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Clay Pigeon Shooting Association

The National Governing Body for Clay Target Shooting in England



CPSA Advice to Referees

Dear Member(s)

The CPSA Board of Directors have recently agreed the following actions in the event of a misfire:

Referees SHOULD NOT take the gun from the shooter

The referee will ask the shooter what has happened.

Response: "I pulled the trigger and it did not fire".

Referee to instruct shooter not to open the gun and to keep it pointing down range. The competitor must not open the gun without instruction by the referee or the target will be declared lost.

Referee checks safety catch to ensure that it has not been applied accidentally:

- if it has, then a lost target is called
- if it hasn't, then the referee is to ask the competitor to open the gun, the referee will place their hand over the breach to prevent the cartridge leaving the gun thus ensuring the ejector has been set by the gun being fired.
- If the cartridge ejects, there has been a misfire/ gun malfunction.
- If it is established there has been a cartridge/gun malfunction, then the referee is to call "no target" and throw the target again to determine the result of the shot.
- If the cartridge does not eject and the gun cannot be proven to have had a malfunction of some other form then the trigger has not been pulled correctly, the gun has not been fired, and a lost target is called.
- If a gun/cartridge malfunction has been established then revert to rule number 2.46.

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