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GRADING SYSTEM

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1 THE PURPOSE OF A NATIONAL GRADING SYSTEM

- 1.1 National grades allow you to compete at any competition in Australia against competitors of similar ability. Without a grade, you are not eligible for recognition in the grade results in any sanctioned competition.
- 1.2 The National Membership Officer maintains the National Grading List.

2 HOW DO YOU GET A GRADE?

- 2.1 You can be graded or upgraded as follows:
 - (a) Shooting the Grading Match (see paragraph 3).
 - (b) Posting a score at a match that is recognised for grading purposes (see paragraph 5).
 - (c) Specific rules apply when changing from one Division to another (see paragraph 7).
- 2.2 Once you have achieved a grade, you will retain that grade for a period of at least 12 months, unless you shoot a higher grade at a match which is recognised for grading purposes.

3 THE GRADING MATCH

- 3.1 The Grading Match comprises of tests to assess all the basic skills of IPSC, such as accuracy, speed, movement, draw and reload, i.e. the skills that are found in the challenging courses that we shoot.
- 3.2 The Grading Match is designed for Classic Targets only and was adopted in 1999.
- 3.3 The layout and tests are at Annexure A. These are not courses of fire, but are designed to test all shooters under exactly the same conditions. The only way to do the tests is exactly as directed. You can practice the tests as often as you like, but if you have problems during your run, it is up to the RO to grant extra attempts for score. You will retain the grade you achieve for a period of at least 12 months unless you post a higher grade at a match recognised for grading purposes.
- 3.4 It is stressed that there is only one way to do the tests, and as such there are no procedural errors. If you've done it incorrectly procedurally, just do it again, and get it right!
- 3.5 Competitors are tested for each Division separately. If grades are needed for more than one division, the test must be re-done, each time with equipment suitable for that Division recorded on a separate score sheet. At this stage, provision is only made for Open, Standard & Production Division. The hit factors for Standard and Production Divisions are the same.

3.6 The Grading Match Score Sheet is at Annexure B and must be completed as follows:

- Record the date, the Competitor's Name, IPSC No, State, division and power factor (Major or Minor Calibre, preferably determined by Chronograph) if possible.
- Use a separate form for each Division test.
- Score each test by entering the hits and total the points, based on the values for either Major or Minor Calibre. Remember to subtract 10 points per miss.
- To get the **Hit Factor** for each test, total the **Score** and divide by the **Time**.
- To get the **Grading Hit Factor** add the three hit factors together.
- To get the **Grade** refer to the tables in paragraph 3.7.

3.7 Establish the **Grade** from the Grading Hit Factor achieved using the tables below:

Open Division

22.60	and over	=	Master
19.95	22.59	=	A
15.95	19.94	=	B
10.64	15.94	=	C
10.63	and less	=	D

Standard and Production Division

17.33	and over	=	Master
13.89	17.32	=	A
11.11	13.88	=	B
7.41	11.10	=	C
7.40	and less	=	D

3.8 The score sheets need to go to your Section Coordinator who will forward the results to the National Membership Officer for recording on the National Grading List.

4 CONDUCTING THE GRADING MATCH

- 4.1 To supervise these tests you **MUST** be a National or International Range Officer, the Club Captain/Section Coordinator or any other person nominated by your Club.
- 4.2 As always, the safety of all involved in this sport must never be compromised. All current IPSC rules regarding safety and gun handling must be followed.
- 4.3 These tests must be completed the same way by all competitors. There are no errors of procedure, just an automatic and mandatory re-shoot. Competitors may do the tests any reasonable number of times to achieve their highest grade.
- 4.4 If a competitor needs a grade in more than one division, they must repeat the tests with equipment suitable for that Division and a separate score sheet completed for each Division.

5 MATCHES RECOGNISED FOR GRADING PURPOSES

5.1 Australian National Championships

- (a) Grading is automatic at the Australian National Championships for all divisions, provided the division qualifies for recognition in terms of Appendix A2 of the IPSC Rules.
- (b) The host Section Coordinator will:
 - (i) advise all other Section Coordinators of the regrades; and
 - (ii) advise the National Membership Officer of all regrades.

5.2 Other matches considered to be of sufficient standard may also be used for grading purposes. These might be, but are not limited to, State Titles or Level III matches.

- (a) As a guide, if at least 1 Grand Master or 3 Master graded competitors compete in a division, that match can be considered to be of sufficient standard. Each division will be considered independently.
- (b) If no Grand Master has shot the match, it is recommended that at least three of the Master grade shooters who have shot the match in question have achieved at least 90% in that division, at the previous National Championships.
- (c) The host Section Coordinator and the Regional Director together will agree whether a match is of sufficient standard to be used for grading purposes.
- (d) Once a match is determined to be a grading match, ALL competitors who break grade WILL be regraded.
- (e) The host Section Coordinator will:
 - (i) advise all other Section Coordinators of the regrades; and
 - (ii) advise the National Membership Officer of all regrades.

6 GRADE BREAKS

6.1 IPSC Australia members are regraded at the following percentage breaks

Grand Master	95% and more	(only at the Australian National Championships)
M	85% to 100%	(or 94.99% at Australian National Championships)
A	75% to 84.99%	
B	60% to 74.99%	
C	40% to 59.99%	
D	Less than 40%	

6.2 If any international competitors have participated in the match, they must be excluded from the results before regrading is done.

6.3 Grand Master status can only be achieved at the Australian National Championships and will only be retained for 2 years. If the required score is not achieved during this period, the grade will automatically go to Master.

7 CHANGING DIVISIONS

7.1 If you compete in a division where you have no grade you will need to do a grading match or compete ungraded until you participate in a match recognised for grading purposes, with the following exceptions:

- (a) If you are Grand Master grade in a division and change to another division you will automatically be graded as Master Grade in the new division.
- (b) If you have a grade in Standard Division and change to Production Division, your Standard Division grade will be used as your Production Division grade unless you re-shoot the grading match; in which case the grade achieved in the Grading Match will be used.

8 BEING DOWNGRADED

- 8.1 Once you have achieved a grade, you retain that grade for a period of at least 12 months.
- 8.2 If you have failed to achieve your recorded grade at IPSC sanctioned matches, during an immediate prior period of 12 months you may apply to your Section to be downgraded. This request will be reviewed by your Section Executive which will consider your request, based on your achievements.
- 8.3 If you have failed to achieve your grade at IPSC sanctioned matches, during a period of 24 months, your Section Coordinator can initiate your downgrade.

9 GRADING RECORDS

- 9.1 The National Membership Officer maintains the National Grading List.
- 9.2 It is the responsibility of Section Coordinators to advise of changes to the National Grading List. Issues regarding grading should be discussed with your Section Coordinator who will advise the National Membership Officer of any change.
- 9.3 Your grading will be reflected on your membership card as at the time of affiliation. If your grade changes during the year, your membership card will not be reissued.

Annexure A GRADE TEST

Layout

The following grade test layout was adopted in 1999.

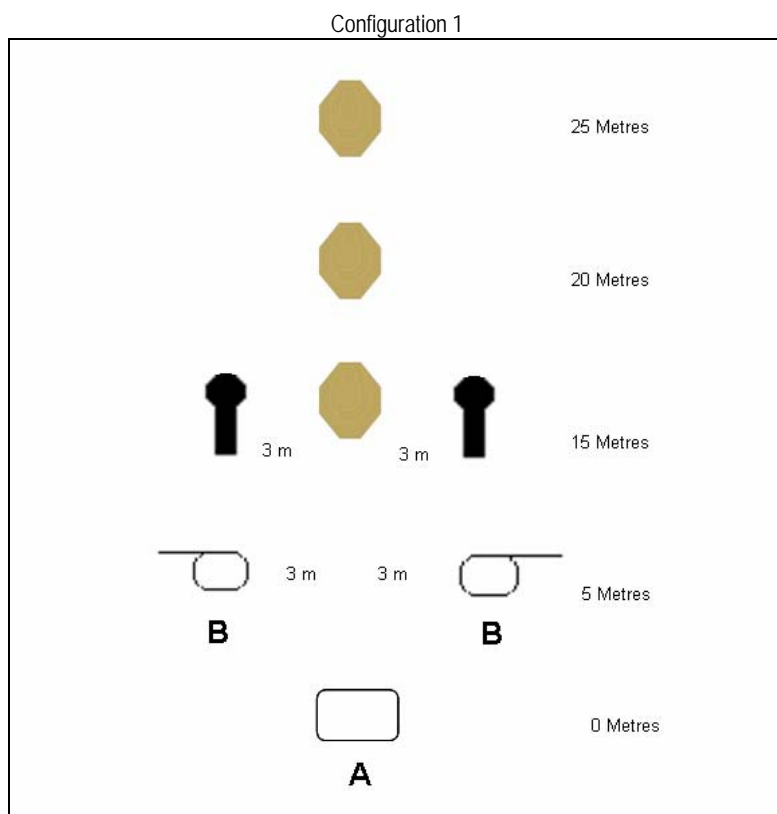
- (a) Classic Targets must be used.
- (b) All Tests start with hands naturally by the sides.
- (c) The procedure is specific, and variations are not acceptable.
- (d) The mandatory reload in Tests 1 and 3, is just that – **MANDATORY!**
- (e) Scoring and penalties as per IPSC Rules, except no procedural errors are allowed. If they happen, the test must re-shot until the competitor complies with the procedure.
- (f) All Poppers are worth 5 points.
- (g) All misses are minus 10 points per miss.

Test 1: Accuracy and Reload

Comstock: 12 Rounds Minimum.

From either box “B”. On the Signal, draw and fire two rounds minimum at Targets 1, 2 and 3 in any order. Perform a mandatory reload, and engage Targets 1, 2 and 3 with a further two rounds (minimum).

Score and Patch.



Test 2: Accuracy and Movement.

Comstock: 8 Rounds Minimum.

Starting in Box “A”, engage, and fell both Pepper Poppers, then move around the outside edge of either box “B”. After passing the front edge of box “B” engage T1, T2 and T3 as seen with two rounds each (minimum)

Score and patch.

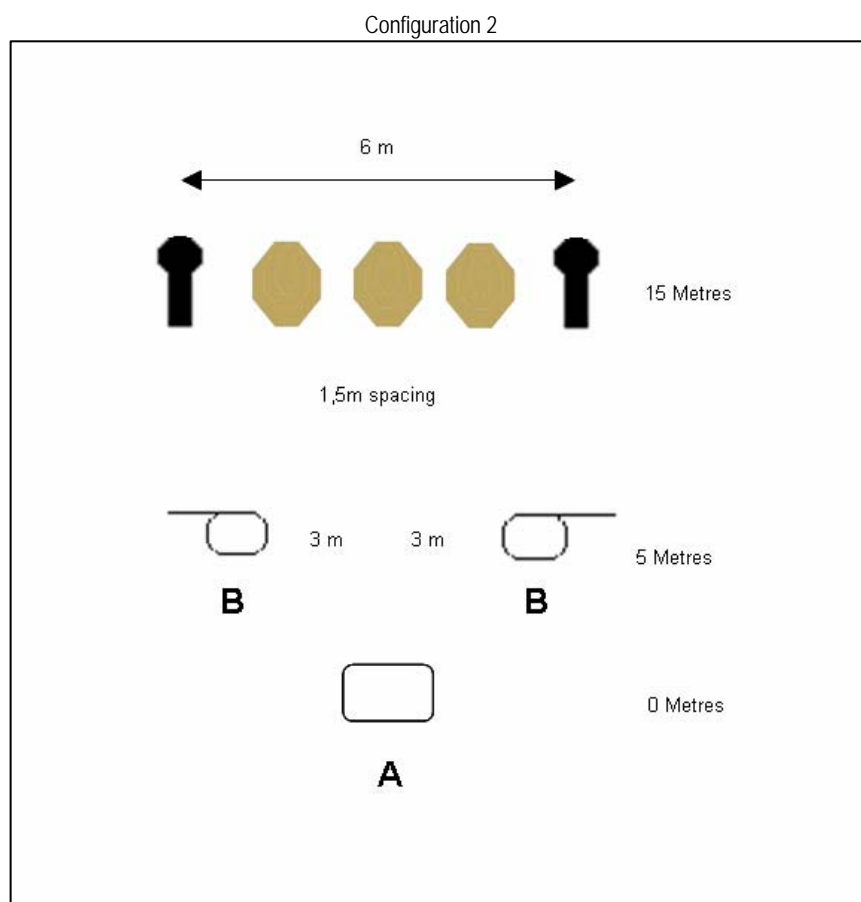
Test 3: Target Acquisition, Speed, Reload, and Procedure.

NOTE: Change Targets to Configuration 2, as below

Comstock: 14 Rounds Minimum.

From Box “A”, Engage and fell **either** popper PP1 **or** PP2, then fire two shots (minimum) at T1, T2 and T3 in any order.

Perform a mandatory reload, then engage and fell the remaining Popper, then fire a further two shots (minimum) at T1, T2 and T3 in any order.



Annexure B SCORE SHEET

Date _____

Name _____ IPSC No. _____ Section _____

OPEN STANDARD PRODUCTION MAJOR MINOR

	A	C	D	Miss
Major	5	4	2	Minus 10 per miss
Minor	5	3	1	

TEST 1

	A	C	D	Miss
Target 1				
Target 2				
Target 3				
Total				

Total Points

Points

Time

Hits plus Misses total 12 with Total Points Possible = 60

Hit Factor (HF) = Total Points divided by Time

HF 1

TEST 2

	A	C	D	Miss
Popper 1				
Popper 2				
Target 1				
Target 2				
Target 3				
Total				

Total Points

Points

Time

Hits plus Misses total 8 with Total Points Possible = 40

Hit Factor (HF) = Total Points divided by Time

HF 2

TEST 3

	A	C	D	Miss
Popper 1				
Popper 2				
Target 1				
Target 2				
Target 3				
Total				

Total Points

Points

Time

Hits plus Misses total 14 with Total Points Possible = 70

Hit Factor (HF) = Total Points divided by Time

HF 3

HF 1 + HF 2 + HF 3 = Grading Hit Factor

GRADE =

Range Officer:

Name _____

Signature _____