

# UNITED KINGDOM PRACTICAL SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

## Long Barrelled Firearms (LBF)

### 2017 Competition Rules

#### Long Barrelled Pistol

Matches must comply with the IPSC Handgun Competition Rules, Jan 2017 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 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 There is a mandatory .22 LR caliber for handguns to be used in Long Barrelled Pistol matches.
- 5.1.7.3 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 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).

#### Appendix C1

- 2. Not applicable.

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

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

#### Appendix E5

Division: Pistol Open / Pistol Standard

## APPENDIX D: Long Barrelled Pistol Divisions

		<b>Open</b>	<b>Standard</b>
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	170 mm (see Appendix E1)	No
9.	Maximum ammunition capacity	No	Yes, see below
10.	Max. distance of handgun and allied equipment from torso	50 mm (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 2017 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 9x19 mm. The minimum bullet diameter is 9 mm (.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

### APPENDIX D: Long Barrelled Revolver Divisions

		Open	Standard
1.	Minimum power factor for Major	170 (see below)	
2.	Minimum power factor for Minor	125	
3.	Minimum bullet weight	No	
4.	Minimum bullet caliber / cartridge case length	9 mm (0.354") / 19 mm (0.748")	
5.	Minimum bullet caliber for Major	9.07 mm (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, see below	
10.	Max. distance of handgun and allied equipment from torso	50 mm (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.

17. No limit on cylinder capacity. Revolvers with a capacity of 7 rounds or more do not qualify for Major, even if rounds achieve Major power factor during testing by chronograph.

## Gallery Rifle

Matches must comply with the IPSC Rifle Competition Rules, Jan 2017 Edition, as amended below.

- 1.2.1.1 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 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 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 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 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 ~~5~~ 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 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).
- 4.3.4.1 Metal no-shoot poppers and plates, must be shot and fall to score. If hit they should be repainted during the scoring process.
- 5.1.2 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, 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.
  
- 9.4.3 Metal no-shoots must be shot and fall 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. Scoring metal targets must be shot with a minimum of one round each and must fall or otherwise react to score.
  
- 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 firearm, must achieve a 125 power factor (variance +/- 5%) to qualify.

Appendix C3

<b>HANDGUN / GALLERY RIFLE</b>			<b>RIFLE / SHOTGUN</b>	
5 points		<b>Scoring Minor / Major</b>	5 or 10 points (Rules 9.4.1.1 & 9.4.1.2)	
Minus 10 points		<b>Penalty Miss / No-Shoot</b>	Minus 10 points	
<b>Round</b>	<b>Rectangular</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Rectangular</b>
20 cm Ø	15x15 cm	<b>Minimum</b>	15 cm Ø	15x15 cm
30 cm Ø	30x30 cm	<b>Maximum</b>	30 cm Ø	45x30 cm

<b>APPENDIX D: Gallery Rifle Divisions</b>
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		<b>Manual Action Open</b>	<b>Manual Action Standard</b>	<b>Lever Release Open</b>	<b>Lever Release Standard</b>
1.	Minimum Power Factor for Major	170			
2.	Minimum Power Factor for Minor	125			
3.	Minimum bullet caliber for Major	9.07 mm (0.357"), see below			
4.	Capacity restrictions for initial load prior to the Start Signal	Not applicable	Max. of 10 rounds loaded	Not applicable	Max. of 10 rounds loaded
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	Maximum 30 x 90 mm	Yes	Maximum 30 x 90 mm
8.	The use of bipods and similar permitted	Yes	No	Yes	No
9.	Vertical front grip permitted, max length 152 mm (6 inches) from the centerline of the barrel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Speed loaders permitted	Yes	No	Yes	No

**Special conditions:**

11. A Manual Action type is defined as a firearm where extraction of a spent case is caused entirely by a competitor's physical manipulation. Rifles which operate fully or partially by way of gas, blowback or inertia do not qualify as Manual Action.
12. Measuring the length of the compensator/flash suppressor is done from the end of the rifling to the tip of the device.
13. .38 Special is not an approved caliber for Major.

**LBF Mini Rifle**

Matches must comply with the IPSC Mini Rifle Competition Rules, Jan 2017 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.