

The IBS Executive Board, effective October 1, 2018, has unanimously adopted a new safety rule. This new addition to the safety section of the rule book (page 16) covers instances where a shooter experiences a malfunction during competition whereby a loaded cartridge remains stuck in the chamber.

#### **IV. Safety, H) Loaded Cartridge Refusing to Extract During Competition - Safety Procedures**

The Range Officer has complete control of the firing line at all times, especially in the instance where a competitor's rifle will not extract a loaded cartridge from the chamber, or other malfunction that results in loaded cartridge that cannot be extracted by the bolt. Should this occur during competition, the shooter must:

1. Remove the bolt from the action. If the bolt cannot be removed the bolt handle must be fully lifted, if possible.
2. Leave the rifle on its rests and untouched until after the 'Cease Fire' command.
3. Immediately inform the Range Officer of the situation and report that he/she has a malfunction resulting in a loaded cartridge remaining in the chamber.
4. Other than getting up to inform the range officer, the shooter shall remain quietly at his/her bench until the 'Cease Fire' is called.
5. After 'Cease Fire', no one shall be allowed in front of the firing line-or behind the rifle-until the situation has been properly resolved, and it is safe to do so.
6. The Range Office may enlist the assistance of the Referees or other qualified persons to assist the shooter to deal with safely removing the loaded cartridge from the chamber.
7. If the loaded cartridge cannot be removed at the range, the rifle may be cased, but ONLY with the consent of the Range Officer (i.e., the rifle needs the attention of a gunsmith).
  8. Violation of these prescribed safety procedures will result in a disqualification from the tournament.