

At the recent PA Executive meeting the following rules in relation to the wear and use of holsters were approved. They have been incorporated into the PA General Regulations. These rules are to reinforce rules that have previously been in place – however please take particular note of points 2.4.2.1 and 2.4.2.7

2.4.2. The holster must be safe, serviceable and suited to the pistol/revolver being used

2.4.2.1. The holster belt must pass through belt loops on the shooter's clothing. If a double belt is used the inner belt must pass through the belt loop. Where two belts, that are not both part of the holster rig, are used they must be affixed by the use of keepers, and the inner belt must pass through belt loops on the shooter's clothing.

2.4.2.2. The holster MUST cover the trigger when the firearm is holstered

2.4.2.3. When holstered the firearm must

- Not be directed at any part of the shooter's body
- Not be directed to the rear (i.e. must not be directed up range)
- Be directed within one metre of the shooter when standing normally
- When unholstering the firearm must not be directed to the rear

2.4.2.4. Any retention device, if used to pass Equipment Control, must be used throughout the match

2.4.2.5. Holster tie-down is NOT permitted

2.4.2.6. Shoulder and cross-draw holsters are prohibited

2.4.2.7. When holstered a part of the firearm must be positioned no lower than the top edge of the belt.

2.4.2.8. The holster belt must be rigid and must be wide enough to support the holster without the holster swivelling on the belt

For the rest of this year a breach of these rules will incur a warning only, provided that the holster is safe, secure and serviceable.

After 1st January 2016 a breach of these regulations will be considered to be a holster safety violation and may incur disqualification from the event.