

## Rule changes for 2026

| Old rules  | New rules   |
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| 304.1<br>Only teams and individuals who belong to a Federation which is a member of the IAU (or Associate Member) and which has fulfilled all its obligations to the IAU shall participate in IAU sanctioned events.   | Only teams and individuals who belong to a Federation which is either a member of the IAU (or Associate Member), or a member of the WCSA with an IAU ID number, and which has fulfilled all its obligations to the IAU (or WCSA) shall participate in IAU sanctioned events.  |
| 350.1<br>The IAU Match Play is a separate elimination event shot on the second day of WCH, CCH or WC by only the top 16 shooters from the first day of outdoor IAU Classic IR 900 or indoor IR 400 competition in each Category.   | The IAU Match Play consists of 30 Qualification shots on 35m (18m indoor) and eliminations. The results of the qualification round are used to create the draw for the eliminations.  |
| 350.1.2<br>Elimination of sixteen (16) to winner are shot by all the shooters at the same time on the shooting line, in form of duels. Each end consists of 3 bolts in three (3) minutes according the Art .351.19 Schedule of Elimination Rounds.   | The elimination round consists of all the competitors who participated in the qualification round, at the same time on the shooting line, in form of duels. Each end consists of 3 bolts in three (3) minutes according the Art .351.19 Schedule of Elimination Rounds.   |
| 350.2<br>Qualification: at the completion of the IAU Classic Round the leading sixteen (16) individual Men, Women, Juniors, Cadets, Seniors (men, women) and Assisted Shooters (ranking 1-16 in their respective categories) shall qualify to shoot in IAU Match Play Rounds.<br>Tied Scores: If on the first day after 90 Qualification shots IR 900 (IR 600 for Indoor) there is a tie for any position (involving two or more competitors and after considering standard tie-breaking procedures), the ranking will take into account tens, then nines, eights, and so on. If the result is still tied, winner will be determined in a shot-off. The shoot-off consist on one shot, the shooting time is 40 seconds. The Athlete whose shot is the nearest to the center is declared the winner.  | Tied Scores: If after 30 Qualification shots, there is a tie for any position (involving two or more competitors and after considering standard tie-breaking procedures), the ranking will take into account tens, then nines, eights, and so on. If the result is still tied, winner will be determined in a shot-off. The shoot-off consist on one shot, the shooting time is 40 seconds. The Athlete whose shot is the nearest to the center is declared the winner.   |
| 350.2.1<br>Elimination of sixteen (16) to winner: Athletes are positioned according to the Qualification ranking - e.g.: 1st vs. 16th, 2nd vs. 15th, 3rd vs. 14th, 4th vs. 13th etc. (see Picture below). In a duel, the Athlete with the higher scoring end shall get 2 points. In case of a tie, both shooters get one (1) point each. The shooter, first to reach five (5) points is qualified for the next elimination round.<br>In case of a tie, the winner will be determined in a shot-off. The winners from semi-final duels go to final and shoot for gold medal and the losers go to duel for bronze medal.   | Elimination round: Athletes are paired in duels according to the Qualification ranking (picture, rule 350.10). In a duel, the Athlete with the higher scoring end shall get 2 points. In case of a tie, both shooters get one (1) point each. The shooter, first to reach five (5) points is qualified for the next elimination round.<br>In case of a tie, the winner will be determined in a shot-off. The winners from semi-final duels go to final and shoot for gold medal and the losers go to duel for bronze medal.   |
| 350.2.4<br>Open Team Competition<br>Open team consist of three athletes regardless the Category and sex. The IAU National Member federation shall announce maximum of two national open teams designed before the first day of competition (IAU Classic).<br>Qualification: The best sixteen (16) aggregate score of three team members from the first day IAU Classic round shall qualify to shot in IAU Match Play team competition.<br>Elimination of sixteen teams (16) to winner team e.g.: 1st vs. 16th, 2nd vs. 15th, 3rd vs. 14th, 4th vs. 13th etc. (see Picture below) All three Athletes from each team shoot at the same time. In a duel, the Team with the higher scoring end shall get 2 points. If the score is equal, both teams get one (1) point each. The team, first to reach five (5) points is qualified for the next elimination round. In case of a tie, | Open Team Competition<br>Open team consist of three athletes regardless the Category and sex. The IAU National Member federation shall announce maximum of two national open teams designed before the first qualification shot.<br>Qualification: All teams that participated in the qualification round shall qualify to shot in IAU Match Play eliminations.<br>Elimination Round: Teams are paired in duels according to the Qualification ranking (picture, rule 350.10). All three Athletes from each team shoot at the same time. In a duel, the Team with the higher scoring end shall get 2 points. If the score is equal, both teams get one (1) point each. The team, first to reach five (5) points is qualified for the next elimination round. In |

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|               | team with the higher qualification result is declared the winner. The winners from semi-final duels go to final and shoot for gold medal and the losers go to duel for bronze medal.  | case of a tie, winner will be determined by a shoot-off. The winners from semi-final duels go to final and shoot for gold medal and the losers go to duel for bronze medal.  |
| 350.2.6       | Target Assignment: targets shall be allocated according to the individual competitors' ranking at the completion of the IR 900 qualification Round.<br>The Shooting line is covered in order by sixteen (16) Men, followed by sixteen (16) Women, sixteen (16) Juniors, sixteen (16) Cadets, sixteen (16) Senior men and sixteen (16) Senior woman. | Target Assignment: targets shall be allocated according to the individual competitors' ranking and duel pairing at the completion of the IR 300 qualification Round.<br>The Shooting line is covered in order by Men, followed by Women, Juniors, Cadets, Senior men and Senior women.   |
| 350.3.1       | The highest scoring competitor in each category (Men, Women, Juniors, Cadets, Senior (men, women) and Assisted Shooters) shall be assigned to target number 1. The remaining sixteen targets are to be allocated in order of qualifying score: 1st vs.16th, 2nd vs. 15th, 3rd vs.14th, 4th vs. 13th etc. (Art 350.10).                              | The highest scoring competitor in each category (Men, Women, Juniors, Cadets, Senior (men, women) and Assisted Shooters) shall be assigned to the lowest possible target number. The remaining targets are to be allocated in order of duel pairing (Art 350.10).  |
| 350.2.7 (new) |   | Athletes (Teams) who do not have an opponent (bye) in a Match-Play round may shoot the first three ends of the round. These ends will not be scored.   |
| 350.6         | Judges: the DOS shall be assisted by two (2) IJs who will respectively supervise the elimination and be responsible for deciding the scoring value of bolts.  | There will be no sighting shots before the medal matches, but there will be a separate training field set up, with a reasonable safety distance from the finals field.<br><br>The training for the first medal match of the day shall start 20 minutes before the start time of the first medal match round. If there are multiple medal matches shot one after another, every next training will start at the same time as the preceding medal match round.<br>(New rule) |
| 350.7 (New)   |   | Judges: the DOS shall be assisted by two (2) IJs who will respectively supervise the elimination and be responsible for deciding the scoring value of bolts.<br>(Not a new rule, but moved from 350.6)   |
| 350.11.8      | In the bronze and gold final the IJs shall relay the scoring values back to the Speaker, who will announce the scores in target order e.g., "Target 1, Center 10: - "Target 2, 10"<br>- "Target 3, 9"<br>and so on until all targets are so scored.   | In the bronze and gold final, the results are announced by an IJ in order: Last name, shots (best to worst), and round total.<br>Results announced by the IJ are scored by independent scorers. The other judge(s) must check the score sheets. If there are no independent scorers, the results are scored by a judge and checked by another judge.   |
| 360.2         | <b>Participation authorization:</b><br>a.) Athletes whose federation is a member of the IAU<br>b.) Any athlete who owns an IAU ID number<br>c.) If the registration for the WC competition has been made by the member federation<br>d.) If there are not enough starting places, the number of athletes per nation is limited.                     | <b>Participation authorization:</b><br>a.) Athletes whose federation is a member of the IAU or WCSA<br>b.) Any athlete who owns an IAU ID number<br>c.) If the registration for the WC competition has been made by the member federation<br>d.) If there are not enough starting places, the number of athletes per nation is limited.  |