

Proposed 2015 HANDGUN Specific Rule Changes

Rules 2.2.4 and 2.2.5, add Also see Rule 10.5.4 to the end.

Appendix D1/D2 Point 4: insert space in cartridge case length: 19mm_(0.748")

All Divisions Point 10: include reference (see Rule 5.2.5)

1.2.1.5 Empty chamber and/or empty magazine well/cylinder handgun ready conditions (see Chapter 8), should not be required for more than 25% of the courses of fire in a match.

1.2.2.2 Shoot-Off – An event conducted separately from a match. Two eligible competitors simultaneously engage two identical and adjacent target arrays in a process of one or more elimination bouts (see Appendix A3). Each target array must not exceed 12 rounds and each competitor must perform a mandatory reload between shooting at his first and final targets after shooting at his first target, and before he shoots at his final target. Violations are subject to automatic forfeiture of the bout.

3.2.1 ~~Minimum~~ Number of rounds to be scored;

(To avoid procedural penalties for failing to shoot the minimum!)

4.2.2.1 The front of paper no-shoots must include a sufficiently distinguishable non-scoring border. In the absence of perforations or other suitable markings, the Range Master must ensure that all affected no-shoots have a replacement 0.5cm (mini targets 0.3 cm) non-scoring border drawn or fitted thereon.

5.1.12 Handguns with more than one barrel are prohibited. *(Aligns with R/SG Rule 5.1.12)*

5.1.9 A competitor must never use or wear on his person more than one firearm ~~or holster~~ during a course of fire (see Rule 10.5.7). *(Deleted text moved to Rule 5.2.7 which deals with holsters)*

5.2.4.1 When a Competitor Ready Condition requires that magazines or speed loaders be placed on a table ~~For table starts~~ or similar, ~~after the Start Signal~~, the competitor may retrieve and carry those items anywhere on their person after the Start Signal, and this will not be treated as contravention of Divisional equipment placement rules.

5.2.5.1 The measurement is to be taken while the competitor is standing ~~naturally upright~~ relaxed (see Appendix E2). *(for consistency with Rule 5.2.7.3)*

5.2.5.3 Unless specified in the written stage briefing, or unless required by a Range Officer, the position of the holster and allied equipment must not be moved or changed by a competitor from stage to stage. ~~If a retaining strap or flap is attached to a holster, it must be applied or closed prior to issuance of the "Standby" command (see Rule 8.3.3).~~ *(moved to 5.2.6)*

5.2.5.3 Also renumber as 5.2.4.2 *(Section 5.2.5 deals with the 50mm limit, not placement)*

5.2.6 ~~IPSC Handgun matches will~~ must not require the use of a particular type or brand of holster ~~or allied equipment~~. However, the Range Master may deem that a competitor's holster is unsafe and order that ~~it~~ the item be improved to his satisfaction, failing which it must be withdrawn from the match. If a retaining strap or flap is attached to a holster and/or allied equipment, it must be applied or closed prior to issuance of the "Standby" command (see Rule 8.3.3).

5.2.7 Competitors must not be permitted to commence a course of fire wearing more than one holster or:

Glossary:

Loading -- The initial insertion of ammunition into a firearm in response to the "Load And Make Ready" command. Loading begins as soon as the competitor grips a round of ammunition, a magazine or speed loader, and ends when the firearm is securely holstered (or placed elsewhere in accordance with the written stage briefing), and the competitor's hands are clear of the firearm. For an unloaded Handgun Ready Condition, loading ends when the magazine is fully seated (or when the cylinder is fully closed).

Reloading -- ~~Replenishment~~ Replacement of a magazine already inserted in a firearm with a different magazine, or the insertion of additional ammunition into a firearm while the competitor is actually making his attempt at a COF. Reloading commences when the magazine (or cylinder release) button is activated, and ends when the competitor's hand is clear of the newly inserted magazine (or when the cylinder is fully closed). Exception: safely firing the chambered round at a target before inserting a fresh magazine.

Unloading -- Removal of ammunition from a firearm when the competitor has completed his attempt at a COF or when otherwise directed to unload by a Range Official. Unloading commences as soon as the magazine (or cylinder) release button is activated, and ends when the handgun is devoid of ammunition. Note that a competitor who, after activating the magazine or cylinder release button in response to the command given in Rule 8.3.6, safely fires the chambered round at a target and/or who reinserts ammunition, is deemed to have terminated the unloading process and resumed shooting.

Appendix D2 (Standard Division):

15. The handgun is placed inside the box (and ultimately removed) by the competitor with the ~~barrel slide~~ (or revolver barrel) parallel to the longest side of the box. Rear adjustable sights may be slightly depressed but the slide must be fully forward, but and all other features of the handgun, (e.g. collapsible and/or folding sights, slide rackers, thumb rests, grips etc.), must be fully extended or deployed when the gun is seated inside the box. Additionally, telescoping magazines and/or magazines with ~~spring loaded bases or compressible~~ base pads are expressly prohibited.
17. 357SIG is also an approved caliber for Major, subject to achieving the applicable minimum power factor. This concession has been extended until 31 December ~~2014~~ 2017.

Appendix D4 (Production Division):

14. Only handguns listed as approved on the IPSC website may be used in Production Division. Note that handguns deemed by IPSC to be single-action-only are expressly prohibited. The official IPSC protocol used to measure barrel length is illustrated in Appendix E4.

16.1 Modifications to them, other than minor detailing (the removal of burrs and/or adjustments unavoidably required in order to fit replacement OFM parts or components), are prohibited. Other prohibited modifications include those which facilitate faster reloading (e.g. flared, enlarged and/or add-on magwells, etc.), changing the original color and/or finish of a handgun, and/or adding stripes, stippling or other embellishments.

16.3 Sights may be trimmed, adjusted and/or have ~~sight black~~ colors applied. Sights may also be fitted with fiber optic or similar inserts.

Appendix E2:

Improve wording: Foremost limit for gun, holster and allied equipment behind the hip bone at the Start Signal.

Also it is a diagram showing how hands "hang relaxed".

Also add image of heel of butt below belt

Appendix E4: Production Division –Barrel Length Measurement Protocol

A fully assembled and unloaded handgun is pointed vertically skywards, then a dowel with a 127 mm marker is inserted into the muzzle end of the barrel until the dowel rests on the breech face. If the 127 mm marker is at or above the muzzle end of the barrel crown, the handgun is compliant. For revolvers, measure from the muzzle end of the barrel to the face of the forcing cone where the barrel ends. If the length is 127 mm or less, the revolver is compliant.

Appendix E5: Sample of Equipment Check Sheet

Also need notation that a copy should be given to and retained by Stats for safekeeping, in case the original is lost by the competitor.

APPENDIX A4 Approved Stage Ratios

Stages	Short	Medium	Long
12	6	4	2
13	7	4	2
13	6	5	2
14	7	5	2
14	8	4	2
14	6	6	2
15	8	5	2
15	7	6	2
16	8	6	2
16	9	5	2
17	9	6	2
18	9	6	3
19	10	6	3
19	9	7	3
20	10	7	3
20	11	6	3
20	9	8	3
21	11	7	3
21	10	8	3
22	11	8	3
22	12	7	3
23	12	8	3
24	12	8	4
25	13	8	4
25	12	9	4
26	13	9	4
26	14	8	4
26	12	10	4
27	14	9	4
27	13	10	4
28	14	10	4
28	15	9	4
29	15	10	4
30	15	10	5

APPENDIX D3 Classic Division

1.	Minimum power factor for Major	170
2.	Minimum power factor for Minor	125
3.	Minimum bullet weight	No
4.	Minimum bullet caliber / cartridge case length	9mm (0.354") / 19mm (0.748")
5.	Minimum bullet caliber for Major	10mm (0.40"), see below
6.	Minimum trigger pull (see Appendix E4)	No
7.	Maximum handgun size	Yes, see below
8.	Maximum magazine length	Yes, see below
9.	Maximum ammunition capacity	Yes, see below
10.	Max. distance of handgun and allied equipment from torso	50mm
11.	Rule 5.2.10 / Appendix E2 applies	Yes
12.	Optical/electronic sights	No
13.	Compensators, ports, sound and/or flash suppressors	No

Special conditions:

14. A handgun in its ready condition (see Section 8.1), but unloaded and with an empty magazine inserted, must fit wholly within the confines of a box which has internal dimensions of 225mm x 150mm x 45 mm (tolerance of +1 mm, -0 mm). Note that all magazines must comply.
15. The handgun is placed inside the box (and ultimately removed) by the competitor with the ~~barrel~~ slide parallel to the longest side of the box. Rear adjustable sights may be slightly depressed during insertion but the slide must be fully forward when the gun is seated inside the box.
16. Handguns must be based on and visibly resemble the profile and contours of the classic 1911-genre design. This means a single-stack, one piece metal frame, with slide stirrup cuts, and a dust cover (with or without an accessory rail) which has a maximum length of 75mm when measured from the leading edge of the dust cover to the rear of the slide stop pin. Magazine ~~well openings~~ wells cannot exceed a maximum outside width of 35mm. Compliance is checked by way of a 35mm wide, and at least 5mm deep, notch carved into the outside of the box, or by use of a ruler or caliper, as approved by the officiating Range Master.
17. Prohibited modifications / parts are slide lightening cuts, weak hand thumb rests and slide rackers.
18. Permitted modifications are shaped slides (flat-top, tri-top etc.), shaped trigger guards (squared, undercut etc.), bob-tail backstraps, bull or coned barrels, external extractors, finger-grooves (machined, add-on, wrap-around etc.), custom magazine release buttons, triggers, hammers, single/ambidextrous thumb safeties, any open sights (which may be embedded into the slide), and extended slide lock levers and thumb shields provided they do not act as a thumb rest.

Other modifications permitted include those of a cosmetic nature (e.g. custom grip panels, scrimshaw or similar surface engravings, checkering, serrations etc.).
19. Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 8 rounds (for Major power factor) or 10 rounds (for Minor power factor) at the Start Signal.
20. 357SIG is also an approved caliber for Major, subject to achieving the applicable minimum power factor. This concession expires 31 December ~~2014~~ 2017.
21. ~~This Division is under evaluation and, unless extended, it will expire on 31 December 2014.~~

APPENDIX D5 : Revolver Division

1.	Minimum power factor for Major	170
2.	Minimum power factor for Minor	125
3.	Minimum bullet weight	No
4.	Minimum bullet caliber / cartridge case length	9mm (0.354") / 19mm (0.748")
5.	Minimum bullet caliber for Major	No
6.	Minimum trigger pull (see Appendix E4)	No
7.	Maximum handgun size	No
8.	Maximum magazine length	Not applicable
9.	Maximum ammunition capacity	No, see below.
10.	Max. distance of handgun and allied equipment from torso	50mm
11.	Rule 5.2.10 / Appendix E2 applies	No
12.	Optical/electronic sights	No
13.	Compensators, ports, sound and/or flash suppressors	No

Special conditions:

14. No limit on cylinder capacity. A maximum of 6 rounds to be fired before reloading. Violations will incur one procedural penalty for each shot in excess of 6 rounds actually fired before reloading.
- ~~15. Any complete revolver (or a revolver assembled from components), produced by an OFM and available to the general public (except prototypes) is permitted.~~
- ~~16. Modifications such as weights or other devices to control and/or to reduce recoil are prohibited.~~
- ~~17. Modifications which are permitted are limited to:

 - ~~17.1 Replacement of, or modification to, sights, hammers and cylinder releases;~~
 - ~~17.2 Replacement barrels, provided the barrel length, weight and profile are the same as the OFM standard;~~
 - ~~17.3 Cosmetic enhancements (e.g. plating, checkering of frames, custom grips);~~
 - ~~17.4 Chamfering and/or modifications to the cylinder to accept "Moon Clips";~~
 - ~~17.5 Replacement springs, trigger stops and other modifications to enhance the operation of the trigger.~~~~
- ~~18~~15. "Self-loading" revolvers with retractable slides are prohibited in this Division.