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ISSF – ‘Substances’ on the Floor of the Firing Point

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

The rule is:

6.3.6.3.5 *It is prohibited to put any substance on the floor of the Firing Point. It is prohibited to wipe the firing point without permission.*

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 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!!!).**