



AMERICAN AIRSOFT PRACTICAL SHOOTING

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2.6 Match Divisions

2.6.1 Each match must recognize at least one Division. When multiple Divisions are available in a match, each Division must be scored separately and independently, and match results must recognize a winner in each Division.

2.6.2 The stages used in a shooting event in a match must be the same for all Divisions.

2.6.3 In order for a Division to be valid, there must be a minimum of three competitors for that Division.

2.6.4 AAPS does not recognize categories within Divisions (e.g. Junior, Senior) for rankings and classifications. However, match organizers may choose to identify certain categories of competitors for special recognition, awards, or for promotional purposes. If special recognitions or awards are made, they must not be labeled or advertised as being officially endorsed by AAPS.

2.6.5 A shooter may compete in more than one Division.

2.6.6 Prior to the commencement of a match, each competitor must declare the Division or Divisions in which he or she will compete. The match Technician must check each competitor's equipment for compliance with the rules of the Divisions in which the equipment will be used. This compliance check must be performed prior to the competitor making an attempt at any stage.

2.6.7 A non-permanent visible mark or label may be applied to a competitor's equipment to validate that the compliance check has been completed.

2.6.8 It is the Range Officer's responsibility to ensure that a shooter is competing in the proper Division prior to shooting a stage.

2.6.9 AAPS recognizes two Divisions for competition; Open and Standard. The primary distinction between the two Divisions is the type of sight used on the gun. The use of optical or electronic sights on a gun places the competitor in the Open Division. Standard Division guns must have open sights. If a gun does not meet one or more requirements of the Standard Division (e.g. a gun with open sights and a compensator), the competitor is automatically moved to the Open Division. All guns must be gas operated, semi-automatic, blow-back pistols with removable magazines and open ejection ports. The specific equipment requirements for the Open and Standard Divisions are shown in the following table.

Open Division	Allowed
Optical or electronic sight	yes (no laser sights)
Open sight	yes
Fiber optic sight inserts	yes
Compensator	yes
Extended inner barrel (longer than OEM)	yes
Single or double action	either
Burst or full-auto mode	no
Maximum number of BBs allowed in magazine	28
Maximum horizontal length of gun	12.5 inches
External safety	(see 2.6.9.1)
Minimum trigger pull	14.0 ounces
Maximum trigger pull	no
Maximum distance of gun and accessories from belt	2 inches
Restrictions on position of belt and items on belt	yes (see Rule 5.2)
Upper-Lower power requirements	1.50 J – 0.50 J
BB size requirement	6.00 mm (+0.15 mm)
Upper-Lower BB weight limits	0.19 g – 0.31 g

Standard Division	Allowed
Optical or electronic sight	no
Open sight	yes
Fiber optic sight insert	yes
Compensator	no
Extended inner barrel (longer than OEM)	no
Single or double action	either
Burst or full-auto mode	no
Maximum number of BBs allowed in magazine	28
Maximum horizontal length of gun	10.5 inches
External safety	(see 2.6.9.1)
Minimum trigger pull	14.0 ounces
Maximum trigger pull	no
Maximum distance of gun and accessories from belt	2 inches
Restrictions on position of belt and items on belt	yes (see Rule 5.2)
Upper-Lower power requirements	1.50 J – 0.50 J
BB size requirement	6.00 mm (+0.15 mm)
Upper-Lower BB weight limits	0.19 g – 0.31 g

2.6.9.1 Technical Note Regarding External Safeties.

2.6.9.1.1 For single action only (SAO) handguns with less than 0.25" first stage travel, there must be an external safety. The safety must be capable of being easily deactivated by one hand during the draw. For SAO handguns with 0.25" or more first stage travel, no external safety is required.

2.6.9.1.2 For double action only (DAO) handguns, no external safety is required.

2.6.9.1.3 For DA/SA handguns, there must be an external safety that can be activated after the last shot has been taken or there must be a decocking mechanism to return the gun to DA mode. For DA/SA handguns, the draw and first shot must be performed with the gun in DA mode and the safety, if any, deactivated.

2.6.9.1.4 Safe Action mode handguns, such as some Glock replicas, do not require an external safety. This only applies to handguns in which the slide half-cocks the striker and the trigger completes the cocking and firing of the gun. Handguns operating in this mode are not required to have a trigger safety.

2.6.10 Pistols that are classified as Production and 1911 Single-Stack by other organizations must shoot in the Standard Division in AAPS.