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SECTION 1: General

- 1.1 An IPSC Tournament consists of two or more component IPSC matches, each of which are conducted fully in accordance with a discipline specific IPSC rulebook.
- 1.2 Tournament Organizers must appoint a Tournament Director to deal with the tournament matters stipulated in these rules. The appointee may be the Match Director of a component match or a separate person.
 - 1.2.1 Where the appointee is Match Director of a component match, such broader duties and responsibilities must not adversely affect the efficient management of the component match for which the Match Director is primarily responsible. Moreover, such duties and responsibilities remain mutually exclusive.
 - 1.2.2 Where a separate person is appointed as Tournament Director, that person has no authority over the conduct of any component matches of the tournament.
 - 1.2.3 For more manageable tournaments (e.g. where component matches are conducted at a single range over one or more days), Tournament Organizers may dispense with the appointment of separate Match Directors for each component match and may instead authorize the Tournament Director to serve as Match Director for all component matches, and to assume all associated duties and responsibilities.
- 1.3 A Tournament Range Master is not required. However, in the case of more manageable tournaments, organizers may dispense with the appointment of separate Range Masters for each component match, and may instead appoint a Tournament Range Master to serve as Range Master for all component matches, and to assume all associated duties and responsibilities.
- 1.4 Recognized IPSC Tournaments and their component matches are:
 - 1.4.1 An IPSC Handgun match and an IPSC Shotgun match;
 - 1.4.2 An IPSC Handgun match and an IPSC Rifle match;
 - 1.4.3 An IPSC Shotgun match and an IPSC Rifle Match;
 - 1.4.4 An IPSC Handgun match and an IPSC Shotgun match and an IPSC Rifle Match.

SECTION 2: Tournament Structure

- 2.1 Publication: Component matches may be conducted at one or multiple venues and/or on one or more dates, as the case may be. However the details of all component matches, the associated fees, their venues and dates (including those related to any “pre-matches”), the available Divisions and Categories, and all other conditions and requirements must be clearly publicized, in advance, in all tournament literature, promotional material, websites etc.
- 2.2 Registration: Competitors applying for registration in the tournament must submit the appropriate form and associated fee to Tournament Organizers, within the time frame and manner prescribed, prior to attempting any courses of fire in any component match, failing which their registration will not be accepted. If permitted by Tournament Organizers, competitors may register for individual component matches only, instead of for the tournament, in which case they will not be entitled to tournament recognition.
- 2.3 Balance: At the commencement of a tournament, the total points available in any component match should not vary by more than 25% of the total points available in any other component match.
- 2.4 IPSC Sanctioning: Provided all component IPSC matches in a tournament are individually sanctioned by IPSC at the same level, the tournament will automatically be sanctioned by IPSC at the same level.
- 2.5 Divisions: Tournament Divisions are outlined in Appendix A2. Acceptance by the Range Master of a competitor in a division in a qualifying component match is deemed to be confirmation that the competitor has complied with all the requirements of that Division in the component match.
- 2.6 Categories: Tournament Organizers are entitled, at their discretion, to recognize tournament categories, based on existing IPSC criteria as stated in IPSC discipline specific rulebooks.
- 2.7 Teams: Tournament Organizers are entitled, at their discretion, to recognize tournament teams by tournament division, based on existing IPSC criteria as stated in IPSC discipline specific rulebooks, for which an additional fee may be required. Such fee must not exceed 50% of the highest fee payable for a team in a single component match.
- 2.8 Disqualifications: A disqualification incurred by a competitor in one component match, will not affect that competitor’s past or future participation in other component matches, subject to the following:
 - 2.8.1 The competitor’s final result for the component match where the disqualification was incurred will be recorded as zero towards tournament results.
 - 2.8.2 The competitor’s scores for other component matches (or parts thereof), will not be affected and will continue to stand for score towards tournament results.
 - 2.8.3 A competitor who incurs a match disqualification in one component match is prohibited from further shooting activities of any kind pertaining to the tournament, held on the same day and at the same shooting range where the match disqualification was incurred, irrespective of the layout of that range or the type of firearm to be used.
 - 2.8.4 Subject to the approval of the Match Director of other component matches where the competitor has not been disqualified, the affected competitor should be permitted to resume participation in those component matches on another day, and such rescheduling should not be unreasonably denied (see Rule 6.6.1 of discipline specific rule books).

SECTION 3: Scoring

- 3.1 Each component match must be scored separately and independently of any other component match.
- 3.2 Tournament results will be calculated, by tournament division, by treating the actual unadjusted match percentile attained by each competitor in each component match as tournament points, calculated to four decimal places, as illustrated in the following example:

3.2.1:

Competitor registered in Tournament Open Division		
Component Match/Division	Percentile Attained	Tournament Points
Handgun – Open	79.4562%	79.4562
Shotgun – Open	82.8473%	82.8473
Rifle – Open Semi-Automatic	45.1097%	45.1097
Total Tournament Points:		207.4132

3.2.2: The "percentile attained" in the above example means: “the percentile attained by each competitor against all other competitors in the component match and division, including competitors who are not registered for the tournament”.

- 3.3 Ties in the top 3 places in tournament divisions must be broken by reference to the percentiles attained by each competitor in the component matches, in descending order, until the tie is broken. In the following example, Competitor A with the highest single percentile (89.0657%), wins over Competitor B in Tournament Production Division, even though the total tournament points of each competitor are identical.

3.3.1:

Competitor A registered in Tournament Production Division		
Component Match/Division	Percentile Attained	Tournament Points
Handgun	89.0657%	89.0657
Shotgun	81.2378%	81.2378
Rifle	45.1097%	45.1097
Total Tournament Points:		215.4132

Competitor B registered in Tournament Production Division		
Component Match/Division	Percentile Attained	Tournament Points
Handgun	79.4562%	79.4562
Shotgun	85.8473%	85.8473
Rifle	50.1097%	50.1097
Total Tournament Points:		215.4132

- 3.4 Provisional tournament results must be posted at the tournament stats area as soon as possible but not later than 24 hours after the results of all component matches have been declared final by the relevant Match Directors.
- 3.5 Competitors who fail to challenge provisional tournament results with the Tournament Director within 1 hour of their posting and prior to when the tournament results have been declared final by the Tournament Director, will not have any further recourse.

APPENDIX A1

IPSC Tournament Levels

Key: PCM = Per Component Match , N/A = Not Applicable, R = Recommended, M = Mandatory

	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV	Level V
01. Must follow latest edition IPSC Tournament rules	M	M	M	M	M
02. Competitors must be registered for the tournament prior to their attempting any courses of fire in any component match.	M	M	M	M	M
03. Tournament Director (actual or designated)	M	M	M	M	M
04. Match Director required PCM or overall Tournament Director to be appointed in lieu	M	M	M	M	M
05. Range Master required PCM or overall Tournament Range Master to be appointed in lieu	M	M	M	M	M
06. Range Master approved by Regional Directorate	N/A	R	M	R	R
07. Range Master approved by IPSC Executive Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	M
08. Chief Range Officer(s)	R	R	M	M	M
09. One RROI/NROI or IROA official per stage	R	R	M	M	M
10. COF approval by Regional Directorate	R	R	M	N/A	N/A
11. COF approval by IPSC committee	N/A	N/A	M	M	M
12. IPSC sanctioning of all component matches	N/A	N/A	M	M	M
13. Chronograph	R	R	M	M	M
14. Advance registration with IPSC, in months	N/A	N/A	3	12	18
15. Prior approval of IPSC General Assembly	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	M
16. Inclusion in IPSC Match Calendar	N/A	N/A	M	M	M
17. Post match reports to IROA	N/A	N/A	M	M	M
18. Recommended minimum points PCM	28	50	75	200	300
19. Recommended minimum stages PCM	1	2	3	8	12
20. Recommended minimum competitors PCM	15	50	100	200	300
21. Tournament rating (Range Official points)	1	2	3	4	5

APPENDIX A2

IPSC Tournament Divisions

Tournament	Handgun	Shotgun	Rifle
Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open • Standard • Modified • Production • Revolver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open • Modified • Standard • Standard Manual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open S/A • Open Manual • Standard S/A • Standard Manual
Modified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard • Modified • Production • Revolver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified • Standard • Standard Manual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Manual • Standard S/A • Standard Manual
Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard • Production • Revolver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard • Standard Manual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard S/A • Standard Manual
Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production • Revolver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Manual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Manual
<p>Match organizers may also declare a tournament as “Restricted”, whereby only one specific division in each discipline will be recognized, for example:</p>			
Restricted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revolver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Manual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Manual
Restricted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open S/A