

## **CMP Policy on Postal Target Challenges of VIS Scoring:**

**Challenged shots and targets will be checked by CMP staff** (pull the original targets and compare scored shot values with shot holes on the target).

**Any shot that was clearly scored in error will be corrected** (i. e. a shot hole was missed or a shot hole was clearly given the incorrect value).

**Any doubtful or close shot where the VIS system correctly located the shot hole will not be re-scored.**

**Reason:** An established principle of scoring is that gauged shots may not be rescored (Rule 9.1.2). The VIS system gauges all shots by measuring the distance of the center of the shot hole from the center of the target. This assures that all shot holes on all targets are scored using the same standard of evaluation. The VIS system has been thoroughly tested and has consistently scored shots within a tolerance of 1/10<sup>th</sup> to 2/10<sup>th</sup> of a millimeter. CMP staff has also rechecked many close shots to confirm the accuracy of VIS scoring decisions. VIS scoring accuracy equals or exceeds the accuracy of scoring by a skilled scorer and clearly exceeds the accuracy of scoring by a less-skilled scorer.

**Note:** This policy of not reversing original scoring decisions is similar to the football replay policy where a decision on the field is not reversed unless there is “incontrovertible evidence” that it was wrong.

***Reasons why shot holes may appear to be “in,” but score “out”:***

***Shot hole is torn.*** The rules (Rule 8.2.5) require that torn shot holes be scored according to where the pellet struck and not where the tear is. VIS can score torn shot holes more accurately than they can be scored by hand because it measures distance from the center and does not have to reconstruct a torn scoring ring.

***Enlarged shot hole.*** Most air rifle shot holes are slightly larger than the 4.5mm pellet diameter. Many air rifle shots appear to touch the ten dot or break one of the scoring rings, but when an outside scoring gauge is inserted, the shots gauge out (see Rule 8.2.2., all shot values from ten through three must be scored using a 5.5mm outside gauge). VIS determines where the center of the shot hole is and calculates its distance from the center of the target so that it can more accurately score enlarged shot holes.