



PSCA
Professional Sporting Clays Association

2015 PSCA RULES AND REGULATIONS

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Purpose of the PSCA

The purpose of the Professional Sporting Clays Association (PSCA) is to provide a professional tour for top sporting clays athletes. The PSCA Tour is designed to give qualified top athletes of the sport greater access to closed competition with other athletes of similar skill. It will also provide access to media and other notoriety, which in turn will allow our athletes some of the benefits of other professional sports. By creating such a tour, it is believed that the benefits will not be limited to the competing professional athletes, but also to amateur competitors, club owners, and the entire sporting clays industry by allowing greater mainstream awareness of the shooting sport.

In an effort to establish fair, objective and practical guidelines for the professional tour, the PSCA has created an expressed set of governing rules and regulations. Considering the evolutionary nature of this professional league, the following rules and regulations are subject to change without notice at the discretion of the PSCA.

B. Duration of the 2015 PSCA Tour Season

The season begins January 1 and concludes December 31, 2015.

C. 2015 Tour Cards

The PSCA will provide tour cards to the top qualified sporting clays athletes. For the 2015 season, the tour cards will be distributed to selected sporting clays shooters pursuant to the qualification process describe in the 2015 PSCA Rules and Regulations. Those who accept the invitation will be considered “PSCA Athletes.” The invitation is revocable at the sole discretion of the PSCA.

For the 2015 season, the PSCA will issue at least fifty-two (52) tour cards for male athletes and twelve (12) tour cards for female athletes. Each tour card will be valid for one PSCA season. Further, the PSCA reserves the right to grant exemption status and/or invitation to any sporting clays shooter at its sole discretion.

D. Tour Card Retention

For 2016, there is no automatic tour card retention, as explained below in the revised qualification process set forth in Section III. The PSCA reserves the right to amend this provision.

II. 2015 PSCA TOUR

A. Competitors

PSCA Athletes. An individual who has been issued their 2015 PSCA Tour Card following their acceptance and execution of the 2015 PSCA Athlete Agreement, whereby agreeing to abide with all PSCA rules, regulations, policies and agreements.

Challengers. An individual who - not holding a 2015 PSCA Tour Card - has timely register for a PSCA Tour Event for an opportunity to compete against PSCA Athletes. For the 2105 season, Challengers will be eligible for both trophies

and prize money. Challengers must comply with PSCA rules, regulations and policies.

B. PSCA Personnel

Shoot Official. An individual appointed by the PSCA and responsible for course layout, target selection and appointment of Referees. Shoot Official shall be responsible for both layout and testing of the course for safety. Shoot Official is responsible for ensuring that Competitors are not allowed to shoot the course prior to the competition. Any Competitor who shoots the course prior to the start of the PSCA Tour event is ineligible to compete in the tour event.

Shoot Promoter. An individual appointed by the PSCA to promote the PSCA Tour event.

Match Director. An individual appointed by the PSCA to coordinate the PSCA Tour event.

Chief Referee. An individual appointed by the PSCA to supervise all other Referees at the PSCA Tour event. Chief Referee shall be present throughout the competitive shooting portion.

Referee. An individual selected by the sporting clays club that is hosting the PSCA Tour event, who has integrity, knowledge and competency to enforce these rules and regulations and score targets.

C. Events

2015 PSCA Tour Events. Those events hosted by selected sporting clays clubs for the PSCA and their PSCA Athletes and Challengers.

PSCA Qualification Round. A sporting clays event featuring 120 PSCA-rated targets which will qualify Competitors for the PSCA Pro-Challenge.

PSCA Pro-Challenge. A bracketed, single elimination shoot-off event to determine the ultimate tour event champions - starting with at least 16 men and 8 women.

PSCA “Champion of Champions” Event. The final event hosted by the PSCA at the end of the tour season for the top PSCA Athlete money winners.

D. Course Requirements

Station. A shooting position from which one or more targets are attempted.

Field. A group of stations from which targets are attempted sequentially. Once Competitor checks onto - a field, all stations and targets on the field are attempted before moving onto another field. Shoot Official and Referee will provide direction for execution of shooting at each field.

Course. The course will provide for a predetermined number of shooting fields from which each Competitor will attempt various targets. The course will be set up by reputable course designers selected by the PSCA.

E. “Course of Fire” for PSCA Events

PSCA Qualification Round. The sixty four (64) PSCA Athletes (fifty-two (52) men/twelve (12) women) and up to a maximum of 206 Challengers will compete as follows:

1. One (1) 120-target course.
2. Twelve to Fifteen (12-15) stations.
3. 8:30 am, 11:30 am and 2:30 pm start times.
4. Pre- squadded.
5. Maximum of ninety (90) per flight.

6. Five (5) person A and B squads.
7. First Competitor on the station is allowed two (2) view pairs only.
8. After Referee's "Ready" command, Competitor has fifteen (15) seconds to call for their first pair of targets. Once scored and announced, Referee will give the "Ready" command. Competitor must then call for their next pair of targets within fifteen (15) seconds. These steps will be repeated until station is complete.
9. Competitors will only sign the master score sheet before being released to the next station. If the shooter does not sign the master sheet before walking off, the shooter loses the right to appeal and the score is final.
10. Once Competitors have been released, Referee will call for the next squad and repeat the process.
11. At the conclusion of the PSCA Qualification Round, the top twelve (12) men and six (6) women seated PSCA Athletes automatically advance to the final bracketed PSCA Pro Challenge. The remaining four (4) men and two (2) women wild card positions will be determined as follows:
 - a. Take out the top 12 men/6 women PSCA Athletes from the qualification round and re-list the leaderboard.
 - b. The next 16 men/8 women (PSCA Athletes and/or Challengers) on the leaderboard will shoot-off in a possible "last chance" qualifier to determine the remaining 4 men/2 women slots in the bracketed finals.
 - c. The "last chance" qualifier will be shot using the PSCA Pro Challenge format. PSCA reserves the right to change this shoot-off format for extreme circumstances. Example, use a traditional shoot-off method or eliminate the shoot-off all together and use the next 4 men/2 women qualifying scores.

- d. The remaining twelve (12) men and six (6) women from the “last chance” qualifier that did not advance will be shuffled back in order based off their 120-target qualification round and ranked accordingly.
- e. If no Challengers make the cut from the Qualification Round, the wild card positions will go to the already seated PSCA Athletes in the appropriate rank and their will be no “last chance” qualifier. All ties will be shot off to determine who advances.

PSCA Pro Challenge. The top sixteen (16) men and eight (8) women will compete (which may occur at night under the lights) as follows:

1. One (1) finals field.
2. Ten (10) machines total, four (4) “No. One” machines and “Nos. Two through Six” machines.
3. Top sixteen (16) men and eight (8) women.
4. Head to head single elimination.
5. Bracketed positions - number one (1) ranked shooter vs. number sixteen (16) ranked shooter, number two (2) ranked shooter vs. number fifteen (15) ranked shooter.
6. Each shooter completes a sequence of four (4) rounds as stated below.
7. Referee/Announcer will call out scores after each pair and will “ready” each shooter.
8. Round two and three are timed rounds and each shooter is allotted 30 seconds to position their shells before calling for the target. (In this time the announcer introduces each shooter.)
9. Shooters will switch positions after rounds one (1) and three (3) only.

10. The points leader after each round is the first shooter.
11. The winner is determined by points and advances to the next round.
12. Only two shells may be loaded in the gun at one time.

Round 1 Rules

1. Each shooter will complete the sequence of report pairs as stated in the chart below calling for each pair.
2. Each shooter must hit the random number one (1) target in order to take a shot at the second target.
3. If the shooter misses the number one (1) target, they can take a second shot to try to get one (1) point.
4. When each shooter has completed the round, shooters will rotate positions and announcer will call out the totals.
5. Score equals the target number called.

Timed Round 2 Rules

1. The points leader starts the round.
2. Each shooter will shoot a sequence of targets as stated in the chart below.
3. The targets will be thrown in four (4) second intervals after the shooters initial call until the round is complete.
4. There may only two (2) shells loaded in the gun at one time.
5. Shooter may get more than two shots off at one single target if the target has not hit the ground yet.

6. Each hit target is worth four (4) points.

Timed Round 3 Rules

1. Shooters do not switch positions but the points leader starts the round.
2. Each shooter will shoot a sequence of targets as stated in the chart below.
3. The targets will be thrown in four (4) second intervals after the shooters initial call until the round is complete.
4. There may only be two (2) shells loaded in the gun at one time.
5. Shooter may get more than two shots off at one single target if the target has not hit the ground yet.
6. Each target is worth four (4) points.

Final Round 4

1. Shooter calls the shots.
2. Four (4) report pair.
3. Targets two - seven (2-7) may be called.
4. Lower number must be hit first to shoot at the second target.
5. Targets four (4) and five (5) may only be called once.
6. Score equals the target number called.
7. Shooter with the highest points advances to the next round.

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PSCA “Champion of Champions” Event. Following the final PSCA Tour event of the year, it is the intent of the PSCA to celebrate the season with another final Champion event. Although changes to the format may be made at the sole discretion of the PSCA, the present plan is to invite the top eight (8) men and four (4) women money winners of the 2015 PSCA Tour to compete, as follows:

1. 120-target qualification course to determine the finals bracket.
2. PSCA Pro Challenge Finals format will be used.
3. Awards to top three (3) men and two (2) women following shoot-offs, if necessary.

F. Timeouts

Competitors will only be allowed two (2) ninety (90) second timeouts during the Qualification Round - not during the PSCA Pro Challenge. Timeouts can only be called when it is Competitor’s turn to call for a pair of targets. Timeouts are to be used for, but not limited to, discussing strategy with coach, changing chokes, etc. All Competitors (within the squad) can take advantage of this period of time once called.

G. Equipment

Targets

1. Targets thrown in any PSCA event may include any or all of the following:
 - a. Regulation Sporting Clays, Skeet, or Trap targets as specified by ATA, NSSA, or NSCA.
 - b. Specialty targets, such as Mini, midi, battue, rocket, rabbit or flash targets as specified by the PSCA are allowed. “Poison Bird” is not allowed.
 - c. Any sporting clays target approved by the PSCA.

2. Target number, selection and order of presentation for any competition shall be at the discretion of the Shoot Official, but must be the same for all Competitors.

3. All targets will be presented with a reasonably consistent trajectory, distance and velocity to all Competitors. Reasonable trajectory, distance and velocity means no more than a 20% deviation from the set flight path. Interference may be called at the Referee's discretion.

Traps

1. Targets will be propelled by and launched from, any of a number of commercially produced, modified, or handmade devices, which will propel an approved target in a manner approved by Shoot Official.

2. Launching devices, which provide for targets traveling at varying angles and distances to Competitors (i.e., wobble or oscillating traps) may not be used in PSCA events.

3. Devices, which provide for propelling multiple targets, are permitted.

4. Devices propelling targets of more than one type, and devices capable of providing targets at varying angles and distances, shall be employed only as the varying aspects of these devices will be the same for all Competitors and will be free of all human element of selection.

Shotguns

1. Shotguns of 12 gauge or smaller, in safe working order, and capable of firing two (2) shots are to be used in attempting all targets. All guns shall hold no more than two (2) shells at one time. If shooting a semi-automatic, the firearm may not hold more than two (2) shells or there must be a plug limiting the gun to one shell in the chamber and only one in the magazine tube.

2. Shotguns fitted for multiple barrels (of various chokes and/or lengths) are permitted. Competitor is allowed to change barrels only between stations - or before the start of PSCA Pro Challenge. Failure to comply will result in all targets on that station attempted after the infraction being scored as LOST or MISSED.

3. Shotguns with interchangeable or adjustable chokes are permitted at Competitor's discretion. During the Qualification Round, only the first Competitor on a station may view targets, then change chokes prior to shooting any targets. Only then may chokes be changed or adjusted between stations. Failure to comply will result in all targets on that station attempted after the infraction being scored as LOST or MISSED.

4. Competitors may enter a shoot with various guns and attempt targets at various stations with different guns, or the gun of another Competitor. Competitors may not use other Competitors' guns during PSCA Pro Challenge. Guns may be changed only between stations except in the case of a malfunction. Failure to comply will result in all targets on that station attempted after the infraction being scored as LOST or MISSED.

5. Guns with release type triggers are allowed and must be clearly marked and Shoot Officials notified of their presence. Safety stickers designating release trigger, with instructions on placements are available at no charge from NSCA Headquarters.

6. At no time may two different gauges be used in the same shotgun at the same time. (i.e., use of a tube set with a 20 gauge in the top barrel and a 28 gauge in the bottom barrel.)

Ammunition

1. Shoot Officials limit the ammunition to commercially manufactured shot shells only. The PSCA assumes no responsibility in connection with the use of commercially manufactured ammunition.

2. Maximum loads for 12 gauge events may not exceed 1 ounce of shot.

3. No shot smaller than U.S. No. 9 (nominal diameter 0.080) or larger than U.S. No. 7 1/2 (nominal diameter 0.095) shall be used in any load. No steel shot smaller than U.S. No. 9 or larger than U.S. No. 6 (nominal diameter 0.110) shall be used in any load.

4. Shot shall be normal production spherical shot. Plated shot is permitted.

5. No speed limit.

6. Allowance of plus or minus .5 grams, if Competitor's ammunition is weighed at discretion of Chief Referee and/or Shoot Official.

7. No reloads are allowed.

H. Attempting Targets

It will be the responsibility of each Competitor to be familiar with these rules. Ignorance of the rules will not be a cause to re-attempt targets lost because of rule violations. It is the sole responsibility of the Competitor to begin any event, station and/or field with sufficient equipment, including safety equipment and ammunition. Failure to do so, which in the opinion of Referee will delay the shoot, will result in the loss of all targets as required to keep the shoot moving. Makeup targets will be provided only at the discretion of Shoot Official.

Call for Target. The target must be launched immediately or with a delay of up to one (1) second. If the delay is longer it must be called NO BIRD at the discretion of the Referee. This does not apply to the Timed Rounds in the PSCA Pro Challenge where the targets are thrown in four (4) second intervals.

Distractions. In the event of a distraction before or after the shooter calls for the target the referee may call a NO BIRD at his or her discretion. There will be no makeup targets for natural distractions such as: cell phones, carts passing, radio chatter etc.

Shotgun mount and position. Competitor may start with a low gun or a pre-mounted gun when calling for the target. (Competitor must attempt to mount the gun, hip shooting is not allowed and will result in a safety violation penalty and LOST target(s).)

I. Target Presentation

The target(s) to be scored at each station will be presented as either a single target or as a pair of targets. Only two shots are allowed for each target presentation - whether as a single or as a pair. Pairs may be presented as Report, Following or Simultaneous (True) as follows:

Report Pair. Two sequential targets where the second target is launched within one (1) second of the sound of the gun firing at the first target. Targets may be launched from one or more traps.

Following Pair. Two sequential targets where the second target is launched automatically as designed or programmed from the same trap. With Report or Following Pair, Competitor will have the right, if missing the first target, to fire the second cartridge at the same target (the result being scored only the first target and the second target being scored as LOST).

Simultaneous Pair (True Pair). Two targets launched simultaneously. Targets may be launched from one or more traps. With Simultaneous Pair (True Pair), Competitor has the right to shoot either of the targets first. If Competitor has missed the first target he may fire the second cartridge at the same target.

J. Scoring Procedure

1. Referee will call out and record each pair on a station/field. Score will be recorded on Competitor's card and master sheet. Competitors and Referee must verify and sign master sheet before leaving the station/field.

2. The master sheet is the official score.

3. Any protest must be disputed before signing and leaving the station/field.

4. All warnings and deductions must be indicated appropriately on scorecard before signing and leaving the station/field.

5. Scoring Pairs

a. Should Competitor break both targets with either the first or second shot, then the result will be scored as two (2) hits.

b. In the event of a NO BIRD on a simultaneous pair (true pair) or following pair, nothing can be established. Two (2) good targets must be present to record the score. This will also apply for gun/ammunition malfunctions while shooting pairs.

c. In the event of a NO BIRD on the second target of a report pair, the first target will be established as either LOST or DEAD. If the first target was established as DEAD on the first shot, Competitor must still make a legitimate attempt at the first target. If the first target was established as LOST, Competitor must repeat the pair with the option of shooting the first target twice, missing the target with the first shot. This provision does not apply to the PSCA Pro Challenge Timed Rounds, whereas in the event of a NO BIRD, the Competitor will be given the choice to either take the score established or repeat the entire sequence with nothing established.

d. In the event of a “Competitor Error” (as described below) on the first bird of a Report Pair, the first bird will be established as LOST and Competitor will repeat the pair to establish the result of the second target. When repeating the pair, Competitor must make a legitimate attempt at the first target. The first target has already been established as LOST and the result of the second target will be recorded.

e. In the event of a “Competitor Error” (as described below) on the second bird of a Report Pair, the second bird will be established as LOST.

f. In the event of a “Competitor Error” on a Simultaneous (True) Pair, targets will be scored as they are established. The pair will not be repeated

Example: Two (2) good targets were presented and first target was established as DEAD, but due to Competitor Error, second bird is missed. Targets will be scored as “DEAD / LOST.”

K. Malfunctions

Competitor shall be allowed a combined total of three (3) malfunctions per event attributed to either Competitor’s gun or ammunition. The Qualification Round and PSCA Pro Challenge are considered two (2) separate events. Targets not attempted on the three (3) allowed malfunctions shall be treated as NO BIRDS. Targets not attempted due to the fourth or subsequent malfunction shall be scored as LOST.

1. Gun Malfunctions

a. In the case of a gun malfunction, Competitor must remain in place, the gun pointed safely down range and must not open the gun or tamper with trigger, safety or barrel selector and notify Referee if the gun has mechanical or inertia triggers.

b. If Competitor opens the gun or tampers with the gun, the target(s) will be scored as LOST.

c. Referee will then visually instruct Competitor and visually observe the operation of the gun to determine the cause and make a ruling.

d. Inertia triggers. If the gun malfunctions on the first shot and does not fire for Referee, it will be deemed a Gun Malfunction. If the gun malfunctions on the second shot and does not fire for Referee, it will be deemed a Gun Malfunction. If the gun fires in either situation, it will be deemed a Competitor Error and target(s) will be LOST.

e. Mechanical triggers. If the gun fires only once, it is deemed a gun malfunction. If the gun fires twice it is deemed a Competitor Error and the target(s) are LOST.

f. Gun Malfunctions also include the situations where (a) the gun will not fire either barrel (if the gun subsequently fires at Referee's request, it will be deemed a Competitor Error); (b) the gun had a true simultaneous discharge (gun doubles); (c) the gun fan fires (second barrel discharges without Competitor action); and (d) a semiautomatic shotgun fails to eject the shot shell from the first shot and a second shot is required.

g. If the gun "doubles" on the first target of a Report Pair, no targets are established, it counts as a gun malfunction, and Competitor repeats the pair.

h. Qualification Round Only. In the case of an inoperable gun, Competitor has five (5) minutes to attempt to repair the gun. If Competitor cannot repair the gun in the allotted time, Competitor has the option to use another gun or use a squad mate's gun (with permission of gun owner) - or they must drop out of the competition with the score completed.

i. PSCA Pro Challenge Only. In the case of an inoperable gun, Competitor will have five (5) minutes to repair the gun or use a spare gun. Due to the double cage format, a Competitor may not use squad mate's gun. If Competitor cannot repair the gun in the allotted time or obtain a spare gun, they must drop out of the competition with the score completed.

j. There will be no makeup rounds.

k. Competitor has the right to test fire after any gun malfunction.

2. Ammunition Malfunctions

In the case of an Ammunition Malfunction, Competitor must remain in place, the gun pointing safely down range and must not open the gun or tamper

with the trigger, safety or barrel selector, until Referee has determined the cause and made his/her ruling.

a. If Competitor opens the gun or tampers with the gun, the target(s) will be scored as LOST.

b. Examples include but are not limited to:

i. One in which the primer fires, but through failure of the shell or lack of components, and consequently leaves part of or all of the charge of shot or wad in the gun.

ii. A “soft load” in which the shot and wad leave the barrel, is not a misfire and shall be scored.

iii. Brass pulling off hull between shots on pairs.

iv. Separation of brass from casing when gun is fired (usually accompanied by a “whistling” sound as the plastic sleeve leaves the barrel).

c. Competitor has the right to test fire after any Ammunition Malfunction.

3. Competitor Error

In the case of a Competitor error, Competitor must remain in place, the gun pointed safely down range and must not open the gun or tamper with trigger, safety or barrel selector and verify to Referee if the gun has mechanical or inertia triggers. Targets shall be scored as LOST if Competitor is unable to fire because of the following examples, which include but are not limited to:

a. Competitor has left the safety on.

b. Competitor has forgotten to load, loaded previously fired shells or failed to properly cock the gun.

c. Competitor has forgotten to disengage the locking device from the magazine of a semiautomatic shotgun.

d. Competitor has not sufficiently released the trigger of a single trigger gun having fired the first shot (i.e., “trapping the trigger”).

e. Competitor not seeing the target.

4. **Qualification Round: Trap/Target Malfunctions**

a. A target, which breaks at launching, shall be called NO BIRD and Competitor will be provided a new target.

b. A target, which is launched in an obviously different trajectory shall be called NO BIRD and Competitor will be provided a new target at Referee’s discretion.

c. At a station presenting a simultaneous (true) pair, both targets must be fair or NO BIRD will be called and both targets will be attempted again. Nothing can be established or scored unless both targets are fair.

d. In the case of a NO BIRD due to trap/target malfunctions, Competitor may request for the machine to be “cleared” until a fair target is thrown.

e. Referee also has the discretion to order a hold to shooting in order to clear a trap until a fair target is thrown

L. Shoot-offs

The PSCA will use an appropriate shoot-off for each event as it deems necessary. As a general guideline, the PSCA will utilize the following:

1. Qualification Round:

- a. One (1) pair of targets will be selected.
- b. The score will accumulate in increments of ten (10) until a winner(s) has been determined.
- c. If more than two (2) people are shooting off the lowest score(s) will drop off and any continuing ties will continue the process until winner is determined.

2. PSCA Pro Challenge:

- a. Sudden Death
- b. Targets six-seven (6-7) report pair until a winner is established.

M. Prizes, Awards and Recognition

Money. The top thirty-five (35) men and top eight (8) women PSCA Athletes and/or Challenger will be awarded with pay-outs within two (2) weeks of the completion of the tournament. The prize money pool will be divided based on score. All other ties will split the subject prize money.

Trophies. Although subject to change for any given event, trophies will be given for HOA male and female PSCA Athletes and/or Challengers

N. Weather/Mitigating Circumstances

In the event of extreme weather conditions, power failure, trap failure or unusually early darkness, the PSCA may elect to stop shooting and continue the event when conditions are appropriate for competition. (i.e., the next morning, resumption of power, etc.)

O. Rule Violations and Actions

Shoot Official, Chief Referee and Referees can decide rule violations and/or warnings based on two (2) classes of infringements or violations, specifically either Violations with Penalties or Target Deductions.

Shoot Official is responsible for examining and deciding the degree of punishment to be imposed for all reported violations and warnings, other than those not imposed automatically from within these rules. When rule violations/warnings occur they must be accompanied by Referee's command as to which type of punishment is being issued as appropriate, in a manner that leaves no doubts in Competitor's mind as to the meaning of the action taken.

Violations with Penalties

1. Within the discretion of Referee or Shoot Official, in the case of Safety or Conduct violations of the rules, such as:
 - a. Any violation of the Code of Conduct.
 - b. Any violation of Safety Guidelines.
 - c. Dress code violation.
 - d. Unnecessary interruption of the shooting.
 - e. Receiving illegal coaching during the competition.
 - f. Unauthorized intrusion into the competition area.
 - g. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - h. Deliberate attempt to evade the spirit of the rules.
 - i. Interfering with range equipment after an initial violation.
 - j. Consciously and knowingly giving false information when asked to give an explanation for an incident.
 - k. Any other incident that requires a warning to be issued.

2. Referee indicates a “Violation” of safety and/or conduct on the relevant scorecard.

a. First (1) Violation. PSCA Athlete will be fined in the amount of \$250.00 to be charged to PSCA Athletes card on file.

b. Second (2) Violation. PSCA Athlete will be fined an additional \$500.00 for a total of \$750.00 to be charged to PSCA Athletes card on file.

c. Third (3) Violation. PSCA Athlete will be automatically disqualified from the competition.

3. In repeated infringements by Competitor and/or their coach/attendant, Shoot Officials will require Competitor and their coach/attendant to leave the vicinity of the shooting range for the remainder of the competition and - if the Competitor is a PSCA Athlete - they may be penalized as a conduct violation.

Target/Point Deductions

1. In the case of timing and malfunctions, such as:

a. If Competitor goes over his/her allotted time to call for target.

b. If Competitor has received more than three (3) gun and/or ammunition malfunctions.

c. Any timing warning by Referee in a round, for any of the violations listed, must be indicated on the scorecard by Referee.

i. First (1) Warning: Competitor receives a one (1) target/point deduction.

ii. Second (2) Warning: Competitor receives a one (1) target/point deduction.

iii. Third (3) Warning: Competitor receives another one (1) target/point deduction.

iv. Forth (4) Warning (and every subsequent warning): Competitor receives another one (1) target/point deduction and is considered a conduct violation. A violating PSCA Athlete will also receive the appropriate punishment based on previous violations with penalties (if any) including fines and disqualification.

d. Time warning deduction of targets must be taken from the final score of the round in which the offence(s) occurred.

e. Any gun or ammunition malfunction warnings in a round, for any reasons, must be indicated on the scorecard by Referee before the card is sent to the classification office.

f. On the fourth (4) gun or ammunition malfunction and any malfunction thereafter, the target(s) will be scored as lost.

g. Malfunctions deduction of targets must be taken from the station/field score in which the offence(s) occurred.

Warning/Violation	Timing	Safety/Conduct	Malfunction
1	-1 target	\$250 penalty	Repeat target(s)
2	-1 target	\$500 penalty	Repeat target(s)
3	-1 target	DQ	Repeat target(s)
4*	-1 target + conduct fee or DQ		Lost target(s) (Report or True)
5*	-1 target		Lost target(s) (Report or True)

	+ conduct fee or DQ		
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*Fourth (4) or fifth (5) Timing warnings are considered conduct violations. These warnings go against previous, if any, conduct violations.

Example One: If PSCA Athlete previously had one (1) conduct violation, his/her fourth (4) timing warning will be a one (1) target/point deduction plus his/her second (2) conduct violation with a penalty of \$500.

Example Two: If PSCA Athlete previously had two (2) conduct violations, his/her fourth (4) timing warning would mean Disqualification.

h. Uncompleted Round

Deduction of all remaining points in the round must be given by Shoot Official in instances when Competitor leaves the range without completing the round, due to an inoperable gun, medical or family emergency, any other reason unknown to Shoot Official or without the permission of Referee.

Absent Competitor

If Competitor is not present on the field when his/her name is checked with the scorecard, Referee must have Competitor’s name called out loudly three (3) times within one (1) minute. If Competitor does not appear by the end of that minute, Referee must declare Competitor “ABSENT” and Competitor must not be allowed to join the squad and shooting must start without them.

A Competitor who is declared “ABSENT” must present himself to Chief Referee before the squad is finished with the first two stations or started the PSCA Pro Challenge and request permission to shoot the remaining targets - with a three (3) target/point deduction off final score and not allowed to make up stations missed. Failure to do so may result in disqualification and Competitor will receive a “Did Not Finish” (DNF).

If a Competitor arrives late for a competition or fails to present himself to the Chief Referee before the squad has finished that round and it can be proved that the lateness or temporary absence was due to exceptional circumstances beyond Competitor's control, Shoot Official may give Competitor the opportunity to rejoin the competition as long as it is without disruption to the overall shooting program. In this case, Chief Referee will determine when and where Competitor will shoot and no penalty will be imposed.

Disqualification

a. A disqualification may only be given by a decision of any Shoot Official at any moment for extreme circumstances, as they deem appropriate.

b. Disqualification of a Competitor - or the banning of a coach/attendant from the course - may be given for:

i. Serious breaches of safety and violations of the safety rules;

ii. Handling a gun in a dangerous manner (repeated accidental discharges may be a cause for consideration);

iii. Handling of a loaded gun after a "STOP" command has been given;

iv. Repetition of incidents that have already been the subject of warnings or deductions;

v. Use of cartridges not in accordance with these rules and regulations to obtain advantages;

vi. Deliberate abuse of any Competitor or PSCA personnel;

vii. Deliberate attempt to interfere with another Competitor on or off the line;

viii. Deliberate failure to shoot a previously missed round; or stations;

ix. Consciously and knowingly giving false information in a deliberate attempt to conceal the facts in serious cases; and/or

x. Cases where violations are deliberately concealed.

Protests

Any Competitor or coach/attendant has the right to protest. The protest must be made immediately to Referee on the following matters:

- a. The rules and regulations as stated herein are improperly applied;
- b. The current competition program was not followed;
- c. Disagreement with a decision or action of any Referee; and/or
- d. The Competitor was impeded or disturbed by another Competitor, Referee, spectator, media or other good cause.
- e. Any protest relative to a decision by Referee on a “HIT,” “LOST,” “NO TARGET,” or “IRREGULAR” target can only be made by Competitor. Any protest concerning target(s) or scoring must be made at the shooting station/field prior to leaving the station. Referee’s final decision will stand and no further protest allowed.
- f. Any protest concerning safety, conduct, timing warnings or deductions can be made by Competitor or their coach/attendant. Protest shall be made prior to leaving the station/field. Upon a protest concerning safety, conduct, timing warnings or deductions, Referee must alert Chief Referee and Shoot Official. Chief Referee and Shoot Official shall convene and may question other Competitors on the squad and, if deemed appropriate, spectators who witnessed the event giving rise to the protest. Shooting may be temporarily stopped if absolutely necessary. Shoot Official will decide on the validity of the protest.

Shoot Official will then prescribe an appropriate resolution as they determine to be fair and in the spirit of competition. Shoot Official's decision will be final and no further protest allowed.

P. Disqualification and Expulsion

Competitor may be disqualified or expelled from a PSCA event upon presentation of proper evidence of misconduct or violation of the PSCA rule and regulations. Shoot Official may disqualify or expel a member when a complaint has been made and after giving both parties (the party making the complaint and the party complained of) an opportunity to be heard prior to disqualification or expulsion. Shoot Official shall upon presentation of appropriate evidence:

1. Disqualify any Competitor for the remainder of the event for willful or repeated violation of gun safety precautions, which endanger the safety of others.
2. Elect to refuse the entry or cause the withdrawal of any Competitor whose conduct, in the sole opinion of Shoot Official, is unsportsmanlike or whose participation is in any way detrimental to the best interests of the event.
3. Expel or disqualify any Competitor physically assaulting or verbally abusing a Shoot Official, Referee or any Competitor.

III. 2016 PSCA QUALIFICATION PROCESS

For the 2016 season, the PSCA intends to streamline the qualification process. Instead of using regional standings of non-PSCA Athlete shooters at certain NSCA shoots followed by a qualifying match, we have decided to use our own PSCA Tour events - which will be taking place simultaneously with four major NSCA events.

Considering that each PSCA Tour event will be opened up to a potential 270 shooters - with only 64 spots reserved for our current 2015 PSCA Athletes - we

believe the process will be more inclusive and inviting to top shooters all across the globe.

Specifically, we are requiring our PSCA Athletes and Challengers to participate in at least three (3) PSCA Qualification Rounds. At the end of the season, the PSCA will issue invitations to (at least) the top 64 Competitors (52 men and 12 women) based on overall performance and standings in the Competitor’s respective best three (3) events.

IV. DRESS CODE AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL

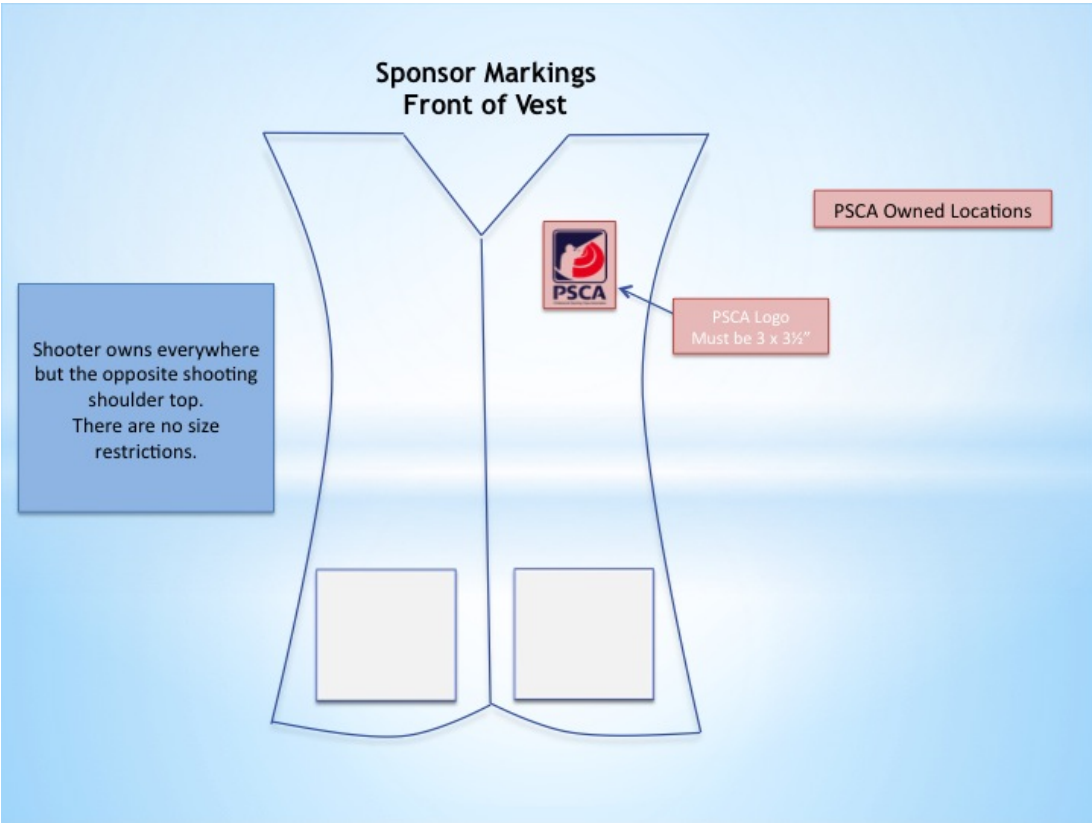
At the discretion of the PSCA, all PSCA Athletes may be required to go through dress code and equipment control check prior to start of each PSCA Tour event. Further, each PSCA Athlete is subject to random checks during any PSCA Tour event. Any failure to observe these rules may be penalized by a warning from the PSCA. If PSCA Athlete fails to rectify his/her dress or equipment issues, subsequent penalties may extend to expulsion from the competition.

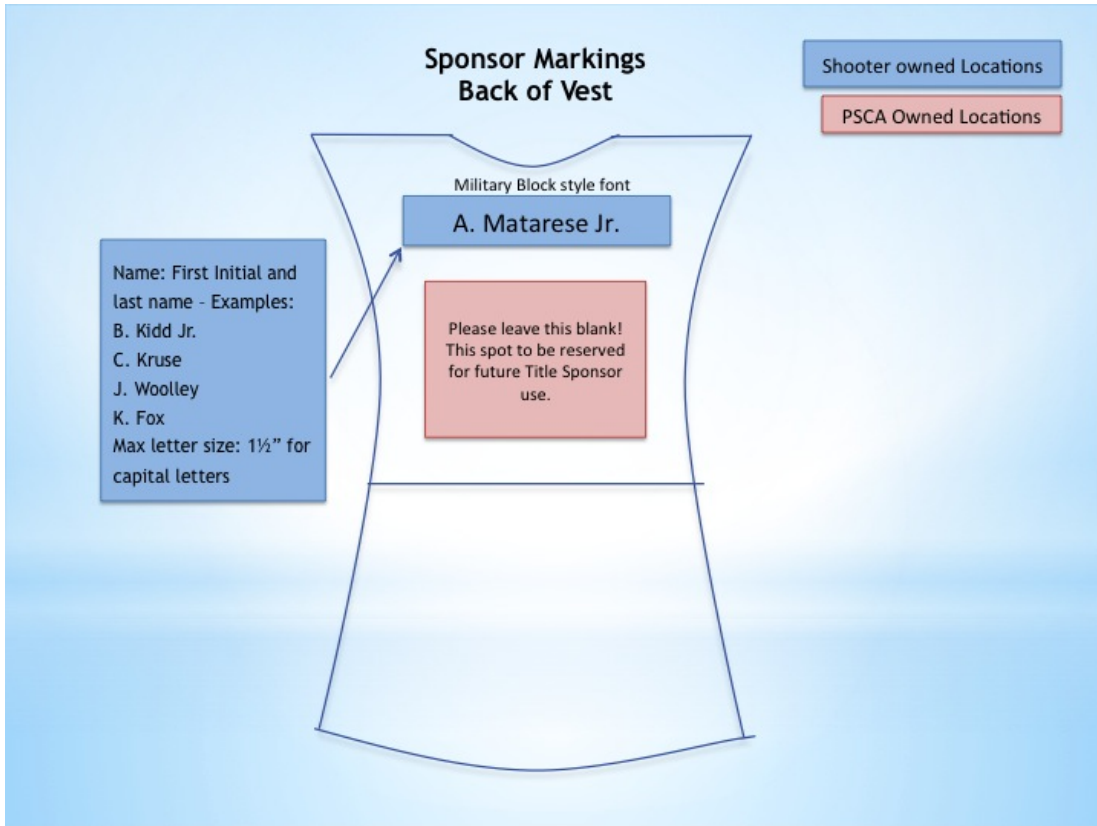
Relative to dress code, the following will be enforced:

Item	Females	Males
Shirts/Tops	No halter top, bare midriff, backless, see-through, cleavage, collarless, t-shirts, holey, stained, wrinkled, faded, suggestive images or slogans.	No t-shirts, sleeveless, collarless, see-through, wrinkled, faded, holey, stained, un-tucked, suggestive images or slogans.
Pants/Capri	No jeans, sweats, workout pants, yoga pants, cargo, wrinkled, faded, holey, worn or torn.	No jeans, sweats, workout pants, cargo, wrinkled, faded, holey, worn or torn. Must be worn at the waist with no visible undergarments.

Shorts/Skirts	No cargo, faded, torn, worn, holey, stained, wrinkled or gym shorts. No shorter than fingertip length.	No cargo, holey, stained, faded, torn, worn, wrinkled or gym shorts. No shorter than 3" above the center of the knee.
Hats/Visors	No sweat stained, faded, holey, suggestive images or slogans.	No sweat stained, faded, holey, suggestive images or slogans.
Shoes	No flip flops, sandals, open toed, open back, holey, worn or greasy.	No flip flops, sandals, open toed, open back, holey, worn or greasy.

Relative to sponsor marking, the following will be enforced:





Sponsor Markings Back of Shirt

Shooter owned Locations

PSCA Owned Locations

Military Block style font
A. Matarese Jr.

Please leave this blank!
This spot to be reserved
for future Sponsor use –
NO LOGO REQUIRED for
2014!!

Name is Required:
First Initial and last
name
Examples:
B. Kidd Jr.
C. Kruse
J. Woolley
K. Fox
Max letter size: 1½" for
capital letters

Sponsor Markings on Hats and Visors

Shooter owned Locations

PSCA Owned Locations

Right Side of Head
Leave blank at this time –
reserved for PSCA Sponsor

Shooter owns everywhere
but the right side.
There are no size
restrictions.



Relative to Equipment Control, the following will be enforced:

1. The time and location of the Equipment Control will be published before the event.
2. The PSCA will keep a written record of those who have attended.
3. A one (1) target deduction may be imposed for any PSCA Athlete failing to attend a required Equipment Control.
4. PSCA personnel will be available to assist a Competitor who has had to make changes to his or her equipment during or before the competition.
5. Failure to make the necessary changes/corrections to comply with the PSCA Dress Code/Sponsor Markings/Equipment Control will result in disqualification.
6. Athletes must present themselves in person at the Equipment Control check with all equipment they will use, specifically including their shotguns, clothing, headgear, shoes, glasses and ammunition that will be used during the competition.
7. The following will be checked:

Item	Procedure
Shotguns	All Shotguns including semi-automatics, but excluding pump actions may be used provided the caliber is not larger than 12 gauge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Semi-autos must be plugged for two shots only - Check for “release” trigger and that it is properly marked - Sponsor markings on gun do not exceed three (3)
Outer Shooting clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obeys Dress code - Sponsor marking positions - Sponsor markings size
Headgear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obeys Dress Code - Sponsor Marking positions - Sponsor markings size

Shoe Type	Obeys dress code – no open back or front
Glasses	Mandatory
Ammunition	Does not exceed 1 oz loads or shot size.

V. PSCA SAFETY GUIDELINES

It is everyone’s responsibility to engage in safe firearm practices. The PSCA respectfully expects every responsible Competitor to report any unsafe shooting condition or action immediately to PSCA representatives.

Eye and Ear Protection. All persons are expected to wear eye and ear protection on an active course at a PSCA Tour Event.

Gun Racks. The use of horizontal gun racks or horizontal gun cases are not permitted. Horizontal gun racks may not be used on any manner of conveyance or on a course where any part of the body may pass in front of a firearm’s muzzle, whether the firearm is loaded or not.

Trap Personnel Protection. All trap personnel in front of the line of fire must be out of sight with screen protection able to withstand the charge of shot at the given distance.

Standing Position. With the exception of a wheelchair or special needs Competitor, all shooting stations must require the shooter to engage all targets from a standing position.

Test Fire. Competitors must have the permission of Referee to test fire, which may only be conducted on their first station of the field. Competitors must

test fire down range and in the air. After completion of test fire, guns will only be discharged in attempt at competition targets.

Competition Targets Only. Other than to test fire of his/her gun as stated above, Competitor is prohibited from firing their gun at anything other than a presented competition target. It will be an automatic disqualification to fire at or in the direction of any live animal or person.

Target Tracking. No tracking of any targets with a gun - show pairs or Competitor's pairs - on or behind the firing line.

Preparedness. It is the sole responsibility of Competitors to begin any event, station and/or field with sufficient equipment, including safety equipment and ammunition. Failure to do so, if in the opinion of the Referee, will delay the shoot, and will result in the loss of all targets as required to keep the shoot moving. Makeup targets will be provided only at the discretion of Shoot Official.

Shooting Stations. The shooting stations must be positioned in such a way that all individuals are protected from shot/target fall. Additionally, the shooting stations must be designed to restrict dangerous gun hold/movement.

Course Design Safety. The design and layout of the course is the sole responsibility of the Range Owner/Shoot Officials.

Gun Mount. Competitors must fire his/her gun shouldered for all targets.

Drug Use. The use of any drug, legal or illegal, including alcohol, prior to or during a PSCA event by Competitor is prohibited with the exception of prescription medicine, which does not impair Competitor's ability to perform safely. Alcohol may not be in any area where shooting activities are taking place.

Safety Zone. When Competitor is in the process of shooting, no one (other than the Referee, Trapper or authorized PSCA media member) is allowed within three feet (3') of Competitor. There will be an imaginary line three feet behind Competitor that will extend along the entire station.

VI. CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A. Code of Conduct

Each PSCA Athlete will be furnished a copy of these PSCA Rules and Regulations, with the understanding that PSCA Athlete will read and understand each rule and regulation. All PSCA Athletes are responsible to know these rules and regulations and abide by them, for their own benefit and safety as well as that of others.

By holding a PSCA Tour Card and entering PSCA Tour Events, every PSCA Athlete agrees to abide by these rules and regulations and to accept all official decisions of the PSCA in interpreting and/or applying these rules and regulations.

It shall be a violation of these rules and regulations to:

1. Exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind, including but not limited to, falsifying scores, cheating, swearing, verbal or physical abuse of any PSCA Athlete, Referee, Shoot Official, PSCA member or public spectator.
2. Disobey the order of any Referee or Shoot Official.
3. Violate any safety rules or engage in any activity that is considered unsafe by the PSCA.
4. Shoot at any place other than the designated station.
5. Interfere with the shoot management's procedures in conducting the shoot.
6. Violate any rule or regulation of a host club or range.
7. Exhibit any conduct that is harmful to the PSCA, its Competitors, or the sport as a whole.

8. Exhibit behavior that shows discrimination or constitutes harassment towards age, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

9. Failure to submit a written complaint to shoot management after witnessing the violation of one of the PSCA's rules or regulations.

10. Violate any other rule or regulation of the PSCA as set forth in any other official PSCA's publication or PSCA Athlete agreements.

B. Integrity of the PSCA

PSCA Athletes must help maintain the integrity of the PSCA at all times, any negative comments about the PSCA or other PSCA Athletes - whether on social media or publicly - will not be tolerated.

C. Disciplinary Action of PSCA Athletes

The PSCA may, at any time at its discretion, suspend, expel or otherwise discipline any PSCA Athlete for the violation of any PSCA rule or regulation.

Procedure. The procedure for fine, suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary action is as follows:

1. Any PSCA Athlete, Referee, Shoot Official or PSCA representative who witnesses a violation of any PSCA rule or regulation shall submit to PSCA Commissioner a written complaint within ten (10) days of the alleged violation. The action of being disqualified from a shoot or tour event does not start disciplinary action. The complaint must be in writing to start disciplinary action. The written complaint shall include: a) the name of the alleged violating PSCA Athlete; b) the date and location of the alleged violation; c) a reasonably detailed description of the alleged violation and a request for action to be taken; d) the name and addresses, if known, of all witnesses; and e) the name, address, phone number and signature of the complainant(s).

2. PSCA Commissioner shall then review the complaint and determine if it meets the requirements set forth above. Any complaint may be re-submitted so long as it is received within the described requisite ten (10) day time period noted above. PSCA Commissioner has the discretion to consider and investigate or dismiss any complaint that does not meet the foregoing requirements.

3. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a complaint, PSCA Commissioner (or someone acting pursuant to direction from PSCA Commissioner or PSCA Board of Directors), shall serve written notice of the complaint and a copy of the complaint on the alleged violating PSCA Athlete by Certified Mail, return receipt requested. The written notice shall instruct the Athlete of his right to submit a written responsive statement, which must be signed and should include the names, addresses and phone numbers of any witnesses not named in the complaint. PSCA Commissioner must receive such written responsive statements within ten (10) days of the alleged violating PSCA Athlete's receipt of the notice and complaint. All statements received after such date shall not be considered.

4. PSCA Commissioner (or someone acting pursuant to direction from PSCA Commissioner or PSCA Board of Directors) shall thoroughly investigate the allegations of the complaint by attempting to obtain written statements from all known witnesses. All witness statements must be in writing and signed by the witness.

5. After time for the alleged violating PSCA Athlete to respond expires, PSCA Commissioner shall review the complaint, the statement of the alleged violator, witness statements and any other relevant evidence. Upon such review, PSCA Commissioner shall issue a disciplinary ruling. The disciplinary ruling shall be in writing and include: a) all evidence that was considered, including the names of any witnesses who submitted statements; b) a determination of whether the alleged violation occurred; and c) the disciplinary action, if any, imposed.

6. Upon issuance of a ruling, the PSCA Commissioner shall serve the ruling on the violating PSCA Athlete by US Certified Mail. The ruling shall become effective on the date of issuance.

Appeal. The violating PSCA Athlete has the right to appeal the PSCA Commissioner's ruling by notifying General Counsel of the PSCA, as follows:

1. Notification of appeal must be in writing and must be postmarked no later than twenty (20) days from the date the ruling was issued.

2. Upon receipt of the notification of appeal, the PSCA shall hold a hearing on the matter, which will take place within seven (7) days of receipt.

3. At the hearing, the violating PSCA Athlete has the right to be present, to testify and present any evidence he/she so chooses. The violating PSCA Athlete does not have the right to cross-examine witnesses. Further, the violating PSCA Athlete does not have the right to make a record and no transcript of the hearing will be made or allowed.

4. The PSCA shall review the complaint, the written statement of the violating PSCA Athlete and any other evidence it deems appropriate.

5. The PSCA may allow any and all witnesses to testify by telephone or in person.

6. At the conclusion of such hearing, the PSCA shall have the authority to affirm, reverse or modify the disciplinary action imposed previously by majority vote. By signing the PSCA Athlete Agreement, PSCA Athlete agrees to abide by any decision of the PSCA and further agrees and recognizes that the PSCA has the right to impose, interpret and enforce its rules and regulations and that all decisions by the PSCA following a hearing are FINAL.