



# NRC INFORMATION SUBSTANCES ON FLOORS



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Introduced in the 2009 ISSF rules, there is a rule relating to 'substances' on the floor of the firing point - some range officials have taken it upon themselves to apply this rule way beyond its intent.

## THE RULE IS:

### 6.11.8 Special Competition Regulations

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- b) It is not permitted to put any substance on the floor of the firing point to gain an unfair advantage or to wipe the firing point without permission;
- c) It is not permitted to place non-removeable tape or draw lines with a permanent marker on the floor;

## THE INTENT OF THE RULE IS:

To stop shooters (or coaches) making a mess of the firing point floor.

## THE REASON FOR THE RULE IS:

This rule was introduced because some shooters and coaches were pouring cola on the firing point floor to increase the 'grip' for the shooter's shoes; when chipped about the mess, they changed to wiping the floor with a rag soaked in cola: when chipped about this they tried pouring soft drink mix powder on the firing point (Why this powder? – with any humidity it quickly absorbs water from the air and becomes very sticky).

Instead of doing something about a shooter's slippery footwear, this (messy) quick-fix makes a mess, attracts insects, needs to be cleaned up and possibly creates a hazard.

## APPLYING THE RULE AT PA COMPETITIONS:

The rule is to be applied within its intent!

### For PA competitions:

- Not allowed:
  - 'sticky substances'
- Allowed, on the floor of the firing point to indicate the shooter's preferred position of the feet:
  - a non-permanent mark,
  - target patch,
  - empty ammo box,
  - or the like

**(BUT clean it up afterwards!!)**