

2002 NSSA REFEREE'S STANDARD EXAMINATION

It will again be possible for persons not members of the NSSA to be designated as Associate Referee. The examination for Associate and Official Referees are the same.
NSSA Members: Official Referee – \$5.00 Non-Members: Associate Referee – \$5.00

TRUE & FALSE – CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. When disruptive crowd noise is heard behind a squad, the referee should suspend shooting and attempt to quiet the crowd.
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 2. To be considered in a legal shooting position the shooter must be standing with any part of both feet within the boundaries of the designated shooting station?
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 3. A gun, which will accept more than one (1) gauge of shells at the same time, may be used in registered competition.
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 4. Targets fired upon while shooting out of turn, without permission of the referee, will be declared lost.
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 5. The result of shooting at a target after it has been declared "No Bird" shall not be scored and the shot will be repeated in all instances.
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 6. The referee shall be the sole judge of decision of fact. His decision as to whether a target is dead or lost shall be irrevocable, regardless of opinions of spectators or other squad members.
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 7. Rules now make some form of eye and ear protection mandatory for each squad member and the field referee. Trap help may be excluded.
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 8. If a shooter fires at and misses a target as a result of an alleged "slow pull" but before the referee calls "No-bird", the target shall be scored lost.
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 9. Machines cannot be "Hooped" once a registered round of skeet has started.
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 10. During doubles events, or doubles shootoffs, referee positions for coming back around the circle should be 6 feet back and 3 feet to the right of stations 3, 4 and 5.
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 11. It is permissible for a shooter to leave a spent shell in the chamber of a gun when he is not on the shooting station.
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 12. It is permissible to carry a gun with the action closed during the round after the shooter has completed a station?
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 13. A shooter may load their gun while walking to the shooting station, provided they are three feet or less from the station.
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 14. A ruling of "lost" should be made if, after a malfunction has occurred the shooter opens the gun or touches the safety before the referee has had a chance to inspect the gun.
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 15. A shooter is required to notify the referee and squad members if he uses a "Release Trigger".
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 16. A shell with a report that is weaker or louder than normal, usually caused by a "cocked wad" or high power charge, should be considered defective ammunition.
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 17. Doubles rules are the same for doubles events and for doubles in a regular round of skeet.
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 18. When shooting doubles the first shot from station 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 is at the target from the nearest skeet house and the second shot is at the target from the farthest skeet house.
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 19. The sun can be ruled interference if it is directly in a shooters line of sight.
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 20. Shooting boundary markers are mandatory on fields where it is geographically possible.
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 21. Under normal conditions a squad should complete a round in 20 minutes including breaks.
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 22. Referees have mandatory positions for regular skeet and doubles event. A shooter may request the referee to move behind the station at Station 3 or 5.
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 23. As a safety precaution, no loading of 2 shells for the last single target will be allowed.
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 24. Doubles targets fired upon in reverse order will result in the first bird scored lost.
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 25. Shoot management has the right to make it mandatory to use a hoop when target adjustments are required.
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 26. When shooting doubles at station 4 the shooter must shoot first at the high house target going around the stations from 1 through 7 and shoot at the low house 4 target first when coming back around from 7 through 2 or 1.
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 27. It is permissible for shooters to pick up their empty shells during a registered shoot?
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 28. If a shooter fires at a target, a piece from a target off an adjoining field may be ruled as interference only if the piece strikes or threatens to strike the shooter or his gun.
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 29. When a protest is filed with the field referee concerning rule interpretation, the referee should suspend shooting and consult the chief referee immediately for a ruling.
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 30. It is permissible for shooters to place markers on the range to serve as station holding points?
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 31. In doubles events, it is never possible to score a first target dead and proof doubles for the second target.
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 32. It is the responsibility of the shooter to "strike" the bolt of a semi-automatic shotgun to make sure the action is closed prior to calling for a target.
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 33. A shooter has 2 gun malfunctions in a round, has gun repaired but has another malfunction in same round. The referee should declare lost target because it was this shooter's 3rd malfunction of same gun.
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 34. A shooter may be penalized one target for each occurrence of shooting position violations after being warned on the first occurrence.
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 35. At the beginning of a round the squad shall be entitled to observe three (3) regular targets from each house.
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 36. During the shooting of single targets, a shooter may load two shells except at station 8 High house and last single target but remains limited to two allowable gun malfunctions even though he is loading two shells.
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 37. If a shell having once misfired is used again, and fails to fire, the results of the shot shall be scored "lost".
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 38. The field referee should ask each squad member to verify their score after each round by announcing "Please check your scores".
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 39. Interference may be ruled for any circumstance beyond the shooter's control which unduly affects his opportunity to break any target.
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 40. A protest involving scoring of target(s), if filed immediately on the station, shall require a second shot to be fired and results recorded and noted as a protest. The protest shall proceed in the prescribed manner.
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 41. As a safety precaution, test shots will not be permitted without permission of the field referee.
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 42. If the brass pulls off a hull between shots on doubles it should be ruled a gun malfunction.
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 43. A NSSA official referee may be disqualified in the middle of a round by the Chief Referee?
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 44. It shall be the referee's first duty after releasing a target to declare "No bird" as quickly as possible when the referee determines that an irregular target has been thrown. Therefore, the referee should watch the same target as the shooter when shooting doubles.
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 45. If a shooter fires on an unbroken target before the referee has had a chance to declare the target "No-bird" the results of the shot must be scored.
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- MULTIPLE CHOICE – CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER OR ANSWERS**
1. A shooter may stand on any portion of station 8 shooting pad, 3 feet wide by 6 feet long, and be considered in a legal shooting position.
 1. A shooter may stand on any part of station 8.
 2. A shooter may stand with any part of both feet within the boundaries of the station.
 3. Station 8 high is the half of the pad most distant from the High house.
 4. Station 8 low is the half of the pad most distant from the Low house.

2. When may targets be hooped, and under what conditions.
 1. At shooter request on any station when wind is blowing.
 2. When machine or machines start throwing irregular targets and an adjustment is made (trap mechanic is needed).
 3. After a trap adjustment has been made.
 4. When the referee feels the targets are too high.
 5. At the beginning of each round.
3. While shooting doubles in a regular round of skeet, a shooter misses the first target and the second target emerges broken and this is his first miss, the referee shall:
 1. Declare the first bird lost and request shooter to shoot his option. Then shoot a pair of doubles to establish second bird.
 2. Declare the first bird lost and require a proof double to establish second bird then require the shooter to shoot his option.
4. The following should be considered defective ammunition:
 1. A shell with "primer only" firing.
 2. A shell which the brass pulls off between shots on doubles.
 3. A "whistler" where the plastic sleeve leaves the barrel.
 4. A shell failure to fire, provided firing pin indentation is clearly noticeable.
 5. A shell when fired, shot does not reach the distance of the target.
5. A regular target is one that:
 1. Passes through a three foot diameter hoop centered 15 feet above the target crossing point.
 2. Appears within one second after call from shooter.
 3. Travels in still air to a distance on level ground 60 yards from the skeet house with an allowance tolerance of plus or minus two yards.
6. In shooting doubles, and the shooter is deprived of a second shot, what conditions will allow the first bird to be scored "dead" and to shoot a proof double to establish the second bird.
 1. The second target is thrown broken.
 2. Allowable gun malfunction between shots.
 3. The second target is irregular and is not shot at.
 4. Both targets are broken with the first shot.
7. In shooting a legal single target shooter's gun is heard to snap. Shooter immediately opens gun and claims gun malfunction. Referee inspects shell and finds the primer unstruck. Shot is scored:
 1. Lost target.
 2. Gun malfunction, nothing established.
 3. Warns shooter to hand him gun in same condition as when he attempted to fire, but allows shooter to repeat the shot.
8. Time set for skeet rounds are:
 1. 1 1/2 hour flights.
 2. 2 hour flights.
 3. 20 minute rounds, including breaks.
 4. 30 minute rounds.
9. One "lost" target should be scored on:
 1. A balk or failure of the gun to fire due to fault of the shooter.
 2. Target broken inside the shooting boundary.
 3. Each successive foot position violation after warning.
 4. Each successive time balk.
10. After being warned once, if a shooter fires a second time at the same target the field referee should.
 1. Rule the target lost after the second shot.
 2. Rule the target dead if hit on second shot.
 3. After warning the shooter after the first occurrence, disqualify shooter after the second occurrence.
11. The loading of two shells for singles is permissible.
 1. On all stations.
 2. On all stations except for High 8.
 3. If it is not the last single target.
 4. On Low 8 if straight.
 5. On none of the shooting stations.
12. A shooter fires at a target and misses. He immediately turns to the referee and alleges a "slow pull". Referee agrees that the pull was slow but did not call "No-bird". The target should be ruled:
 1. "Lost" since shooter fired on the target
 2. "No-bird" and allow the shooter to shoot the target over.
13. For a target to be declared regular it should.
 1. Appear within one (1) second after the shooter's call.
 2. Passes within a three foot circle 15 feet above the target crossing point.
 3. Travels 57 yards during flight.
14. When a gun breaks in such a manner so as to render it unusable, the shooter has what options.
 1. Register only the targets shot prior to the breakdown.
 2. Use another gun if one can be secured without delay.
 3. Drop out of the squad until the gun can be repaired.
15. A field referee has the authority to disqualify for the event any shooter who?
 1. Willfully interfered with another shooter while the latter is shooting.
 2. Any shooter who repeatedly violates the safety precautions.
 3. Any shooter he has had a personality conflict with.
 4. Any shooter who endangers the safety of other shooters, field personnel, or spectators.
16. A shooter loads the bottom barrel of his over and under for singles and upon shooting the hammer is heard to fall but the gun does not fire. Upon inspection the referee discovers the barrel selector has accidentally been changed to the top barrel. The referee should rule.
 1. Since it was changed accidentally, forget it and let the shooter repeat the shot.
 2. Rule the target lost.
 3. Rule a gun malfunction since it was not the fault of the shooter.
17. Defective ammunition may be allowed.
 1. Each occurrence.
 2. Once per round.
 3. Two (2) per round.
 4. Four (4) per round.
18. A shooter calls for a target and someone on the squad says "NO BIRD". Shooter does not fire and target is legal, referee should rule:
 1. Lost target as he did not call "NO BIRD".
 2. Ask squad members not to make calls.
 3. Repeat the target due to interference.
19. Any shooter whose gun accidentally discharges twice within one round for mechanical reasons must:
 1. Change guns.
 2. Forced to withdraw.
 3. If time permits, have the gun repaired.
20. A shooter may use a gun with a "Release-type" trigger if.
 1. Shoot management is notified.
 2. The field referee is notified.
 3. The other squad members are notified.
21. A shooter fires at a target and misses. Referee immediately notices shooters foot position is in violation, referee should:
 1. Warn shooter of foot position violation.
 2. Rule lost target.
 3. Repeat target if this is shooters first violation.
22. If a gun "doubles" or "fan-fires" while shooting singles or doubles the referee shall rule.
 1. Gun malfunction.
 2. If the first bird was dead, rule nothing established, proof double to determine both birds.
 3. If the first bird was lost, rule proof double, first bird lost.
23. During a regular round or a doubles event, if the brass pulls off a hull, or defective ammunition occurs between shots on doubles, the referee shall rule that if the first target was dead.
 1. First bird dead, proof double to establish second bird.
 2. Nothing established, proof double to establish both birds.
24. If a shell is thrown from a semi automatic or a pump gun between shots on doubles it should be ruled.
 1. If first bird was lost, rule both targets lost.
 2. If first bird was dead, rule nothing established, proof double to determine both birds.
 3. If first bird was lost, rule first bird lost, proof double to establish second target.
 4. Gun malfunction.
25. As a safety precaution, it is now mandatory for which of the following individuals to wear eye and ear protection on the skeet range at a sanctioned NSSA shoot.
 1. Shooters only.
 2. Shooters and referees only.
 3. Referees and trap personnel only.
 4. All person required on the range.
26. Defective ammunition should be declared if.
 1. The shell failed to fire but firing pin indentation is noticeable.
 2. Brass pulls from hull between shots on doubles.
 3. The wrong size shell is loaded into the gun.
27. A shooter fires at a target. Referee calls lost after seeing no piece, other shooters declare that they saw a piece. Referee should:
 1. Rule lost target.
 2. Poll squad members and rule dead if a majority opinion exists.
 3. Repeat the shot to demonstrate fairness.
28. Test shots are allowed:
 1. At shooter's discretion.
 2. Only after permission granted by field referee.
29. How many allowable malfunctions are allowed for any one gun in the same round when two shooters are using the same gun.
 1. Two (2) total.
 2. Two (2) per shooter per round.
 3. Four (4) distributed between the two shooters.