

Rules and Sport Shooting Regulations of the ISB International Shooting Association



Regulations for Hunting Sports

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International rules for
Hunting Sports

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1. General information:

The specifications of each discipline are stated in the Shooting Rules of each shooting category.

The "International Shooting Regulations" "ISchO" of the ISB are to be consulted for all activities and competitions.

The ISB is not only a federation for pure competition shooters, all other shooters and all legal gun owners are welcome as well.

Through their hunting activities, hunters make an important contribution to environmental protection and the preservation of nature.

Firing a shot in a hunting area demands a high degree of responsibility because, in contrast to shooting ranges, there are no barriers, bullet traps or other technical safety measures. Therefore, when firing shots, always pay attention to the background and to people who may be in the nature.

A perfectly placed shot will save the animal from unnecessary suffering.

Therefore, hunters must also be good shooters.

The ISB wants to motivate the hunting community to visit the shooting ranges more often and to train for the hunting practice by own hunting shooting disciplines.

The hunting disciplines of the ISB are adapted to the requirements of hunting. The importance of the handgun for finishing shot and construction hunt is also considered. Small caliber for youth development should also not be forgotten, as well as semi-automatic rifles for drive-hunting.

Hunting competitions should always be a combination of different shooting positions, as they occur in everyday hunting.

In order to express the special nature of hunting shooting, hunting targets are also used for hunting competitions. These targets can be the commercially available hunting targets, but it is important that the same targets are available for all participants of a competition.

2. Firearms:

For hunting sports the same weapons should be used, which are used for hunting.

Some disciplines are designed in such a way that they can be shot in the same way with drop barrel rifles or combined weapons.

Weapon type:

Handgun small bore:

.22 l.r. or .22 WinMag caliber for trap hunting, youth development and training.

Handgun big bore:

Caliber from 9mm Luger or .38 Special upwards for the catch shot.

To provide the bullet energy required for hunting, the minimum recommended caliber is 10mm Auto or .357 Mag; for defensible game, .44 Mag is recommended.

„Small Bullet“:

Small bore rifles in caliber .17 HMR, .22 l.r., .22 WinMag, .22 Hornet

For predators, varmint control and training.

Bolt action rifles can be used as well as semi-automatic rifles.

„Big Bullet“:

Rifles from caliber .222 Remington and up.

Depending on the game species, correspondingly larger calibers are recommended.

Drop barrel rifles (double rifle, triplet, rifle shotgun) can be used as well as bolt action rifles or semi-automatic rifles.

Shotgun:

Shotguns in 10, 12, 16 and 20 caliber which are suitable for shotgun slugs (Brennecke, slug).

In many hunting areas there is no flying game or small game, therefore shooting with buckshot is not needed by many hunters.

In order to be able to hold the hunting disciplines of the ISB on as many shooting ranges as possible and to enable as many hunters as possible to participate, we do not offer disciplines with shot and only offer disciplines for slugs.

Requirements for the weapons used:

Barrel length:	according to the hunting and weapons law.
Caliber:	according to the type of weapon.
Trigger:	handguns at least 1.5 kg trigger weight, for rifles a set trigger is allowed.
Sights:	optics used for hunting such as scopes with max. 12x magnification or reflex sights (red dot). Handguns only rear sight and front sight.
Condition:	Valid proof of the weapon must be available, no technical defects.

3. Ammunition:

Only metal cartridges with nitro powder and commercially available bullets with the ballistic performance corresponding to the caliber are allowed to be used. Factory ammunition or hand-loaded cartridges according to the CIP standard are permitted, reduced loads are prohibited.

For hunting sports, instead of the expensive fragmentation bullets commonly used for hunting, cheap full metal jacket bullets can also be used.

4. Equipment:

According to ISChO 3.2.10. every shooter and every person present on the shooting range must wear ear and eye protection.

Additional equipment: Stalking stick is provided by the organizer if needed.
Own stalking stick is allowed.

The shooter must reload his weapon independently during the discipline if the magazine capacity of the used weapon has less shot than are necessary for that discipline.

In the interests of maintaining tradition and class awareness, the participants can also wear hunting clothes or traditional costumes for hunting, otherwise normal street clothes.

5. Safety regulations:

According to ISChO 3.2. till 3.2.10.

6. Shooting positions:

The required shooting positions must be proclaimed in the announcement of the competition for every single discipline. The organizer of the event can choose from the following shooting positions:

- **"Sitting" according ISchO 7.1.**
- **"Sitting Free" according ISchO 7.2.**
- **"Standing" according ISchO 7.3.**
- **"Standing Free" according ISchO 7.4.**
- **"Prone" according ISchO 7.5.**
- **"Prone Free" according ISchO 7.6.**
- **"Kneeling" according ISchO 7.7.**
- **"Kneeling Free" according ISchO 7.8.**
- **"Supported" according ISchO 7.9.**

7. Disciplines:

Every shooter must shoot at least 3 different disciplines during a hunting sports competition, evaluation according to deck series. Unlimited rebuy.

Every shooter must shoot 5 different disciplines during a hunting sports championship, evaluation according to deck series. One rebuy per discipline is possible.

The organizer of the event can choose the disciplines.

All disciplines have to be proclaimed and explained in the announcement of the competition. The organizer of the event can choose the disciplines for the competition. The shooters have to participate in all disciplines.

Evaluation and award ceremony are held for each discipline itself.

Targets for Hunting Sports:

As mentioned under **1. General**, commercial hunting targets may be used for hunting sports competitions.

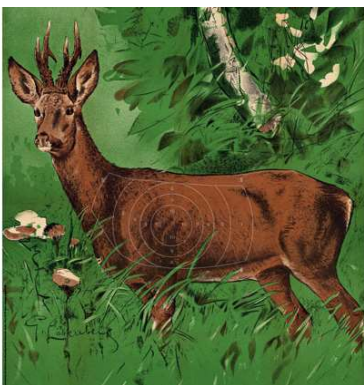
All participants of a competition have to shoot at similar targets.

The target size for all targets should be approximately 55x55 cm to fit in the frames for the sporting ring targets. Only hits within the scoring areas of the targets will be scored.

For hunting short rifle competitions the T1 ISB Ring Target can also be used.

Here are some examples of targets:

Roebuck



Chamois



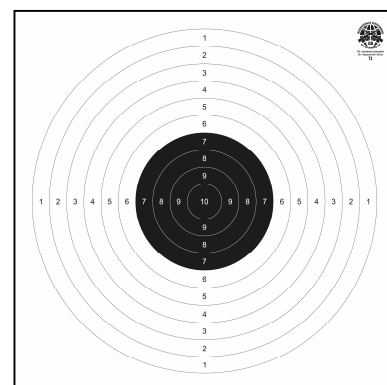
Fox



Wild Boar



T1 ISB- Ring Target



Hunting rifles are fired in a different way (approx. 4 cm high shot at 100 meters) than sport weapons. Therefore, every shooter is allowed to fire a maximum of 3 test shots at the first target before a hunting sports competition. These shots then must be taped off before the actual competition and will not be included in the scoring.

Disciplines of the ISB for Hunting Sports

Handgun disciplines for Hunting Sports

In the two-handed handgun disciplines, the marksman gets ready to fire after the command "load and fire" according to ISchO 3.3.3.

and assumes the standby position:

Handgun loaded and locked, forearm at a 45° downward angle.

The weapon must not touch the firing table.

Each individual shot is called by the range officer with the command "Hopp".

The shooter then has a maximum of 5 seconds to fire the shot and then returns to the standby position.

After a further 5 seconds, the range officer gives the command for the next shot.

The single-handed handgun disciplines can be shot independently without time pressure. Only 5 rounds may be loaded at a time and the weapon may not be set down or removed from the target after the first shot has been fired.



Standby position with handgun

**Disciplines of the ISB for Hunting Sports
Handgun disciplines for Hunting Sports**

**Handgun disciplines are all shot
"Standing Free" position according to ISchO 7.4.**

No.:	shots / program	distance	target
J1	Handgun small bore 10 shots two handed	12	T1 ISB- Ring Target 550x550 mm
J2	Handgun small bore 10 shots two handed	25	T1 ISB - Ring Target 550x550 mm
J3	Handgun small bore 5 shots two handed 5 shots left hand 5 shots right hand	12	T1 ISB - Ring Target 550x550 mm
J4	Handgun small bore 5 shots two handed 5 shots left hand 5 shots right hand	25	T1 ISB - Ring Target 550x550 mm
J5	Handgun big bore 10 shots two handed	12	T1 ISB - Ring Target 550x550 mm
J6	Handgun big bore 10 shots two handed	25	T1 ISB - Ring Target 550x550 mm
J7	Handgun big bore 5 shots two handed 5 shots left hand 5 shots right hand	12	T1 ISB - Ring Target 550x550 mm
J8	Handgun big bore 5 shots two handed 5 shots left hand 5 shots right hand	25	T1 ISB - Ring Target 550x550 mm

Disciplines of the ISB for Hunting Sports Rifle disciplines for Hunting Sports

Description of the shooting positions with the stalking stick:

Standing and supported on the fixed stalking stick

The marksman stands completely free, but may support himself on the fixed stalking stick provided. The stalking stick will be fixed by the organizer at the shooting range (screwed on top and bottom) in such a way that it cannot wobble.

Standing and supported on the free stalking stick

The shooter is standing and the stalking stick is completely free and must not be supported in any way anywhere else.

Sitting and supported on the free stalking stick

The shooter is sitting and the stalking stick is completely free and must not be supported on the chair or in any way anywhere else.



Standing and sitting „supported“ with stalking stick

Disciplines of the ISB for Hunting Sports Rifle disciplines for Hunting Sports Small Bullet			
No.:	shots / program	distance	target
J9	Small Bullet 5 shots "Sitting" according ISchO 7.1.	100	target with hunting motif
J10	Small Bullet 5 shots "Sitting Free" according ISchO 7.2.	100	target with hunting motif
J11	Small Bullet 5 shots "Standing Free" according ISchO 7.4.	100	target with hunting motif
J12	Small Bullet 5 shots "Standing Free" according ISchO 7.4. "Supported" according ISchO 7.9. fixed stalking stick	100	target with hunting motif
J13	Small Bullet 5 shots "Standing Free" according ISchO 7.4. "Supported" according ISchO 7.9. On free stalking stick	100	target with hunting motif
J14	Small Bullet 5 shots "Sitting Free" according ISchO 7.2. "Supported" according ISchO 7.9. On free stalking stick	100	target with hunting motif

Disciplines of the ISB for Hunting Sports Rifle disciplines for Hunting Sports Big Bullet			
No.:	shots / program	distance	target
J15	Big Bullet 5 shots "Sitting" according ISchO 7.1.	100	target with hunting motif
J16	Big Bullet 5 shots "Sitting Free" according ISchO 7.2.	100	target with hunting motif
J17	Big Bullet 5 shots "Standing Free" according ISchO 7.4.	100	target with hunting motif
J18	Big Bullet 5 shots "Standing Free" according ISchO 7.4. "Supported" according ISchO 7.9. fixed stalking stick	100	target with hunting motif
J19	Big Bullet 5 shots "Standing Free" according ISchO 7.4. "Supported" according ISchO 7.9. On free stalking stick	100	target with hunting motif
J20	Big Bullet 5 shots "Sitting Free" according ISchO 7.2. "Supported" according ISchO 7.9. On free stalking stick	100	target with hunting motif

Shotgun disciplines for Hunting Sports

In the shotgun disciplines, the following applies similarly to the handgun disciplines:

The marksman is in the standby position, each individual shot is ordered by the range officer with the command "Hopp".

The shooter then has a maximum of 5 seconds to fire the shotgun and then returns to the standby position.

After a further 5 seconds, the range officer gives the command for the next shot.

The shooters must reload independently under the series if their used shotguns have less than 5 rounds.

J21	shotgun 5 shots slug "Standing Free" according ISchO 7.4.	35	target with hunting motif
J22	shotgun 5 shots slug "Standing Free" according ISchO 7.4.	50	target with hunting motif
J23	shotgun 5 shots slug "Sitting Free" according ISchO 7.2.	50	target with hunting motif



"Standby" position with shotgun

Annotation:

For official ISB championships for hunting sports the disciplines are to be selected from the table.

For normal competitions all listed rifle disciplines can also be held according to the disciplines listed here also in the types of positions according to point 6. of these sporting regulations.

In the invitation for the respective competition the types of firing positions are to be specified in any case.

If the shooting range permits, hunting sports competitions may also be held at 200 and 300 meters.

These distances may occur during hunting in the mountains.

The ISB wishes all participating hunters good shot good hunting luck!



Standing free with handgun and rifle



standby position with rifle