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New Trial Division – Production Optics (PO)

At the IPSC General Assembly held during the 2017 World Shoot in France, IPSC Regional Directors were given authority to trial a new Production Optics Division. An international set of PO rules have not yet been decided upon, however the majority of regions (including Australia) have adopted the minimum of changes in keeping with the trial division's Production origins –

All requirements for Production Division will apply to Production Optics, except –

1. Optic sight to be mounted at upper rear of handgun slide, using handgun manufacturers provided location/adaptors or aftermarket dovetail type adaptors.
2. No modifications to slide are allowed.

Please see attached copy of draft Handgun Rule Book Appendix D6 for full details.

Production Optics is now a recognised trial division at any IPSCA sanctioned match with sufficient PO entrants (5 for a level II match, 10 for a level III match) and will be available at State and National championships in 2018.

The Practiscore tablet scoring system can already accommodate PO division and WinMSS is currently being updated to include PO.

Kind regards

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APPENDIX D6: Production Optics Division (Trial)

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 (see Appendix E4a)	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	Yes, see below
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 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 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 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 Modifications to them, other than minor detailing (the removal of burrs and/or adjustments unavoidably required in order to fit replacement OFM parts or components), are prohibited. Other prohibited modifications include those which facilitate faster reloading (e.g. racking or charging handles, flared, enlarged and/or add-on magwells, 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 Sights may be trimmed, adjusted and/or have colors applied. Sights may also be fitted with fiber optic or similar inserts.
17. Aftermarket parts, components and accessories are prohibited, except as follows:
 - 17.1 Aftermarket magazines are permitted, subject to 16.2 above.
 - 17.2 Aftermarket ~~open sights (see Rule 5.1.3.1)~~ and mounting plates are permitted, provided their installation and/or adjustment requires no alteration to the handgun.
 - 17.3 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 (see Appendix E3a) are permitted. However, rubber sleeves are prohibited.
18. Optical sights must be mounted to existing sight fitting points installed on the upper rear of the slide by the OFM (i.e. dovetails or dedicated optical sight mounting points only). Racking or charging handles or other similar protuberances cannot form part of the optical sight or its mounting.
19. This division will expire on 31 December 2020 unless previously extended.