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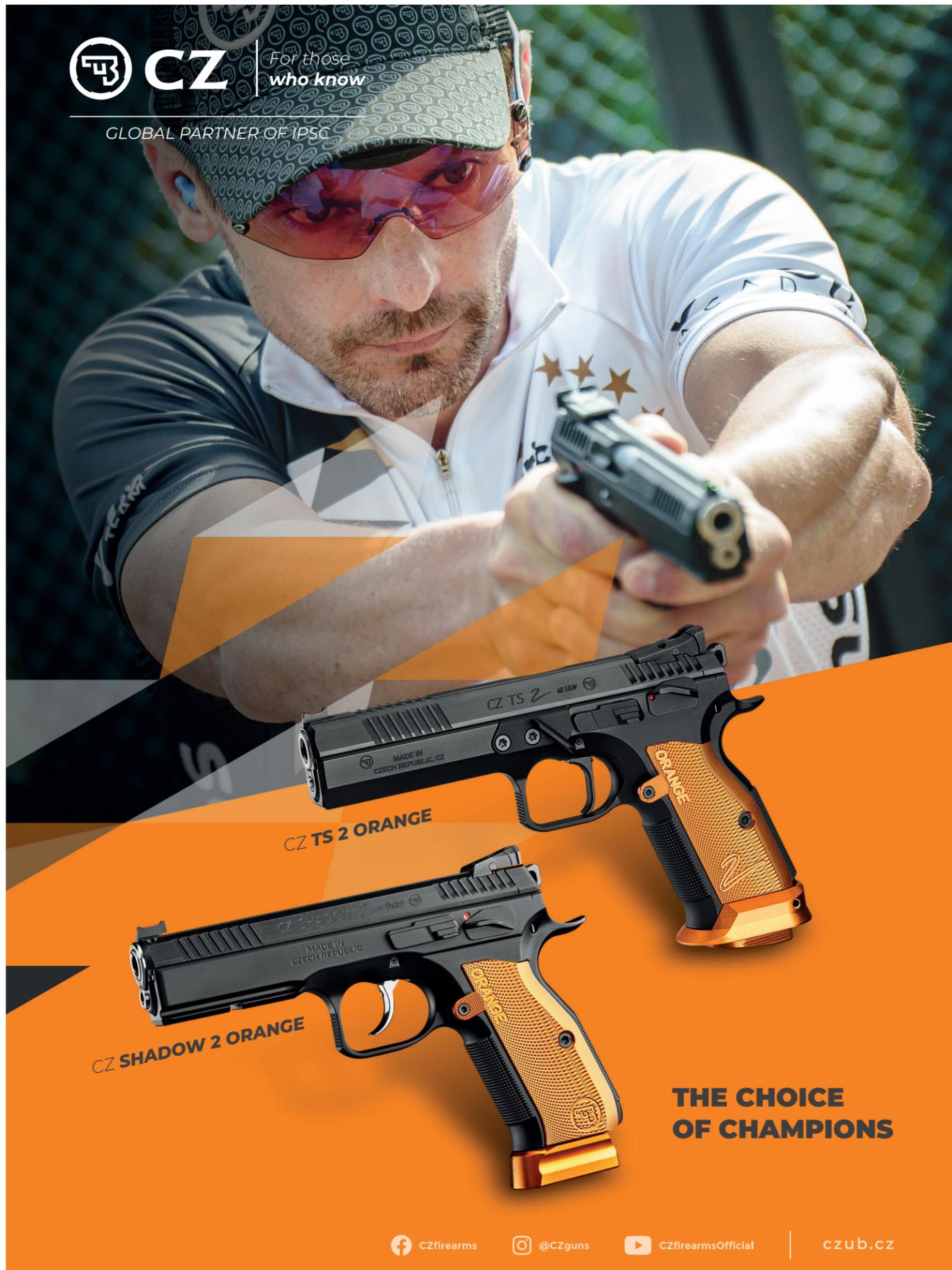
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# Preparing for The Future

Dear Friends,

Nine months of this year have already passed and the IPSC sports shooting season is in full swing. I would like to share with you the news and current results of our joint work. Over the course of this year, together we have made real progress on many key topics.

A few weeks left before the key Level IV IPSC pistol match in Europe. The Match Organizers, IROA/NROI and Athletes have done a great job in preparing for this sporting event. Now almost everything is ready to once again get together and enjoy the atmosphere of the match. Together we look forward to meeting new and old friends at the **2023 European Handgun Championship in Corinth, Greece.**

To prepare for the next year's Rifle World Shoot III, the first match, which is, IPSC Level III competition, **Nordic Rifle Championship 2023** was successfully held at the beginning of August at the new shooting range at Shooting Center Ruutikangas, Liminka (Limingo) in Finland. This is also the venue for the Rifle World Shoot in 2024. The Main Match on August 12-13, 2023 was attended by over 140 athletes from Finland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden who competed in all current IPSC Rifle divisions. Electronic targets were successfully tested during this match with the participation of experts from the Executive Council and the Rules Committee.

A report on different types of **Electronic scoring targets** for rifle competitions in Nordic Countries was presented to the IPSC Executive Council after the usage in a few matches. It is definitely exciting new technology for IPSC Matches. This technology strongly reduces the men's power for the match and stage recovery time. It will help organizers and IROA to provide the Rifle matches much faster and hosts more participants. **The usage of the Electronic scoring targets for Rifle was supported by the Executive Council and a detailed proposal will be brought up to the upcoming IPSC General Assembly in Greece.**



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An important milestone of this year was the **ISSF – IPSC** meeting, which was successful and launched a process of closer cooperation between our organizations for Sports Development Worldwide to prevent Lead bun and protect our sports firearms and Athletes who are firearms owners. Mutual cooperation plan between the two parties is under development now and the **Memorandum of Understanding between ISSF and IPSC is being considered by ISSF at the moment.**

A draft document on **transgender policy** was prepared recently. One of the paragraphs confirms an August Rules Interpretations that Categories Lady and Lady Senior are defined as a person who was registered female at birth. The final decision will be under IPSC Disciplinary Committee examination and chromosome tests in unclear cases can be used.

The proposal from **ANPAM to create a media platform** to promote shooting sports was supported by the Executive Council in principle. ANPAM is an Italian National Association of Arms and Sporting and Civilian Ammunition Manufacturers whose objective is to develop shooting sports. The list of the ANPAM members can be found here: <https://www.anpam.it/i-nostri-associati>

The proposal to introduce IPSC World Cups was supported by the Executive Council. Further details are to be discussed at the next meetings. An item will be added to the agenda of the IPSC General Assembly in Greece.

The decision of the Continental Council to prohibit names of Level III matches with such words as "World", "European", "Pan American" "Asia" etc. as well as names of continents was approved by the Executive Council. The reason is not to confuse the shooting community that this Level III match with a continental or world name is similar to Level IV-V.

IPSC International Recognition by GAISF and AIMS helps Regions to get National Recognition status as well.

**I would like to congratulate all IPSC Regions and their Regional Directors who received the official national recognition of our sport by their Ministries and Governmental Bodies.** Thank you very much for your dedication and great progress in this matter!

Preparation to the **2023 IPSC Shotgun World Shoot** in Pattaya, Thailand is going on in full power. I wish all of you a successful preparation for this upcoming Shotgun Match of the Year!

**I thank our IROA/NROI Range Officers** around the World for their tireless work and great dedication in preparing IPSC matches at the highest level of safety.

**I thank also all MISIA Instructors and Trainers** who are working hard to provide seminars in many regions and recently made it happen great in Mongolia, Greece and Spain.

**IPSC Committees together with Regional Directors together with Top Athletes and IROA Officials have done a huge work and progress on the Rules and our Sport's Policies.**

A series of progressive changes recommended and Rules Interpretations were approved by the latest EC meeting and have been published on the IPSC website. They come into effect 7 days after publication and are subject to ratification by the General Assembly.

**Concluding my address, I would like to remind all IPSC Officials and Athletes to stay safe on the range, train hard, share IPSC Gunhandling Culture with new members, gun owners, the persons of good characters who are interesting shooting sports!**

**Look forward to meet our IPSC family again on the range!**



Vitaly Kryuchin  
IPSC President



## REGIONAL REPORT



### IPSC Slovak Republic

Slovakia, officially the Slovak Republic, is a landlocked country in Central Europe. It is bordered by Poland to the north, Ukraine to the east, Hungary to the south, Austria to the southwest, and the Czech Republic to the northwest. The capital and largest city is Bratislava, while the second largest city is Košice.

The IPSC Slovak Republic directorate was officially registered on October 21, 1992 and the Slovak Republic is well known in the IPSC world because of the very high quality of the matches it conducts on a consistent basis.

In average, the Region manages between 70-80 matches a year, mostly the following:

- Level III Matches: six (6) Handgun, six (6) PCC and two (2) Rifle.
- Level I Matches: about sixty (60) matches between Handgun, PCC, Shotgun and Rifle.



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One of the Region's oldest Level III match is the Mosquito Match (2 days match, 20+ stages) with 25 years of history. Another very popular Level III match that has attracted competitors from all over the region and some international is the REBELS TROPHY (2 days match, 20+ stages) and their charity events that support oncologically ill children.

In addition, other matches that are gaining a lot of attention are the Bathory Cup (14 stages), the Atlas Open, the Slovak Open and the Danube Cup. RDA rifle matches on upper and lower shooting ranges are very popular among rifle shooters as well.

**Government Recognition**

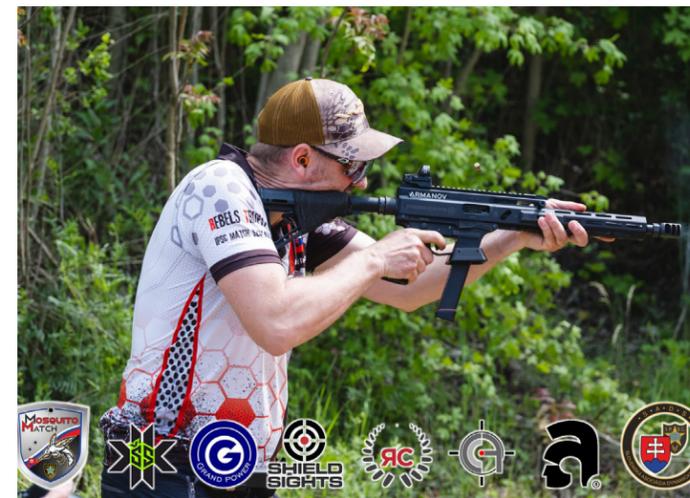
After nearly 10 years of hard working, IPSC Slovak Republic became recognized by the National Sports Association as IPSC sport. Our fight started under the leadership of the Slovak Association of Dynamic Shooting led by Janette Haviarova as Regional Director and Bystrik Zachar as First Vice-President.

The Region set a vision and it followed step by step its goals and dreams. They spent hundreds of hours by communicating with government about the sport and guns for sportsmen. A Memorandum of Cooperation was drafted and encompassing sports shooters, fishing sport, hunting, lawyers, etc.

When Bystrik Zachar became Regional Director, all steps were taken to finish the job. The Slovak IPSC Committee wants to thank everyone who supported the mission, the assistance of IPSC Headquarters with all documents, their steps in joining GAISF, setting up the rules, etc.

**Looking Forward to a Great Future!**

The Region has now more options to support its young shooters. The new Junior Team is currently training for the 2023 European Handgun Championship in Greece. In the past years, IPSC Slovak Republic supported its Range Officers,



**IPSC Slovak Republic  
By The Numbers**

**How many members does your Region have?**

From the year 2013 when we had 205 active members, by the end of 2022 we enrolled 924.

**How many Levels 1-2-3 matches you conduct per year?**

We usually have around 70 to 80 matches per year.

**How many gun clubs are there in your Region?**

We work very close with clubs to develop IPSC in our Region. The number of active clubs is 35; they are organizing trainings for their members, matches, supporting new members and working close with schools promoting IPSC by organizing seminars about legal firearm ownership.

**How many ROs, MISIA (IPSC) Instructors and Trainers reside in your Region?**

There are 65 ROs, 5 RMs, 7 AROs, 9 IROAs and 1 MISIA Instructor.

prepared many projects to support the Shotgun discipline and preparing many more activities around practical shooting.

During the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Slovak Association of Dynamic Shooting, the Region organized big events for all its members, not only IPSC shooters.

There is no doubt that IPSC Slovak Republic will continue to thrive and develop more and very exciting matches, and its reputation of being a stable Region in a beautiful country opens the door to many international visitors and local competitors alike.



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# Hong Kong Practical Shooting Association (HKPSA) showcases IPSC Action Air at 2023 Olympic Day

To celebrate International Olympic Day and promote the spirit of the Olympics, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) organized its 2023 Olympic Day event on 18 June.

Supported by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government, the event was officiated by guests including Financial Secretary Paul Chan and President of SF&OC Timothy Fok.

Thousands of athletes, family members and sports enthusiasts attended the event to learn more about sports including badminton, basketball and roller skating.



The sport of IPSC was featured for the first time at this year's Olympic Day, and attracted strong attention from the public. At a booth hosted by the Hong Kong Practical Shooting Association (HKPSA), athletes of all ages lined up in the pouring rain for a chance to try their hand at IPSC Action Air shooting.



“Even in the rainy weather, a long queue gathered within 10 minutes – eager to try out IPSC Action Air Shooting at 2023 Olympic Day, demonstrating

the popularity and visual appeal of our sport,” said Dr. Emily Ngan, IPSC Regional Director and President of HKPSA.



ActionAir is an airsoft shooting sport discipline under the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). HKPSA is the sole governing body of the sport of IPSC in Hong Kong, recognized by the National Olympic Committee.



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# Adrian Samson



AGE: 19  
REGION: Poland

### How did you first hear about IPSC?

First time I heard about IPSC was in the middle of 2016 when my dad took me to the soothing range. I had the opportunity to shoot different types of firearms like AR, AK, Glock and CZ. It was amazing for a young boy to be given the opportunity to try shooting for the first time!

### For how long have you been shooting?

I started shooting at the age of 14 and started competing in IPSC since I was 15.

### What division do you shoot and why?

The first Division I participated at was Production; in 2018, I became the Polish Champion Production Junior and I am very proud of that achievement.

Currently, I have started shooting Open. In my opinion, Open is the most challenging because targets must be



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shot quickly but in different approaches than other Divisions. For me, it presents difficult but exciting challenges.

### What is the coolest about IPSC shooting?

Developing an individual solution for a specific problem on the stage and evaluating whether it is appropriate and feasible within the time limitation. Each match requires a competitor to complete various different stages by shooting against the clock and scoring as many points as possible.

In addition, the opportunity to meet new people from various countries around the world and exchanging experiences to grow and learn from one another.

### What do your friends and family think about you shooting IPSC?

My family and friends support me a lot when travelling with me to European competitions... I know that I can always rely on them!

### What are the biggest challenges you have when shooting IPSC?

Practicing this sport without the support of your family and also financial sponsorship would be impossible. Shooter equipment, ammunition, training on the range and participating in competitions can become quite expensive.

### What inspired you to begin shooting?

My dad inspired me to start shooting, motivates me all the time and shows me interesting forms of spending free time, not only sitting in front of my computer.

### What other sport(s) do you enjoy besides IPSC shooting?

CrossFit and the fact that I live near mountains helps me to practice winter sports, especially Snowboarding.





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## Press release

Guntramsdorf, June 2023

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The new K18i-2 presents an uncompromising combination of an unparalleled field of view and outstanding optical performance, making it the perfect choice for competitions decided on tenths of a second.

The K18i-2 will be available for €3,000 from specialist retailers from September 2023.



## Press release

Guntramsdorf, June 2023

### PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

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K18i-2	1-8x24i
Magnification	1-8
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Eye relief (mm)	95
Field of view (m/100m)	50.0-6.2
Diopter compensation (dpt)	+2/-3
Exit pupil diameter (mm)	8.0-2.97
Twilight factor (DIN 58388)	2.9-13.9
Parallax-free (m)	100
Impact correction per click (mm/100m)	10
Adjustment range E/W (m/100m)	2.0/2.0
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# German Romitelli

REGION Argentina

### How many years have you been shooting?

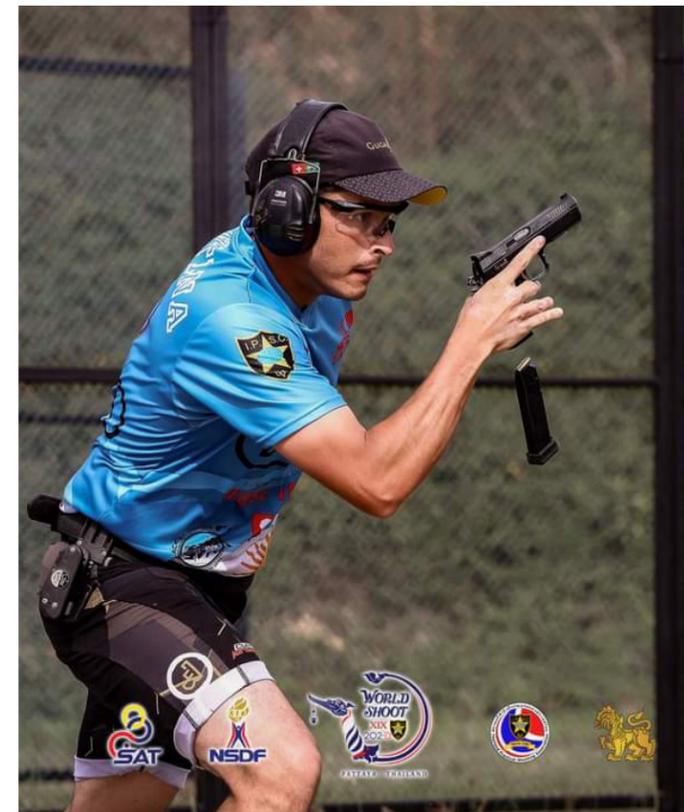
I started shooting from a very young age, at 13 years old, but for some years I did not shoot and in 2011 I took up this sport completely and since that year I have dedicated myself to training.

### What do you like best about IPSC shooting?

The adrenaline that you feel during the competitions is what I enjoy the most about this sport. Having a single opportunity to run the stages is something that makes it very challenging and exciting.

### How often do you practice at the range?

In the polygon I train at least 3 times a week but in times of important competitions that training goes up to 5 or 6 times a week.



### Who do you consider your inspiration or mentor?

As a work inspiration, Eric Grauffel has always been a reference for me. I followed the 2011 World Shoot in Greece online because I hadn't shot yet and it was a great inspiration for me as an athlete and shooter. An Argentine shooter named Prieto Marcelo is also an inspiration and today he is a great friend and reference for me.

And as a mentor who taught me the basics of this sport and how to train it, I'd name Federico Pastor, another excellent Argentine shooter.

### What is your match pistol and ammo?

Since I started shooting, I always shoot with CZ firearms. Today, I shoot with CZ SHADOW 2 ORANGE and the ammunition I use is ammunition reloaded by my father with Argentine national supplies. I use 14 gns bullets.

### How do you unwind at the end of the day?

A good way to relax at the end of the day is by cooking a delicious dinner and having an excellent wine.

### How do you prepare mentally for a match?

Mentally I think it is the most difficult part of this sport and it is the one that challenges me the most to improve. I work with a sports psychologist but I also believe that the best way to mentally prepare is by competing in as many competitions as possible.

### Any special exercises?

I train a lot. I have a physical trainer who helps me with that aspect. In addition to training in a gym, I have the possibility of training the physical part on the range and combining it with shooting.

### Are you active in any other sport?

Not currently, but for 15 years I played basketball and for some years I did both sports simultaneously.

### What advice do you have for up and coming shooters?

Be patient. Practical shooting takes many years of training and it is a long process to be able to assimilate all the aspects of this beautiful sport. Patience and constant training are the key.



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## SENIOR SHOOTIZENS

# MARCO TIBERI

**REGION:** Italy  
**AGE:** 60

### When and where did you first discover IPSC shooting?

I started out of curiosity in 1989 in Italy; I had just become a police shooting instructor and I was fascinated by a shooting discipline called Practical Shooting.

### What inspired you to begin shooting?

I am a inspector working for the State Police. In addition to the duties of the judicial police, I carried out the activity of handgun and rifle shooting instructor. At the beginning of my career as an instructor I started attending shooting ranges because I had heard of practical shooting. I immediately understood that this activity could be useful for both my professional and sporting growth and my passion started from there.

### Which divisions do you shoot, and why?

I started with Standard Division back when there were only Standard and Open, then I had a parenthesis in Production where I won the team silver medal at the Barcelos European Championship 2013 and the team silver medal at the USA World Shoot in 2014. I currently

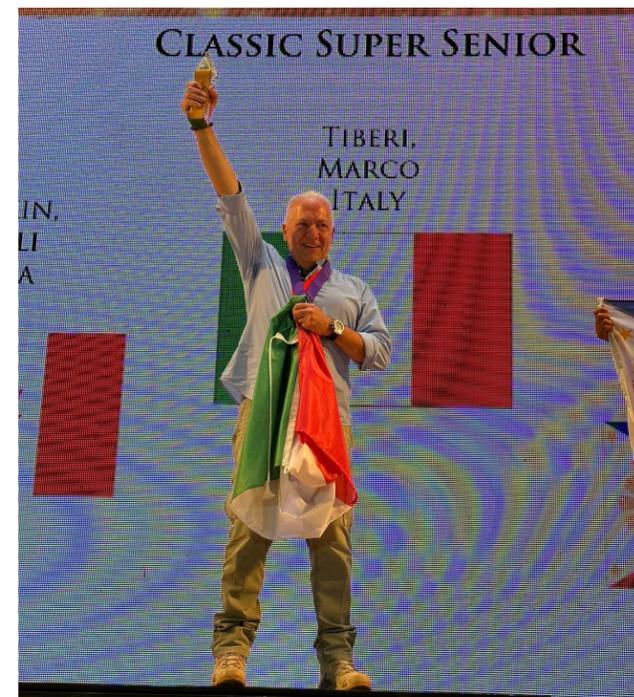
shoot Classic Division, which I find very similar to the Standard I started with.

### Which make and model firearm do you use?

I use an STI Range Master, customized by an Italian gunsmith named Francesco Bertini.



**“You have to do it for passion and fun,  
without forcing anything”**



### What other sports or activities do you also enjoy?

Aside from practical shooting, I do enjoy alpine skiing.

### Do you have any tips for the Young Guns?

You have to do it for passion and fun, without forcing anything... but don't forget that a true competitive spirit requires great sacrifices.

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The Seminars took place in the shooting club Talkan near Santiago (Chile) and gathered together about 30 participants.

Instructors and Trainers were certified to train athletes in the Region. Seven participants did not pass the shooting test and were sent for retraining for the next test.

Members of the Board of IPSC Chile, led by Regional Director Felipe Soriano and MISIA Director Felipe Brandt, took part in the seminars and passed the shooting tests successfully.



One of the participants, IPSC athlete Carlos Ríos who trains practical shooting regularly, took the Instructor Seminar and shared his attitude towards practical shooting, saying: “practical shooting saved my life”.

Another participant, Lucas Kraglievich, traveled 1,400 km from Argentina to Chile to take part in the MISIA Instructors’ Seminar.

MISIA expresses gratitude to the Chilean Region for the assistance in the preparation of the Seminars and congratulate all participants on completing all the training successfully!

The MISIA training schedule is constantly being updated - if you want to find out more information, please visit <https://misia.world/>





**How long have you been shooting?**

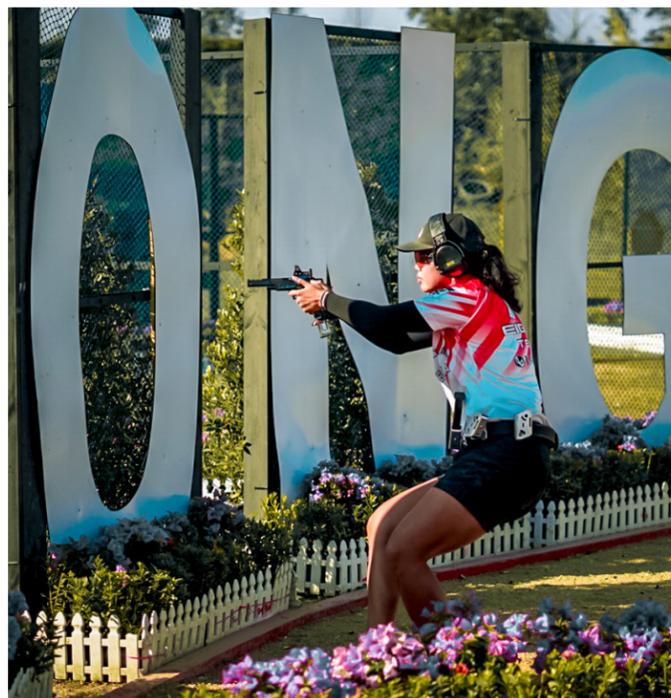
I've been shooting IPSC since 2016. I started to train more seriously after watching how so many top shooters shot in the XVIII IPSC Handgun World Shoot in Chateauroux. How they shot and conquered all the stages made me dream that one day I'd be able to do the same too.

**Which division do you shoot, and why?**

I shoot Open. I believe Open Division has extremely good shooters and the competition is also very tight as shown by the results of the XIX IPSC Handgun World Shoot in Pattaya - which makes it all the more exciting for me!

**What do your friends and family think about you shooting IPSC?**

My family and friends have been so supportive of me. I'm the only one in my family who shoots IPSC but my family is heavily involved in my shooting activities. Several of my friends have tried shooting because of



me and a lot of them ended up liking it! I'm forever thankful for the love they've poured over me because of my love of IPSC.

**What other sports or activities do you enjoy besides IPSC shooting?**

I grew up spending a lot of time outdoors and I still enjoy doing that today! I go hiking and canoeing a lot.

**How do you balance your IPSC shooting activities with your other commitments?**

There is always time for everything as long as you do make the time. IPSC is the centre of my life but I will never miss out on important days for the people who are important to me. There should be a balance in everything that we do.

**What is the best way to get more female competitors into IPSC?**

For me, starting is always the hardest part. I had so many questions! I was so confused on which firearm I should use, how I should train, how often I should go to matches, and so many other things. While a lot have tried it, not many have decided to keep on doing it.

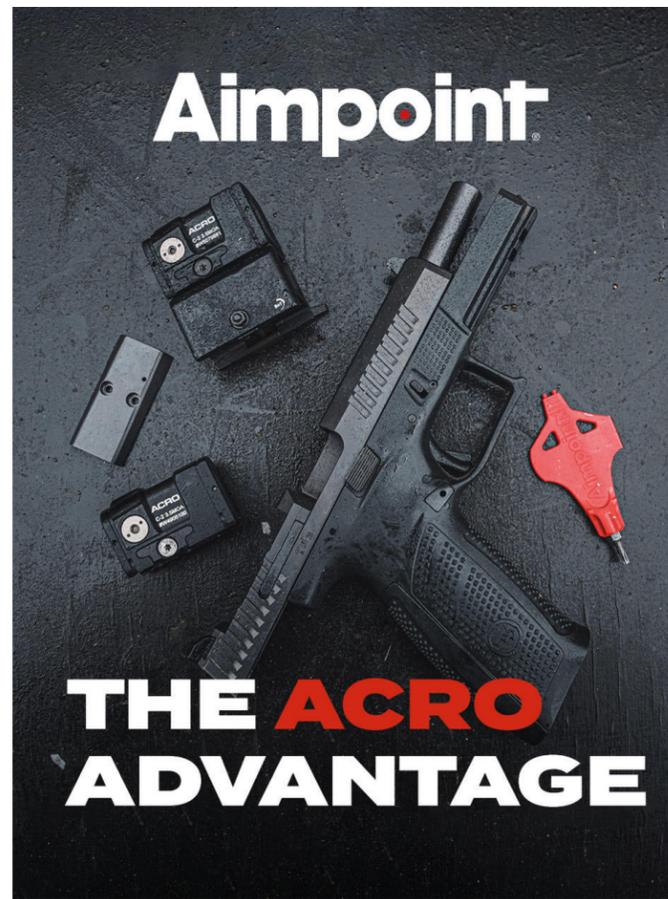
One of the easiest ways we can ensure female shooters not only try IPSC but stay in it is by welcoming them with open arms. I've had a lot of ladies reach out to me both in person and online about my training and it's always a joy for me to answer these questions.

I believe getting more female competitors will improve the skills of our current female shooters, and I'm always up for that!

**What tips do you have for other aspiring female IPSC competitors?**

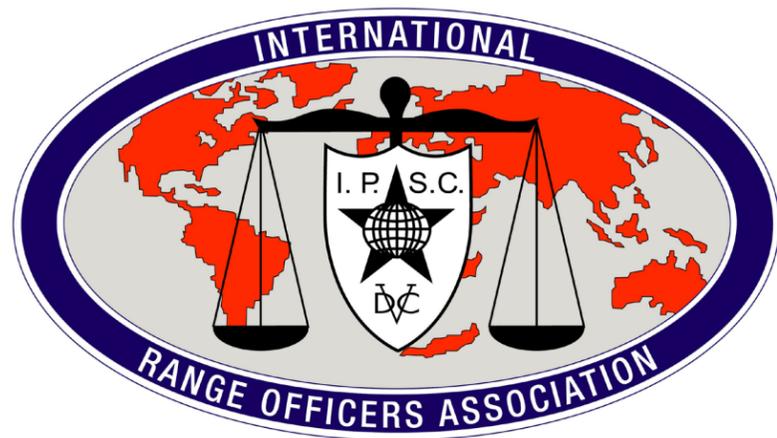
Don't let the words 'you shoot like a girl' discourage you. Show them what it means to shoot like a girl.

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# TANFOGLIO



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# BEST OF THE BEST



### How many years have you been officiating?

As NRO since 2000 and as IROA since 2004. From the beginning, I worked not only as a Range Officer, but also helped with the preparation of many matches.

### What do you like best about officiating?

I really enjoy participating in the course of the matches, meeting friends and facing new challenges.

Thanks to the work of IROA, I have the opportunity not only to return to already visited countries, but also to get to know new countries, new faces and other cultures. As a match organizer, the buildings of other matches are also a good inspiration for me: new target devices, new systems, interesting ideas and situation designs.

### What was your most memorable match? Why?

The World Shoot South Africa 2001 was my first World Shoot as a shooter: big match, lots of famous names and incredibly big situations for me with great backdrops. Nice opening and closing ceremonies and great opportunities to spend free time on the other side of the globe.

The ESC Tabor-Oparany 2009: hard work on the preparations but a successful course of the match. I was in the position of Match Director. In addition to the excellent work done by my team, I fondly remember working with Barry G. Pollard as Range Master and Neil Beverley, IPSC Representative.

And of course, the unforgettably bad weather at the newly built shooting range in Hungary, during the Handgun European Championship in 2016.



### In addition to a timer, what other equipment do you use?

I have all the equipment a Range Officer needs for any specific situation, from a chronograph any Range Officer needs all the way up to the Range Master function, including hammers and multi-tools for the necessary adjustment of the situation or adjustment tools for Poppers.

### What advice do you have for aspiring officials?

Read the rules carefully, be able to admit a mistake and don't be afraid to call the Range Master when something is not clear.





## IPSC Sport in Thailand: A Journey Through Thailand National Games

Thailand National Games stands as the premier multi-sport event within Thailand, inaugurated in 1967 in Bangkok and meticulously overseen by the Sport Authority of Thailand (SAT). This grand sporting spectacle witnesses the participation of athletes hailing from all provinces across the country, unfolding every two years.

Notably, the 47th Srisaket Games (2022) showcased its magnitude with a staggering 13,000 athletes representing a diverse array of 56 sports.

Enters the Thailand Practical Shooting Association (THPSA), seizing the opportunity to broaden its participant base and engaging new stakeholders. THPSA made a significant stride by introducing the IPSC sport as a demonstration sport in the 43rd

Nakhon Ratchasima Games (2014), held successfully in Korat, Nakhon Ratchasima Province.

This strategic move achieved resounding success, resulting in IPSC taking the spotlight, introducing it to a vast and captivated audience as well as attracting a slew of new participants.

It's essential to acknowledge that IPSC sport necessitates expansive venues, which can pose significant financial challenges when reliant on host provinces. Consequently, the 44th and 45th national sports events did not host any IPSC match due to the absence of local facilities and financial constraints. Fortune smiled upon the IPSC community during the 46th national games in Chiang Rai province in northern Thailand, where they could leverage the local club's shooting range to flawlessly conduct the event as the first IPSC match in Thailand National Sport.

However, COVID-19 pandemic posed unprecedented challenges. Landscape carefully, adhering to safety protocols while retaining the ambition to resume competitions. IPSC sport found itself back in the spotlight during the 47th national sport event in Srisaket

Province in Eastern Thailand. This edition presented unparalleled difficulties, as THPSA had to collaborate closely with the province to construct a new shooting range capable of accommodating over 300 shooters who were to be participating in both handgun and shotgun disciplines. To compound matters even further, inclement weather in the form of heavy rain threatened the temporary range, leading to stage damage. The dedicated team worked tirelessly to repair the stages, ensuring the event's successful completion.



What truly stands out is the consistent growth in participants numbers, driven by the sport's increasing recognition at the national level. The exposure and allure generated by the national sports events continue to attract newcomers, invigorating the IPSC sport community.

Fast forward to the latest, 48th National Sports at Kanjanaburi Games in Middle Thailand, where IPSC sport saw a remarkable surge in shooters, boasting 560 participants encompassing both handgun and shotgun disciplines. Organizing the event at a temporary shooting range constructed from scratch was an intricate affair. Coordinating with various stakeholders such as the Provincial SAT, Subdistrict Administrative Organization, and Local Police Station was essential to ensure a smoothly run event, creating a satisfying experience for participants, and maintaining stringent safety standards.

Given the persistent rainy season in August and our diligent scrutiny of the weather forecast, it became evident that there was a 60% chance of daily rainfall during the event. In response, a strategic decision was

made to adopt a two-day format for the match even though it involved a level 2 competition comprising 10 stages.

On the first day, we opted to conduct equipment checks in the afternoon and allowed shooters to engage in three stages. This approach was designed to preserve time for the following day, ensuring that we had ample hours at our disposal. Commencing the match at the early hour of 6:45 AM was a deliberate choice aimed at allowing us more than an hour margin to address any stage-related issues, especially those caused by heavy rain we had encountered in the past (as experienced in Srisaket).

Fortunately, our team officials executed these operational adjustments with precision. However, on the second day, we encountered a brief interruption during the shotgun match due to heavy rainfall.



Thankfully, the brief weather-related disruption on the second day turned out to be the only hiccup. On the following day, we were greeted with bright, sunny skies, and there was not a hint of rain throughout the entire event. This weather blessing made managing the handgun match, which featured a substantial number of participants seemed like a piece of cake without any rain-related concerns.

Ultimately, the match concluded triumphantly without any significant hiccups. The lasting legacy of each national games serves as a powerful conduit for raising awareness amongst a broader audience, drawing in more spectators. The temporary shooting range itself stands as an enduring asset, fostering the development of shooters in the region. This progression paves the way for IPSC sport to solidify its status as a mainstream sport and sets its sights on participating in larger international sporting events in the future.





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- Barrel Length: 102 mm (4 in)
- Barrel: Cold Hammer Forged
- Sights: Fiber Optic Front, Checkered Rear
- Action: DA/SA
- Trigger Pull: SA 15, DA 46 N (SA 3,4, DA 10,3 lbs)
- Trigger Travel: SA 3–4, DA 5 mm (SA 0,11, DA 0,19 in)
- Trigger Reset: 3–4 mm (0,11–0,15 in)
- Frame: Aluminum Alloy
- Grips: Duralumin
- Safety: Manual Safety, Safety Notch On The Hammer





We are CPSF (China Practical Shooting Federation) and our members are made up of Chinese retired military, police officers, range owners from various provinces, club leaders and industry veteran live fire enthusiasts. The members all have rich experience in live fire shooting. We all love IPSC very much and have joined for many years. We are honored to participate in IPSC Handgun World Shoot and to be the sponsor of this Shoot Off.



It meant a lot to us to participate in this HWS, to be able to participate in all aspects of IPSC's top global events, to meet IPSC's top shooters and communicate with them face to face, and for our team members to pass the test and become MISIA Level 2 instructors. The first Olympic gold medal in China's history came from pistol shooting, so we are all very passionate about shooting sports. Compared to other countries, practical shooting started late in China, but it is developing rapidly and more and more people have become IPSC members and are competing worldwide. We are very grateful for the support from IPSC International and hope to have more opportunities to participate in IPSC events and communicate with IPSC regions and top shooters in the future.





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