

News from the IDPA AC/IPOC Newsletter – Spring 2018

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IDPA official site and development site

IDPA would like to address some confusion regarding the IDPA.tech website. IDPA.tech was designed as a test site for IDPA rules, notifications and continuing education. Items found there are subject to change and may or may not become rules, clarifications or official communications. Nothing found at IDPA.tech should be viewed as official. The inclusion of the IDPA.tech website on the rule book update in last Tactical Brief was in error and we regret any confusion it may have caused.

There will be official announcements on a number of items, including Carry Optics, in the near future. We appreciate your patience until that time. Per our prior notifications to the membership, all official rules and communications will only be found only on the IDPA.com website and distributed by the IDPA electronic weekly newsletter, Tactical Brief, and on the only official IDPA facebook page, www.facebook.com/ShootIDPA/

5X5 Classifier

A new 5X5 classifier will be posted on the official IDPA website. Information describing the purpose of this classifier will be included. Although you may begin using that classifier, the ability to upload the results are not yet ready. You will receive official notice from HQ when that functionality is in place.

End of Year Updates and SOI materials

An errata and an updated Match Administration Guide (MAG) were posted on the official IDPA website (www.idpa.com), as was an updated SOI packet (version 180101 A). Updates for the rulebook were very nominal.

Updated Match Tier guidelines and pricing

So that shooters can be assured of a quality match based on the advertised tier level, some additional structure has been added to gain approval for sanctioned matches. M-2.15 Tier Four matches are regional or state matches held on an annual basis and will only be approved if the requesting club has previous history of running sanctioned matches at a lower tier with the historical numbers to demonstrate attendance of a higher-level match that will be supported in the final posted results. Additionally, the pricing structure for matches will be changed to the

following effective July 1, 2018. Matches already approved and in place as of July 1, 2018 will be grandfathered under the old price structure for sanctioned matches.

- T2 \$50
- T3 \$100
- T4 \$200

Uploading match scores

We have had questions regarding the uploading of match score for both PCC and the new 5x5 classifier. Please be advised that our IT vendor is working on this and when it is available, which should be very soon, you will receive notice from IDPA HQ.

No penalty for not moving on a stage

HQ has been inundated with questions about this information. From Executive Director Joyce Wilson:

“There has been much discussion recently on the definition of movement and its purpose or place in IDPA. At the time the Founders developed the sport, it was fairly common among defensive shooting instructors to teach shooting while moving. They felt it was an important skill and most taught that you should be moving off line from your aggressor as you returned fire.

As time progressed and legalities ensued, we’ve found that shooting on the move is not as readily taught among instructors today. And with the shooter being ultimately responsible for every shot that is fired, they must know their own skill level to accomplish this task in a real-world situation. While IDPA is not ‘real world’, we strive to maintain principles and training that support sound practices that may be needed ‘in the real world’. As one well known trainer and our Executive Director were recently discussing, if you think you need to move to another position, then you should probably be moving as fast as you possibly can to present less of a target to your adversary.

In IDPA scenarios, shooters can explore their own skill levels without the dangers involved with a real gunfight. They can choose which targets in the scenario they feel comfortable shooting on the move or shooting from a static position. I feel that course of fire design should encourage shooting on the move but not require it per se. A good course of fire will give shooters of different skill levels different options. A marksman may choose to move to a position and shoot the first target then move to the second position to shoot the second target while a master class shooter may just continue moving while shooting each target. This way the shooter determines their own comfort level and their own time, therefore their own score. With the new

scoring of 1 second per point, I feel this is even more important to encouraging accuracy. Judicious use of non-threat targets in these scenarios makes the situation even more realistic, as in a real-life situation a shooter mostly will stop to make a more precise shot if there are civilians around.

Effective immediately, we will discontinue giving procedural penalties for movement. We will, in the very near future, develop more course of fire recommendations to encourage movement but make it the option of the shooter as to how much moving they do while shooting. As always, we want to continue to improve IDPA and make it a fun, enjoyable experience for shooters of all skill levels. This information will be included in an updated version of the MD/CSO Guide on www.idpa.com."

PCC Reminder

HQ has received concerns and questions regarding PCC and guidelines for that provisional division. Some examples include:

- MDs requiring loading only to 10 rounds – there is no provision in the rules that limit the number of rounds to be loaded in a PCC magazine.
- MDs requiring headshots only - there is no provision in the rules that force a PCC shooter to take headshots only unless it is a requirement for all shooters regardless of division.
- The same targets in the same locations must be available for both pistols and PCC guns – no 30-yard targets for PCC only, etc.
- MDs may not create new rules or requirements that are unique to that division.
- If we find other examples, we will share with you to cascade to your constituents.

1-hour protest period

This question comes up frequently at sanctioned matches. There is no rule in the Match Admin Guide that requires an MD to vote to waive a 1-hour protest period, only that there IS a protest period and it may not extend more than one hour.

M-2.9 Protest Period: A protest period may not extend beyond one hour after final scores have been posted. MD's may poll competitors that are present after a match for agreement on finalizing the posted scores. In cases where competitors have left the property and are not present, they have up to and until the final time to contact the MD or his or her designate to report discrepancies in their scores. **Once the MD declares the scores final, they may not be changed.** Any discrepancies that are brought to the attention of the MD or AC after the scores are final must be detailed in the match AAR.

Stowing

There has been much discussion about the definition of stowing. The dictionary definition of stowing is:

Stow
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verb

1. pack or store (an object) carefully and neatly in a particular place.

"the bathhouse offers baskets in which to stow your clothes"

synonyms:

pack, load, store, place, put (away), deposit, stash
"Barney stowed her bags in the trunk"

Encourage your MDs and SOs to couple this with their good common sense. There will not be a clarification or new rule regarding this, just as we do not define firearm or hand.

Warm regards,
Kitty