

IPSC MATCH REFERENCE NOTES

1. **“If you can see the targets, you can shoot the targets”**
As a course designer this is one of the most important fundamentals.
2. **Stage definitions and guidelines:**
 - 2.1 - No stage shall require more than 9 rounds from any single position or view except as allowed in 1.2.1.2/3
 - 2.2 - Long courses shall not require any more than 32 rounds to complete, nor allow a competitor to shoot all targets in the course of fire from any single location or view.
 - 2.3 –Medium courses shall not require any more than 24, nor allow a competitor to shoot all targets in the course of fire from any single location or view.
 - 2.4 –Short courses shall not require any more than 12 rounds.
3. **Try using vision barriers instead of boxes.**
 - 3.1 The use of vision barriers will allow competitors freedom of movement and will not restrict them to the specific positions.
 - 3.2 Use vision barriers will prevent competitors from seeing targets that should not be shot.
4. **““At the start signal engage targets from within the designated area””**
This is the perfect “briefing”. Whenever possible, stage instructions will include no more than the above statement.
5. **A course of fire should always be freestyle.**
6. **Take caution when choosing stage names.**
7. **Poppers are scored as 5 points in all cases.**
8. **Take caution in design and construction to prevent “shoot-throughs”.**
9. **Moving targets should either completely “disappear” or present at least a portion of the “A’ zone after the designed movement.** While this is not mandatory, if a target does not present a portion of the “A” zone, Minor Power Factor shooters do not have the same opportunity to score as Major Power Factor shooters
10. **For safety reasons:**
 - 10.1 Where the start position for a course of fire is seated, it is recommended that the stage instructions require the holster to be moved to the side with the muzzle pointing in a safe direction.
 - 10.2 Metal targets and metal hard cover shall not be closer than 7m from the shooter. Where charge lines are used to enforce this, the charge lines must be a minimum distance of 8m from the target to prevent the competitor from inadvertently breaking the 7m safety area.
 - 10.3 Course design should attempt to prevent the competitor from breaking the 90 degree rule.
11. **The two sizes of Poppers may be included together in the same course of fire provided that all Mini Poppers are placed at least 2 meters further rearwards of the most distant full size Popper in that course of fire.** Forward falling Poppers are recommended.
12. **Painting or cutting targets** to simulate targets behind hard cover is permitted provided the target(s) actually simulate a hard cover situation. When targets are cut they still must have a non-scoring zone along the cut edge. Use tape or another suitable method.