. Sandals or any other type of open/partly open shoe are not permitted. No sleeveless shirts. Shooting vest/shirt must have the 25cm horizontal line clearly visible.

ON THE SHOOTING STAND

Late arrival rule and penalty(ies)	A shooter who is late may join their squad, but all targets that they have not shot at due to them being late will be scored as "zero". The shooter who was late may not shoot the targets not shot at.
Shooter is also considered absent	If the shooter does not have eye or ear protection; or if the shooter does not have the 25cm line visible; or if the shooter is not in compliance with the dress code.
Time allowed for release of target (from shooter's call)	Three seconds
Starting Gun Position	25cm gun hold from top of shoulder - may not move the gun until the target is visible after calling for the target. See diagram in rules.
Mock/pretence shooting allowed before firing?	No
Position of feet in shooting stand	Both feet must be fully within the shooting stand boundary
Shotgun loading on stand/between stands	Absolutely NO loading of shotguns outside the shooting stand
Presentation of targets before commencing to shoot	All singles, simultaneous doubles and Rafale pairs. "On report" pairs are not given as "sighters".
Rotation of competitors on the stands	All competitors shoot all the singles then the competitor who shot the singles second , must then shoot the doubles first .
Time allowed : changeover competitors	15 seconds
Time allowed : on stand	15 seconds between shots

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LOST TARGETS, NO BIRDS AND MALFUNCTIONS

Malfunctions allowed per range before "LOST" target	One - whether equipment or ammunition. Only one malfunction allowed.
Malfunction : umpire to check	The target is lost if the shooter opens the shotgun before the Umpire checks the shotgun.
In event of 'double discharge' of ammunition	No bird. It is deemed a "Gun malfunction" and no result is scored. Only one malfunction is permissible per round of 25 targets - "zero" thereafter.

"No bird" rules	A target may not be fired upon after the umpire has called it a "no bird". If the competitor fires at a declared "no-bird", the umpire must issue a first warning. Further breaches of this rule will result in lost targets.
	If the shooter has not called for the target.
	If the target is thrown more than three seconds after the umpire's command.
	A target that breaks during launch.
	A target which is launched from the wrong trap.
	If two targets are launched instead of one target.
	A target that is of significant different colour, or the wrong size or type.
	A double discharge is deemed a no bird - single/double targets to be re-shot
	Malfunction with the first shot is deemed a no bird - single/double targets to be re-shot. If the competitor fires the second shot, the result is recorded as "one" or "zero".
	Malfunction with the second shot is deemed a no bird:
	on a single target - repeat target only second barrel to count
	on report double targets - repeat double, first target scored and second barrel to count
	on simultaneous and rafale doubles - repeat double both barrels to count

"LOST" target rules	When the shooter fails to fire at it/them without any valid reason.
	When no visible pieces come off the target.
	When only particles of dust are visible (a "dusted" target).
	During a malfunction and the shooter opens or touches the safety catch.
	On a second malfunction during the same round of 25 targets.
	If a shooter arrives late to the shooting stand, he/she may shoot his/her singles if he/she has not missed his/her turn. Failing which, all targets not shot at are "LOST" (see rule 16.7 and 16.8 for full details).

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