

IPSC Australia e-newsletter



IPSC Australia News - December 2020

Dear Member

As we approach the end of what has been a difficult year for so many I take the opportunity to provide a quick update on IPSC in 2020.

The IPSC calendar started out well this year with the usual full list of events, State Titles and a good number of additional Level IIIs across the country. Then COVID put the brakes on our plans, not just our sporting activities but also a much bigger impact on our lives.

We were able to see a number of matches proceed early in the year as the pandemic unfolded and before various lockdowns took effect. We saw restrictions placed and eased over the past 10 months and now have various levels of sporting activities return in most if not all of the country. Unfortunately I'm sure that many of you have either been directly or indirectly effected by the pandemic in one way or another, be it your health or work insecurity. IPSC Australia responded, in what we know is a small gesture in the grand scheme of things, by extending the 2019/20 membership until 31 December 2020.

Renewal notices will be going out within the week. Completing your renewal will take your membership through to 30 June 2021. In the interim IPSC will not be issuing new cards for renewing members. New members however will receive a card and membership package. The usual renewal process will recommence as of 1 July 2021.

As the pandemic worsened across the world we also saw the cancellation of a great many matches both here and abroad. Our 2020 IPSC Australia National Handgun Championships scheduled to be held in Townsville was postponed to 2021 along with the 2020 IPSC World Handgun Shoot in Thailand also postponed until 2021. We all look forward to heading to QLD and Thailand for what will be fantastic matches and are closely watching the development of the various vaccines and their expected roll out dates.

It was great to see that even with the various COVID restrictions, we were able to see a number of successful Level II and III matches across the country; the State Titles in the Northern Territory, Queensland, Western Australia and the Rifle and Shotgun Nationals in South Australia. I would like to thank everyone that was involved in running these matches and for working within the COVID confines to comply with the safe requirements to provide safe and quality matches.

The following is an overview of the discussions / outcomes from the IPSC Australia AGM that was held in November:

- committee adopted a new IPSC Australia Constitution

- amendments to the Grading Policy to enable more grading opportunities
- no increase in membership fees
- planning for the 2021 IPSC Australia National Handgun Championships in Townsville is well underway
- planning for the 2022 IPSC Australia National Handgun, Rifle and Shotgun Championships to be held in the Northern Territory is well underway
- new Match Sanctioning Policy now available
- new Social Media Policy
- new website for IPSC Australia, states and clubs under development
- develop a drug and alcohol policy and testing process in line with WADA and the World Body

I do believe that we have a bright future with a 2021 calendar filling, some changes to our National grading process and further reviews into other aspects of our sport.

I would like to thank our members for their continued support of IPSC during this difficult year and of course the various administrative teams across the country, be it at club, state and national level for doing their part in facilitating our sport so that we can all enjoy the matches and social interaction with our friends that they bring.

I hope you all have a safe and merry Christmas and I look forward to a positive new year. I hope to see you at match somewhere in 2021.

DVC and Best Regards
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