



### **AIM Birthday Verification Procedure**

It has apparently become necessary to set a procedure for the verification of birthdates and category placement for shooters in the AIM Program. The AIM Team would like to express that any shooter intentionally deceiving the ATA to participate in a category that is not appropriate for his/her age is in violation of the spirit of the Program and disciplinary action will result.

If a shooter is suspected of competing in an inappropriate category; **an AIM Coach** should report the shooter to the appropriate AIM State Director. It will then be the responsibility of the AIM Director to acquire from the shooter a birth certificate or some other valid form of identification for validating the shooter's age.

It should also be remembered that age-based categories are established on the birthday of the shooter. For purposes of determining age category; the category declared by the participant on the first day he/she shoots shall be used.

Shooters who become eligible for new age based categories during the target year may elect to compete in the previous category for the remainder of that target year. For example, a shooter reaching age 15 may elect to continue to shoot as a Sub-Junior for the remainder of the target year. However, once a shooter has elected to move to the new category that decision is irrevocable and he/she may not again declare eligibility for the previous category.

If it becomes necessary for the AIM Team to become involved, please contact Tara Short at [tshort@shootata.com](mailto:tshort@shootata.com) or 937-898-4638 ext 539.