

IBU Event and Competition Rule amendments with effect as of immediately

1.5.5 Replacement of Entry - Force Majeure

If an entered competitor cannot start due to force majeure, another registered competitor may take his place, but not later than 30 minutes before the listed start time of the entered competitor, in Individual and Sprint competitions. In Relay competitions, competitors may be replaced as follows: first leg – 30 minutes before simultaneous start; second – before simultaneous start; third – before the first hand-over; and, fourth – before the second handover. In the case of such a replacement, a valid reason preventing the start must be presented to the competition jury not later than 30 minutes before the listed start time in question or before the deadlines specified for the Relay. ***If, by the NF Quota, a team is allowed to register only four competitors, the competition jury may allow the replacement of a competitor by a non-registered competitor such that the team may compete in a Relay competition.***

1.6.5.1 Method of Assigning Relay/Mixed Relay Start Numbers

At OWG, WCH and WC events, no draw will be made for the Relay/***Mixed Relay***, and start numbers will be assigned based on the current standings in the WC Relay ***or Mixed Relay*** score – with the top ranking team receiving number 1, the second number 2, and so on. If a team or number is missing, all teams below it will move upward in number. In the first WC Relay ***or Mixed Relay*** of the season, the previous year's final Relay ***or Mixed Relay*** score standings will be used to set the start numbers. At Y/JWCH and OECH, the previous year's Y/JWCH or OECH Relay/***Mixed Relay*** results ranking will be used to set the start numbers in the same manner as above. A single random draw will be used for all unranked NFs, and for CC events. The assigned Relay/ ***Mixed Relay*** start number will also be each team's start position in the simultaneous start, and their shooting lane number on the range (for the first bout of shooting only). ***Specific rules for the Relay/Mixed Relay apply at the IBU Cup.***

Art. 1.6.5.4. is deleted

9.2.4 Relay Competitions

In all Relay competitions the competition time of a team member is the time elapsed from the start, or hand-over, to the next completed hand-over or from the hand-over to the finish. The total time of a relay team is the time elapsed between the start of the first member to the finish of the last member. The time of the incoming members stops when they cross the timing line into the hand-over zone; the time of the outgoing members begins at the same moment.

At OWG, WCH, WC, OECH and IBU Cups: teams that have not passed the penalty loop after the last shooting bout before the first team has finished, will receive their ranking based on their place after the penalty loop (split timing point) and will be stopped at that point. Those teams will be ranked on the results list and receive all associated points.

12.7.1.2 Flower Ceremony

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15.8.2.2 Nations Cup Points

Nation Cup points are awarded separately for men and women. At each WC and WCH individual and sprint competition, the following points are awarded:

1 st place	160 points	2 nd place	154 points
3 rd place	148 points	4 th place	143 points
5 th place	140 points	6 th place	138 points
7 th place	136 points	8 th place	134 points
9 th place	132 points	10 th place	131 points and then decreasing by one point down to the last place.

For Relays at each WCH and WC Relay competition the following Nations Cup points will be awarded:

1 st place	420 points	2 nd place	390 points	3 rd place	360 points
4 th place	330 points	5 th place	310 points	6 th place	290 points
7 th place	270 points	8 th place	250 points	9 th place	230 points
10 th place	220 points	11 th place	210 points	12 th place	200 points
13 th place	190 points	14 th place	180 points	15 th place	170 points
16 th place	160 points	17 th place	150 points	18 th place	140 points
19 th place	130 points	20 th place	120 points	21 st place	110 points
22 nd place	100 points	23 rd place	90 points	24 th place	80 points
25 th place	70 points	26 th place	60 points	27 th place	50 points
28 th place	40 points	29 th place	30 points	30 th place	20 points

For the Mixed Relay, half the Nations Cup points will be awarded to each gender.

15.8.3.2 Nations Cup Total Score

Scoring of the Nations Cup will be based on all of the WC and WCH Individual, Sprint, **Mixed Relay** and Relay competitions of that season.

15.8.4.1 World Cup Total Score

For all competitors, the World Cup total score will be based on the Individual, Sprint, Pursuit and Mass Start competitions. The scores from all competitions will be added together **minus two scores**, and the sum will be the WC total score.

15.8.4.3 Nations Cup Score

The NFs' best three competitors' earn Nations Cup points in Individual and Sprint competitions. The sum of these points will become the NF's Nations Cup score for that competition. The ***Relay and applicable Mixed Relay*** Nations Cup points will be added to those from the Individual and Sprint; the cumulative sum will become the respective NF's current ranking.

At IBU Cups, IBU Cup points are awarded as described in the rules for the World Cup points (Articles 15.8.2.1 and 15.8.2.2).

16.5 Types of Scoring

There will be the following types of scoring for men and women:

- a. IBU Cup total score (Individual, Sprint, Pursuit); ***minus two competition results***
- b. IBU Cup Individual score;
- c. IBU Cup Sprint score;
- d. IBU Cup Pursuit score;
- e. IBU Cup Nations Cup score, ***minus one competition result***

16.8 Mixed Relay Teams at IBU Cup

Each NF is allowed to enter one team. No draw will be made for the Mixed Relay and start numbers will be assigned based on the sum of the NF's current men's and women's IBU Cup Nations Cup score – with the start numbers assigned in rank order. If a team is missing, all teams below it will move up a number correspondingly. The assigned Relay start number will be each team's start position for the simultaneous start and their shooting lane number on the range (for the first bout of shooting only).