

### **III-E. DOUBLES OR PROOF DOUBLES**

1. If the first target emerges broken, the doubles shall, in all cases, be declared no bird and a proof double shall be thrown to determine the result of both shots.
2. If a double is thrown but the targets collide, it shall be declared no bird, and the result of a proof double shall determine the score of both shots.
3. If the first target of a double is thrown irregular as to deviate from the prescribed line of flight and is not shot at, a proof double shall determine the score for both shots, whether the second target is fired upon or not. The referee shall be the sole judge of irregularity.
4. If the first target of a double is thrown irregular as to deviate from the prescribed line of flight, and is shot at, the result shall be scored for the first shot in accordance with III-C-5 and if the shooter is deprived of a normal second shot for any of the reasons in III-E-5 the second target only shall be declared no bird and a proof double shall be fired to determine the result of the second shot.
5. If the shooter is deprived of a normal second shot for any of the following reasons, the result of the first shot shall be scored even if an apparent gun malfunction may have occurred on the second shot, and the second target only shall be declared no bird and a proof double shall be fired to determine the result of the second shot.
  - a. The second target is thrown broken.
  - b. The second target is thrown irregular as to deviation from the prescribed line of flight and **is not shot at**.
  - c. The second target is not thrown at all.
  - d. The second target is not thrown simultaneously.
  - e. Both targets are broken with the first shot.
  - f. The wrong target is broken with the first shot. (For proof double ruling see paragraph 8 below.)
  - g. The second target collides with fragments of the first target properly broken, before the result of the second target is determined.
  - h. The result of the first shot is determined, and interference occurs before the second shot is fired.
6. There shall be no penalty for withholding the first shot when either target of a double is irregular. A proof double shall determine the score of both shots thereafter.
7. If a double is thrown and an allowable gun malfunction or defective ammunition occurs on the first shot, it shall be declared no bird, and the result of a proof double shall determine the score of both shots. If such malfunction is excessive, (not allowable), the proof double shall be thrown to determine the result of the second shot only.
8. In shooting a proof double after the first target (of a double) is lost, if the shooter fires at, or breaks the wrong target first, said proof double shall be scored as both targets lost. If, in such a proof double after the first target (of a double) is dead, the shooter fires at, or breaks, the wrong target first, it shall be scored as first target dead and second target lost.