



NRC INFORMATION

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ISSF SAFETY FLAGS

For the ISSF events, when does the safety flag have to be inserted?

- When at the Firing Point, effectively, whenever you unload the pistol, i.e.;
 - To put the pistol down on the bench when you have completed a series/stage
 - Definitely before any personnel go forward of the firing line
 - On the commands 'STOP' and/or 'UNLOAD' (unless claiming a 25m malfunction)
- To put the pistol down to leave the firing point after "START' but before STOP' and/or
- 'UNLOAD', live fire pistols must be unloaded with the action open, and air pistols must have the action open – it is not necessary to insert a safety flag in an Air Pistol provided STOP' and/or 'UNLOAD' has not been called (but a good habit to form).
- To remove a pistol from the firing point for repair, or recharge an air pistol (only with the permission of the Range Officer) – I would prefer that these pistols be cased before removal from the firing line.
- A pistol with a cartridge or pellet inserted may NOT be removed from the firing point!

THE PISTOL MUST HAVE A SAFETY FLAG INSERTED

- After the RO has verified that the pistol is empty,
- when casing a pistol for removal from the firing line, the A SAFETY FLAG may be removed to case the pistol.
- It is advised that for 10m pistols with a loading gate the pistol never be cased with a safety flag in place: flag it would be all too easy to damage the gate/lever unless it is fully closed – remove the safety as the last action before casing the Air Pistol.

Whipper-snipper cord

Whipper-snipper cord comes in coils and the curvature of 'untreated' cord will make inserting the cord from the loading gate of air pistols very difficult – the inserted end can snag on a/ the forcing cone, and b/ the compensator (if so equipped):

- Whipper sniper cord is easily straightened by gentle application of heat – a paint stripper gun is ideal. Whipper sniper cord is a tensilised plastic and the GENTLE application of heat to the outside of the curvature will remove the curvature
- A bend or a loop can be formed by application of heat

4mm plastic tube

Coils 4mm plastic tube can be found at most stores with a craft section and is an economical Safety flag for .22 and centre fire pistols.

A 200-300mm length works well for both .22 and centre fire pistols:

- Can be left in semi-automatics when they are cased.
- A 45° cut on the end to go in the breech is MUCH easier to insert in the chamber of a semi-automatic, or the forcing cone of a revolver.