

# IPSC Rules Quiz

This quiz is based on the Handgun Competition Rules, January 2004 Edition, of the International Practical Shooting Confederation. Some questions will require you to write in an answer, while some will ask you to select one (or possibly more than one) response from among those provided. You should know the relevant rule number for all your answers. A 75% mark or better is a good result. You may use the rule book to research your answers. Good luck!

1. What are the three elements of IPSC shooting?

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2. Which of the above three elements is the most important?

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3. What are the responsibilities of a Range Officer?

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4. What are the responsibilities of a Chief Range Officer?

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5. What are the five handgun divisions?

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6. What is the minimum cartridge dimension and bullet diameter permitted in IPSC handgun matches?

- A [ ] .38 Special
- B [ ] No minimum caliber specified
- C [ ] .380 Automatic
- D [ ] 9 x 19mm / 9mm (.354")

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

7. When standing relaxed, the muzzle of a holstered gun must point downward to within what distance from the competitor's feet?

- A [ ] 2 meters
- B [ ] 1.5 meters
- C [ ] 1 meter
- D [ ] 0.5 meter

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Does the trigger of a holstered handgun have to be covered?

- A [ ] Yes
- B [ ] No

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

9. The belt carrying a competitor's equipment must pass through the belt loops at waist level:

- A [ ] True
- B [ ] False - a competitor may wear as many gun belts as they wish
- C [ ] False - the belt must only be tight around the waist.
- D [ ] False - Either the belt or the inner belt or both must be permanently fixed at the waist or secured with a minimum of three belt loops.

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Female competitors may wear their belts and holsters at the hip bone level:

- A [ ] True
- B [ ] False
- C [ ] Only in open division

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

11. If a holster has an integral safety strap, must the competitor use it during the entire match?
- A  Yes. If there is a safety strap on the holster, it must be applied or closed before the “Stand by” command.
- B  No. The strap need not be used as long as the holster will retain the gun safely

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

12. In Open Division the inside of a handgun may not be further than \_\_\_\_\_ **mm** from the competitor's body. What is the distance in Standard Division? \_\_\_\_\_ **mm**

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

13. The minimum trigger pull for the first round fired from a production division handgun is:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

14. Can extended magazines be used in Standard Division?

- A  No
- B  Yes, provided the gun with the magazine inserted fits in the “box”
- C  Only if it is the accepted factory standard

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

15. The maximum length for a magazine in Open Division is: \_\_\_\_\_

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

16. May a competitor have an optic sight on a gun in Modified Division?

- A  No
- B  Yes

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

17. Production and Revolver Standard Division handguns must fit inside “the box”:

- A  True
- B  False

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

18. List the minimum power ratings for each division:

	<u>Major Factor</u>	<u>Minor Factor</u>
Open	_____	_____
Standard	_____	_____
Modified	_____	_____
Production	_____	_____
Revolver Std	_____	_____

19. Calculate the power factor for a .45 caliber bullet weighing 230 grains and travelling at 750 feet per second.

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20. Calculate the power factor for a 9mm bullet weighing 124 grains and travelling at 1010 feet per second.

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21. IPSC matches may contain the following General Courses of Fire:

- A "Speed Shoots" [ ]
- B "Short Course" [ ]
- C "Surprise Courses" [ ]
- D "Medium Courses" [ ]
- E "Field Courses" [ ]
- F "Shoot-Off" [ ]
- G "Long Courses" [ ]

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

22. Explain the difference between fault lines and charge lines?

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23. What is the minimum height (above the ground) of fault lines or charge lines?

- A [ ] 10 cm
- B [ ] 7 cm
- C [ ] 2 cm
- D [ ] 3 cm

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

24. If a competitor steps across a fault line but does not fire any shots while doing so, is any penalty assessed?

A  Yes

B  No

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

25. May a competitor practice drawing in a Safety Area?

A  Yes

B  No

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

26. A competitor is found to be handling live ammunition in a Safety Area. What would apply?

A  They would be disqualified from the match.

B  They would be given a warning and reported to the Range Master or Match Director.

C  They would be disqualified from the last stage they shot.

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

27. How many rounds are needed for chronograph testing and who chooses them?

A  Three rounds, chosen by the a match official

B  Six rounds, chosen by another squad member

C  Eight rounds, selected by the competitor

D  Eight rounds, chosen by a match official

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

28. A competitor's ammunition fails the chronograph test. The competitor claims that the same loads have made Major in all prior matches and requests a second test using a batch of ammunition taken from his shooting bag. Is this allowed?

A  Yes, an increased sample size will improve the statistical validity of the test.

B  No, the original test is considered definitive and the results stand.

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

29. A competitor's ammunition did not make Major factor when tested at the chronograph. Will the scores be re-computed as Minor?

A  Yes, provided it makes the minimum level for Minor factor

B  No, they will receive no score for the match

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

30. A competitor's gun breaks during a stage or string. Is the competitor entitled to a re-shoot on the grounds of equipment failure?

A  Yes

B  No

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

31. Can a competitor change the position of their holster during the match?

A  Yes

B  No

C  Yes, but only if such a change is specified in the match description or by the Range Officer.

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. During a strong hand only stage, is a competitor allowed to use both hands to clear a malfunction or to reload the pistol:

A  Yes

B  No

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

33. On a "weak hand only" stage what is the penalty for firing a shot with the strong hand instead of the weak hand?

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Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

34. May a competitor place a loaded pistol on the ground during a course of fire in order to adjust their ear protection?

A  No, the competitor will be disqualified

B  Yes, as long as it is done safely.

C  No, the competitor will be given a stage disqualification

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

35. When does the Course of Fire start?

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36. When does the Course of Fire end?

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37. What range command follows the command 'Load and make ready'?

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38. The course of fire requires a competitor to perform a task that is too physically demanding or impossible due to a disability. After checking with the Range Master the competitor is allowed to deviate from the course requirement and a penalty is issued as follows:

- A  The competitor must start with an empty gun
- B  After the competitor has finished, deduct up to a maximum of 20% of the score as shot.
- C  Add 20 seconds to the competitors time.

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

39. The scoring values on a Classic IPSC target are:

- |            |                           |                           |
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| An 'A' hit | Major Calibre, Scores [ ] | Minor Calibre, Scores [ ] |
| A 'C' hit  | Major Calibre, Scores [ ] | Minor Calibre, Scores [ ] |
| A 'D' hit  | Major Calibre, Scores [ ] | Minor Calibre, Scores [ ] |

40. Are competitors responsible to keep a record of their own scores?

- A  Yes
- B  No

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

41. If the bullet diameter of a hit on a target touches the scoring line of a higher scoring area, the competitor shall be given the higher score:

- A  True
- B  False

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

42. Radial tears on a target are not considered for scoring purposes:

A  True - only the outer edge of the bullet hole will be considered

B  False - a tear entering a higher scoring area will earn the competitor the higher score

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

43. Any hit on the scoring area of a penalty target will receive a penalty:

A  True

B  True - to a maximum of two hits per penalty target

C  False - paper penalty targets must have a full-diameter hit and metal penalty targets must fall before penalties are assessed

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

44. May a competitor challenge the score on any particular target?

A  Yes

B  No

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

45. If so, how far may the competitor take such a challenge?

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Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

46. Can a competitor have a negative score in a stage or string?

A  Yes, if penalty values exceed hit values

B  No

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

47. During the scoring process, a competitor may not approach targets closer than:

A  2 meters

B  One arm's length

C  1 meter

D  Does not matter as long as they do not touch the target

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

48. If a score sheet is received with no time on it and a re-shoot is impossible. What action is taken?

- A  The Range Officer is asked to estimate the time
- B  The competitor is given an 'average' score
- C  The competitor is given zero for that stage

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

49. Any discharge while loading, reloading, unloading or during remedial action or while transferring the firearm from one hand to the other, shall result in:

- A  Disqualification from the stage
- B  A procedural penalty
- C  Disqualification from the match

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

50. A bullet striking the ground less than \_\_\_\_\_ meter(s) from the competitor will be considered an "Accidental Discharge" and will result in disqualification from the match:

- A  True
- B  False

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

51. During remedial action, the competitor must remove the trigger finger from the trigger guard if the pistol is clearly moved off aim from the targets:

- A  True
- B  False

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

52. The trigger finger must be outside the trigger guard at all times when moving if the gun is taken off aim from the targets:

- A  True
- B  False

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

53. What is the procedure if a competitor drops the gun during a course of fire?
- A  The competitor may not retrieve the gun and is disqualified from that stage
  - B  The competitor may retrieve the gun and is disqualified from the match
  - C  The competitor may retrieve the gun only if it has landed pointing downrange and can be picked up safely
  - D  The competitor may not retrieve the gun. Instead the Range Officer will retrieve the gun and then the competitor is disqualified from the match

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

54. May a competitor retrieve dropped magazines or speed loaders?

- A  Yes
- B  No

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

55. Can a competitor appeal a safety violation disqualification to an Arbitration Committee and if so under what circumstances?

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Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

56. How long does a competitor have to submit a written request for arbitration?

- A  2 hours after he has finished shooting
- B  Until scores are posted
- C  30 minutes after the incident
- D  1 hour after the incident

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

57. A written request for arbitration must be filed with:

- A  CRO of the stage concerned
- B  Range Master
- C  Chairman of the Arbitration Committee

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

58. An Arbitration Committee must reach its decision:

- A  The same day
- B  Within 24 hours or before scores are posted
- C  Before the awarding of prizes
- D  Within 6 hours

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

59. Decisions of the Arbitration Committee may be appealed to the Regional Director or the IPSC President:

- A  True
- B  False

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

60. A competitor can be disqualified for gross unsportsmanlike conduct:

- A  True
- B  False

Rule No. \_\_\_\_\_

*Congratulations! You have reached the end of the quiz. How did you do?*