

Proposed 2015 GENERAL RULE AMENDMENTS

Globally change all instances of metres to meters.

Globally change all instances of “down range” to “downrange”

Globally change "highest scoring zone" to "A zone".

Globally make the word <however,> capitalized, with a comma, and the beginning of a new sentence

3.1 The competitor is always responsible to safely ~~fulfil~~ fulfill the requirements <snip>

6.6.2 Remove inverted commas from the word pre-match (also in Rule 10.3.5)

8.6.2.1 Renumber as 8.6.3 (with existing 8.6.3 renumbered as 8.6.4)

10.2.11 A competitor who fires shots over a barrier constructed to a height of **at** least 1.8 meters will incur 1 procedural penalty for each shot fired (also see Rule 2.2.3.1).

Other Improvements:

1.1.5.2 Short Courses and Classifiers may include mandatory reloads and may dictate a shooting position, location and/or stance. When a mandatory reload is required, it must be completed after the competitor shoots at his first target, and before he shoots at his final target. Violations are subject to one procedural penalty.

1.2.1.4 The ~~recommended~~ approved balance for an IPSC sanctioned match is a ratio of 3 Short Courses to 2 Medium Courses to 1 Long Course (see Stage Ratio Chart in Appendix A4). Significant variance from this ratio will not be approved by IPSC.

1.3.2 Target arrays and presentations or props included in courses of fire submitted to IPSC, but deemed by IPSC to be illogical or impractical, will not be approved (see latest version of the separate Target Array Book).

1.3.3.5 If the provisions of Rule 6.5.1.1 have not been observed, (add "or," to the end of the previous rule)

3.2.1 A written stage briefing consistent with these rules and approved by the Range Master must be posted at each course of fire prior to commencement of the match. <snip>

4.1.3 No-shoots must be clearly marked with a conspicuous “X” or be of a single, unique color different from scoring targets throughout a match or tournament. Paper and metal no-shoots may be of different colors in a match or tournament provided that the chosen color is consistent for all no-shoots of the same material (i.e. if no-shoots are yellow, they must all be yellow in a match or tournament). (*no change, just text moved*)

4.1.4.2 [H][R] Cover provided merely to **obscure** targets is considered soft cover. Shots which have passed through soft cover and which strike a scoring target will score. Shots that have passed through soft cover before hitting a no-shoot will be penalized. All scoring zones on targets ~~hidden~~ obscured by soft cover must be left wholly intact. Targets **obscured** by soft cover must either be visible through the soft cover or at least a portion of the affected target(s) must be visible from around the soft cover. (*Consistency of wording*)

4.1.5 Declaring a single, intact target to represent two or more targets by use of tape, paint or any other means and/or attaching a mini-target to a full size target is prohibited.

4.1.6 Only IPSC targets, and mechanically or electrically operated devices, can be used to activate moving targets.

4.2.2 [H][R] Paper targets must have scoring lines and 0.5 cm (mini targets 0.3 cm) non-scoring borders clearly marked on the front of the target, however, scoring lines and non-scoring borders should not be visible beyond a distance of 10 meters. The scoring zones reward power in IPSC matches.

4.2.3.2 By physically cutting targets from edge to edge to remove the portion deemed to be hidden by hard cover. Such targets must be fitted with a replacement 0.5 cm non-scoring border, which must extend the full width of the edge of the cut scoring area (see Rule 4.2.2); or

4.2.3.4 When paper targets are ~~actually~~ partially hidden, physically cut, painted and/or taped, at least a portion of all scoring zones must remain visible.

(Prevents just the C/D Zone being used, and therefore preserves the reward of power)

- 4.3.2.2 IPSC Mini Poppers are used to simulate IPSC Poppers placed at greater distances. The two sizes may be included together in the same course of fire provided that all Mini Poppers are placed at least 2 metres further rearwards of the most distant full size scoring or no-shoot Popper in that course of fire (i.e. if the most distant full size scoring or no-shoot Popper is 15m downrange, the nearest Mini Popper must be at least 17m downrange).
- 4.3.3.2 [H][R] Metal plates do not recognize power and are not subject to calibration or calibration challenges. If a metal plate has been adequately and directly hit (i.e. with a full ~~diameter~~ bullet diameter) but it fails to fall or overturn, a Range Officer may declare range equipment failure and order the competitor to reshoot the course of fire, after the faulty plate has been rectified.
- 4.6.2.2 If a Range Master deems that one or more targets in a course of fire are faulty and/or have been presented in a manner significantly different to earlier presentations, he may offer a reshoot to the affected competitor(s).

Rules 5.6.2.6 to be moved and renumbered as 5.6.3.4 because it deals with the competitor's ammunition, not the chrono testing set-up. (*Subsequent rules to be renumbered*)

5.6.3.3 [H][R] From the 8 sample rounds drawn by Match Officials, 1 bullet is removed and weighed to determine the actual bullet weight, and 3 bullets are fired over the chronograph. If a competitor has rounds of different bullet weights in his possession, 8 sample rounds of each may be drawn for testing. The lowest power factor achieved during testing will be applied to all his scores in the match. All digits visible on the scales and chronograph displays must be used at face value (i.e. without rounding or truncation), for the calculation in the next rule. In the absence of a bullet puller and scales, the competitor's declared bullet weight will be used.

5.7.3 In the event that a firearm malfunction cannot be corrected by the competitor within 2 minutes, or if the competitor self-stops for any other reason, he must point the firearm safely downrange and advise the Range Officer, who will terminate the course of fire in the normal manner. The course of fire will be scored as shot including all applicable misses and penalties.

5.8.1.4 Official match ammunition must be approved by the Regional Director of the Region in which the match is being held (and by the IPSC President in respect of Level IV or higher matches).

6.4.2.1 The individual Division and/or Category assigned to a competitor determines his eligibility in respect of teams (e.g. a competitor individually in ~~Production~~ Standard Division cannot participate in an Open Division team). A female individually registered as "Lady" cannot participate in a team based on age, or vice versa. A competitor individually registered in a Category may be a member of an "overall" team in the same Division.

6.4.3 Teams ~~must~~ consist of a maximum of 4 members, however, only the final scores of the 3 highest scoring team members will be used to calculate team results.

6.5.1 All competitors and Match Officials must be individual members of the IPSC Region in which they normally reside. Residency is defined as the Region where the individual is ordinarily domiciled for a minimum of 183 days of the twelve months immediately preceding the month in which the match begins. Ordinarily domiciled condition is a physical presence test and does not relate to citizenship or to any address of convenience. The 183 days need not be consecutive or the most recent 183 days of the twelve month period. (*Next sentence moved to sub-rule for easier reading*)

6.5.1.1 In any case, match organizers must not accept any competitor or Match Official from a ~~foreign~~ another Region unless the Regional Director of that Region has confirmed the competitor's or Match Official's eligibility to participate in the subject match. (*Renumber existing 6.5.1.1 as 6.5.1.2*)

6.6.2 Only Match Officials (approved by the Range Master), match sponsors, IPSC Patrons and dignitaries (approved by the Match Director), who are members in good standing of their Region of residence, and IPSC Officers (as defined in Section 6.1 of the IPSC Constitution) may compete ~~for score~~ in a "pre-match", ~~subject to the prior approval of the Match Director~~. Scores attained in the "pre-match" ~~may, at the discretion of the Match Director, will~~ be included in the overall match results provided dates of the "pre-match" are published in advance in the official match schedule. Competitors in the main match must not be restricted from viewing the pre-match.

Renumber existing Rule 6.6.2.1 as Rule 6.4.1.3

7.3.3 A person acting as a Match Official is prohibited from having a holstered firearm while directly accompanying and timing a competitor during his attempt at a COF. Violations are subject to Rule 7.2.2.

8.7.1 Competitors are prohibited from taking a sight picture and/or dry firing prior to the start signal. Violation will result in a warning for the first occurrence and one procedural penalty for each subsequent occurrence in the same match. Competitors may, while pointing their firearm directly at the ground in front of them, adjust electronic sights.

9.1.4.2 A competitor who hesitates or self-stops during his attempt at a course of fire, due to a belief that one or more ~~paper~~ targets have not been restored or reset, is not entitled to a reshoot.

9.4 Target Scoring and Penalty Values

9.4 Target Scoring Policy

~~9.10.3~~ 8.3.4.2 A competitor who reacts to a start signal but, for any reason, does not continue their attempt at the course of fire and fails to have an official time recorded on the timing device operated by the Range Officer, will be given a zero time and zero score for that stage.

9.9.2 Moving targets, which do not comply with the above criteria, are disappearing and will not incur failure to engage or miss penalties unless a competitor fails to activate the mechanism which initiates the target movement before or when firing ~~the~~ his last shot for that course of fire.

9.9.5 If a COF requires that a competitor be confined to an apparatus which travels from one location to another location during his attempt at a COF, any target which can only be engaged from the apparatus for part of its travel, and which cannot subsequently be reengaged, is deemed to be disappearing.

9.11.1 The official scoring program for all Level IV or higher matches is the latest version of the Windows® Match Scoring System (WinMSS), unless another scoring program is approved by the IPSC President. For other level matches, no other scoring program can be used without the approval of the Regional Director of the host Region. (Total rewrite to finally retire DOS-MSS, but allows option for E-Scoring)

Chapter 10: Penalties & Disqualifications

10.2.1 A competitor who fires shots while any part of their body is touching the ground or any object beyond a Fault Line will receive 1 procedural penalty for each occurrence. No penalty is assessed if a competitor does not fire any shots while faulting except when Rule 2.2.1.5 applies.

10.2.1.1 However, if the competitor has gained a significant advantage on any target(s) while faulting, ~~the competitor he~~ may instead be assessed 1 procedural penalty for each shot fired at the subject target(s) while faulting. ~~No penalty is assessed if a competitor does not fire any shots while faulting a line except when Rule 2.2.1.5 applies.~~
(Text moved to previous rule)

10.2.2 A competitor who fails to comply with a procedure specified in the written stage briefing will incur 1 procedural penalty for each occurrence. However, if a competitor has gained a significant advantage during non-compliance, the competitor may be assessed 1 procedural penalty for each shot fired, instead of a single penalty (e.g. firing ~~multiple~~ one or more shots contrary to the required location, shooting position or stance).

10.3.1 A competitor who commits a safety infraction or any other prohibited activity during an IPSC match will be disqualified, and will be prohibited from attempting any remaining courses of fire regardless of the schedule or physical layout of the match, pending the verdict of any appeal submitted in accordance with Chapter 11 of these rules.

Glossary:

Attempt at (COF) – the period from issuance of the Start Signal to when the competitor indicates that he has finished shooting, in response to Rule 8.3.6

Appendix A2:

4. Team Categories:

(e) Regional teams by Division for Super Senior Category.

Appendix C1:

6 (d) If the popper falls for any ~~external~~ other reason (e.g. wind action), before it can be calibrated, a reshoot must be ordered.

9. ~~Pepper Poppers are being phased out and they will cease to be authorized targets after 31 December 2012.~~