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CMAS – Underwater Target Shooting

RELAY EVENT RULES

1. SECTION I

1.1 DEFINITIONS

1.1.1 Underwater Target Shooting

Underwater Target Shooting is a sporting discipline practiced in a swimming pool by an athlete equipped in compliance with these regulations, and whose autonomy underwater depends exclusively on his capacity to hold his breath.

1.1.2 Age

In order to take part in Underwater Target Shooting competitions competitors must be at least 16 years of age.

1.1.3 The Relay event

1.1.3.1 The Relay event is a team competition involving men's, women's and mixed teams.

1.1.3.2 Each Nation may enter up to a maximum two (2) teams consisting of three (3) members each. By way of exception, teams consisting of two (2) athletes of the same national team are also allowed to participate as long as they are present, at the time of registration, in the Championship and have only registered two (2) athletes in the individual competition.

1.1.3.3 The Relay event consists in firing nine (9) shots on nine (9) targets of the sheet.

1.1.3.4 The competition takes place in a single round with a limit time of four (4) minutes and thirty (30) seconds.

1.1.3.5 If the team consists of three (3) competitors, each will fire three (3) shots on the nine (9) targets.

1.1.3.6 If the team consists of two (2) athletes: one of them must perform five (5) runs and the other four (4) runs, firing the same number of shots on the targets.

1.1.4 Use of masculine pronoun

In these regulations, all grammatical parts of the text referring to persons use the masculine gender. This is obviously an expedient to simplify comprehension, and it is expressly stated to the reader that references in these regulations apply absolutely independently from the gender of the person, whatever his or her role, who participates in a Precision Shooting event.

1.1.5 Violation of the regulations

The violation of the provisions set forth in these regulations shall cause the application of penalties to the competitor.

1.1.6 CMAS Licence

Each competitor must be in possession of the CMAS sports licence.

2. SECTION II

2.1 GENERAL TECHNICAL ASPECTS

2.1.1 Athlete categories, materials and equipment

2.1.1.1 Categories

2.1.1.1.1 The official competitions may be for men and/or for women.

2.1.1.2 Authorised materials

2.1.1.2.1 During the competition the use of the following equipment is allowed:

fins, mask, snorkel, wetsuit, ballast, gloves, suction cap, replacement gun, replacement spear with line, positioning items.

2.1.1.2.2 No other equipment is allowed.

2.1.1.2.3 The replacement gun shall be used only if the first gun is broken.

2.1.1.2.4 The use of torches is prohibited.

2.1.1.2.5 The use of reel is forbidden.

2.1.1.3 **Characteristics of the gun**

2.1.1.3.1 Air and rubber-powered spearguns can be used in the competitions, with spears having a length up to **150 cm**.

2.1.1.3.2 No wooden rubber-powered guns may be used even if they are mass-produced.

2.1.1.3.3 The diameter of the spear must not exceed **8 mm**.

2.1.1.3.4 The tip must have be a truncated cone with the cone having a length of at least **6 mm** and a terminal diameter ranging from a minimum of **3 mm** to a maximum of **4 mm**.

2.1.1.3.5 The spear must be secured to the gun with a line having a minimum thickness of **0.8 mm** and be in excellent condition.

2.1.1.3.6 Guns with elastic lines and the use of one pulley only is allowed.

2.1.1.3.7 The elastic line must measure not less than **1.80 mm** and must be secured to the spear and the gun in such a way as to prevent easy breakage.

2.1.1.3.8 In air guns, to connect the line to the spear and the gun, only mass-produced and not custom-built spear guides may be used. Alternatively, spears may be secured using a through hole and without spear guides.

2.1.1.3.9 The regularity of the weapon is checked in advance and may be verified, upon request by the Competition Judge, with a shot in the water.

2.1.1.3.10 The gun must be loaded only with the strength of the arms.

2.1.1.3.11 The gun must be mass-produced for underwater fishing, verifiable and with a recognised brand, not altered or customised. The producer must be officially registered.

The gun may be either assembled or self-contained. With regard to assembled guns, they may have different features compared to models listed in catalogues, provided that they result from industrial mass production of the same brand.

The gun being used, whether power band or pneumatic, shall at any rate not exceed the following standard dimensions:

- maximum all-out length (from the gun's rearmost point near the grip to its foremost point near the head), including any accessories: 1500 mm;
- maximum width, including any accessories: 80 mm;

- maximum height, including any accessories and excluding the grip (handle, trigger and release mechanism): 50 mm
- Overall weight, excluding spear: 1500 g

2.1.1.3.12 All sighting devices, whether mass-produced or custom made, such as bow or rifle laser sights, fixed or adjustable, all optical sighting devices altering the visibility and all modifications to the structure of the gun that may be used as a sighting device are prohibited. Fins, balances, counterweights, spear guides with fins, any support between gun and body or gun and arm as well as custom made anatomical grips are prohibited.

2.1.1.3.13 The spear, line, tip and elastics can be replaced.

2.1.2 Competition Zone

2.1.2.1 The competitions shall take place in a pool with the following characteristics:

2.1.2.1.1 water temperature between 23 C+/5C;

2.1.2.1.2 minimum size of 10.00 x 25.00 metres with minimum depth of 1.80 metres and maximum of 5.00 metres;

2.1.2.1.3 eventual exceptions must be authorised by CMAS.

2.1.3 Organisation of the Competition Zone

2.1.3.1 The Competition Zone is divided as follows:

2.1.3.1.1 Safety zone:

the area of water behind the targets and where stopping or transit is absolutely prohibited.

2.1.3.1.2 Competition zone:

the area of water reserved for competitors for undertaking the trial.

2.1.3.1.3 Departure zone:

the area of water located before the competition zone and used by the athletes awaiting their turn in the competition.

2.1.3.1.4 Call zone:

the area of water between the departure zone and the warm-up zone.

2.1.3.1.5 Warm-up zone:

the area of water used by the athletes for pre-competition warm-up.

2.1.4 Layout of the Competition Zone.

A - Target line

B - Shooting line

C - Departure line

D - Borderline of call zone

E - Warm-up zone

SPACE **A/B**: 4 METRES

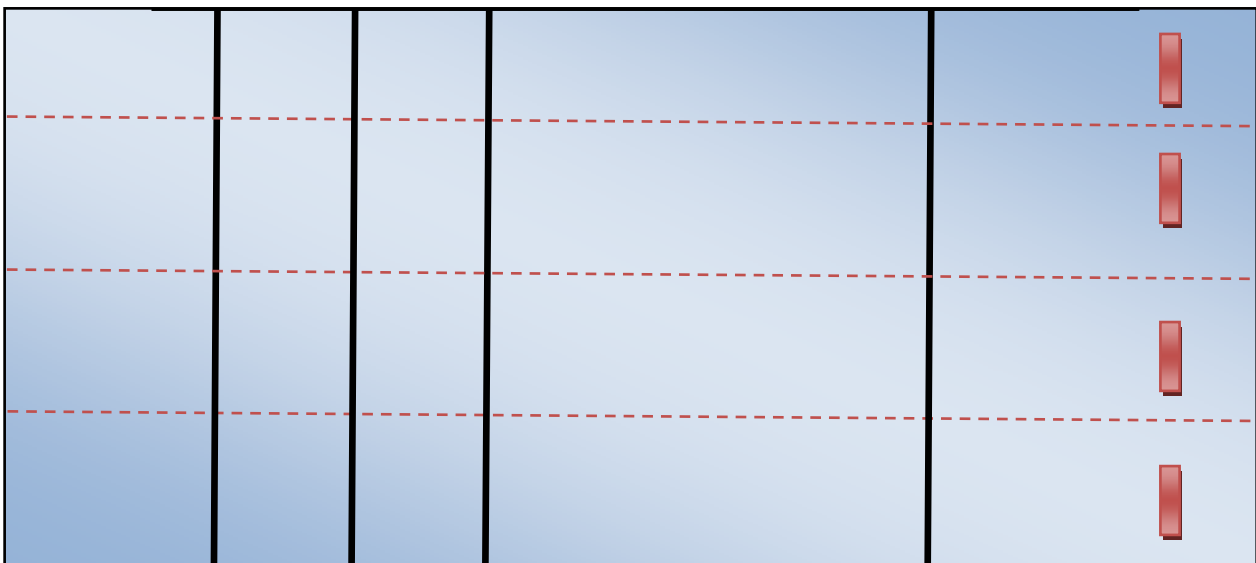
SPACE **B/C**: 10 METRES

SPACE **D/C**: 3 METRES

SPACE **D/E** (Call zone): 3 METRES

SPACE **E/F** (Warm-up zone – Rest of Pool)

F ← W.Z. → **E** ← 3 m → **D** ← 3 m → **C** ← 10 m → **B** ← 4 m → **A**



2.1.5 Prohibitions regarding the Competition Zone

2.1.5.1 The following actions are prohibited:

2.1.5.1.1 loading the gun in any part of the pool except when the trial is performed in the Competition zone;

2.1.5.1.2 entering space A/B;

2.1.5.1.3 entering space C/D during the warm-up phase.

2.1.6 Targets

2.1.6.1 The sheet of the target for the Relay event has a rectangular shape and measures cm 33 x 35 and with white background and is placed at a height so

that the centre of the central target, corresponding to 460 points, is 80 cm from the bottom of the pool.

- 2.1.6.2 The sheet consists of nine (9) targets placed on three (3) levels of three (3) targets per level.

CENTRAL AXIS	DIAMETER	SCORE	COLOUR
1 st Ring	1.2 cm	From 460 to 400 points	White
2 nd Ring	3.2 cm	From 390 to 300 points	White
3 rd Ring	5.2 cm	From 295 to 250 points	Black
4 th Ring	7.2 cm	From 245 to 200 points	White

2.1.7 Score evaluation

- 2.1.7.1 The evaluation of the score to assign to the targets will take place at the end of the trial in a specially reserved area.

- 2.1.7.2 One of the possible evaluation scoring systems could be the following:

the evaluation of every single shot will take place by the use of a special graduated scorecard. The score will be determined by positioning a needle with a diameter of 6.5 mm in the impact hole of every single target and matching the target with the circular references. The middle of this needle will determine the score to assign to each shot, which will be read directly on the graduated scorecard.

- 2.1.7.3 If the reference on the graduated scale is in an intermediate position between two (2) values, the higher value will be assigned.

- 2.1.7.4 If the middle of the shot is off the graduated scale, the score to assign will be zero (0).

If the point of impact of the spear is not clearly visible on the sheet, thereby preventing the plug from being inserted and the score from being assessed, then the score shall be assessed directly by the Competition Judge (or Chief Judge). At the end of each shooting series, the competitors will have one minute to check their shots on the targets.

To this end, they are required to leave their rifles behind the starting line and approach the targets without touching them, under penalty of exclusion from competition.

- 2.1.7.5 At the end of the evaluation, the target will be made available to the captain or a member of the team, in the absence of the captain, who can view it before the Competition Judge, endorsing the result.
- 2.1.7.6 In case of a challenge, the captain or athlete are entitled to submit a complaint in the ways and terms set forth in these regulations.
- 2.1.7.7 Other evaluation scoring systems could be foreseen by the special rules of the single sports events scheduled in the CMAS Calendar, provided they must have been previously approved by the Underwater Target Shooting CMAS Commission.

2.1.8 General Violations and Penalties

- 2.1.8.1 A team member who, during the competition, commits a violation of these regulations causes the team to have a penalty according to the seriousness of the violation committed, as stated below:
- 2.1.8.1.1 Goes over the shooting line with the tip of the spear at the time of shooting.
Penalty: one hundred (100) points.
- 2.1.8.1.2 Loads or tries the competition gun in moments other than the trials or his own competition.
Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).
- 2.1.8.1.3 Leaves the loaded gun on the bottom.
Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).
- 2.1.8.1.4 Ties a knot to connect two parts of line, if the line breaks during the competition.
Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).
- 2.1.8.1.5 Enters the competition before the other competitors have finished the trial.
Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).
- 2.1.8.1.6 The judge declares that a gun is irregular.
Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).
- 2.1.8.1.7 Firing more than one (1) shot during the same apnea.
Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).
- 2.1.8.1.8 Loads the gun on the surface or in apnea without pointing the tip towards the target.
Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.8.1.9 Unsporting behaviour.

Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.8.1.10 Returning to the surface with the gun loaded.

Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.8.1.11 Going over the shooting line with any part of the body.

Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.8.1.12 The members of the team, after the trial is completed, can collect their equipment only after being authorised to do so by the competition officials, otherwise:

Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.9 Particular Violations and Penalties

2.1.9.1 The team may fire only nine (9) shots on the target sheet and in any case one shot for each target.

2.1.9.2 When upon checking the score, any excess shots are annulled and penalties given according to the following procedures:

2.1.9.2.1 Over nine shots on the sheet.

Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.9.2.2 Nine shots on the sheet: if two or more shots are on the same target.
Penalty: for each excess shot, the shot with the highest score is eliminated.

2.1.9.2.3 Over nine runs.

Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.9.2.4 Over three runs for a single athlete in the teams consisting of three athletes, or over five shots for one athlete and over four for the other athlete, in the teams consisting of two athletes only.

Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.9.2.5 Loading of the weapon before the relay transfer between two athletes.

Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.9.2.6 Loading of the weapon before the Director of Competition gives the signal.

Penalty: relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.9.3 Each athlete during the trial may use his own gun only, or in case of a particular incident, a replacement gun or spear, with the line positioned behind the departure line before the start of the trial, otherwise:

Penalty: annulment of the trial and relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0).

2.1.9.4 The exchange between two athletes in the relay trial for the shot must always take place with the gun unloaded; they must touch hands out of the water in a clearly visible manner, otherwise:

Penalty: annulment of the competition and relegation of the team to last place with zero points (0) for the irregular exchange between two athletes.

2.1.9.5 The athletes must not cross the shooting line with the tip of the spear at the time of the shot, otherwise:

Penalty: 100 points to the team for every single violation.

2.2 COMPETITION OFFICIALS AND STAFF WITH ASSISTANCE DUTIES

2.2.1 General provisions

2.2.1.1 The persons who act as competition officials and assistants may not make decisions autonomously but must consult each time with the Competition Judge who is the only person authorised to express the definitive decision.

2.2.1.2 The competition officials and assistants are responsible for managing the competition.

2.2.1.3 The staff of the competition officials and the assistance personnel are:

- Competition Judge;
- Director of Competition;
- Shooting line Judge;
- Judge checking shots and awarding score;
- Starter;
- Timers;
- Competition secretary;
- Competition physician;
- Assistants.

2.2.1.4 The staff consisting of the Director of Competition, competition officials and the assistance personnel, except for the Competition Judge, are appointed by the organisation.

2.2.2 Competition Judge

- 2.2.2.1 In the World and Continental Championships the Competition Judge is designated by CMAS.
- 2.2.2.2 The Competition Judge exercises control and authority on the staff mentioned in point 2.2.1.3.
- 2.2.2.3 The Competition Judge has the following tasks:
 - 2.2.2.3.1 to inspect the facilities where the competition is to take place;
 - 2.2.2.3.2 to check the validity of the participants' documents;
 - 2.2.2.3.3 to check and approve the registration forms and to establish the order of performance of the trials;
 - 2.2.2.3.4 to approve and endorse the ranking before the results are made public.
- 2.2.2.4 The Competition Judge must guarantee compliance with the instructions and solve any problems regarding the organisation of the competitions in cases where the regulations do not provide specific indications.
- 2.2.2.5 He must guarantee, for the correct organisation of the competition, that all the competition officials and assistants necessary for the correct undertaking of the competition are present in the roles and position assigned to them. He may appoint replacements for competition officials who are absent, unable to attend or who are unable to undertake their tasks. Should he deem it necessary, he may appoint additional competition officials.
- 2.2.2.6 He authorises the Starter Judge, in charge of starting, to give the starting signal, after ascertaining that all the persons forming the staff are correctly positioned and ready to perform their tasks.
- 2.2.2.7 He may annul the start of the trial and order a new starting procedure.
- 2.2.2.8 The Competition Judge, in agreement with the Director of Competition, may suspend or annul the competition in cases of force majeure; this faculty may be exercised, by way of example only, for bad weather conditions (if the event takes place in an outdoor pool), or when the facility where the competition takes place no longer appears to comply with the standards required by regulations.
- 2.2.2.9 The Competition Judge apply a penalty on any athlete for any violation or irregularity that he observes personally or which has been referred to him by the other competition officials.

2.2.3 Director of Competition

- 2.2.3.1 The Director of Competition supervises and coordinates all the organisational stages of the competition, with the collaboration, insofar as coming within his jurisdiction, of the competition officials (except the Competition Judge) and of the assistants.

2.2.4 Shooting line judge

- 2.2.4.1 This judge must be positioned on the shooting line, represented by a black line on the bottom and a floating line on the surface.
- 2.2.4.2 The judge checks the shooting line and informs the Competition Judge on:

- 2.2.4.2.1 the crossing of the shooting line with the tip of the spear or with any part of the body;
- 2.2.4.2.2 the number of shots, violations of the regulations and unsporting behaviour.

2.2.5 Judge for monitoring shots and assigning scores

- 2.2.5.1 The Judge in charge of the proper conservation of the targets until the end of the competition; views the shots and assigns the score by the use of the graduated scorecard.
- 2.2.5.2 The checking must be conducted out of the water and only the single captains or, in their absence, the athletes may be present for the checking, endorsing the result.

2.2.6 Starter

- 2.2.6.1 The starter has the task of giving the starting signal when the competitors, judges, and timers are at their places.

2.2.7 Timers

- 2.2.7.1 Each trial is timed without interruptions from the start to the end with an accuracy of one tenth of a second.
- 2.2.7.2 For each trial, the time starts when the starter gives the starting signal.
- 2.2.7.3 The time is stopped when the competitor raises his hand out of the water, beyond the departure line.
- 2.2.7.4 The time is recorded by the timers in minutes, seconds and tenths of a second.

2.2.8 Competition secretary

- 2.2.8.1 The Competition Secretary has the task of checking the accuracy of the notes written regarding the results and on the positions communicated by the Competition Judge.
- 2.2.8.2 Appoints his own assistants and coordinates their work.
- 2.2.8.3 Prepares all the secretariat material and documents necessary for the competition.
- 2.2.8.4 Verifies the results, reports new records by inserting them in the record officials' reports. Inserts this documentation in the competition report, making it available to the Competition Judge.
- 2.2.8.5 Conveys the results on the three top ranking athletes and on the composition of eventual play-offs.

2.2.8.6 The official results and ranking of the athletes must not be communicated by the secretary for their subsequent distribution without first being authorised by the Competition Judge.

2.2.8.7 Prepares the final competition report.

2.2.8.8 When there is a press office, the Competition Secretary may, with the permission of the Director of Competition, communicate information on the competition to the media.

2.2.9 Competition physician

2.2.9.1 The Competition Physician must guarantee first aid measures to persons who have accidents, providing them with the necessary help from the moment when the accident occurs to recovery of healthy conditions at local healthcare facilities.

2.2.10 Other assistants

2.2.10.1 The Organising Committee appoints the other assistants deemed necessary for the competition; these persons are under the authority of the Director of Competition who, together with the Competition Judge, determines the various tasks to be assigned to each of them.

2.2.11 Preliminary meeting

2.2.11.1 The day before the competition, a meeting must be held between:

- the Director of Competition;
- the Competition Judge;
- the Captains;
- the Organisation Physician.

2.2.11.2 The purpose of the meeting is to define:

- technical issues;
- times and transportation;
- instructions on the opening and closing ceremonies;
- times and swimming pools reserved to each team;
- safety measures.

2.2.11.3 During the meeting, these rules may not be modified for any reason whatsoever.

2.2.12 Jury

2.2.12.1 The Jury shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) substitutes:

- the Competition Judge acting as President;
- one (1) representative appointed by the organising Federation;
- three (3) representatives appointed by and from among the Captains;
- two (2) substitutes appointed by and from among the Captains.

- 2.2.12.2 The Jury has the task of examining the complaints received and shall make a decision within one hour from presentation.
- 2.2.12.3 A complaint can be accepted only if submitted by the team captain or a competitor in the absence of the captain.
- 2.2.12.4 The complaint must be submitted in writing, in either French, English or Spanish, within the non-renewable term of sixty (60) minutes from the posting of the ranking results.
- 2.2.12.5 The presentation of the complaint must be accompanied by a caution deposit of 100.00 (one hundred) Euro, which will be returned only if the complaint is accepted by the Jury.
- 2.2.12.6 The complaint must be made by **Form A** (attached) and presented solely and exclusively to the Competition Judge.
- 2.2.12.7 The decisions are taken by majority vote, in the presence of at least four members of the Jury.
- 2.2.12.8 In case of a tie, the President's vote will be decisive.
- 2.2.12.9 The decisions of the Jury are not subject to appeal unless new elements not considered at the time the complaint is examined should arise.
- 2.2.12.10 The decision must be communicated immediately to the applicant at the end of the meeting.
- 2.2.12.11 The Competition Judge shall communicate this decision in writing, using **Form B** (attached).

3. SECTION III

3.1 DRAWS

- 3.1.1 The order of departure of the athletes will be decided on the basis of a draw performed by the Competition Judge. This draw must be made in the presence of the Competition officials in charge and the captains of each team present.

3.2 CONDUCTING OF THE COMPETITION

- 3.2.1 The team is invited by the organisation to prepare its position in the maximum time of three (3) minutes, must then take position behind the departure line and await the trial starting signal, which will be given one (1) minute after the positioning of the last of the athletes competing.
- 3.2.2 The trial is undertaken with the following phases:

- 3.2.2.1 The first athlete will occupy the departure zone while the other two (2) athletes await their turn inside the call zone.
- 3.2.2.2 When the start is given, the first athlete dives and swims the run in apnea, choosing whether to load gun on the surface before the departure line, during the run or near the shooting line. After the first athlete dives and crosses the departure line his head, the second athlete may enter the departure zone.
- 3.2.2.3 After reaching the shooting line, the athlete must fire the shot with the gun supported by one arm only and held by one hand only without other supports on the body; the other arm may be used to provide stability to the body.
- 3.2.2.4 After shooting, the athlete must return in apnea behind the departure line, and after crossing the departure line must make the exchange with the second athlete who will follow the same competition run with the same procedures. The Exchange between the two athletes must take place by touching hands, to be performer with the gun unloaded, above the surface of the water and inside the departure zone so that the judges can verify the correct exchange between the two athletes. The athlete who has completed his run, after making the exchange, goes back behind the call zone line to recharge his gun. In the meantime the third athlete, after the second athlete dives and crosses the departure line with his head, may enter the departure zone.
- 3.2.2.5 The trial ends when the athletes have completed in alternation all the runs and fired their shots. The last athlete, after firing the ninth (9) shot, swims in apnea back behind the departure line and surfaces holding his arm straight up to signal the end of the trial.
- 3.2.2.6 In case of teams consisting of two athletes, after the departure of the first athlete, the second athlete may enter the departure zone. All the subsequent exchanges must take place in the departure zone, without the athlete who has finished his run being required to go back to the call zone.

3.3 PARTICULAR INCIDENT

- 3.3.1 When the competition takes place provision is made for particular incidents. A particular incident during the conducting the competition is defined as the breaking of the gun or problems with the equipment of the organisation or of the competition facilities.
- 3.3.2 In case of breakage of the gun or the line, the athlete may replace the gun with a replacement gun or with a spear complete with line in excellent condition, while positioned behind the departure line, before the start of the competition.

- 3.3.3** During the operation of changing the weapon, the time count is not interrupted.
- 3.3.4** If the replacement gun or the spear are not positioned behind the departure line the athlete will complete the trial and the shots fired up to that time will be evaluated, without taking into account the eventual bonus deriving from the time recorded under the 4 minutes and 30 seconds.
- 3.3.5** he replacement gun may be used only if the first gun breaks.
- 3.3.6** The guns replaced are checked by the Competition Judge, and if he does not acknowledge the particular incident, will apply a penalty to the athlete.
- 3.3.7** Competitors during the competition are not allowed to make any type of repairs to the gun or parts of the gun.
- 3.3.8** In case of a particular incident due to problems due to the equipment of the organisation or the competition facilities, the following procedures shall be as follows:
- 3.3.8.1 The athlete must report the particular incident after returning behind the departure line, and before the exchange with the other athlete, also without his own gun if the spear remains stuck in the target, while the competition of the other teams will duly continue
- 3.3.8.2 Once the cause of the particular incident has been removed, the trial will be resumed by the athlete after the one who has experienced the particular incident.
- 3.3.8.3 The athlete will remain positioned behind the departure line where he will again be given the starting signal, after the countdown of 30 seconds. From then on the team can complete the remaining shots.
- 3.3.8.4 The recording of the time will resume and be added to the time already recorded.
- 3.3.8.5 Once the last shot is fired, the athlete will return behind the departure line where he will raise an arm to signal the completion of the trial, interrupting the time.

3.4 RANKING OF THE RELAY – PLAYOFFS

- 3.4.1** The ranking will be made on the basis of the highest score obtained on the (9) shots fired, after subtracting any penalties or bonus:
- 3.4.1.1 A bonus of ten (10) points is assigned for each second less with respect to the maximum time of 4 minutes and 30 seconds, to be added to the score on the target sheets.

- 3.4.1.2 A penalty of ten (10) points is assigned for each second over the maximum time of 4 minutes and 30 seconds, to be subtracted from the final score obtained from the sum of points on the target sheets.
- 3.4.2 Direct playoffs with the repetition of the trial for final tie-breaking will take place only in case of a score tie for the first three ranking positions.

4. SECTION IV

4.1 RESPONSIBILITY

- 4.1.1 The entry form sent by the relevant Federation, signed by its President, shall guarantee that all team members are at least 16 years of age, meet the requirements established for practising underwater activity and are aware of diving safety rules.
- 4.1.2 The organising Federation must guarantee during the competitions the necessary assistance for the proper conducting of the competition, and must ensure that there is a first aid service by competent healthcare personnel authorised for this purpose.
- 4.1.3 The organisers and their representatives and collaborators, and the competition officials and judges shall have no liability for any damage to the equipment of the participants, or for any accidents occurring to the competitors and other participants after their participation in the sports event.