GENERAL

Mixed Teams must be national teams with two team members (one male and one female).

In one Championship nations may enter a maximum of two Mixed Teams in one Mixed Team event, as per ISSF General Regulations. Mixed Team members may be changed for other athletes registered in the Championship not later than 12:00 hours on the second day before the day of the Mixed Team competition.

THE MIXED TEAM EVENT

The Mixed Team event consists of two stages, a Qualification Stage and a Final Stage.

QUALIFICATION STAGE

The Qualification stage will be conducted according to the Competition Procedures specified in the current ISSF Shotgun rules for Skeet (section 9.10) unless otherwise specified in these rules. Team squadding will be done by a random draw. The two members of each Mixed team must be squadded to fire next to each other on the same squad, with the male firing first and the female second. Teams from the same nation shall not be in the same squad. Athletes will wear the same bib numbers as those of the individual competition.

The total number of targets is 150, shot in 1 day (75 targets for each athlete).

Each member of the Mixed Team will shoot 75 targets, in 3 rounds of 25 targets (3X25 = 75X2 = 150 targets for each team).

After the end of the Qualification, the ranking of the Mixed teams will be decided by the combined results of the 2 members of each Mixed Team (1 male & 1 female) 75X2=150 (as per ISSF Shotgun Rules 9.14.5.2 & 9.15.3). The six (6) highest-ranking Mixed Teams will qualify for the Final Stage.

Any ties for places 1 to 6 will be decided by a shoot off as specified below, on station 4 only.

After the Qualification stage and any eventual shoot-offs, new bib numbers (1₁-1₂, 2₁-2₂, 3₁-3₂, 4₁-4₂, 5₁-5₂ and 6₁-6₂) will be distributed to the top 6 qualified Mixed teams.

The ranking of tied Mixed teams in 7th place and below not decided by a shoot-off will be established on the basis of the ISSF Shotgun Rules 9.14.5.2 & 9.15.3.
PROCEDURE DURING SHOOT OFFS AFTER THE QUALIFICATION STAGE

The starting positions in the shoot-off of the tied Mixed Teams after the qualification stage will be decided by the Qualification Ranking (highest ranking Mixed Team to shoot first).

The starting positions in the shoot offs, of teams with perfect ties or ties that cannot be broken by the count back rule will be decided by draw.

Before the shoot-offs, athletes will observe the targets and test fire.

The preparation time limit, is 15 seconds (monitored by an electronic timer managed by a Referee selected from among the appointed Referees, as per ISSF rules).

Each Mixed Team Coach must designate which team member (male or female) will shoot the first double.

The athletes (male or female) designated to shoot first from each team must line up behind station 4 and shoot at a regular double. If the tie is not broken, the same procedure will continue on the same station with the second member of each Mixed team shooting at a reverse double. This procedure will continue with the Mixed team members shooting in sequence in alternate order (normal & reverse doubles) until the tie is broken.

In case of several shoot-offs, the higher position shoot-offs will be shot first.

FINAL STAGE

The Final stage consists of the Semifinals (Semifinal 1 and Semifinal 2, composed of 3 Mixed Teams each) and the Medal Match (composed of 2 Mixed Teams). The Final Stage (Semifinals and Medal Match) must be conducted on the Finals Range.

SEMIFINALS (Semifinal 1 & Semifinal 2) 3 Mixed teams each

Semifinal 1 will be composed of the qualified mixed teams in places 1, 3, 5
Semifinal 2 will be composed of the qualified mixed teams in places 2, 4, 6

Semifinal 1 will be shot first followed by Semifinal 2.

Before each Semifinal athletes will observe the targets (normal & reverse doubles) and test fire.

The preparation time limit, for each station is 30 seconds (monitored by an electronic timer managed by a Referee selected from among the appointed Referees, as per ISSF rules).

In each Semifinal athletes will start from 0 and compete in series of 12-target sequences on stations 3, 4 & 5 followed by progressive eliminations that continue until the winner is decided, as follows:

The 6 athletes (3 Mixed teams), one behind the other, in bib number order (as per Qualification Ranking of their Mixed Team) will each shoot in sequence 4 targets (2 doubles – 1 normal & 1 reverse) from each of the stations 3, 4 & 5 (total 4X3= 12x2=24 targets). After that the Mixed team with the lowest number of hits will be eliminated. In case of equal scores, the Mixed Team with the lower Qualification Ranking (highest bib number) is eliminated.

The remaining 2 Mixed teams (4 athletes) will continue to shoot in sequence 4 targets each (2 doubles – 1 normal & 1 reverse) from each of the stations 3, 4 & 5 (total 4X3= 12x2=24 targets).
targets). After that the Mixed team with the lowest number of hits out of the total of 48 targets of the two series \((12+12=24\times2=48 \text{ targets})\) is eliminated. The winning Mixed team will take 1<sup>st</sup> place. Any ties will be decided by a shoot-off (see paragraph below after Medal Match).

The two winning Mixed Teams (1<sup>st</sup> place from each Semifinal) will qualify for the Medal Match (Gold/Silver). The 2 Mixed Teams in 2<sup>nd</sup> place from each Semifinal will both receive Bronze Medal.

The eliminated 2 Mixed teams (3<sup>rd</sup> place from each Semifinal), will take the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place in the overall ranking on the basis of their Semifinal result. In case of equal Semifinal results then the places will be decided by the Qualification Ranking.

**MEDAL MATCH - 2 Mixed teams**

The starting positions in the Medal Match of the 2 winning teams of Semifinal 1 and Semifinal 2, is decided by their Semifinal result (highest SF result will shoot first). In case of equal Semifinal results, the starting positions will be decided by the Qualification Ranking.

New bib numbers \((1₁-1₂ \text{ and } 2₁-2₂)\), will be distributed to the 2 qualified Mixed Teams.

The preparation time limit, for each station is 30 seconds (monitored by an electronic timer managed by a Referee selected from among the appointed Referees, as per ISSF rules).

Before the Medal Match athletes will observe the targets (normal & reverse doubles) and test fire.

The 2 Mixed Teams (4 athletes) will start from 0 and compete in series of 8-target sequences on stations 3,4, 5, 3 & 4 that continue until the gold, silver medals are decided as follows:

Starting from station 3, the two athletes from each Mixed Team will each shoot, in bib number order 2 doubles (1 normal and 1 reverse double) 4 shots (8 shots per Mixed Team).

After each station, the Mixed Team with the highest result after the 4+4=8 shots, will take 2 points. The team with the lowest result will take 0 points. In case of equal result each Mixed Team will take 1 point.

The shooting sequence (which team will shoot first) will alternate between the two Mixed Teams after each station.

The points of each series (station) will be carried forward to the next series (station).

The scores (number of hit targets), however, of each series (station) will not be carried forward to the next series (station). The scores of each series (station) will start from zero.

This process will continue in sequence on stations 3,4,5,3,4 (5 stations) and the Mixed Team to win first 6 points will be the winner. If the shooting sequence is completed on all 5 stations and there is a tied score of 5:5, the winning Mixed team will be decided by a shoot-off, as per procedures for shoot-offs below.

**PROCEDURE DURING SHOOT-OFFS AFTER THE SEMI FINALS AND MEDAL MATCH**

In the shoot-offs after the Semifinals or the Medal Match, the team with the lowest bib number will shoot first.

The athletes with bib number 1 from each team must line up behind station 3 and shoot at a regular double. If the tie is not broken, the same procedure will continue with the second
member of each team (with bib number 2) shooting at a reverse double. If the tie is not broken, the same procedure will continue with the team members shooting in sequence in alternate order on successive stations (4,5,3, etc.) until the tie is broken.

The preparation time limit, for each station is 15 seconds (monitored by an electronic timer managed by a Referee selected from among the appointed Referees, as per ISSF rules).

There will be no observation of targets or test fire before a shoot-off after the Semifinals or after the Medal Match.

**COACHING TIME OUT**

During the Medal Match, Coaches may call one (1) Coaching Time-out for a maximum duration of one (1) minute when it is the turn of that team’s athlete(s) to fire during which the Coach may approach and speak to his/her athlete(s), on the shooting station. The other Coaches may, during this time, approach and speak to their athletes also. The Jury Member in charge must control the time.

**REPORTING TIME, CARTRIDGE CONTROL, PRESENTATION AND COMMENTATING**

The members of the six (6) qualified Mixed Teams in the Final Stage or their representatives (coaches or team officials) must report to the Finals Range for cartridge control, at least 30 minutes before the scheduled Start Time of the Final (Semifinal 1). At this time the Jury will distribute the bib numbers to all the athletes of the 6 qualified Mixed Teams.

The Jury will instruct the members of each Mixed Team or their representatives (coaches or team officials) to place all of their cartridges in numbered boxes (corresponding to their bib numbers). The Jury will select cartridges for cartridge control and conduct equipment inspections. Cartridge checks must be completed before the presentation.

Athletes may leave the FOP but those whose team participate in the Semifinal 1 must return to the Finals Range at least 15 minutes before the start of the Final (Semifinal 1).

No additional cartridges may be brought to the FOP.

The 3 teams of Semifinal 2 must report to the FOP, at the time of the official start time of Semifinal 1.

The 2 Mixed Teams participating in the Medal Match (the winning teams of Semifinal 1 and Semifinal 2) must report to the FOP, 10 minutes after the end of Semifinal 2.

During presentation the Mixed Teams must be ready to walk in before they will be called one by one for their group. The Jury must make sure, that the Mixed Teams (athletes & coach) are assembled in the correct order.

The Mixed Teams will enter the FOP one at a time - as each Mixed team (athletes and coach) enters the FOP the announcer will introduce them to the spectators – as they walk in. The members of the Mixed Teams must remain facing the spectators until all have been presented, also the Jury Member in Charge and the Referee.

A one (1) point penalty will be deducted from the score of the first hit target in the Final Stage if the Mixed Teams’ cartridges are not presented 30 minutes before the start of the Final (Semifinal 1) and/or if any of the Mixed Team members does not report to the FOP as per stipulated time in these rules. This will apply to both the Semifinals and the Medal Match.
During the Semifinals and the Medal Match commentating (not more than 1 minute) will take place after each station.

**MUSIC & AUDIENCE SUPPORT**

During the Semifinals and the Medal Match, music should be played. The Technical Delegate must approve the music program. Enthusiastic audience support is encouraged and is recommended during the Final Stage.

**MALFUNCTIONS DURING SEMIFINALS & MEDAL MATCH**

a) If the Referee decides that a disabled shotgun, or the malfunctioning of the shotgun or ammunition, is not the fault of the athlete, the athlete must be given not more than three (3) minutes in which to repair the shotgun or obtain another approved shotgun, or replace his ammunition. If this cannot be done within three (3) minutes, the athlete (Mixed Team) must withdraw.

b) After the malfunction is corrected or the athlete (Mixed Team) withdraws, the Final must continue. If the withdrawal of a team occurs during a Medal Match the second Mixed Team must be declared as the winner. During a Semifinal, a withdrawn mixed team’s final ranking will be determined by the total number of targets hit until the time when the malfunction occurred.

c) A Mixed Team is allowed a maximum of two (2) malfunctions during a Final (Semifinals & Medal Match), including any shoot-offs, whether or not there was an attempt to correct the malfunction.

d) Any regular target(s) on which any further malfunction occurs will be declared “LOST” whether or not the athlete attempted to fire.

**PROTESTS DURING SEMIFINALS & MEDAL MATCH**

a) If an athlete disagrees with a Referee’s decision regarding “HIT,” “LOST,” “NO TARGET” or “IRREGULAR” target(s), he/she must act immediately before the next athlete fires, by raising an arm and saying “PROTEST.”

b) The Referee must then temporarily interrupt the shooting and after hearing the opinions of the Assistant Referees, make his decision. No protest will be accepted after the next athlete fires.

c) Any other protest by the athlete or coach will be decided by the Finals Protest Jury immediately. The decision of the Finals Protest Jury is final and cannot be appealed.

d) If a protest in a Final for any matter other than Referee decisions on “HIT,” “LOST,” “NO TARGET” or “IRREGULAR” targets is lost, a penalty of two (2) points must apply to the last two (2) “HIT” targets, of the athlete (Mixed Team).

e) The current ISSF VAR Rules (9.18.4) will be followed during both the Semifinals and the Medal Match.

**COLOR OF TARGETS**

Qualification Stage: Normal targets
Final Stage: Flash targets
IRREGULAR OR DISPUTED CASES

ISSF General Technical Rules will apply to matters not mentioned in the above paragraphs. Irregular or disputed matters will be decided by the Jury according to the General Technical Rules for each event.