



**Pistol News #14**  
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## **Introducing a new event to our ISSF program in 2018**

The SAPF EXCO is constantly reviewing ideas that will help us retain the interest in our beloved shooting sport, and it is quite clear that ISSF events are not as well supported now as they were in the past, for whatever reasons, it is hard to say why, because .22LR ammo is still about the cheapest form of shooting other than air pistol.

That said, the EXCO would like to introduce a new event in 2018, and we ask the clubs, and particularly the provinces, to please add this new event to their formal League calendar and make it a part of your provincial program with immediate effect.

This new event is called Military Rapid Fire Pistol, and it is an official, listed ISSF event that has until now only been part of the CISM, or International ISSF military shooting program.

This newsletter introduces and briefly explains this exciting new event that everyone can enjoy and shoot, and we expect some challenging scores to appear quite quickly.

### **The Military Rapid fire Pistol Event**

#### **Course of fire:**

5 Sighting shots, followed by 60 Scoring shots.

Target is the ISSF Olympic Rapid Fire target, but each shooter only has ONE target, so it is a lot simpler than the traditional ISSF Rapid Fire event.

The Scoring shots are fired in groups of 20 shots.

Each 20 shot series is shot in a different time period.

The first 20 shots are fired in four strings of 5 shots in 10 seconds per string.

The second group of 20 shots are fired in four strings of 8 Seconds each, and the final group of 20 shots are fired in four strings in 6 seconds each.

This creates a final score out of 600 points.

SAPF would like to see this event shot in three categories, Mens, Ladies and Juniors.

Two calibres will be allowed, Centrefire and .22LR pistol. The Centerfire calibre event will be Open to Men, Ladies and Juniors, but the .22LR event will be shot in the three separate categories.

SAPF will announce a grading list for this new event and we will update you shortly with the grading scores, once we have had the opportunity to evaluate what the gradings should be.

All SAPF Members will initially be graded according to their current gradings in the ISSF Standard Pistol event as a starting point, and then we will re-grade members from there as we go forward.

The MRF event, as it will be known, is a quick event, absorbing very little time, and because we can put ten shooters on the line together, even the scoring is very quick.

SAPF are very excited to host this event in 2018, and we look forward to feedback from the clubs and provinces over the next few months, but MRF will be incorporated in the ISSF SA Nationals which takes place later this year in September 2018, so it will pay you to get this event under your belt soon.

We thank the SANDF province for this excellent recommendation, and we hope to see all the provinces include this new event in their provincial programs this year please.

*Imagine setting the new SA Record in this new event, that's a nice challenge for us all, don't you think? Having your name go into the SAPF Record Books is indeed a privilege and an honour to be proud of.*

*See you soon on the range somewhere.*

**Shaun Kennedy, Vice-president, ISSF.**

