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Dear Member

We are all aware of the many pressures that we are under in these unprecedented times and the ever growing challenges that we face. We've all been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in one way or another. There is no doubt that a great many of us have seen our movements and activities restricted, incomes adversely affected or if not lost our work all together. I hope that all our members and their families and friends are keeping well.

There are unfortunately, various levels of restrictions on our chosen past times in particular going to the range to enjoy the company of our friends, enjoying IPSC matches and sports shooting in general.

- *Membership Renewal*

As we all know, there is currently no IPSC activity happening locally or nationally and none scheduled on the immediate horizon. With the very real and obvious restrictions that COVID-19 brings to our sport along with the many pressures on our daily life, IPSC Australia will be extending all 2019/2020 IPSC memberships (both club and individual) for six months to 31 December 2020. This is in some small way to give members one less thing to worry about at this time. In line with this announcement, I can confirm that no renewal notices will be issued at the end of the financial year. IPSC Australia will provide further details on the renewal process as we have a clearer picture of COVID-19 restrictions and when and how we slowly return to levels of functionality within the wider community and our sport.

We hope to see the continued positive signs in the decreasing number of new cases nationally and look forward, while very tentatively, to a date of lighter restrictions and eventual return to our sport. When this does happen we expect some members will be quick to return while for others it may be a slower process. However we hope that it will be a welcome release to the pressures of the pandemic and its various restrictions.

- *IPSC Australia 2020 Handgun National Championships*

Due to the current situation with COVID-19 and the necessary restrictions on travel and various other control measures in place across the country, IPSC Australia, IPSC QLD and the Townsville Pistol Club have agreed to postpone the IPSC Australia 2020 Handgun National Championships.

At this time the match is postponed until October 2020. Due to the ever-changing situation we are all facing with the community's efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19, this will be reviewed every four weeks. Once a final date is available, we will announce it as soon as possible.

IPSC Australia requests that all members comply with their respective State and Territory travel restrictions, social distancing and Health advisory notices, to do our bit to slow the spread of COVID-19. We would like to see all members, family and friends stay safe and look forward to seeing you all back at a match as soon as it clear to do so.

It will be a difficult and uncertain time for all of us, but one thing that we can all be sure of is, when we are clear of the COVID-19 crisis our fantastic sport of IPSC will be there ready for us to enjoy and reconnect with our wider community of friends.

Stay well and safe and I look forward to seeing you at a match large or small sometime soon.

Best Regards & DVC
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IPSC Australia - Regional Director
