

Compak SA Circular No 19

Dear fellow-shooters,

With our shooting season hitting its stride we would like to take this opportunity to go over and remind everyone of a couple of important rules of Compak.

1. The Referee

We must remember that the decision of the referee with regard to the flight of the bird or whether it was hit or lost is absolute and final. There can be no appeal to the jury.

Should the occasion arise where you believe the referee has made a wrong call you, the shooter, must immediately raise your hand and question the decision. The referee may ask the opinion of the trapper or the other shooters, but he is not obliged to do so, and even then, he may disregard their views and stand by his original decision. To quote the Rules, his decision "...then becomes enforceable without any possibility of recourse."

In addition, should you use abusive language against the decision, whether verbally or through body language, the referee is entitled to report your conduct to the jury who in turn may take disciplinary action whether it is to deduct one bird from your score, the entire twenty-five birds or expel you from the competition, obviously depending on the severity and nature of your behavior.

The bottom line is to accept the final call of the referee and conduct yourself in a manner befitting a gentleman. Remember it is only a sport and everyone is trying their best. Don't spoil it.

2. Finishing your Stand

Please do not move from your stand until the shooter on your right has completed his stand. To do so is against the rules and extremely unfair to the shooter on your right who will be severely and unnecessarily distracted by your movement. Be courteous and stand still until he has finished.

Take care and keep shooting!