



Frequently Asked Questions on Uniforms and Contest Delays Rifle – 2020-21

(This document includes specific USA Shooting Rules references where applicable.)

1. *What words, logos and symbols are allowed on the uniform?*

National, NOC or National Federations colors and emblems are permitted. The manufacturer's logo is permitted.

2. *What size restrictions are there for these?*

The manufacturer's logo or trademark is not to exceed 2 1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. All clothing must comply with ISSF Eligibility, Commercial Rights, Sponsorship and Advertising Rules regarding the display of manufacturer and sponsor marks (Rule 6.20.3.4.)

3. *May the required apparel/equipment contain any other words, slogans, messaging, etc.?*

The rules do not specifically address words, slogans, messaging, etc. on required apparel/equipment.

6.1.4 Shooting is a sport where equipment and clothing play critical roles in the conduct of the sport. Athletes must use only equipment and clothing that complies with ISSF Rules. Any gun, device, equipment, accessory or other item that may give an athlete an unfair advantage over others and that is not specifically mentioned in these Rules, or that is contrary to the spirit of these Rules, is prohibited. ISSF Rules for equipment and clothing are strictly enforced (Rule 6.7.9) to ensure that no athletes have equipment, clothing or accessories that give them an unfair advantage over other athletes.

6.20.1 No type of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted during ISSF Championships. This rule does not apply for NCAA competition.

4. *Are words, slogans, messaging, etc. allowed on items (e.g., taped wrists) other than required apparel/equipment?*

The rules do not specifically address words, slogans, messaging, etc. on items not required by rule. The use of any special devices, means or clothing, including the use of Kinesio, medical or similar taping, which immobilizes or unduly reduces the movement of the athlete's legs, body or arms, is prohibited for Rifle, Pistol and Running Target athletes in order to ensure that athletes' performance skills are not artificially improved. (Rule 6.7.4.2.)

5. *How does the unsportsmanlike conduct rule apply?*

Each team must have a team leader who is responsible for maintaining discipline within the team. An athlete may be appointed as a team leader. The team leader must cooperate with competition officials at all times in the interest of safety, efficient conduct of the competition and good sportsmanship. (Rule 6.12.2 of USA Shooting Rules)

6. *What are the rules about uniform colors for opposing teams?*

The rules do not specifically address uniform colors for opposing teams.

7. *What is the purpose of the rules regarding numbering and visibility?*

The rules do not specifically address numbering and visibility.

8. *What is the rule regarding refusal to play?*

The athlete is responsible for:

- a) Reporting to his firing point, ready to shoot, at the designated firing point at the correct time, with approved equipment;
- b) Taking his firing position on his designated firing point so that he does not disturb adjacent athletes; and
- c) Conducting himself so that he does not disturb or adversely affect the performances of other athletes. An athlete whose behavior or actions, in the opinion of the Jury, disturbs other athletes may be given a warning, penalty or disqualification depending upon the circumstances. (Rule 6.12.4 of USA Shooting Rules)

In cases of the violation of ISSF Rules or the instructions of Range Officers or Jury, the penalties identified in Rule 6.12.6.2 of USA Shooting Rules may be imposed on the athlete by a Jury Member or the Jury. (Rule 6.12.6.1 of USA Shooting)

9. *“Are there any playing rules that specify protocols for student-athletes and/or coaches during the national anthem?”*

No. Participants should be allowed to express their opinions (e.g., kneeling during the national anthem) as long as the action does not delay or disrupt competition.

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