

SANTA GAMES 2025

Competition rules

Time December 6-7, 2025

Competition description

Santa Games is an international air rifle and pistol competition for junior sport shooters at ages 8- to 21-year-old.

Competition venue

Kolmen kampuksen urheiluopisto, Kisakallio. Address: Kaarina Karintie 4, Lohja. The competition takes place in the Ball Hall of Kisakallio. The Kisakallio guidemap is at the last page of this document.

Competition rules

Safety

Safety flag is mandatory to place in the gun as long as the chief range officer permits to remove the flag. Use of ear protection is mandatory.

Individual competitions

There are four categories in individual competitions both in air rifle and in air pistol.

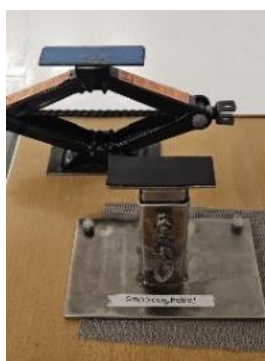
Category	Year of birth	Shots	Shooting time, minutes	
Air rifle, sitting supported	2014-2015 and younger	20	20	8IT rules or can shoot also according to 10IT rules (Finnish rules). Assistant can be close to the shooter.
Air rifle, standing supported	2012-2013 and younger	20	30	Counterweight (max 1500 g) or full accessories are allowed (shooting jacket + trousers + shoes).
Air rifle, standing unsupported	2010-2011 and younger	30	40	
Air rifle, standing unsupported	2004 and younger	60	75	
Air pistol, sitting supported	2014-2015 and younger	20	20	8IT-rules / can shoot also according to 10IT rules (Finnish rules). Assistant can be close to the shooter.

Air pistol, standing supported	2012-2013 and younger	20	30	Counterweight (max 600 g) is allowed.
Air pistol, standing unsupported	2010-2011 and younger	30	40	
Air pistol, standing unsupported	2004 and younger	60	75	

Sitting supported – Air rifle

In the category of sitting supported air rifle, 20 shots are fired using fixed support. Both elbows are allowed to lie on the table and chest can touch the table.

Assistance is allowed during the whole shooting time, and the assistant can be near to the athlete to help in loading and lifting the gun. All assistance must be done in the area reserved for the athlete and any disturbance is not allowed to be caused to other competitors.



Competition organizers have sitting supports at the competition venue. However, it is recommended to bring own sitting support.



Support from the back of the chair is not allowed.



The hand holding the gun must be placed between the trigger guard and the support. Hand must not touch the support. The elbow of the supporting hand must be visibly loose from the table surface. The supporting hand can touch the trigger guard. The butt of the gun must not touch the table during the shooting. Chest must not touch the table. Hand grip to the gun can also be from the underside of the butt, but even then, no other part than the elbow of the supporting hand is allowed to touch the table.

Shooting time for 20 shots is 20 minutes in the air rifle sitting supported discipline. Sighting and preparation time is 15 minutes.

Sitting supported – Air pistol



In the category of sitting supported air pistol, 20 shots are fired using fixed support. Grip with two hands is allowed. Only the elbows and chest can touch the table. In the two-hand grip both hands are around the pistol grip. The pistol is supported from the frontside of the trigger guard. The pistol is allowed to be supported solely at the upper surface of the support. (See picture above).

Assistance is allowed during the whole shooting time, and the assistant can be near to the athlete to help in loading and lifting the gun. All assistance must be done in the area reserved for the athlete and any disturbance is not allowed to be caused to other competitors.

Competition organizers have the sitting supports at the competition venue. However, it is recommended to bring own sitting support.

The shooting time for 20 shots is 20 minutes in the air pistol sitting supported category. Sighting and preparation time is 15 minutes.

Standing categories – Air rifle and pistol

Standing position competitions of both air rifle and pistol are fired as follows:

- Born in 2012-2013, 20 shots, shooting time 30 minutes
- Born in 2010-2011, 30 shots, shooting time 40 minutes
- Born in 2004 or later, 60 shots, shooting time 75 minutes

In a standing unsupported shooting competition, athletes are allowed to wear shooting accessories (shooting jackets, trousers, and shoes).

In the category of standing supported (20 shots) the use of counterweight is allowed. In case counterweight is used, the athlete is not allowed to wear shooting trousers and shoes, but the rifle shooter is allowed to wear shooting jacket. The organizers encourage to compete without counterweight if possible, but of course considering strengths of the athlete.

Assistant can stay in the athlete's area during the time of sighting and preparation time. During the competition shots the assistant can ask for permission from the range officer for assisting the athlete. All assistance must be done in the area reserved for the athlete and it may not cause any disturbance to other competitors.

Sighting and preparation time in standing competitions is 15 minutes.

Unisex team competition

There are three categories both in air rifle and pistol in the Unisex team competition:

- 1) Sitting supported: Born in 2014-2015 and younger
- 2) Standing supported: Born in 2011-2013 (in addition the younger shooters can participate if they are not participating in the team competition in the category of sitting supported)
- 3) Standing unsupported: Born in 2010-2004 (in addition the younger athletes can participate if they are not participating in other team competitions).

The athlete can participate in one category in pistol and one in rifle.

Team competition is unisex, meaning that a pair can be formed regardless of gender (girl-girl, boy-boy, boy-girl). If there is no pair from your own club, you can form a pair with an athlete from another club. Also, an individual athlete can be registered for the pair competition, and in that case the competition organizers will draw a pair for the athlete.

If the names of the team members for the pair competition are known, the team and the names of the members must be reported to the Entry form by November 16, 2025. If the names are not known by then, the names of the team members must be reported at the competition venue when registering for the competition.

The course of the Unisex team competition

In qualification stage of the team competition each member of the team fires 20 competition shots, altogether 40 shots per team. In the sitting supported competition shooting time is 20 minutes and in the standing supported competition the shooting time is 30 minutes. Sighting and preparation time in both team competitions is 10 minutes. The shooters fire separately, regardless of the pair.

In the category of athletes born in 2010-2004 60 shots are fired.

The scores of the team members are counted together as a total score of the team. The four teams with the highest scores proceed to the finals. The third and fourth qualified teams compete in the bronze medal match. The first and second qualified teams compete in the gold medal match.

The gold and bronze medal matches are fired with single shots up to 16 points. The time for a single shot is 50 seconds. The sighting and preparation time is 10 minutes. The Santa Games individual competition rules, as stated above in these competition instructions, apply to the team competition regarding accessories, shooting position and assistance.

The chief range officer gives commands in Finnish, and in English or Swedish if necessary.

Competition office

Competition office is located in the Ball Hall of Kisakallio. On-site registration will be done in the competition office. Opening hours of the office are:

Saturday 6 December at 8:00 – 17:30

Sunday 7 December at 8:30 – 15:00.

Safety

Safety is a priority! Safety flag needs to be used in the gun.

An athlete or athlete's assistant or coach is responsible for ensuring that the compressed air or CO2 *cylinder* of the gun are within the manufacturer's stated service life, maximum of 10 years. *Proof testing* of gun cylinders is not permitted if the tank cylinder has exceeded its service life.

Shooting tracks and ranges

Tracks are located in the Ball Hall of Kisakallio main building.

Organizers' shooting tables are used in the competition. Dimensions of the tables are the following: width 100 cm, depth 60 cm, height 73 cm. Display will be placed on each athlete's table. The height of the chairs is 45 cm. It is allowed to use shooters own chair as well.

All competitions are shot to the electronic targets (SIUS).

Results

There are screens at the competition venue from which the competition can be followed on-site.

Competition can be followed also remotely through live results monitoring. The link to on-line monitoring will be published at the competition web site <https://santagames.fi> a day before the competition start.

Award ceremony

Timing of award ceremonies will be published in the start lists.

Equipment storage

Guns, equipment and accessories can be stored at your own risk in designated areas near the Ball Hall. The hall and the storage are locked at night.

Filling the tanks

Air cylinder refilling is possible at the competition venue. Please bring your own refill adapters.

The competition organizers reserve the right to supplement the rules and make any corrections.

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