



**WE ARE  
IPSC  
...ARE YOU READY?**



# WE ARE IPSC. WELCOME ALL!



Respected colleagues and friends,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present to you the **International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC)**, the worldwide governing body for the exciting and dynamic sport of Practical Shooting.

Since 1976 we have been developing this thrilling and challenging sport... what started with a group of friends has now grown into an international discipline with almost a quarter million active members across 6 continents... and we are just getting started!

I cordially invite you to know more about Practical Shooting and to join us in having the time of your life... are you ready?

**VITALY KRYUCHIN**  
**IPSC President**



# WHAT IS PRACTICAL SHOOTING?

**Practical Shooting** is dynamic, challenging, and one of the fastest growing shooting sports in the world today.

Courses of Fire utilize many aspects not found in the more traditional shooting disciplines such as shooting on the move, swinging targets, and the freedom for the athlete to solve the shooting challenges presented in the Courses of Fire.



## What makes Practical Shooting unique?

The appeal of the sport lies in the diversity of the Courses of Fire available to the athlete. By offering different Courses of Fire rather than set types, **Practical Shooting** continues to challenge the competitor and to improve his skills.

There are continually new demands to challenge shooting enthusiasts.

# WHAT IS IPSC?

The International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) recognizes all the shooting disciplines - Handgun, Rifle, Shotgun, and Action Air (Air pistols).

In IPSC stages, the results are points scored on targets divided by the time needed to complete a stage. A competitor must be the most accurate and fastest to win! Therefore, the competitions appear very exciting for athletes and interesting for spectators!

## IPSC Motto

The Latin words Diligentia, Vis, Celeritas (DVC) meaning accuracy, power, and speed are IPSC's motto and form the foundation for competition. IPSC also emphasizes procedures for Safe Gun handling and strict adherence to the rules governing the sport.



# OUR HISTORY

In the October 1976 issue of Guns & Ammo magazine, Rick Miller wrote: “Our first step, electing a president, proved to be rather easy. Someone nominated Jeff Cooper, and he was unanimously voted into office.” The standardization of a practical target, an acceptable method of power factoring and the definition of practical holsters were the first issues in the 1976 agenda.



For IPSC, the auspicious first step was taken four decades ago by Dick Thomas and Frankin Brown. They jointly convened the Columbia International Combat Pistol Conference (later abbreviated as Columbia Conference) held in Columbia, Missouri, USA beginning 24 May 1976.

Practical Shooting stalwarts who attended from the USA included famous names such as Jeff Cooper, Ray Chapman, Rick Miller, Ken Hackathorn, Thell Reed, Bert Estes, Ron Lerch, Bruce Nelson, Jim Cirillo and Mike Harries.



John Dean Jeff Cooper

# IPSC BY NUMBERS

**106**

IPSC Regions  
(Countries)

**1,5k+**

International Range  
Officers (Referees)

**250k+**

Athletes across  
the world

**600+**

International  
matches

**1,4M**

The amount of  
shots taken at the  
last World Shoot.

**1k+**

International  
Instructors and  
Trainers

# GUN SAFETY

## Safety and Responsibility

To get a start in IPSC shooting all that is required is a reliable firearm, eye and ear protection and a large dose of enthusiasm.

**Hearing and Eye Protection** - competitors and spectators must wear hearing and eye protection at all times when they are attending IPSC competitions. Everyone, not just officials, needs to be alert to remind anyone that they must have hearing and eye protection on before shooting begins.

At IPSC, responsible and safe gun handling is the most important qualification any athlete must possess... fun and camaraderie surely follows!



# OUR MEMBERS



## What are IPSC Regions?

The Regions are sports organisations representing and developing practical shooting in a given country. All IPSC athlete become members of the IPSC by joining their affiliated Region.

## What kind of people compete in IPSC matches?

As in any other popular sport, a wide variety of people enjoy IPSC shooting. Our membership spans almost every occupation, from craftsmen to executives. We are also fortunate to have many women and families involved in our shooting programs. It is not unusual to find husbands and wives, and families participating in IPSC activities. All of the people at our competitions are strong believers in safety and safe gun handling as well as good sportsmanship.



# IPSC WORLDWIDE

**IPSC Is actively presented in 106 countries ~and we are just getting started!**

**Andorra**

**Argentina**

**Aruba**

**Australia**

**Austria**

**Barbados**

**Belarus**

**Belgium**

**Bolivia**

**Bosnia**

**Herzegovina**

**Brazil**

**Bulgaria**

**Cambodia**

**Canada**

**Cayman Islands**

**Channel Islands**

**Chile**

**China**

**Colombia**

**Costa Rica**

**Croatia**

**Curacao**

**Cyprus**

**Czech Republic**

**Denmark**

**Ecuador**

**Egypt**

**El Salvador**

**Estonia**

**Finland**

**France**

**Georgia**

**Germany**

**Ghana -Provisional**

**Gibraltar**

**Great Britain**

**Greece**

**Grenada**

**Guam**

**Guatemala**

**Guyana**

**Honduras**

**Hong Kong**

**Hungary**

**India**

**Indonesia**

**Ireland**

**Isle Of Man**

**Israel**

**Italy**

**Jamaica**

**Japan**

**Kazakhstan**

**Kenya**

**Korea, Republic Of**

# IPSC WORLDWIDE

**Kuwait**

**Kyrgyzstan**

**Laos**

**Latvia**

**Lebanon**

**Lithuania**

**Macau**

**Malaysia**

**Malta**

**Mexico**

**Moldova**

**Monaco**

**Mongolia**

**Montenegro**

**Namibia**

**Netherlands**

**New Zealand**

**Nicaragua**

**Northern Ireland**

**Norway**

**Pakistan**

**Panama**

**Papua New Guinea**

**Paraguay**

**Peru**

**Philippines**

**Poland**

**Portugal**

**Puerto Rico**

**Qatar**

**Romania**

**Russia**

**Saint Lucia**

**Saudi Arabia**

**Serbia**

**Singapore**

**Slovak Republic**

**Slovenia**

**South Africa**

**Spain**

**Sri Lanka**

**Suriname**

**Sweden**

**Switzerland**

**Taiwan**

**Thailand**

**Trinidad And Tobago**

**Turkey**

**Ukraine**

**United Arab Emirates**

**United States**

**Uruguay**

**Venezuela**

**Zimbabwe**

# COMPETITIONS

The dynamics of Practical Shooting are expressed in the Courses of Fire and the rules of competition provide the foundation for these dynamics.

IPSC athletes are able to compete not only in their nearest shooting club, but do it anywhere in the world.

Matches consist of individual stages and can be organized in any of the recognized disciplines. IPSC Tournaments are also available in any combination of Handgun, Rifle, and Shotgun.

## IPSC MATCH LEVELS:

### LEVELS I MATCH

Local Club match

### LEVELS II MATCH

Regional competition

### LEVELS III MATCH

International competition

### LEVELS IV MATCH

Continental Championship

### LEVELS V MATCH

World Shoot

# COMPETITIONS

## Is there a place in IPSC for beginners?

Absolutely! All of those currently competing were once at the beginner stage. By becoming active in matches hosted by an IPSC club you will have the advantage of qualified range officials and courteous range staff.

You will normally find IPSC athletes are pleased to give a helping hand in getting you started.



# INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

**IPSC is a proud member of two of the most recognizable international sport development organizations, dedicated to the promotion of various disciplines and their athletes.**



## **AIMS**

The Alliance of Independent recognised Members of Sport (AIMS) was found in 2009 by the non- IOC recognised members of GAISF family and is one of the five umbrella bodies alongside ARISF, ASOIF and AIOWF and the associate members.

AIMS is recognised by the International Olympic committee and has signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and AIMS in Lausanne. By granting recognition to AIMS, the IOC acknowledges the role of AIMS and its valuable contribution to support the Olympic Movement in the achievement of its missions and goals; in the fields of the development of sport, promotion of sport in support of athletes.

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## **SPORTACCORD**

SportAccord is a global sports event organisation based in the Olympic Capital, Lausanne, Switzerland, and governed by stakeholders representing the Olympic and non-Olympic International Federations. It brings together International Federations and organisations involved in the business of sport with the aim to serve, promote and protect the common interests of its stakeholders, help them achieve their global objectives, and facilitate knowledge-sharing.

The SportAccord World Sport & Business Summit brings together around 1,500 leaders and key decision makers from over 120 International Federations (IFs), the International Olympic Committee, and organisations involved in the business of sport.



WORLD SPORT & BUSINESS SUMMIT

# GOVERNANCE AND REGULATORY



## **IPSC Committed to Responsible Governance**

As a world leader in shooting sports, IPSC maintains and constantly reviews multiple policies to ensure fairness and equality, such as:

### **IPSC Code of Ethics**

### **IPSC Conflict of Interests Policy**

### **IPSC Gender Equality Policy**

### **IPSC Long-Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD)**

For more information, please visit [IPSC.org/Governance](https://www.ipsc.org/Governance)

## **Anti-Doping**

IPSC officially became WADA Code Signatory in June 2021. By committing to WADA's core fundamentals of maintaining a "Clean Sport", IPSC implements strict testing and safeguards in order to avoid the use of any prohibited substance and/or athletic enhancement methods that are against the World Anti-Doping Code, International Standards and related documents as well as principles of fair play.

For more information, please visit [IPSC.org/Anti-Doping](https://www.ipsc.org/Anti-Doping)

# IPSC PARTNERS

## GLOBAL PARTNER



## MAJOR PARTNERS



## IPSC Partners Program

The program is dedicated to IPSC development worldwide in cooperation with commercial companies and sports organizations. It involves three levels of partnership: Global Partner, Major Partner and Strategic Partner.

IPSC and its Partners share a common interest in promoting the IPSC idea, developing the Sport of Practical Shooting and Safe gun-handling culture worldwide.

IPSC Partners get access to: marketing data and analytics from matches, advertising and media campaigns, IPSC World magazine articles, SMM and extra options based on the Partner's strategy and IPSC goals.

For more information, please visit [IPSC.org/Partners-and-Sponsors](https://www.ipsc.org/Partners-and-Sponsors) or contact [marketing@ipsc.org](mailto:marketing@ipsc.org)



# WHAT IS IROA?



## DINO EVANGELINOS

IROA President

The International Range Officer Association (IROA) was created to establish a structure for the accreditation, recognition and maintenance of match officials. IROA certifies that IPSC Range Officers (Referees) are the best trained, the best qualified and best prepared to ensure a uniform worldwide standard for all competitions.

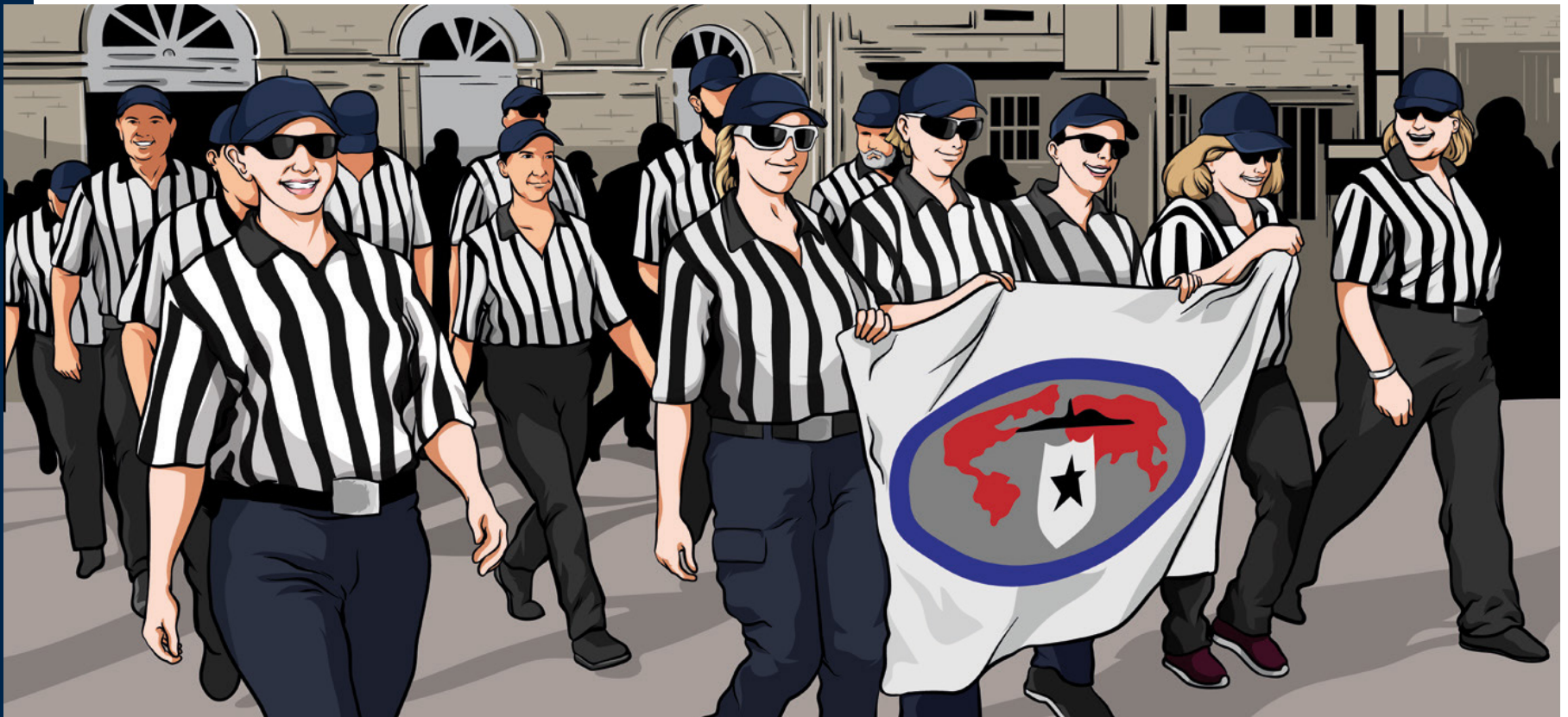
## MEMBERSHIP

To join the ranks of IROA, national match officials must exhibit a high level of competence, attitude and a personal commitment to the safety and quality of IPSC matches.



## MEMBERSHIP

IROA is responsible for handling the preparation, development, maintenance and distribution of training materials which reflect the current and future requirements of IPSC matches.





## WHAT IS MISIA?

The Main International Shooting Instructors Association (MISIA) was created to establish an international structure for the accreditation, recognition and maintenance of shooting Instructors and Trainers.



It ensures that IPSC Instructors are the best trained and qualified to implement a uniform worldwide standard for training IPSC sports athletes.

MISIA Instructors and Trainers are the ambassadors who bring our Culture of Safe Gun handling to the attention of the whole shooting world.

## VISION

The highly skilled and safest IPSC Shooting sport is the basis of the Firearm Handling Culture.

## MISSION

To promote, maintain and improve a worldwide standard of the safety training of the athletes in the sport of Practical Shooting.



## GOALS

- To establish the accreditation, recognition and maintenance of MISIA Instructors.
- To develop and standardize a MISIA curriculum.
- To set a unified approach to MISIA training.
- To promote and enhance both the quality and efficiency of training.
- To certify MISIA Officials in every IPSC Region.
- To promote gender equality and equity in the sport.
- To assist IPSC developing and maintaining a worldwide youth program.



# MISIA

MISIA offers all kinds of professional educational programs from initial introductory training for beginners for the safe use and handling of firearms (International Firearms Safety Standard MISIA / IPSC Program), to specific high-performance work for competitors and athletes.

[www.misia.world](http://www.misia.world)



# IPSC WORLD SHOOT



IPSC World Shoots are the top shooting competitions in the world with more than 1,500 athletes in attendance from around the globe.



# IPSCWORLD MAGAZINE



**IPSCWorld** is the official magazine of the International Practical Shooting Confederation and its mission is to promote the IPSC idea, develop the sport of Practical Shooting and safe gun-handling culture worldwide.

The magazine is published quarterly, distribution is electronic and readers are able to access the magazine using any device. Gets yours at [IPSC.org/ipscworld-magazine](https://www.ipsc.org/ipscworld-magazine)



# SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION



To explore and study new developments in athletic performance, IPSC has partnered with renowned academic institutions in Europe to study different aspects of physical, psychological, nutritional and mental training.

The developments and findings will be widely shared with other academic institutions within IPSC Regions for the betterment of the sport.

## **MISIA University Certificate**

The MISIA system with a University Certificate of Specialization Course in ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System) is academically recognized in the EHEA (European Higher Education Area) in a total of 49 countries.

## **Partner Universities**

- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece.  
<https://en.uoa.gr>
- University of Girona, Catalonia, Spain.  
<https://www.udg.edu/ca>



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# INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

## EXCELLENCE IN SHOOTING

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