

UNITED KINGDOM PRACTICAL SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Long Barrelled Firearms (LBF)

2016 Competition Rules

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Long Barrelled Pistol

Matches must comply with the IPSC Handgun Competition Rules, Jan 2016 Edition, as amended below.

- 1.1.3 Balance – Accuracy, Power and Speed are equivalent elements of IPSC shooting, and are expressed in the Latin words "Diligentia, Vis, Celeritas" ("DVC"). A properly balanced course of fire will depend largely upon the nature of the challenges presented therein. However, courses must be designed, and IPSC matches must be conducted in such a way, as to evaluate these elements equally. Long Barrelled Pistol matches are exempt from minimum power considerations (also see Rule 5.6.1).
- 1.1.7 ~~Challenge – IPSC matches recognize the challenges presented when using full power firearms in dynamic shooting, and must always employ a minimum power factor to be attained by all competitors to reflect this challenge.~~
Not applicable.
- 4.3.1.5 Metal targets and no-shoots may be made of materials other than metal, or a mixture of metal and other material.
- 5.1.2 ~~The minimum cartridge case dimension for handguns to be used in IPSC matches is 9x19mm. The minimum bullet diameter is 9mm (.354 inches).~~
There is a mandatory .22 LR caliber for handguns to be used in Long Barrelled Pistol matches.
- 5.1.7.3 ~~The competitor's ammunition, when tested in the substitute firearm, attains the minimum power factor.~~
Not applicable.
- 5.1.10 Handguns with shoulder stocks and/or fore grips of any kind are prohibited (see Rule 10.5.15). Arm/wrist braces are permitted.
- 5.6.1 ~~The power factors for each Division are stipulated in Appendix D. One or more official match chronographs must be used to assist in the determination of the power factor of each competitor's ammunition. In the absence of chronographs, the power factor declared by a competitor cannot be challenged.~~
There are no minimum or maximum power factors in Long Barrelled Pistol matches.
- 5.6.1.1 to 5.6.3.12 Replace existing text with "Not applicable".
- 5.8.1 to 5.8.2 Replace existing text with "Not applicable".
- 9.4.1 Hits on IPSC targets and no-shoots will be scored in accordance with the values approved by the IPSC Assembly for Minor power factor (see Appendices B and C and below).

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2. ~~Prior to commencement of a match, the power factor of the calibration ammunition must be measured using the procedure specified in Rule 5.6.3.3, except that only 4 rounds for each calibration firearm are required. The calibration ammunition, when tested through each designated firearm, must achieve a power factor of between 120 to 125 to qualify.~~
Not applicable.

Appendices D1, D2, D3, D4 and D5 Replace existing text with that shown below.

Appendices E1, E3a, E4a and E4b Replace existing text with "Not applicable".

Appendix E5

Division: Pistol Open / Pistol Standard / ~~Classic~~ / ~~Production~~ / ~~Revolver~~
Calibre: ~~Declared~~ PF: Major / Minor

APPENDIX D: Long Barrelled Pistol Divisions

		Open	Standard
1.	Minimum power factor for Major	Not applicable	
2.	Minimum power factor for Minor	Not applicable	
3.	Minimum bullet weight	Not applicable	
4.	Bullet caliber	Commercially manufactured .22 LR	
5.	Minimum bullet caliber for Major	Not applicable	
6.	Minimum trigger pull (see Appendix E4a)	No	
7.	Maximum handgun size	No	
8.	Maximum magazine length	No	
9.	Maximum ammunition capacity	No	Yes, see below
10.	Max. distance of handgun and allied equipment from torso	50mm (see Rule 5.2.5)	
11.	Rule 5.2.10 / Appendix E2 applies	No	Yes
12.	Optical/electronic sights	Yes	No
13.	Compensators, ports, sound and/or flash suppressors	Yes	No

Special conditions:

Open and Standard Divisions

14. Modifications to arm/wrist braces which are permitted are limited to:
 - 14.1 The addition of a protective end cap to straight braces/rods.
 - 14.2 The conversion of squared braces (e.g. Taurus) to straight braces/rods.

Standard Division

15. Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 10 rounds at the Start Signal. Identifying marks or decals, internal capacity limiters, bumper pads and additional witness holes, which add or remove negligible weight to/from magazines, are permitted.

Long Barrelled Revolver

Matches must comply with the IPSC Handgun Competition Rules, Jan 2016 Edition, as amended below.

4.3.1.5 Metal targets and no-shoots may be made of materials other than metal, or a mixture of metal and other material.

5.1.2 The minimum cartridge case dimension for handguns to be used in ~~IPSC~~ Long Barrelled Revolver matches is 9x19mm. The minimum bullet diameter is 9mm (.354 inches).

5.1.10 Handguns with shoulder stocks and/or fore grips of any kind are prohibited (see Rule 10.5.15). Arm/wrist braces are permitted.

Appendices D1, D2, D3, D4 and D5 Replace existing text with that shown below.

Appendices E1, E3a, E4a and E4b Replace existing text with "Not applicable".

Appendix E5

Division: Revolver Open / Revolver Standard / ~~Classic~~ / ~~Production~~ / ~~Revolver~~

APPENDIX D: Long Barrelled Revolver Divisions

		Open	Standard
1.	Minimum power factor for Major	170	
2.	Minimum power factor for Minor	125	
3.	Minimum bullet weight	No	
4.	Minimum bullet caliber / cartridge case length	9mm (0.354") / 19mm (0.748")	
5.	Minimum bullet caliber for Major	9.07mm (0.357"), see below	
6.	Minimum trigger pull (see Appendix E4a)	No	
7.	Maximum handgun size	No	
8.	Maximum magazine length	Not applicable	
9.	Maximum ammunition capacity	No	No, see below
10.	Max. distance of handgun and allied equipment from torso	50mm (see Rule 5.2.5)	
11.	Rule 5.2.10 / Appendix E2 applies	No	Yes
12.	Optical/electronic sights	Yes	No
13.	Compensators, ports, sound and/or flash suppressors	Yes	No

Special conditions:

Open and Standard Divisions

14. Modifications to arm/wrist braces which are permitted are limited to:

14.1 The addition of a protective end cap to straight braces/rods.

14.2 The conversion of squared braces (e.g. Taurus) to straight braces/rods.

15. "Self-loading" revolvers with retractable slides are prohibited in this Division.

16. .38 Special is not an approved caliber for Major.

Standard Division

17. No limit on cylinder capacity. A maximum of 6 rounds to be fired before reloading. Violations will incur one procedural penalty for each shot in excess of 6 rounds actually fired before reloading.

Gallery Rifle

Matches must comply with the IPSC Rifle Competition Rules, Jan 2016 Edition, as amended below.

- 1.1.5.3 ~~General Short Courses and Classifiers may not specify that only the weak shoulder is to be used when shooting.~~
- 1.2.1.1 ~~Short Courses — Must not require more than 5 rounds to complete for Manual Action Divisions, and 10 rounds for Semi Auto Divisions. If 2 hits per paper target are required, the number of rounds is increased to 10.~~
Short Courses – Must not require more than 12 rounds to complete. Course design and construction must not require more than 9 scoring hits from any single location or view.
- 1.2.1.2 ~~Medium Courses — Must not require more than 10 rounds to complete. Course design and construction must normally not require more than 5 scoring targets to be shot from any single location or view, nor allow a competitor to shoot all targets in the course of fire from any single location or view. With a minimum distance of 100 meters it can be required to shoot 8 scoring targets from a single location or view. If 2 hits per paper target are required, the number of maximum rounds to complete is increased to 20 and the maximum number of scoring hits from any single location or view is increased to 10 (16 for targets placed at more than 100 meters distance).~~
Medium Courses – Must not require more than 24 rounds to complete. Course design and construction must not require more than 9 scoring hits from any single location or view, nor allow a competitor to shoot all targets in the course of fire from any single location or view.
- 1.2.1.3 ~~Long Courses — Must not require more than 20 rounds to complete. Course design and construction must normally not require more than 5 scoring targets to be shot from any single location or view, nor allow a competitor to shoot all targets in the course of fire from any single location or view. With a minimum distance of 100 meters it can be required to shoot 8 scoring targets from a single location or view. If 2 hits per paper target are required, the number of maximum rounds to complete is increased to 40 and the maximum number of scoring hits from any single location or view is increased to 10 (16 for targets placed at more than 100 meters distance).~~
Long Courses – Must not require more than 32 rounds to complete. Course design and construction must not require more than 9 scoring hits from any single location or view, nor allow a competitor to shoot all targets in the course of fire from any single location or view.
- 1.2.1.5 ~~The recommended balance for an IPSC Rifle match with regards to target distance is: 30% of all targets to be less than 60 meters, 50% to be between 60 and 150 meters and 20% to be between 150 and 300 meters. Not applicable.~~
- 1.2.2.2 ~~Shoot Off — An event conducted separately from a match. Two eligible competitors simultaneously engage two identical and adjacent target arrays in a process of elimination (see Appendix A3). Each target array must not exceed 6 rounds for Manual Action Divisions, and 12 rounds for Semi Auto Divisions and each competitor may be required to perform a mandatory reload between shooting at his first and final targets.~~
Shoot-Off – An event conducted separately from a match. Two eligible competitors simultaneously engage two identical and adjacent target arrays in a process of one or more elimination bouts (see Appendix A3). Each target array must not exceed 12 rounds and each competitor must perform a mandatory reload after shooting at his first target, and before he shoots at his final target. Violations are subject to automatic forfeiture of the bout.
- 2.1.3 ~~Minimum Distances – Whenever metal targets or metal hard cover are used in a course of fire, precautions must be taken so that competitors and Match Officials maintain a minimum distance of 50 7 meters from them while they are being shot. Where possible, this should be done with physical barriers. If Fault Lines are used to limit the approach to metal targets, they must be placed at least 54 8 meters from the targets so that the competitor may inadvertently fault the line and still be outside the 50 7 meter minimum distance (see Rule 10.4.7). Care should also be taken in respect of metal props in the line of fire.~~
- 4.3.1.4 ~~Metal targets and no-shoots must be shot and fall, overturn or self indicate to score.~~
- 4.3.1.5 Metal targets and no-shoots may be made of materials other than metal, or a mixture of metal and other material.

- 4.3.3.1 Metal plates of various sizes may be used (see Appendix C3). ~~It is recommended that the size of metal plates be no less than 15cm Ø / 15x15cm at distances from 50 to 150 meters, be no less than 20cm Ø / 20x20cm at distances from 150 to 250 meters, and be no less than 30cm Ø / 30x30cm above 250 meters. Metal targets in the general size and shape of authorized paper targets may also be used.~~
- 4.3.4.1 Metal no-shoot poppers and plates, must be shot and fall, ~~overturn or self indicate~~ to score. If hit they should be repainted during the scoring process.
- 5.1.2 ~~There is no minimum caliber for rifles used in IPSC matches.~~
The minimum cartridge case dimension to be used in Gallery Rifle matches is 9x19 mm. The minimum bullet diameter is 9 mm (.354 inches).

Manual Action Divisions

- 8.3.7 "If Clear, Hammer Down, Open Action" – After issuance of this command, the competitor must not resume shooting (see Rule 10.6.1). While continuing to point the rifle safely downrange, the competitor must perform a final safety check of the rifle as follows:
- 8.3.7.1 Close the action, pull the trigger to release the hammer and then open the action again.
- 8.3.7.2 If the gun proves to be clear, the competitor must then fit a chamber safety flag. The action can remain open or be closed.
- 8.3.7.3 If the gun does not prove to be clear, the Range Officer will resume the commands from Rule 8.3.6 (also see Rule 10.4.3).
- 8.3.7.4 Full compliance with Rules 8.3.7.1 and 8.3.7.2 signifies the end of the course of fire. The competitor must then comply with Rule 5.2.1.

Lever Release Divisions

- 8.3.7 ~~"If Clear, Hammer Down, Open Action" – After issuance of this command, the competitor must not resume shooting (see Rule 10.6.1). While continuing to point the rifle safely downrange, the competitor must perform a final safety check of the rifle as follows:~~
"If Clear, Secure Chamber" – After issuance of this command, the competitor must not resume shooting (see Rule 10.6.1). While continuing to point the rifle safely downrange, the competitor must fit a chamber safety flag, at which time the course of fire is deemed to have ended. The action can remain open or be closed, but the competitor must then comply with Rule 5.2.1.
- ~~8.3.7.1 – Close the action, pull the trigger to release the hammer and then open the action again.~~
- ~~8.3.7.2 – If the gun proves to be clear, the competitor must then fit a chamber safety flag. The action can remain open or be closed.~~
- ~~8.3.7.3 – If the gun does not prove to be clear, the Range Officer will resume the commands from Rule 8.3.6 (also see Rule 10.4.3).~~
- ~~8.3.7.4 – Full compliance with Rules 8.3.7.1 and 8.3.7.2 signifies the end of the course of fire. The competitor must then comply with Rule 5.2.1.~~
- 9.4.3 Metal no-shoots must be shot and fall, ~~overturn or self indicate~~ to score and then will be penalized minus 10 points.
- 9.5.1 Unless otherwise specified in the written stage briefing, scoring paper targets must be shot with a minimum of one round each, with the best two hits to score ~~in Semi Auto Divisions and the best hit to score in Manual Action Divisions~~. Scoring metal targets must be shot with a minimum of one round each and must fall ~~or otherwise react~~ to score.
- 10.2.8 ~~Not applicable.~~
If a course of fire stipulates the use of the weak shoulder only, the competitor will be issued procedural penalties for using the strong shoulder. This will be assessed as 1 procedural penalty per shot fired.
- 10.4.7 A shot fired at a metal target from a distance of less than ~~50~~ 7 meters, measured from the front of the target to the nearest part of the competitor's body in contact with the ground (see Rule 2.1.3).

Appendix C1

2. Prior to commencement of a match, the calibration ammunition must be chronographed using the procedure specified in 5.6.3. The calibration ammunition, when tested through each designated rifle, must achieve a ~~150~~ 140 power factor (variance +/- 5%) to qualify.

Appendix C3

HANDGUN / GALLERY RIFLE			RIFLE / SHOTGUN	
5 points		Scoring Minor / Major	5 or 10 points (Rules 9.4.1.1 & 9.4.1.2)	
Minus 10 points		Penalty Miss / No-Shoot	Minus 10 points	
Round	Rectangular	Dimensions	Round	Rectangular
20cm Ø	15x15cm	Minimum	15cm Ø	15x15cm
30cm Ø	30x30cm	Maximum	30cm Ø	45x30cm

Appendix D

Replace existing text with that shown below.

APPENDIX D: Gallery Rifle Divisions

		Manual Action Open	Manual Action Standard	Lever Release Open	Lever Release Standard
1.	Minimum Power Factor for Major	200			
2.	Minimum Power Factor for Minor	140			
3.	Minimum bullet caliber for Major	9.07mm (0.357"), see below			
4.	Maximum ammunition capacity (maximum to be loaded)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
5.	Restriction on action type	Manual	Manual	Lever Release	Lever Release
6.	Optical/electronic sights permitted	Yes	No	Yes	No
7.	Compensators, ports, sound and/or flash suppressors permitted	Yes	No	Yes	No
8.	The use of bipods and similar permitted	Yes	No	Yes	No
9.	Vertical front grip permitted, max length 152mm (6 inches) from the centerline of the barrel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

10. .38 Special is not an approved caliber for Major.

LBF Mini Rifle

Matches must comply with the IPSC Mini Rifle Competition Rules, Jan 2016 Edition, as amended below.

- 4.3.1.5 Metal targets and no-shoots may be made of materials other than metal, or a mixture of metal and other material.