

# IPSC ONTARIO

## *MATCH POLICY AND PROCEDURES*

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### **IPSC CLUBS**

Many shooting clubs in Ontario have an IPSC section. This unique part of a club usually has a number of members that are interested in practical shooting. Practical shooting in Ontario is governed by the Ontario Section, which is known as IPSC Ontario and is an integral part of IPSC Canada and the IPSC World Body.

IPSC Ontario requires that every club wishing to participate and/or host sanctioned IPSC matches in Ontario, must first have a minimum of ten IPSC members in their club. At a meeting held by only the IPSC members of that club, they shall elect an IPSC representative or “*Club Rep*”. This “*Club Rep*” is the liaison between IPSC Ontario and the club, and is usually, but not always, the Match Director of the IPSC matches that the club might host.

### **MATCH SANCTIONING**

Match organizers wishing to receive IPSC sanctioning must comply with the general principles of course design and course construction as well as all other current IPSC Rules and regulations relevant to the discipline. Courses of fire that do not comply with these requirements will not be sanctioned, and must not be publicized or announced as IPSC sanctioned matches.

### **MATCH LEVELS**

There are three official levels of IPSC Matches within IPSC Ontario. Level I and Level II and Level III.

**Level I Match** – (where Mission Fees *are not* required)

Many clubs are fortunate enough to have the resources (*manpower*) to be able to host a match on a weekly or monthly basis. These are usually known as a Level I matches and the club hosting these events often invite other clubs in the area to come out and compete with their members.

**Individuals who are not current members of IPSC are not permitted to compete in these matches.** It isn't enough that their scores are simply deleted from the results before posting. Non-IPSC members may not compete, period! If you are a current member of IPSC in another Province or Country you are a member of IPSC and may compete.

A match requiring no mission fees may be designated as a Level I if the following criteria are met.

1. IPSC Ontario is notified of the match and it exists on the Match Calendar
2. Match results are generated and submitted to IPSC Ontario for publication
3. All competitors are current members of IPSC
4. Range Officials must be certified and current and may earn one (1) match point at these matches
5. Mission Fees are not mandatory
6. The Match is **NOT** used as a qualifier for new Black Badge students

**Level I Match** – (Where Mission Fees *are* required)

Clubs that host Level I Matches where new Black Badge students are “qualifying” for their Black Badge.

Mission fees are also required for all Level I matches where the host club does not host at least one Level II match in a calendar year.

At present, this “mission fee” is \$3.00 (three dollars) per registered competitor. This fee is paid in support of IPSC Ontario and in return, IPSC Ontario publishes the clubs’ Match Calendar for the year as well as the results of each of their matches in both the monthly newsletter and on the IPSC Ontario WebSite whenever possible. It should be noted that the mission fee paid is part of an overall general program and is not solely for publishing match calendars and results. . A copy of the match results are to be submitted to IPSC Ontario for verification and posting before being published or posted to any other location. **Individuals who are not current members of IPSC are not permitted to compete in these matches.** (See above membership criteria for details).

***Level I Match***

***Requirements:***

- Must follow IPSC rules and approved targets
- Competitors must be current members
- Match must use only current certified officials

***Recommendations:***

- Minimum of 30 rounds
- Minimum of 2 stages
- Minimum of 10 competitors
- Course of fire approval by a local delegate (*this means someone who is knowledgeable enough to verify that the stages are indeed safe*).

The next level of competition in IPSC is the Level II match. There are similarities between Level I and Level II but the differences are what are important.

## ***Level II Match***

### ***Requirements:***

- Must use latest edition IPSC Rules and use approved targets
- Competitors must be IPSC members
- Must have a Match Director and a Range Master\*
- Must use certified Range Officials
- Must have course of fire approval by IPSC Ontario Match Sanctioning Committee

\* A CRO or even an experienced RO may act a Range Master at these events.

## ***Level II Match***

### ***Recommendations:***

- Minimum of 75 rounds
- Minimum of 5 stages
- Minimum of 50 competitors

Once again, only IPSC members are allowed to compete. It isn't enough to simply remove their scores from the results after the match, or even leave their scores in the results for club use. ***Non IPSC members are not permitted to come to the line, period!!*** If a club insists on allowing non IPSC members to compete in Level II they run the risk of having the match de-sanctioned by IPSC Ontario and further risk the sanctioning of future Level II or higher matches at that particular club.

Level II matches also require a hard copy of the stages to be sent to the Match Sanctioning committee at least 30 days (*previously 60 days*), prior to the start of the match. The Match Sanctioning committee will review the stages for rule compliance and safety, and all changes requested by the committee must be met in order to obtain Level II sanctioning.

For each Level II match hosted by a club in Ontario a mission fee of \$3.00 is also paid for each registered competitor. This fee is to be paid by cheque or money order to IPSC Ontario and shall be submitted to IPSC Ontario within 30 days of the match.

## **LEVEL III MATCHES**

Level III matches are actually Internationally IPSC matches that are hosted by various IPSC Organizations across Canada. IPSC Ontario for example, hosts a number of Level III events each year and these matches are sanctioned by a committee at the World Body. Only current members may compete and only current certified officials are used at these events. A mission fee of \$7.00 per registered competitor is paid to IPSC Ontario for all Level III matches in Ontario.

## **CLUB MATCHES**

One other type of match held by some clubs in Ontario is known as a “**Club**” match. “**Club**” matches are *not* IPSC matches, and are run solely under the auspices of the host club exclusively for the members of that club. These matches are not associated with, or sanctioned by IPSC Ontario. “**Club**” matches may not be used as “*qualifiers*” for new Black Badge students and certified Range Officials may not earn match points for officiating at these matches.

## **MATCH RESULTS**

Match results for IPSC sanctioned matches are to be calculated using the official IPSC scoring

program, WinMSS. Once the person responsible for the results has entered all the scores into WinMSS, both the Overall Match Results and the Stage Results should be saved in .TXT format and sent to IPSC Ontario via an email attachment or by regular mail on a diskette. A copy of the match results are to be submitted to IPSC Ontario for verification and posting before being published or posted to any other location.

### **QUALIFIER MATCHES**

A "**Qualifier**" match is a Level I or higher IPSC sanctioned match where a new Black Badge student "qualifies" or completes the final requirement of the course. This can only be done at a sanctioned IPSC match (see **Match Levels**) above.

### **RECOGNITION OF DIVISIONS**

Under current IPSC Rules, Level III or higher IPSC matches will recognize Divisions only if there are a minimum of 10 competitors in that Division. Further, a minimum of 5 competitors are required for recognition of Category within a Division.

Due to the fact that some smaller matches may have some difficulty obtaining these numbers, IPSC Ontario policy is that IPSC Level I and Level II matches will not require these minimum numbers. IPSC matches across Ontario will recognize (*in match results*) all competitors no matter how many are in their respective DIVISIONS. The club hosting the match may, at their discretion, decide whether or not they will recognize these competitors with awards.

### **REGISTERING FOR IPSC MATCHES IN ONTARIO**

Competitors may register for a sanctioned IPSC match anytime after the match date has been released by IPSC Ontario. Match dates must not be placed in the public domain until released by IPSC Ontario.

### **MATCH COURTESY**

Sometimes a competitor will register for a match and find out later than he cannot attend for one reason or another. It is not acceptable to simply not show up. Common courtesy dictates that if you aren't going to be able to make it to a match, you should contact the Match Director or Registrar to cancel your shooting slot as soon as possible so that your slot can be awarded to another competitor. Match organizers need to know how many are coming to the match in order to plan things like squad schedules, Range Officer assignments, meals, shirts or whatever.

### **RANGE OFFICER MATCH COURTESY**

Using exactly the same reasoning as above for competitors, Range Officials should follow the same policy if you cannot make it to the match. Please call ahead and let the Match Director or Registrar know so that the match won't be left without sufficient personal to run the ranges.