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Regarding: Production Optics Division.

To whom it may concern;

At the IPSC General Assembly held on August 26, 2017 in Chateauroux, France – the Assembly overwhelmingly voted in favor of a investigating new division, known as Production Optics. The IPSC Executive gave their blessing for the regions to trial the new division, but they did not provide the regions with a rule set.

After extensive discussion with many regions, the region of Canada has decided to implement the attached (see next page) rule set for Production Optics for trial. Basically, it is the Production Rule Set, utilizing the production gun list but allowing slide mounted red dot optic sights.

Beginning in 2018; All Canadian sections can use this rule set to offer the Production Optics division to their competitors at their matches. Some things IPSC Canada members should be aware of:

1. **IPSC Matches have the choice to not offer division recognition at a match.** *(they can chose not to recognize Production Optics or even Standard at a match.)*
2. Since this is a **trial division**; at Level 3 matches **no president's medals will be available for awards for Production Optics.**
3. **This is a trial division.** While we and many other regions believe this is the best direction for Production Optics; IPSC could chose to not go ahead with it or modify the rules disqualifying guns or components that are permitted in this version of the rule set. Of course, if this happens, IPSC Canada will notify its membership as soon as possible.

We hope that this new division will offer a popular option to competitors and with luck, be popular enough to grow like our other divisions.

Yours truly,

Sean Hansen
Regional Director, IPSC Canada

APPENDIX D6: Production Optics Division (Trial)

1.	Minimum power factor for Major	Not applicable
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	Not applicable
6.	Minimum trigger pull (see Appendix E4a)	2.27 kg (5 lbs.) for first shot
7.	Maximum handgun size	Maximum barrel length 127 mm
8.	Maximum magazine length	No
9.	Maximum ammunition capacity	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	Yes
12.	Optical/electronic sights	Yes, see below
13.	Compensators, ports, sound and/or flash suppressors	No

Special conditions:

14. Only handguns listed as approved on the IPSC website may be used in Production Optics Division. Note that handguns deemed by IPSC to be single-action-only are expressly prohibited. The official IPSC protocol used to measure barrel length is described in Appendix E4b.
15. Handguns with external hammers must be fully decocked (see Rule 8.1.2.5), at the Start Signal. First shot attempted must be double action. Competitors in this Division who, after the issuance of the Start Signal and prior to attempting the first shot, cock the hammer on a handgun which has a loaded chamber, will incur one procedural penalty per occurrence. Note that a procedural penalty will not be assessed in respect of courses of fire where the ready condition requires the competitor to prepare the handgun with an empty chamber. In these cases, the competitor may fire the first shot single action.
16. Original parts and components offered by the OFM as standard equipment, or as an option, for a specific model handgun on the IPSC approved handgun list are permitted, subject to the following:
 - 16.1 Modifications to them, other than minor detailing (the removal of burrs and/or adjustments unavoidably required in order to fit replacement OFM parts or components), are prohibited. Other prohibited modifications include those which facilitate faster reloading (e.g. racking or charging handles, flared, enlarged and/or add-on magwells, etc.), changing the original color and/or finish of a handgun, and/or adding stripes, stippling or other embellishments.
 - 16.2 Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 15 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.
 - 16.3 Sights may be trimmed, adjusted and/or have colors applied. Sights may also be fitted with fiber optic or similar inserts.
17. Aftermarket parts, components and accessories are prohibited, except as follows:
 - 17.1 Aftermarket magazines are permitted, subject to 16.2 above.
 - 17.2 Aftermarket ~~open sights (see Rule 5.1.3.1)~~ and mounting plates are permitted, provided their installation and/or adjustment requires no alteration to the handgun.
 - 17.3 Aftermarket grip panels which match the profile and contours of the OFM standard or optional grip panels for the approved handgun and/or the application of tape on grips (see Appendix E3a) are permitted. However, rubber sleeves are prohibited.
18. Optical sights must be mounted to existing sight fitting points installed on the upper rear of the slide by the OFM (i.e. dovetails or dedicated optical sight mounting points only). Racking or charging handles or other similar protuberances cannot form part of the optical sight or its mounting.
19. This division will expire on 31 December 2020 unless previously extended.