

IDPA Michigan MD Meeting – 2/23/20

Hosted by Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Club (WCRHC)

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Meeting Minutes & Discussions

- ***Slides 4-9 - Training New SO's***
- ***Slide 11 - Universal Classification Expires***
- ***Slide 12 - 5x5 Classifier Bracket Times Updated***
- ***Slides 14-15 - Sanctioned Matches***
- ***Slides 16-17 - Postal Match***
- ***Slide 18 - Stage Design Class***
- ***Slides 20-22 - CSO discussion***
 - The responsibility to renew a SO or CSO still rests on the individual. Historically there had been complaints that "IDPA never sent me a reminder email, etc.", so there was a position that they didn't need to retake the test, class, etc for their renewal.
 - The renewal process is quite clear, and the SO or CSO candidate is responsible to make sure they take the appropriate on-line test, etc. for renewal. All the MD's in the meeting agreed.
- ***Slide 23 - Sanctioned Match Presence***
- ***Slide 26 - Appeals Process***

- ***Slide 28 – Updates / Reports***

- SO Classes in 2020

- **All classes will be posted at www.idpamichigan.org**
- **Some classes will offer on-line registration**
- There is usually an SO class at Raccoon Hunters in the Spring.
- Dave Johnson will run a class in May 2020.
- Mike Barrera will lead a class in the Summer at TCSL.

- SOI in 2020

- Rich Belanger has moved to Chicago, which means there is a need for another SOI to cover all the training needs in Michigan. Mike Barrera will find an application form that interested candidates may complete if they are interested in being an SOI in Michigan. Several people at the meeting had expressed interest in being an SOI.
- The selection of an SOI will depend not only on personal capability, but location of candidate as it is expected to have them cover an area of Michigan that would be preferably near where they live.

- ***Slide 28 – Updates / Reports***

- Club Updates / Roundtable – opinions brought up by club representatives

- There needs to be better support for electronic scoring from IDPA. The developers have a hard time working with IDPA to get support, feedback and better connect to the IDPA website, etc.
- At the TCSL Sportsmen’s challenge in 2019, delivering the lunches on to the range was a big hit. It saved time, and shooters enjoyed having the lunch come to them.
- At the TCSL Sportsmen’s challenge in 2019, putting an extra tent / cover for the shooter waiting at the on-deck position was much appreciated (since one day was a heavy rain day).
- At the Michigan State match last year, there were issues with UberscoreMaster when trying to publish the final score on Sunday. Apparently this was a typical know problem with their sever not being able to handle the increased traffic on weekends. In 2020, they will be using Practiscore.
- Several clubs run an “Intro to IDPA class” including TCSL, and now Raccoon Hunters will be offering a class.. South Kent has had a mandatory “Intro to

Action Sports" class that one must complete in order to compete at club matches.

- Note from AC (3/18)
 - M-5.1 Subcategories may be recognized at tier one (1) matches, but are required at Tier Two and higher matches for iron sight divisions if there are at least 3 competitors in the category. PCC and/or CO subcategories may be broken out separately or together from iron sight divisions at the discretion of the MD.
 - This allows us to choose from the following:
 - We can leave PCC/CO in the normal, separate special categories.
 - We can lump PCC & CO subcategories together with separate iron sight divisions.
 - These guidelines give you options with regards to how many shooters you have. Keep in mind that you do not have to give the award unless there are 3 competitors in that special category.
 - **"Can a CoF have a different start and/or shooting positions for PCC than for other divisions (e.g. 5, 10, etc. yards further back, etc.)"**
 - Put simply - **the CoF should be the same for every division.** With that in mind, the stages should be compatible with all the divisions. **However, specific differences in start positions are allowed:**
 - E.g. the standard start position for a pistol is "loaded and holstered" and for PCC is "low ready".
 - E.g. if a start position is impracticable for a PCC gun (e.g. "gun in the glove box", or sitting in a tight space, or vehicle, etc.), then an alternate start position may be required (e.g. rifle laying on the floorboard, etc.)
 - In your question, I think you were implying that a stage designer may want "equal the playing field" by making the start position (or even have ALL the shooting positions) different for PCC shooters (e.g. farther back from targets, etc.).
 - Altering the CoF in that way would make it considerably different for them (since the targets may present themselves differently, etc.)
 - Again, the CoF should be the same for every division, and requiring PCC to shoot from different positions does not adhere to this principle.
 - CoF Example - "standing at P1, the shooter must engage T1 with 2 rounds. For pistols - P1 at 5 yards. For PCCs - P1 at 150 yards." This may seem extreme, but the course designer may have it in his

head that rifles should engage targets at "rifle" distances - whatever he thinks that means. That is essentially a whole different CoF for a PCC shooter.

- Another CoF Example (which I have seen) - "All targets are engaged behind cover positions. Pistols engage targets from 7-yard cover positions. PCC engages targets from 15-yard cover positions". To me, these are 2 different CoFs sharing one bay and could lead to all kinds of problems, arguments, etc as to why a PCC shooter cannot use the forward available cover positions. If a forward cover position is available, legal, etc, why shouldn't he be allowed to take it? Disallowing these positions to PCC shooters may fall into MAR rule M-911 if he were to receive a procedural.