



World Field Target Federation

Annexure

Core Rules Clarification

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Introduction

As mentioned before it is very hard (almost impossible) to predict/prevent all situations in Field Target. Basically this happens because FT has a culture of **change and innovation** so for every rule we create there is always a great possibility that something is not cover/foreseen or missing during language conversion and/or interpretation.

After the release of the WFTF Core Rules several questions were raised by RGBs, shooters and Marshals and once again the culture of **change and innovation** was present.

Since the voting period for rule changes is over and we keep receiving requests for clarification to solve this matter it was created a document (Annexure – Core Rules) with all the questions/answers compiled to keep track of all matters.

This document has the objective of:

- a. Provide a fast answer for each question raised (we don't need to wait 1 month to have a decision);
- b. Make sure that all competitors are aware what will be applied/followed by the Marshals in the WFTC2016;
- c. Make the competition rules clear and fair for all competitors;




IMPORTANT: Since the decisions or answers in this document were not approved by the RGBs, this means the rules must be considered temporary measures only for the next World Championship. All decisions will be discussed and have a final decision by all RGBs in the future (after the next World Championship).

This way we guarantee to clear the questions every year and only focus on the new ones.


Question 1

Rule	5.6.4 The shooter may change the configurations of the hamster and butt hook while waiting for his turn.
Question	Is it within the rules allowed for a competitor to add or remove the hamster and weights from the rifle during the competition, and if so while waiting for his turn..?
Answer	<p>As soon the competition starts <u>all accessories must remain attached to the rifle</u> during the competition. Nothing can be added or removed.</p> <p>The hamster and butt hook may be configure for more comfort while waiting (this means a fast operation made in seconds that <u>changes the height</u> of the accessories - fast clamp).</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Because of safety issues while configuring the height of the hamster or butt hook the rifle needs to be rested in the floor, with the barrel pointing to the shooting area at all times.</p>


Question 2

Rules	8.4. SINGLE RIFLE SLING – (...) The sling may be unclipped from the rifle when not in use. 5.6.4 The shooter may change the configurations of the hamster and butt hook while waiting for his turn.	
Question	Is it allowed to add or remove the rifle sling from the rifle while waiting for his turn, or only during timing..?	
Answer	As soon the competition starts all accessories must remain attached to the rifle during the competition. Nothing can be added or removed.	
	Depending on the type of sling, It is considered that at least <u>one side</u> of the sling <u>must be</u> attached to a rifle at all times.	
		For this type of sling (2 connections in the rifle without fast clip) it must be attached to the rifle at all times
		For this type of sling (1 connection in the rifle + 1 connection to the arm of a shooter) one side must be attached to the rifle at all times
		For this type of sling (Biathlon Sling) with 1 hook + 1 connection to the rifle, 1 side must be attached to the rifle at all times.
IMPORTANT: Because of safety issues <u>it is NOT allowed to do the clip and unclip the sling while waiting for his turn</u> since the rifle will be handled (not rested in the floor) in a non-shooting area (LANE).		
When on his turn the competitor <u>in the shooting lane</u> and before the timer is working may put the sling on the arm or clip the sling for use.		

Question 3

Rule	Standing Definition The lead hand needs to support the rifle using the rifle fore-end or hamster;
Question	The standing technique where the leading hand is touching Hamster and fore-end at the Same Time. Allowed yes or no? 
Answer	Allowed. The rifle is resting in the leading hand using the rifle fore-end and the hamster is touching in hand on sideways.

Question 4


Rule	Standing Definition The lead hand needs to support the rifle using the rifle fore-end or hamster;
Question	Allowed or not to hold the gun in the Trigger guard? 
Answer	Allowed. The lead hand supports the rifle



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Question 5

Rule	There is no rule about this item
Question	Item allowed or not? 
Answer	There is no rule about this item so <u>it is allowed</u> .


Question 6

Rule	There is no rule about this item
Question	The procedure of putting the butt hook inside of the jacket, or having a pocket on the jacket that the butt goes in to. Is this allowed or not?
Answer	There is no rule about this so <u>it is Allowed</u> .



Question 7

Rule	There is no rule about this item
Question	Are range finder allowed on the practice range? So far it seems a little bit depending on the organizer of the event. 
Answer	There is no rule about using a range finder in the practise area so <u>It is Allowed</u> . IMPORTANT: The range finders cannot be used <u>near the competition area</u> where there are competition targets nearby.





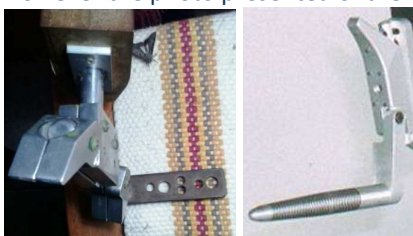

Question 8

Rule	There is no rule about this item
Question	<p>Kneeling protection. Allowed or not?</p> 
Answer	There is no rule about Kneeling protection so <u>It is Allowed</u> .

Question 9

Rule	8.8. FREE POSITION - The shooter may use any shooting position that is safe and comfortable to the shooter. No other means of support, other than the shooter, shall be used for the rifle or body. The rifle cannot contact the ground. No body straps are allowed.
Question	<p>It is clearly stated that a sling is allowed in <u>kneeling</u>, <u>standing</u> and <u>prone</u> position. But is a sling also allowed in sitting free position...?</p> <p>The rules states no support at all is allowed...but if a sling is forbidden it should be clearly stated? And if a sling is allowed, it should say that clearly too...</p> 
Answer	<p>As mentioned the rule states “No other means of support, other than the shooter, shall be used for the rifle or body”.</p> <p>I suspect the reason for this text in the first place is related with the objective of eliminating any kind of strap being used but the truth is that it can be also interpreted as slings are not allowed. We should improve the text in the future to make it clear.</p>  <p>For the WFTC2016 the decision will be <u>not to authorize</u> the use of a sling in a free position lane. <u>Only in positional lanes the sling can be used</u>.</p> <p>The same rule was applied in WFTC2015 so we will continue the same orientation.</p> <p>A final decision will be made by RGBs after WFTC2016.</p>

Question 10

Rule	1.1.3 Fully adjustable rifle stocks, excluding thigh rests, are permitted to accommodate various Shooting styles and positions.
Question	<p>The shooting position and accessory in the photo is allowed or not?</p> <div data-bbox="296 416 743 719">  </div> <div data-bbox="767 416 1075 719">  </div> <div data-bbox="1075 394 1329 719">  </div>
Answer	<p>According to the WFTF rules a thigh rest is not allowed. A thigh rest is a <u>rifle accessory</u> with the intention of resting the rifle in the thigh (leg muscle). The thigh rest is not part of the authorized accessory list either. <u>In fact no rests are in the authorized accessory list.</u></p> <div data-bbox="296 853 624 1099">  </div> <p>However the photo presented of the item can be interpreted as a BUTT HOOK pointing in the wrong direction.</p> <div data-bbox="296 1133 711 1368">  </div> <p>Conclusion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The position is authorized since the rifle is resting in the knee. 2. There is no difference between this position and other shooting technics already at use. <div data-bbox="596 1469 1051 1693">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The piece (similar to BUTT HOOK) pointing in the wrong direction is <u>authorized</u>. But this will certainly have to be debated among RGBs. Can a shooter change the direction of the BUTT HOOK depending on the shooting position? <p>According to the rule 5.6.4 “The shooter may change the configurations of the hamster and butt hook while waiting for his turn” but the intention of this rule in the first place was to allow the shooter configure up/down and in/out for length of BUTT HOOK. Start swinging the hook in/out changing direction to turn it into a thigh rest etc was never considered.</p> <p>So for the WFTC2016 the decision is if a shooter starts with the “HOOK” sideways it will have to keep it like that during that competition day (includes kneeling & standing lanes). A final decision will be made in the future by RGBs.</p>



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Question 11

Rule	There is no rule about this item
Question	<p>Are binoculars allowed?</p> 
Answer	<p>There is no rule about using a Binocular in the <u>practise area</u> so <u>It is Allowed</u>.</p> <p>Some Binoculars models have range finding devices included so to make the life of the Marshals easier during the WFTC2016 it will not be allowed Binoculars in the competition area.</p> <p>A final decision will be made in the future by RGBs.</p>

Question 12

Rule	1.8 KNEELING a. A kneeling roll must be provided by the organization (cone design under test). b. A shooter may use their personal Kneeling roll during the Kneeling position. Shape: cone design Diameter: 180mm (max) length: any
Question	<p>Is this allowed or not in the kneeling position?</p> 
Answer	<p>According to the rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It's not a kneeling roll (1.8.a) 2. It hasn't 180mm diameter (1.8.b) <p>CONCLUSION: <u>This object is NOT ALLOWED since it doesn't follow the defined rules.</u></p>

Question 13

Rule	<p>8.7.STANDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A shooting position where the shot is taken in a standing position without the aid of any support; b. There shall be only 2 points of contact (2 feet with the ground); c. The lead hand needs to support the rifle using the rifle fore-end or hamster; d. A single rifle sling and/or butt hook may be used to steady the aim.
Question	<p>Is this position allowed or not? The hamster can be used in this position?</p> 
Answer	<p>This position where the hand is resting in the body & using a big hamster is not described in the WFTF rules. So in short there's nothing about this matter in the WFTF Core rules.</p> <p>After analysing the picture the size of the hamster is not an issue however <u>resting the leading hand against the body</u> and <u>blocking all hand movement</u> is IMO against the spirit of the sport & standing position.</p> <p>It's clear that in the KNEELING position the wrist cannot be in any way be restricted of free movement (rule 8.6.h).</p>

h. The wrist cannot be in any way restricted of free movement.



(Cont.)

It's also clear that in the **CLASSICAL STANDING** position and accepted by all FT Community since the beginning of times that the Wrist of the leading hand does not have any movement restriction.



CONCLUSION: In order make the STANDING POSITION FAIR (with the same degree of difficulty among all shooters), the Standing position where the leading hand is resting against the body and blocking all hand movement **will not be allowed** in WFTC2016.

If the competitor decides to use the same position but where the wrist is able to move freely (with no restriction) that position will be allowed. The size of the hamster is not an issue.

A final decision will be made in the future by RGBs and after WFTC2016.

COMPLETE RULE THAT WILL BE APPLIED IN WFTC2016.

8.7.STANDING

- a. A shooting position where the shot is taken in a standing position without the aid of any support;
- b. There shall be only 2 points of contact (2 feet with the ground);
- c. The lead hand needs to support the rifle using the rifle fore-end or hamster;
- d. A single rifle sling and/or butt hook may be used to steady the aim.
- e. The wrist of the leading hand cannot be in any way be restricted of free movement (NEW WFTF2016)



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Question 14

Rule	There is no rule about this item
Question	<p>Lane Poles.</p> <p>Can a shooter use a lane pole to support the feet?</p>  A photograph showing a person's legs and feet in a forest setting. The person is wearing blue jeans and black shoes with white soles. Their feet are resting on a vertical wooden pole, which is a lane pole. The ground is covered with brown leaves and small stones. The background shows a dense forest with green foliage.
Answer	<p>CONCLUSION: Not allowed.</p> <p>Supporting the feet in a lane pole will result in a <u>warning to the competitor</u>.</p> <p>A final decision will be made in the future by RGBs and after WFTC2016.</p>