



IPSC ONTARIO FORUM POLICY

Forum Rules and Procedures

Section 1. Forum Etiquette

The following content is prohibited:

1. Personal attacks against, defamation, or character assassinations of, any person, whether or not they are a member of IPSC;
2. Derogatory comments about any shooting sport;
3. Profanity;
4. Pornography, whether uploaded or linked;
5. Comments which maliciously demean or discriminate on sexual, racial, ethnic, religious, citizenship, or political grounds; are prohibited.
6. Advertising products or services that are prohibited by law.

The following are considered rude and provocative:

1. Typing messages entirely in UPPER CASE or **all bold** is generally considered to be rude and provocative, therefore such messages are unacceptable.

Members who post in violation of these rules may be removed temporarily or permanently from the Forum.

Section 2. Procedures/ How to use the Forum

1. IPSC Ontario is not responsible for the content of any messages posted, nor do we vouch for or warrant the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any message. Messages posted represent the views of the author of the message, in their personal capacity, not necessarily the views of IPSC Ontario or of this Forum.

2. Forum accounts are personal to each member and must not be shared. One person may not use the membership of another person to read comments, post comments and/or to extract (e.g. "cut and paste") comments made here and post them elsewhere. Members who allow their memberships here to be used by others will be subject to suspension or expulsion. "Third Party" posts (i.e. those actually or reputedly made on behalf of other persons), are not permitted and will be deleted.

3. Double posting is not allowed and can result in the deletion of one or both posts. Double posting is defined as posting the same information in two or more separate sub-forums. We understand that some topics might fit into more than one sub-forum. Members should try to pick the most appropriate one. In addition, members should not post in the same thread back to back (another version of double posting). If they have something more to add they should edit their post, not post twice in a row in a thread.

4. Members should refrain from posting one word (or short) posts, or Emoji "Smiley" only posts.

5. Illegal transactions are not allowed in the Forum and will result in the deletion of the post and the revocation of posting privileges.

6. Users must not cross-post sensitive information from forums with restricted access to more general forums. For example, it is not permissible to take privileged or sensitive information from the NROI forum or the Instructors forum and copy/paste it to General Discussion. Information posted to the restricted access forums is considered privileged information.

Section 3. Moderator Roles

1. The IPSC Board of Directors will appoint members to be Moderators and/or Administrators of this Forum. Participation as a Moderator and/or Administrator is voluntary. Moderators and/or Administrators may be appointed, or removed at any time at the discretion of the IPSC Ontario Board of Directors.

2. The Moderators (but not the Administrators) collectively form a supervisory group designated the Forum Supervisor Group (FSG).

3. IPSC Ontario, through the forum moderators, reserves the right, at their sole discretion, and without notice, to edit or delete any post if and when we decide that such action is necessary. The Forum Moderators shall be the sole judges of what does and does not violate the Forum's standards.

Section 4. Initial warnings or bans

1. Moderators may issue a warning, suspension or an outright ban for a maximum of 45 days.

2. Moderators shall not consult with more than one other moderator prior to issuing a Forum discipline option against a member.

3. Moderators have the final word, subject to the appeal process described below.

4. If a member has a concern or a complaint, it should be directed to a Moderator. Members must not post their concern or complaint in the Forum. This applies to issues with the Forum in general, as well as issues with other members. Members must not attack a Moderator or an Administrator in the Forum.

5. No member who loses their privileges on this Forum is in any way prevented, nor obstructed from communicating with IPSC Ontario Directors or members.

6. While these rules cover most common situations, we cannot anticipate everything.

Therefore, we reserve the right to take any actions we deem appropriate to ensure the Forum is not disrupted or abused in any way.

Section 5. Appeals of Moderator Decisions/Complaints against Moderators

1. If a member has an issue with a Moderator ruling, or a complaint to bring against a Moderator or Administrator they may contact the Forum Supervisory Group via email at moderators@ipsc-ont.org.

2. The FSG will be constituted only from the appointed Moderators.

3. No Moderator who was consulted and/or made a disciplinary decision against a member may sit on the FSG to further deal with that member's issues.

4. The remaining Moderators will participate as the FSG and will consider the complaint/appeal and collect any evidence required, and provide a response in writing to the complainant and to the original Moderator/Administrator.

5. The FSG may uphold, dismiss or vary the original decision on appeal.

6. Should the complainant not be satisfied by the ruling of the FSG, the member may request the ruling be reviewed by the Board of Directors (BOD), using *the required form*. The BOD may, at its discretion, require the complainant to provide a monetary deposit (*of no more than \$100 Cdn*) to secure against frivolous appeals of FSG decisions. The BOD will refund the deposit unless it determines the appeal was frivolous.

Section 6. Posting of Protected Material

1. No member will post any copyrighted material unless the copyright is owned by that member, or that member has the necessary permissions from the copyright owner to reproduce the material on this Forum. Any violation of this rule will cause the post/thread to be removed.

2. Once posted on the Forum, messages become the property of the IPSC Ontario and they may not be reproduced elsewhere without the prior written consent of IPSC Ontario.

Please Note: The IPSC Ontario Forum is not used by all IPSC members, and as such, it is not a reliable means to communicate with the entire membership, or with the Board of Directors.

Adherence to these rules and procedures is considered a condition of membership in the Forum.

Members who use the Forum acknowledge this. If any member is unsure of, or has any questions about these rules, they should contact a Moderator, an Administrator, or an IPSC Ontario Director BEFORE they participate in the forum.



IPSC Ontario Forum Moderator Suspension Data Sheet

Please answer each of the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. Please provide your full name and contact information:

2. Summarize why you banned the member the member from the forum.

3. Provide evidence or reasons why you banned the member and believe this disciplinary action was correct or proportionate to the alleged infraction:

4. Provide a copy of all documents relevant to this action (please note review of supportive material is an important part of the complaints process):



IPSC Ontario Forum Suspension Appeal Request Form

Please answer each of the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. Please provide your full name and contact information:

2. Summarize why you feel the ban was inappropriate.

3. Provide evidence or reasons why you believe this disciplinary action was incorrect or disproportionate to the alleged infraction:

4. Provide the name(s) and contact information for each witness to this alleged conduct and summarize their evidence.

5. Provide a copy of all documents relevant to this action (please note review of supportive material is an important part of the complaints process):
