



IMCOM Europe Region

US Forces Sport Shooting Program Training

Schützenmeister Training & Certification

Part 1

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Instructional Topics

Basic Knowledge Certification

- Purpose/Background/History
- Firearm and ammunition history
- Firearm functionality
- Firearm and ammunition technology
- Safety
- German weapons law
- Legal/Penal Code Federal/Local
- Handling of firearms and ammunition
- Firearm ownership/registration
- Practice & safe handling review
- Sport Shooting Disciplines
- Application process
- Exam: Written/Verbal/Practical

Schützenmeister Certification

- JMTC (local specific) SOP Orientation
- JMTC Ammo Energy Limitations
- Exam: JMTC SOP
- Local Recreational Range SOP
- Purpose/Background/History
- German weapons law review
- Safety
- U.S. Forces Sport Shooting Handbook
 - Administrative Rules
 - Sport Shooting Disciplines
 - Administrative Procedures
- Application process review
- Exam: Written/Discussion



IMCOM Europe Region U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting Program



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Purpose / Background / History



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- **Why are we here?**
 - Learn about the US Forces sport shooting program – from an organizational role
 - Refresh learning on importance of weapons safety
 - Understand permit application process & requirements
 - Take and pass an exam
 - Become certified as a US Forces Sport Shooting Recreational Range Master
- **What can we do after completion?**
 - Offer Soldiers and eligible participants a means to enjoy their sport
 - Conduct or assist with installation-level sport shooting program
 - Assist Soldiers and eligible participants with application process
 - Conduct training & competitions
 - Cooperate and interact with German shooting clubs
 - Be 1st approval level for US Forces POF ownership (1 per garrison and/or Air Base)
 - “Club-level” authority to sign applicants’ certificate of need (AE Form 190-6L)
 - “Club-level” authority/responsibility to conduct practical weapons test



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- **Basic German Law Principles**

- No Gun Ownership unless a valid need can be demonstrated
- Valid Needs are:
 - **Hunting**
 - Sport Shooting
 - **Collecting**
 - **Subject Matter Experts**

- **Structure/Organization of Sport Shooting**

- Government approves shooting rules for shooting associations
- Shooting clubs & members must belong to an approved shooting association
- All guns purchased by club members must fit within rules for their association
- Currently 9 approved sport shooting associations in Germany (plus US Forces)



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German Weapons Law / *Waffengesetz (WaffG)*

- **NO RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS IN GERMAN CONSTITUTION**

NATO-SOFA Supplementary Agreement / NATO *Truppenstatut*

- Covers the stationing of armed forces in foreign countries
- Does not cover things like sport shooting, hunting, or fishing



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German Weapons Law Basic Requirements



Schützenmeister Training German Weapons Law – Basic Requirements

- **Personal qualification:**
 - ID card holder
 - Minimum age 18 (25) years
 - Background check
 - Liability insurance
 - Firearm knowledge test
 - Active (18 times per year, ongoing) participation in US Forces Sport Shooting Program, with 12 months of experience
 - Exception: credible proof of shooting sport participation in CONUS



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Schützenmeister Training German Weapons Law – Basic Requirements



After taking part in the sport shooting program at least 18 times over 12 months, and passing the knowledge test, sport shooters may apply for the following firearms:

- Up to 4 handguns matching U.S. Forces disciplines
- Pistol calibers .22 to .45
- Revolver calibers .22 to .45
- Up to 3 semi automatic rifles or shotguns matching disciplines
- Auto loading shotguns from .410 to 12 GA
- Semi auto rifles from .22 to .45
- All single shot or repeating rifles/shotguns needed for disciplines
- Exceptions considered for more than one firearm in a specific discipline



Schützenmeister Training German Weapons Law – Basic Requirements

Firearms for Sport Shooters

- **Storage of firearms at home in legal gun safe**
- **Legal use (firing) only at certified firing ranges**
 - **Loaded only while shooting at range**
 - **Transport and storage on range only unloaded with bolt/slide open**
 - **Transport from home to range unloaded and out of reach**
 - **Outside of Germany the European Weapons Pass or foreign permit needed**
 - **Purchase of ammo only at range for immediate use or with permit in WBK**



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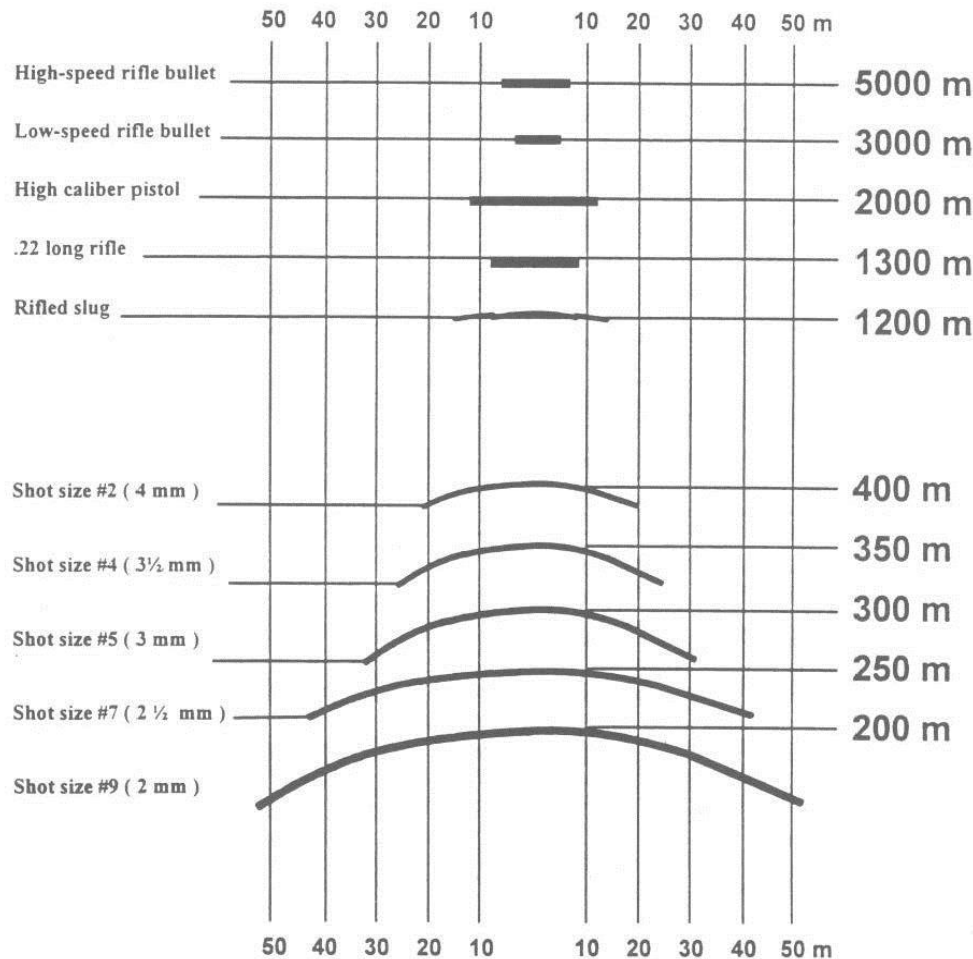
- **Weapons Safety**
 - **Hearing protection at range is mandatory**
 - **Eye protection with side guards is mandatory (not just for the shooter – for everybody)**
 - **The only loaded gun is at the firing line**
 - **Only approved ammo is to be used (no mix-up of 8x57 and 8x57IRS, etc.)**
 - **The only targets are approved targets**
 - **Shooter will listen to commands**
 - **The range officer will verify the gun is empty, bolt is back, safety is on prior to shooter leaving the firing line**
 - **Barrel ALWAYS points down-range (to target)**
 - **No loaded gun will be put down**
 - **When “parking” or carrying a gun it will be open, magazine/cartridges removed**
 - **Only weapons with appropriate markings will be permitted for competitions**
 - **Misfire: wait 5 seconds unload weapon (barrel pointed down-range)**
 - **Malfunction: resolve, reload, etc. (barrel pointed down-range)**
 - **Range officers will take JMTC training if using JMTC range**
 - **Alcohol, impairing medication, drugs are off limits prior to and while shooting**
 - **Permanent attention to detail is required**
 - **Violations will not be tolerated**
 - **Cooperation is expected**



Basic Sport Shooting Knowledge Training Safety

Danger Zone: Max Distance

<u>Caliber</u>	<u>Barrel Elevation</u>	<u>Distance</u>
.308W	25-30°	5,000 meters
.22 WM	"	1,800 meters
.22lr high speed	"	1,500 meters
.357 M	"	1,500 meters
.22lr	"	1,300 meters
.32 Auto	"	800 meters
Shotgun	"	100 meters





Basic Sport Shooting Knowledge Training Safety

Placeholder for shotgun video (2 MB)



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U.S. Forces Sport Shooting Handbook Admin Rules - Summary



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U.S. Forces Sport Shooting Handbook – Admin Rules Summary

- **US Forces members use privately owned firearms (POF) in a safe, regulated, continuous, and organized fashion.**
- **Regular participation to meet German criteria of “Need”**
- **Rules apply to organizers, personnel, and participants**
- **Primarily for Active-Duty, Civilians, family members**
- **Co-use agreements possible for permanent participation of local clubs**
- **Guests are permitted – sponsor must remain present**
- **Friendship shoots are permitted (members of German shooting clubs come to participate in a competition)**



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- All participants of sport shooting must obtain liability insurance (daily or long-term) that includes shooting sport
- Prior to participation shooter must provide proof of insurance
- Employees are covered by RIMP
- Copy of proof of insurance is to be kept at facility
- Copy of proof of insurance is to be included in each weapon's permit application package
- Facilities with range access (JMTC or own) may use the ranges for competition
- Facilities without range access may enter into agreements with local shooting clubs
- Local shooting clubs may also accept US Forces to become members (their German-language sport shooting handbook will apply)



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U.S. Forces Sport Shooting Handbook – Admin Rules Summary

- Garrison Commanders will ensure the program is conducted in accordance with the Sport Shooting handbook
- ODR/R&G are charged with executing the program
- The program manager(s) for Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting is/are the US Schützenmeister and is/are responsible for execution of the program in accordance with German Weapon Law and US Regulations
- Education of the local “*Schützenmeister*” will be conducted by the Program Manager(s) of the US Forces.
- Basis for education is the US Forces Sport Shooting Handbook, US Forces Regulations, German Weapon Law, Law for Control of Weapons of War, and the regulations for *Notwehr* (self-defense) and *Notstand* (emergency)
- The course is 1 day for individuals who already have certification as a hunter or sport shooter.
- The course includes a written and verbal exam



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U.S. Forces Sport Shooting Handbook – Admin Rules Summary

- At local level (local *Schützenmeister*)
 - Schedules weekly shooting opportunities (training)
 - Provides instruction
 - Organizes monthly shooting events for auth. Patrons
 - Keeps participation records of auth. users for min. 3 years
 - Supports members by issuing “Certificate of Need” and ensures member has:
 - Liability Insurance
 - Shooting log
 - Passed practical knowledge test
 - USAREUR Weapons Registration Form (190-6D)
 - Completed 190-6D, Part A (background check)
 - Application for WBK (190-6D, Part B)
 - Proof of ownership (bill of sale, etc.)
 - CDR Statement of Reliability
 - Certificate of Examination (190-6K)
 - Certificate of Need (190-6L) **BVA requires original document submission**
 - Participated at least 18 times within 12 months
 - Intends to buy weapons that can be used at the range and that are in line with sport shooting handbook
 - Not purchased more than 2 weapons within 6 months
 - Reached their 21st birthday (or 18 years for 5.6mm (22lr), less than 200J, single loader max. cal.12)



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U.S. Forces Sport Shooting Handbook – Admin Rules Summary

- Local Schützenmeister approves certificate of need & application package
- Complete packages will include:
 - Application for registration of a firearm (AE Form 190-6D, Jul 06)
 - Completed current FBI background check application (AE Form 190-6D, Part A, Aug 09)
 - Application for issuance of a WBK (AE Form 190-6D, Part B, Oct 11)
 - Weapons bill of sale (AE Form 190-6G, Jul 06) or commercial equivalent
 - Commander's Statement of Reliability (AE Form 190-6H(a) or AE Form 190-6H(b) for family members)
 - Copy of Certificate of Examination (AE Form 190-6K, Oct 11), if first application
 - Original "Certificate of Need" (AE Form 190-6L, Oct 11)
 - Proof of insurance
 - Applicable WBK (original)
 - Personal Shooting Log
- IMCOM-E, Family and MWR checks the application package and counter-signs original document "Certificate of Need" (AE Form 190-6L)
- IMCOM-E relays valid application packages to USAREUR Registry for processing and forwarding to *BVA*



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• Members

- Local *Schützenmeister* informs IMCOM-E Family and MWR within 5 working days when membership expires
- Members must keep a personal shooting log
 - First Name, last name, DOB, club location, membership number on first page
 - Location, date, caliber, weapon type, stamp, *Schützenmeister* signature
- Every 3 years BVA may request reliability/fitness check (exception weapons transaction no more than 12 months old)
- After the first 3 years BVA may request verification of need (190-6, Page 3)

• End of Membership

- Non-compliance with rules will result in exclusion from the program
- If moving to another country, insurance expires, or other event the local *Schützenmeister* must inform IMCOM-E Family and MWR within 5 working days
- Shooter is required to de-register all weapons with RMV according to regulations. De-registration can only be done if future whereabouts of weapons can be demonstrated
- Shooter is required to turn-in WBK to RMV prior to leaving Germany (advise shooter to get certified copy made)

• User Fees

- Local management may charge annual membership dues to cover operating expenses
- Customers are entitled to regular shooting practice, instruction, competition shoots, and they will be eligible to participate in Hunting & Fishing Courses



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Rules Summary

- If only using loaner guns
 - no permits are required, ammo can be purchased only for same-day on-site use
 - daily insurance permitted
- If sport shooter intends to purchase their own firearms they must either become a hunter or a sport shooter
 - Become U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, Sport Shooting Program member
 - Be at least 18 years of age
 - Obtain mandatory personal liability insurance
 - Shoot at least 18 times/year (keep log book) one or more disciplines listed in the Sport Shooting Handbook
 - With 12 months of sport shooting experience, a sport shooter may apply for weapon(s) ownership permit via USAREUR Registry and purchase weapon(s) after receiving WBK with authorization for make, model, caliber, and serial number firearm with authorization for buying ammo for that model and caliber
 - Note: Credible proof of recreational shooting experience from CONUS is applicable



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- Every shooter must abide by the rules of the US Forces Sport Shooting Handbook (exceptions)
- The Sport Shooting Handbook is based on the German Weapon Law of 01 Apr 2003 and the General Weapon Ordinance of 01 Dec 2003, and successive amendments since then
- Shooters must meet reliability and personal fitness
- No prohibited shooting will take place
 - Shooting from cover
 - Getting over obstacles after 1st shoot is fired
 - Shooting while walking
 - Cross-draw of more than 1 gun
 - Shooting without exact aiming
 - Quick reaction shooting, surprise targets, moving targets (except trap/skeet/boar)
 - Exercises without prior knowledge of the routine by the shooter
- All weapons that are excluded from sport shooting by Para 6, Sec 1 of the General Weapon Ordinance are prohibited
- Minimum barrel length for hand guns is 3” (7.62cm)



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- **Number of firearms**
 - For each firearm to be purchased, the need must be justified
 - With need justified and approved, a maximum of 4 hand guns and 3 semi-auto long guns may be purchased, registered, and legally stored
- **Individuals who wish to seek further registrations should note that requests for exception to these policies are reviewed by:**
 - Local garrison or air base sport shooting authority
 - U.S. Forces HFSS Executive Agent
 - USAREUR Registry
 - *Bundesverwaltungsamt* (Final Decision Authority)



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- **Location Specific Special Rules**
 - Due to local constraints or variations some rules may be modified (e.g. target distances, aiming positions)
 - Modifications to rules must be included in competition announcements
- **Acceptance of Rules**
 - By participating the shooter accepts the Sport Shooting and competition rules
- **Interpretation of Rules**
 - In case the rules are not sufficiently specific, rules will be interpreted in the spirit of fair sportsmanship, and if in doubt to the benefit of the shooter. Decisions are made by the lead range officer.
- **Each sport shooter is required to know the rules of the handbook and the competition**



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- **Safety**

- Each shooter is required to adhere to all safety rules and all other rules when handling weapons and ammunition
- Alcohol consumption prior or during shooting is prohibited – shooter will not be allowed to approach the firing line.
- Strict enforcement and adherence of all safety rules is mandatory
- For safety of personnel permanent attention, self-discipline, support, and cooperation is necessary
- The firing line may only be approached by the shooter and the range officers, the area behind the shooter may only be occupied by range personnel and other shooters of the discipline
- Talking should be restricted to the discipline
- Persons causing safety concerns or disturbances through their behavior or talking may be asked to leave



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- All legal and local safety rules are to be observed
- Ultimate responsibility for safety is with the local Schützenmeister, who may delegate oversight to sub-ordinate range officers or qualified observer personnel
- No sighting dry-runs are permitted in the range area (other than in the prep-area for dynamic shooting)
- At the firing line dry-run aiming is allowed with permission by the range officer
- Type of aiming may not be changed within one shooting sequence
- When loading/unloading barrels must point towards targets. For hand guns barrels must be pointed with extended arm at angle to point approx. 1 m (3ft) in front of shooter
- Except for the weapon at the firing line, no other weapons will be loaded at the range
- Upon an interruption the shooter is required to unload their weapon



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- **A loaded weapon may never be unattended**
- **Unloaded weapons may be unattended only if**
 - Revolvers – drum is swiveled out
 - Pistols - slide is back, magazine is removed
 - Long Guns – bolt is open, magazine is removed
- **Exceptions will be determined by range masters (e.g. holstering between multiple targets)**
- **In case of a malfunction weapon is to be unloaded while pointing to bullet catch (target)**
- **Dropping of a loaded or unloaded weapon will immediately disqualify shooter**



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- **A shooter may only leave the firing line if**
 - Firearm is cleared
 - Slide or bolt is open
 - The range officer has inspected the firearm
- **For competitions and shooting training**
 - Hearing Protection is mandatory
 - Eye protection suitable for shooting with side covers is mandatory
- **Range officers will not permit sport shooters to be on the ranges without hearing and eye protection**
- **Range officers will not permit spectators to be on the ranges without hearing protection**



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- **Under 18 children of club members or US Forces members may participate in the shooting sport under the following conditions:**
 - **14 yrs and older may shoot .22 caliber (5.6mm) if a guardian has provided written permission or is present**
 - **Minors from 12 to 14 yrs may only shoot with air rifles/pistols or CO2 rifles/pistols if a guardian has provided written permission or is present**
- **Instruction of minors requires especially experienced range personnel, that is trained to work with minors. If no range personnel has this qualification a qualified individual from another youth program must be asked to be present**
- **Participation of minors in regular shooting competitions is not permitted.**



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- The practical technical knowledge required in accordance with Para 7 (*WaffG*) is obtained by sport shooters at the club facilities.
- Training is provided by a panel of a minimum of three certified *Schützenmeister* recreational range masters.
- Furthermore, the sport shooter is required to self-study technical knowledge, regulations, sporting rules, and safety.

(Download handbook for self-study)

- The technical knowledge test takes place at the end of training, within the training facility



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U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting Program



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U.S. Forces Sport Shooting Handbook – Admin Rules

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