



## **South African Institute of Range Officers and Instructors**

### **SAIRO & I POLICY ON NEW HANDGUN DIVISION FOR TRIAL IN SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL THE NEXT IPSC GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018**

#### **TRIAL: PRODUCTION OPTICS DIVISION [TPO]**

##### **Background**

This proposal was up for discussion as “other matters” at the IPSC General Assembly in August 2017. The decision was made that Regions trial this division if they wish, and provide feedback at the IPSC General Assembly in 2018. Thus the trial would probably not be extended, if no positive feedback is received, or might be formalised as a new division if feedback is favourable. This is the reason for trial rule 18.4, to allow the reuse of the firearm in Production Division if PO division is not approved.

**And before you ask, the answer is “No, you can’t”. These trial rules (in the form of a policy) are as inflexible as the current Production Division rules in the IPSC Competition Rules.**

1	Minimum power factor for Major	Not applicable
2	Minimum power factor for Minor	125
3	Minimum bullet weight	No
4	Minimum bullet caliber / cartridge case length	9 mm (0.354") / 19 mm (0.748")
5	Minimum bullet caliber for Major	Not applicable
6	Minimum trigger pull	2.27 kg (5 lbs.) for first shot
7	Maximum handgun size	Maximum barrel length 127 mm
8	Maximum magazine length	No
9	Maximum ammunition capacity	Yes, see below
10	Max. distance of handgun and allied equipment from torso	50 mm (see Rule 5.2.5)
11	Rule 5.2.10 / Appendix E2 applies	Yes
12	Optical/electronic sights	Mandatory.
13	Compensators, ports, sound and/or flash suppressors	No

##### **Special Conditions**

14. Only handguns listed as approved on the IPSC website may be used in Production and Production Optics Division. Note that handguns deemed by IPSC to be single-action-only are expressly prohibited. The official IPSC protocol used to measure barrel length is described in Appendix E4b.
  
15. Handguns with external hammers must be fully decocked (see Rule 8.1.2.5), at the Start Signal. First shot attempted must be double action. Competitors in this Division who, after the issuance

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of the Start Signal and prior to attempting the first shot, cock the hammer on a handgun which has a loaded chamber, will incur one procedural penalty per occurrence. Note that a procedural penalty will not be assessed in respect of courses of fire where the ready condition requires the competitor to prepare the handgun with an empty chamber. In these cases, the competitor may fire the first shot single action.

16. Original externally visible parts and components offered by the OFM as standard equipment, or as an option, for a specific model handgun on the IPSC approved handgun list are permitted, subject to the following:

16.1 Prohibited modifications include those which facilitate faster reloading (e.g. flared, enlarged and/or add-on magwells, racking or charging handles, etc.), changing the original color and/or finish of a handgun, and/or adding stripes, stippling or other embellishments.

16.2 Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 15 rounds at the Start Signal. Identifying marks or decals, internal capacity limiters, bumper pads and additional witness holes, which add or remove negligible weight to/from magazines, are permitted.

16.3 Optical sights must be used and must be slide mounted by means of either a factory slide cut or a rear sight dovetail mount, or any other means provided by the OFM for that purpose. Mounting the optical device on the frame of the handgun is expressly prohibited.

17. Externally visible aftermarket parts, components and accessories are prohibited, except as follows:

17.1 Aftermarket magazines are permitted, subject to 16.2 above.

17.2 Aftermarket grip panels, which match the profile and contours of the OFM standard or optional grip panels for the approved handgun and/or the application of tape on grips. are permitted.

17.3 Aftermarket optical sights (see Rule 5.1.3.2) are permitted, provided their installation and/or adjustment requires no alteration to the handgun.

17.4 The handgun must be kept in a configuration that would allow it to be returned to a Production Division legal state. See Appendix D5 of the IPSC Handgun Competition Rules for detail.

18. This trial division will expire on 31 December 2018 unless extended prior to this date.



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