



# International Practical Shooting Confederation

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Rule #**  
(Please circle the correct answer) (Provide Rule #)

- 1 What is the minimum power factor for major in Standard division?  
A - 160                      B - 170                      C - 125                      D - 175                      \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 At a match, where are you allowed to un-bag/un-case your firearm?  
A – Your Car, as long as it is in the parking lot  
B – Safety Area  
C – Any table located on the range  
D – All of the above                      \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What is the first general principle of IPSC Matches?  
A – Power                      B – Accuracy                      C – Speed                      D – Safety                      \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What does Diligentia mean?  
A – Power                      B – Accuracy                      C – Speed                      D – Safety                      \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Can you enter a Safety Area with loaded mags in pouches on your belt?  
Yes    No                      \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 While walking to a stage your gun falls out of the holster and lands on the ground. Are you disqualified?  
A – Yes  
B – No, unless you pick it up.  
C – Not if you pick it up within the 5 second rule.  
D – Not if you have one of your friends pick it up.                      \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 You are called to the line as the next shooter at your first match. The Range Officer announces “range is going hot!” You proceed to draw your firearm and begin loading it. You are then ordered to “unload and show clear.” What has happened?  
A – Nothing, you were not started correctly  
B – You are being DQ’ed for “Unsafe Gun Handling”  
C – You are in trouble for not telling the RO it is your first match.                      \_\_\_\_\_

- 8 Which of these are mandatory safety items for every IPSC shooter?  
A – A warm waterproof jacket  
B – Ear Protection  
C – Chest Protection  
D – Eye Protection  
E – Knee Pads
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- 9 When does the course of fire officially start?  
A – At the buzzer  
B – At the “load and make ready command.”  
C – At the “stand by” command  
D – When you are called to the line
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- 10 While at a match your gun breaks and your friend offers to let you use theirs. It is exactly the same as your gun. Do you have to get permission, and if so from whom?  
A – No permission is required  
B – As long as your friend approves that is all you need.  
C – You must get permission from the Match Director.  
D – You must get permission from the Range Master.
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- 11 Is handling empty cases (brass) in the safety area allowed?  
A – Yes  
B – No
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- 12 While shooting a stage, you notice that a target has not been taped, what should you do?  
A – Stop and inform the RO  
B – Continue shooting the stage and demand a reshoot because it caused you to pause / hesitate even though they can determine the correct hits for your run.  
C – Continue shooting and don’t stop unless instructed to.
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- 13 When does the course of fire officially end?  
A – When the “range is clear” command is given.  
B – When people start walking down-range.  
C – When the shooters hand is removed from the gun after the “if clear, hammer down, holster” command is given.  
D – When the official time is recorded.
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- 14 Which of the following actions must be completed with fingers visibly outside of the trigger guard during a course of fire?  
A – Loading/unloading. Rule #1 -  
B – Taking ½ steps forward.  
C – Moving from sitting to standing. Rule #2 -  
D – Reloading
- 15 Sweeping during a course of fire is defined as what?  
A – Opening a door/window  
B – Allowing the muzzle of your firearm to point at part of your body  
C – Clearing a “stovepipe” jam from a 1911 style firearm. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Calculate the Power Factor for a 200 grain bullet traveling at 900 feet per second.  
A – 200 PF  
B – 1800 PF  
C – 180 PF  
D – 4.5 PF \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 Are you allowed to take a sight picture after “load and make ready?”  
A – Yes  
B – No \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 What is the minimum distance at which steel may be engaged as per the current edition of the IPSC rules?  
A – 7 meters  
B – 6 meters  
C – 5 meters \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 Whose responsibility is it to maintain an accurate record of a competitors score?  
A – The Stats Officer  
B – The Match Director  
C – The competitor himself \_\_\_\_\_
- 20 A shot which is fired over a backstop is defined as what?  
A – Range equipment failure  
B – An Accidental discharge  
C – Poor stage design \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 Can you retrieve dropped magazines during a course of fire?  
A – Yes  
B – No \_\_\_\_\_

- 22 Unsportsmanlike conduct by a competitor at a match results in what?  
A – 1 Procedural penalty for each occurrence  
B – Disqualification  
C – A score of zero for the stage where it happened \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 If a shooter was to dispute the score on a target called by the Range Officer, who would he/she appeal to?  
A – The Chief Range Officer then the Range Master  
B – Another Range Officer then the Match Director  
C – Only the Arbitration committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 24 The premature activation of metal or moving targets during a course of fire is?  
A – Just one of those things that a competitor has to deal with  
B – Range equipment failure \_\_\_\_\_
- 25 Who has final say with regards to a scoring challenge on a target or No-Shoot target?  
A – The Range Master  
B – The Arbitration committee  
C – The Match Director \_\_\_\_\_
- 26 After the start signal you realize that you have forgotten to put on your hearing protection, what should you do?  
A – Stop, and inform the RO  
B – Tough it out and finish the stage  
C – Shoot the stage strong hand & plug your ear with your finger. \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 The use of camouflage or other similar types of military or police garments is discouraged.  
A – True  
B – False \_\_\_\_\_
- 28 During a course of fire, what tools are competitors allowed to use to correct firearm malfunctions?  
A – Only what they are carrying with them.  
B – None  
C – Only what they have in their range bag, nothing borrowed.  
D – Only a certified “Squib Rod” \_\_\_\_\_

- 29 What, if any, is the penalty for failing to shoot at least 1 round at each scoring target in a course of fire?  
A – 1 Procedural penalty for failure to engage  
B – No penalty besides the obvious “misses”  
C – Disqualification for failure to complete
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- 30 An elongated hit in a turning target crosses the “A” / “C” scoring line, how is the hit scored?  
A – Scored as 1 “C”  
B – Scored as 1 “miss” as it is larger than a normal hole  
C – Scored as 1 “A”  
D – It’s not, you must reshoot the stage
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- 31 Allowing the muzzle of a firearm to point in an unsafe direction or past 90 degrees of directly downrange results in what?  
A – The RO yelling “muzzle” at you  
B – Nothing at all  
C – Disqualification for “unsafe gun handling”  
D – A stern warning from your Black Badge instructor
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- 32 After shooting a COF, you notice a perfect hit on a steel popper which is still standing, what if anything, can you do?  
A – Nothing can be done, “steel must fall to score”  
B – You may request a calibration of the steel target  
C – If the steel “builder” is at the match he/she may be consulted
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- 33 If your firearm breaks after the “load and make ready” command but before the start signal, what will happen if anything?  
A – You must accept Zero for the stage as the COF has begun  
B – You may step down and reshoot once the gun is fixed  
C – You must file an arbitration or accept zero
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- 34 How many rounds are you required to give for use at the chronograph?  
A – 8  
B – 4  
C – As many as the operator wants
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- 35 What is the time limit for submitting an Arbitration Request?  
A – 1 Hour  
B – 2 Hours  
C – 3 Hours
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- 36 A competitor who commits a safety infraction or any other prohibited activity during an IPSC match will receive what penalty?  
A – Verbal and/or Written Warning  
B – Match Disqualification  
C – Procedural Penalty
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- 37 Intentionally removing ones eye or ear protection in order to get a reshoot is considered what?  
A – Part of “gaming” a stage to do your best  
B – An easy way to get a reshoot  
C – Unsportsmanlike conduct
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- 38 Which match official verifies that a competitors score, time, & penalties are correctly recorded on the score sheet?  
A – Range Officer (RO)  
B – Chief Range Officer (CRO)  
C – Range Master (RM)  
D – Stats Officer (SO)
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- 39 A competitor is allowed to carry a handgun with the hammer back when they are not participating in a course of fire?  
A – True  
B – False
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- 40 Which match official is responsible for the squading of competitors?  
A – Range Officer (RO)  
B – Match Director (MD)  
C – Range Master (RM)  
D – Quarter Master (QM)
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- 41 While your run on a COF is being scored, how close may you approach any target?  
A – 5 meters  
B – 1 foot  
C – No restrictions  
D – 1 meter
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- 42 A bullet passes through a target stick/lathe and continues on to strike an “A” in a shoot target. How does the hit in question get scored?  
A – 1 Procedural penalty  
B – 1 “A”  
C – Does not exist for scoring purposes
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- 43 How does the rule book define “movement”? (When considering keeping one’s finger outside of the trigger guard during movement.)  
A – Taking more than 2 steps in any direction  
B – Taking more than 3 steps in any direction  
C – Taking more than 1 step in any direction \_\_\_\_\_
- 44 Are spectators allowed to assist competitors during a course of fire?  
A – Yes  
B – No \_\_\_\_\_
- 45 Are you allowed to re-holster your firearm during a course of fire?  
A – Yes  
B – No \_\_\_\_\_
- 46 When a competitor is clearly not aiming at targets, what must they do with their trigger finger while clearing a malfunction?  
A – It must be placed clearly on the trigger  
B – It must be outside of the trigger guard  
C – It must be used to clear the malfunction \_\_\_\_\_
- 47 While inside a vendor area, is it OK to remove your gun from its holster to hand it to a vendor/gunsmith?  
A – Yes  
B – No \_\_\_\_\_
- 48 How can you tell that a target is a “No-Shoot” target?  
A – It has a large “X” on it  
B – It is a color different from that of scoring targets  
C – A & B  
D – None of the above \_\_\_\_\_
- 49 If a range officer stops you during a course of fire for a suspected “squib load,” and subsequently determines that there was no “squib,” what happens?  
A – The stage is scored “as is”  
B – You are ordered to reshoot the stage  
C – You are disqualified \_\_\_\_\_
- 50 Who is in charge of all range officials & application of rules at a match?  
A – Range Master  
B – Match Director  
C – Regional Directorate  
D – The National Range Officer Institute \_\_\_\_\_