

8.1 GENERAL

- 8.1.1 These Rules are part of the ISSF Technical Rules and apply to all Pistol events.
- 8.1.2 All athletes, team leaders and officials must be familiar with the ISSF Rules and must ensure that these Rules are enforced. It is the responsibility of each athlete to comply with the Rules.
- 8.1.3 When a Rule refers to right-handed athletes, the reverse of that Rule refers to left-handed athletes.
- 8.1.4 Unless a Rule applies specifically to a men's or a women's event, it must apply uniformly to both men's and women's events.
- 8.1.5 If there is published a differing format for any Olympic event for Paris 2024, the Olympic format will take precedence over these rules.

8.2 SAFETY

SAFETY IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE

ISSF Safety Rules are found in the General Technical Rules, Rule 6.2.

8.3 RANGE AND TARGET STANDARDS

Target and target standards are found in the General Technical Rules, Rule 6.3. Requirements for ranges and other facilities are found in the General Technical Rules, Rule 6.4.

8.4 PISTOLS, GRIPS AND AMMUNITION

8.4.1 Standards for All Pistols

8.4.1.1 GRIPS

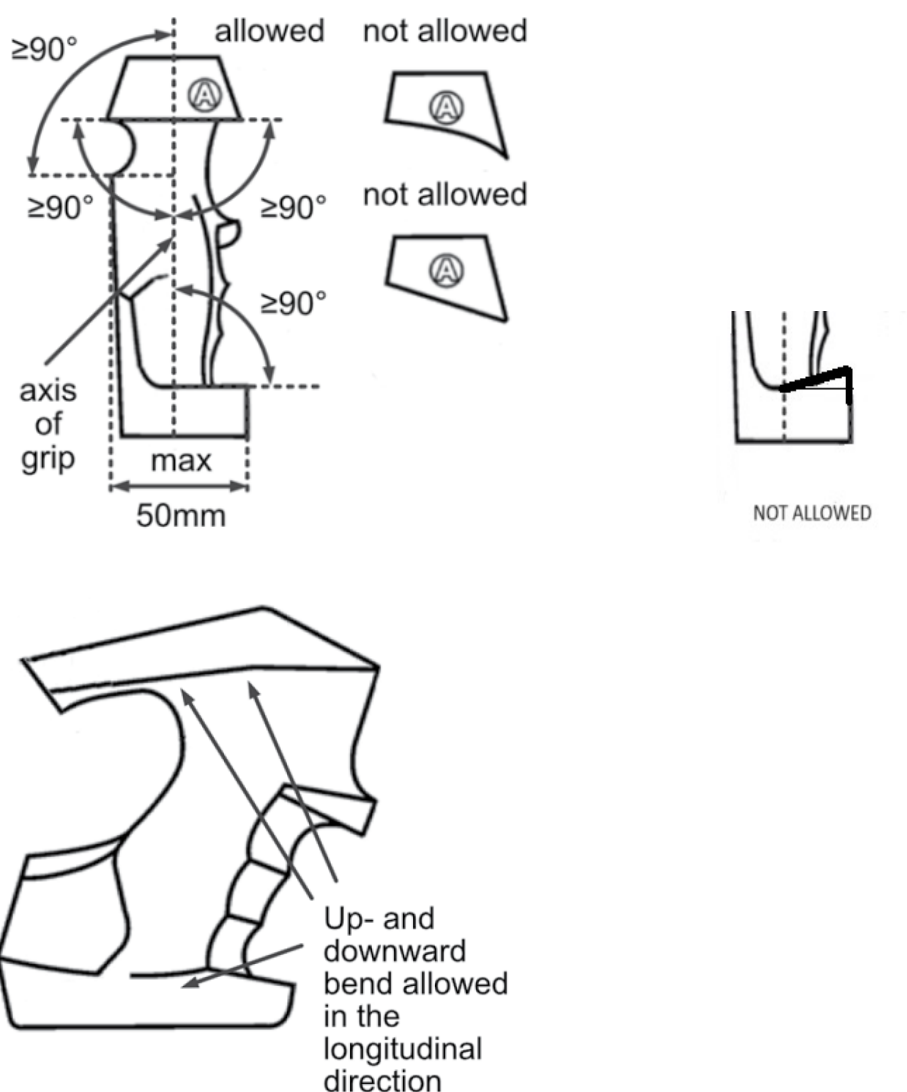
a) Neither the grip nor any part of the pistol may be extended or constructed in any way that would allow it to touch beyond the hand. The wrist must remain **visibly free when the pistol is held in the normal firing position. This must be visibly determined without the need to mark the athlete's hand in any way.**

It is forbidden to use any type of glue or resin to enhance contact between hand and gun. The use of chalk, talcum powder, magnesium or similar substance is allowed.

Bracelets, wristwatches, wristbands, or similar items are prohibited on the hand and arm that holds the pistol; and

b) Adjustable grips are permitted providing that when they are adjusted for the athlete's hand they conform to these Rules. Grip adjustments are subject to random Equipment Control checks to ensure that they conform with these Rules. **Compressible materials are not allowed.**

c) For 10m and 25m pistols, allowable construction of the grip is shown on diagrams below.



8.4.1.2 Sights

- a) Only open sights are allowed. Sights using fibre optic, light enhancing or reflecting colour surfaces are prohibited. Optical, mirror, telescope, laser beam, electronically projected dot sights etc. are prohibited;
- b) Any aiming device programmed to activate the firing mechanism or signal athlete when to fire are prohibited (also safety feature that allows pistol to fire only when pointing at the target);
- c) No protective covering is permitted on front or rear open sights;
- d) 10m and 25m Pistols must fit within the specified measuring boxes with sights mounted on the pistols (see PISTOL SPECIFICATION TABLE, Rule 8.12);
- e) Correcting lenses and/or filters must not be attached to the pistol; but
- f) Corrective lenses or eyeglasses and/or filters or tinted lenses may be worn by the athlete.

8.4.1.3 Electronic Triggers

- a) All components are firmly attached to and contained within the frame or grip of the pistol;
- b) The trigger is operated by the hand that holds the pistol;
- c) The trigger works on the principle of press to fire and there is no delay in sequence (Max delay 0.02 seconds)
- d) All components must be included when the pistol is inspected by Equipment Control; and
- e) The pistol with all components installed complies with the rules governing dimensions and weight for that event.
- f) During competition pistol must not be connected with any other device, except charger to charge battery. If athlete connects his pistol to any device during competition or PET he must be DSQ. (either electronically or by cable).

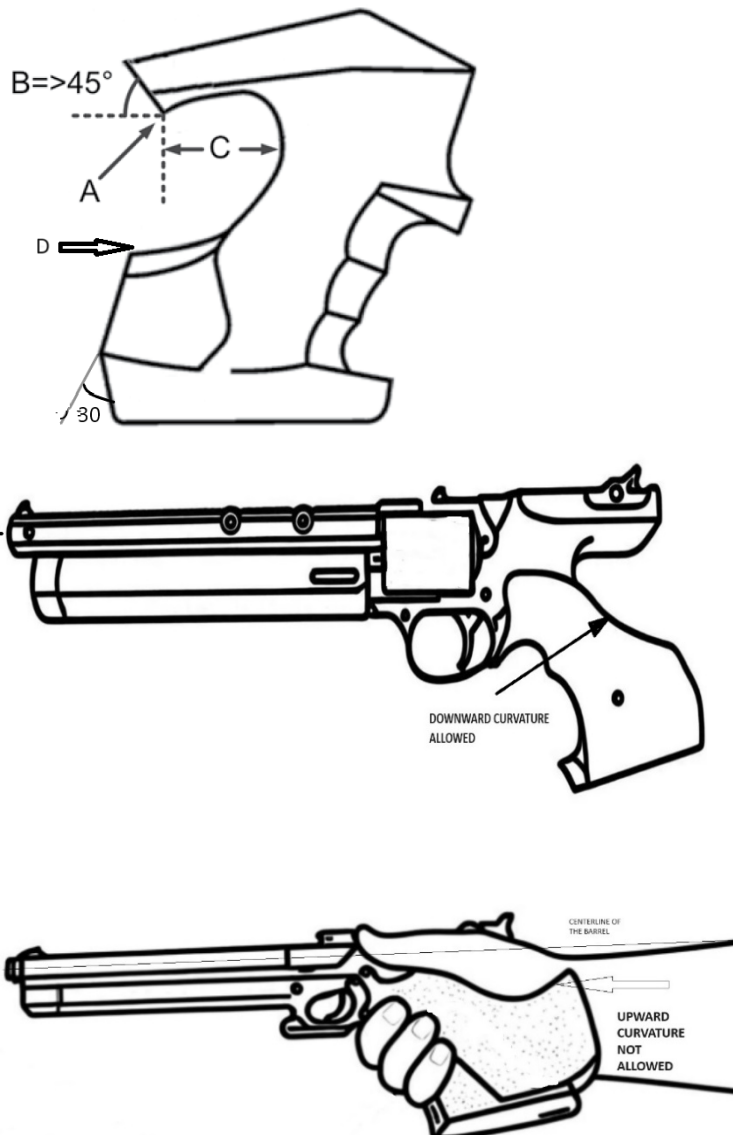
8.4.1.4. Movement or Oscillation Reduction Systems.

Any device, mechanism or system that actively reduces, slows or minimizes pistol oscillations or movements **before** the shot is released is prohibited.

8.4.1.5 10m pistol

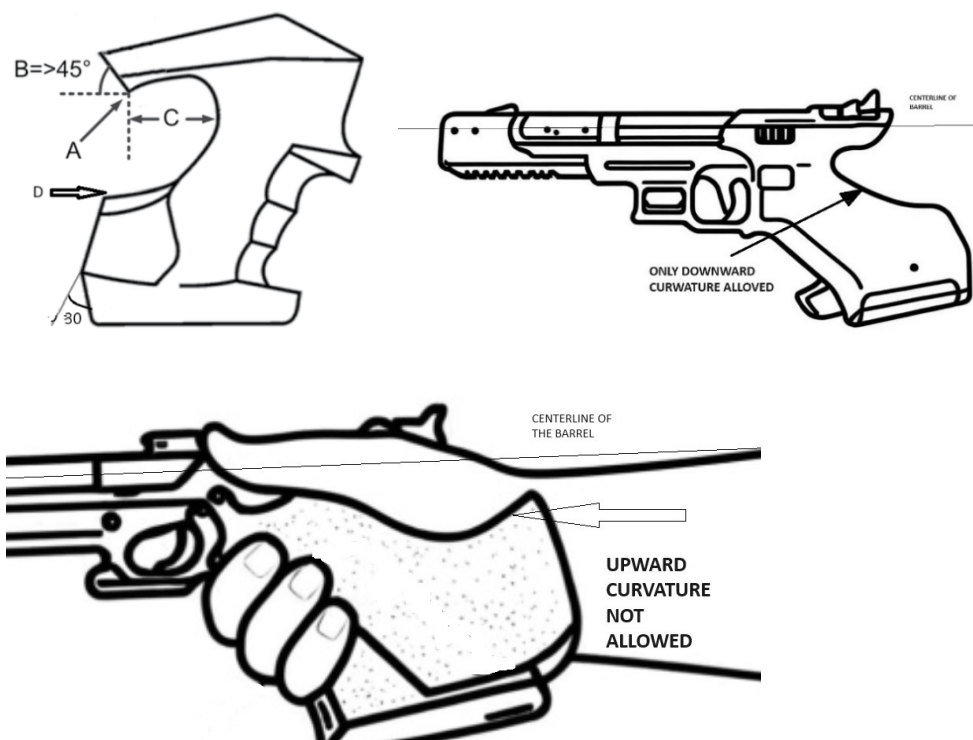
Pistol with all accessories fitted must fit in measuring box (8.12.b)

- a) May only be loaded with one (1) pellet. If a 5-shot Air Pistol is used in a 10m Air Pistol event only one pellet may be loaded.
- b) Ported barrels and perforated barrel attachments are allowed
- c) No part of the grip, frame or accessories may touch any part of the wrist. The heel rest must extend at an angle of not less than 90 degrees to the grip. This applies to the heel rest in front and behind the grip as well as on the sides.
- d) On the side of the wrist, the end of heel rest must be cut by an angle of 30 degrees or more perpendicular to the end of the heel rest.
- e) In addition, the rear part of the frame or grip which rests on top of the hand between the thumb and the forefinger, must not be longer than 40mm from the point where the grip first touches the top of the hand forward to the deepest part of the grip (C). The back (rear) part of the grip must be cut so that it angles upward from that point by not less than 45 degrees to centre line of barrel.
- f) The curvature "D" must be in downward direction to the centre line of the barrel from the deepest part of the grip and the grip must not encircle the hand. Curvature must not raise or be parallel with the centre line of the barrel at any point from the deepest part of the grip backwards.
- g) The curved surfaces on the grips or frame, including the heel and/or thumb rest, in the longitudinal direction of the pistol are permitted.

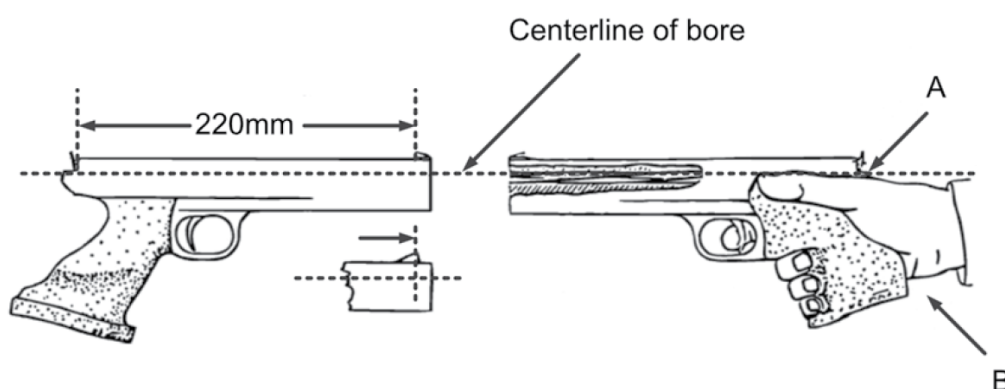


8.4.1.6 25m pistol

- a) Pistol with all accessories must fit in measuring box (8.12)
- b) Compensators, muzzle brakes, perforated barrels or any device(s) functioning in a similar manner are not allowed.
- c) No part of the grip, frame or accessories may touch any part of the wrist. The heel rest must extend at an angle of not less than 90 degrees to the grip. This applies to the heel rest in front and behind the grip as well as on the sides.
- d) On the side of the wrist, the end of the heel rest must be cut by angle of 30 degrees or more perpendicular to the end of the heel rest.
- e) In addition, the rear part of the frame or grip which rests on top of the hand between the thumb and the forefinger, must not be longer than 30mm from the point where the grip first touches the top of the hand forward to the deepest part of the grip. The back (rear) part of the grip must be cut so that it angles upward from that point by not less than 45 degrees to the centre line of the barrel.
- f) The curvature "D" must be in downward direction to the centre line of the barrel and the grip must not encircle the hand. Curvature must not raise or be parallel with the centre line of the barrel at any point.



- g) The curved surfaces on the grips or frame, including the heel and/or thumb rest, in the longitudinal direction of the pistol are permitted.
- h) Case Catchers are allowed providing the pistol complies with these Rules (dimensions and weight) when attached.
- i) The centre line of the bore must pass above the web (between thumb and forefinger) of the hand holding the pistol in the normal firing position (see Picture below)
- j) The barrel length is measured as follows (see Picture below)



8.4.1.7 Pistols must be examined and, once approved, be registered in an ISSF Equipment Control database. Each athlete will be issued with a card listing up to five (5) approved pistols. Listing must include the serial number of the pistol. Athletes who do not have a valid card for the pistol being used must bring that pistol to the Equipment Control section so that it can be approved and added to the database. The card will be issued/amended at this point.