



**International Shooting Sport Federation
Internationaler Schiess-Sportverband e.V.
Fédération Internationale de Tir Sportif
Federación Internacional de Tiro Deportivo**

Approved procedure - Shotgun Ammunition Test

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- During Qualification, the athletes to be tested are selected by a computer draw. 15-20 percent of the athletes participating in an event will be selected for shot shell testing.
- During Finals, all finalists must be tested. Finalists will be asked to place all cartridges that they take to the Final in separate containers. If additional cartridges are brought to an athlete during a Final, samples from those cartridges must also be selected for testing.
- To facilitate the testing of finalists, the reporting time is 30 minutes before the Final start time. All shot shell testing must be completed before the presentation. If a finalist is disqualified, the Final will take place with five finalists according to Rule 9.16.7.
- For each athlete to be tested, two sets of samples will be taken. Separate envelopes with labels will be used. Two (2) cartridges will be placed in one sealed envelope and four (4) cartridges will be placed in the other sealed envelope.
- Each envelope with two (2) cartridges must be checked. The testing scale (minimum two decimals) must be recalibrated with a government-certified 24.5 g check weight before testing and immediately after each test of an overweight shot charge.
 - If both cartridges are legal, no further action will be taken and the second envelope will be returned or given to the Organizing Committee.
 - If one cartridge weighs 25.0 g or more, the athlete must be disqualified.
 - If both cartridges weigh 24.6 g – 24.9 g, the athlete must be disqualified.
 - If one of the two cartridges weighs 24.6 g - 24.9 g, the four cartridges in the second envelope must also be tested. If one of those cartridges weighs 24.6 or more, the athlete must be disqualified.

- The Equipment Control Jury or Competition Jury must supervise the testing. Testing is open and coaches or other persons may witness the testing. Witnessing the testing of the first sample is optional; if the second envelope is to be tested, a coach or team official must be notified and invited to witness the second test.
- An illegal cartridge is one that contains more than 24.5 g of shot (9.4.3.1, a)). A scale reading of 24.6 g or more confirms an illegal cartridge (A scale reading of 24.599 is still 24.5). If two or more cartridges in the samples taken from an athlete are illegal, disqualification is automatic according to 9.4.3.2 c). If an appeal of a disqualification is submitted to the Jury of Appeal, the Jury of Appeal must decide if the test was performed correctly, but it may not repeat the test or take additional samples (6.7.9.4).