

2018 Proposed Rule Changes – ALL DISCIPLINES

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. (See Rule 10.2.4).~~ *(Eliminates a conflict with Rule 10.2.4)*

2.2.1.3 To define the boundaries of a general shooting area or part thereof. Competitors must therefore never be permitted to await the Start Signal outside of such boundaries.

2.2.8 If tyres or pallets are used in a COF, they should be concealed with non-transparent materials.

2.4.1 The host organization is responsible for the construction and placement of a sufficient number of Safety Areas for the match. They should be conveniently placed and must be easily identified with signs.

2.4.4 Dummy ammunition and live rounds, whether loose, packaged or contained in magazines or speed loaders, must not be handled in a Safety Area under any circumstances (see Rule 10.5.12). However, a Match Official may remove such items found in a Safety Area.

2.6 Gun Check Station:

2.6.1 Competitors presenting their firearms for inspection must comply with all existing safety rules and any other rules imposed at the Gun Check Station. Violations are subject to Section 10.6.

4.1.7 For examples of acceptable and prohibited target presentations, see the separate Target Array Book.

4.6.2 A competitor ~~who is unable to complete a course of fire due to~~ deemed by a Range Officer to have experienced range equipment failure, or if a metal or moving target was not reset prior to his attempt at a course of fire, must be required to reshoot the course of fire after corrective actions have been taken.

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~~ must order a reshoot ~~to~~ by the affected competitor(s).

5.5.3 Spare magazines, speed loaders or ammunition dropped or discarded by a competitor ~~after the Start Signal~~ during a COF may be retrieved. However, their retrieval is, at all times, subject to all safety rules. *(Allows retrieval of a Barney mag)*

6.1.5 Grand Tournament – Consists of two or more firearm specific matches (e.g. a handgun match and a shotgun match, or a handgun match, a rifle match and a shotgun match) with each component match separated by at least 1 day. The individual match results achieved by a competitor in each component match will be used to declare an overall tournament winner, in accordance with the IPSC Grand Tournament Rules.

6.1.7 If any of the above competitions involves shooting taking place in more than one region, the Regional Director of each participating region must give his advance written approval for the portion held in his region and/or the results thereof being combined or otherwise used.

6.3.1 IPSC matches may include different Categories within each Division to recognize different groups of competitors. A competitor may declare only one Category for a match or tournament. The declaration of a Category is subject to verification and acceptance by the Match Director.

6.4.2.2 A competitor registered individually as a Super Senior may be a member of a Senior Team, but not vice versa.

6.4.2.3 A competitor registered individually as a Super Junior may be a member of a Junior Team, but not vice versa. *(Subject to Super Junior Category being accepted)*

7.1.6 Match Director (“MD”) – Handles overall match administration including verification of competitor and match official credentials, squadding, scheduling, range construction, the coordination of all support staff and the provision of services. His authority and decisions will prevail with regard to all matters except in respect of matters in these rules which are the domain of the Range Master. The Match Director is appointed by the host organization and works with the Range Master.

7.3.4 Match Officials are subject to the same gun carriage, gun storage, gun handling and all other gun safety rules applicable to competitors. When necessary for a Match Official to be in possession of a firearm in order to perform his official duties (e.g. calibration gun etc.), he must submit to the direction and supervision of another Match Official. Violations are subject to Rule 7.2.2. and/or Section 10.6.

8.5.1.1 Taking more than one step in any direction. The expression “one step” refers to the movement of a foot to a new location. Note that bringing the trailing foot up to or alongside the leading foot is not a second step.

8.6.5 Drones or other remotely controlled devices are prohibited unless their use is approved in advance by the Match Director. Violations are subject to Section 10.6.

9.7.1.1 Electronic score sheets and/or signatures will be acceptable if approved by the Regional Director, subject to any conditions imposed.

9.7.7.1 Once a reshoot has been completed, the outcome of the reshoot will stand, even if a record of the original score is subsequently discovered.

10.2.8.1 support the handgun or the stipulated wrist, hand or arm while firing shots;

10.3.5 Scores for a competitor who has completed a pre-match or main match without a disqualification will not be affected by a disqualification received while that competitor is participating in a Shoot-Off or other side match (also see Rule 6.2.4).

10.4.6 A shot which occurs during movement, except while actually shooting at targets (see Rule 8.5.1).

10.5.2 Allowing the muzzle of a firearm to point uprange, or past the default, or specific safe angles of fire during a course of fire, (limited exceptions: see Rules 2.1.2.1, 5.2.7.3 and 10.5.6).

10.5.9 Failure to keep the finger outside the trigger guard during loading, reloading, or unloading except where specifically permitted (see Rules 8.1.2.5 and 8.3.7.1 and 8.7.1).

10.5.15 Using prohibited ammunition and/or unsafe ammunition which has been deemed unsafe by a Range Officer (see Rules 5.5.4, 5.5.5 and 5.5.6), and/or using a prohibited firearm (see Rules 5.1.10 and 5.1.11).

10.7.2 IPSC considers the abuse of alcoholic products, ~~non-prescription and non-essential~~ drugs which cause drowsiness and/or which otherwise diminish awareness, and the use of illegal or performance enhancing drugs, irrespective of how they are taken or administered, to be an extremely serious offense..

10.7.3 ~~Except when used for medicinal purposes, competitors and officials at matches must not be affected by drugs (including alcohol) of any sort during matches.~~ Any person, who in the opinion of the Range Master, is visibly under the influence of any of the such items ~~described herein~~ will be disqualified from the match and may be required to leave the range.

11.1.5 Retain Evidence – An appellant is required to inform the Range Master of his wish to present his appeal to the Arbitration Committee and may request that the officials retain any and all relevant documentary or other evidence pending the hearing. ~~Audio and/or video recordings will not be accepted as evidence.~~ *(It's time to allow Arbitration Committees to determine what weight, if any, will be given to video evidence. A blanket ban is no longer valid in the age of smartphones).*

12.4 Gender

References made herein to the male gender (i.e. "he", "his", "him") are deemed to include the female gender (i.e. "she", "her"). The gender stated on a competitor's government issued identification document (e.g. passport, driving license etc.) determines if Lady Category applies, subject to acceptance by the Match Director.

Appendix A1:

Remove “recommended” stages and round counts from L4/L5, because they are fixed!

Appendix A2:

(b) Super Junior Competitors who are under the age of 16 on the first day of the match. A Super Junior has the option of electing to shoot in Junior Category, but not in both. If there are insufficient competitors for Super Junior Category to be recognized, all competitors registered in this Category will automatically be transferred to Junior Category.

(c) Junior Competitors who are under the age of ~~18~~ 21 on the first day of the match.

GLOSSARY:

Aim / Aiming Aligning the barrel of a firearm at targets directly in the competitor’s line of sight.

Self-indicating: A target which indicates a hit with a light or other visual signal.