

IDPA Multi-Gun Adaptation

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This is an adaptation of the IDPA Rulebook for purposes of Multi-Gun competitions in the form of an appendix or changelog to the official IDPA Rulebook.

This IDPA Multi-Gun Adaptation is in no way affiliated with International Defensive Pistol Association, Inc. or its IDPA competitions.

The goal of this document is to clarify the rules for IDPA Multi-Gun competitions, which were initially organised by SD Proarmis. It is free for anyone to use to host their own competition based on this adaptation of IDPA rules.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This section outlines general changes to the IDPA rules, their principles, and the goal of this rule adaptation.

1 LONG FIREARMS

IDPA Multi-Gun includes long firearms, such as rifles and shotguns.
All types of firearms are allowed at the discretion of the match organisers.

All long firearms comply with the PCC rules outlined in the IDPA Rulebook.
Chamber flags **must** be used on all long firearms.

On stage, the shooter may only have one type of firearm with them (except for the pistol in the holster).

The shooter must only put down **empty** firearms, with the **magazine removed or emptied**, and the **chamber empty** (slide back, bolt open, or trigger pulled).

2 RELAXED IDPA RULES

Concealed carry or concealment garment is **not** required (*but is permitted*).

Equipment rules do **not** apply; all firearms and gear may be used as long as they are safe.

“As long as it is safe” means it may not, under safe firearm handling rules, pose a risk to participants, staff, or spectators.

3 MATCH OFFICIATION

Classification rules or any other regulations related to the officiation of an IDPA match do **not** apply.

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The primary reason the acronym “IDPA” is used is to provide familiarity with the rules for existing IDPA shooters and to convey a general understanding of the type of rules the competition is using.

RULEBOOK CHANGELOG

This section defines changes to the specific rules in the IDPA Rulebook.

1 THE FOUNDING CONCEPTS OF IDPA

1.2 Principles of Shooting IDPA

1.2.2 All equipment is allowed as long as it is safe.

2 SAFETY RULES

2.2 Unsafe Firearm Handling

2.2.4 A discharge:

2.2.5.4 while putting down the firearm (switching firearms).

2.2.5 Pointing the muzzle down range is equivalent to removing a firearm from the holster.

2.2.8 Putting down firearms, unless:

2.2.8.1 Firearm is empty (slide back, bolt open, or trigger pulled in a safe direction).

2.2.8.2 Detachable magazine is removed, or internal magazine is empty.

2.5 Pistol Serviceability

Applies to all firearms, not only pistols.

2.7 Firearm Carry Condition

PCC rules apply to all long firearms.

2.12 Range Commands

PCC rules apply to all long firearms.

3 SHOOTING RULES

3.4 Reloads

3.4.8 Loading devices with ammo or loose ammo may be left behind only when removing/emptying a magazine before putting down the firearm. Otherwise, they must be stowed appropriately.

3.7 Start Position

PCC rules apply to all long firearms.

3.9 Firearm Hand Usage Restrictions - Stage Description

PCC rules apply to all long firearms.

4 SCORING RULES

4.8 Threat and Non-Threat Target Designation

4.8.1 Non-threat targets may be designated with a large X across the target or other marking that clearly identifies the target as a non-threat.

4.12 Targets

All targets are allowed as long as they allow for objective scoring.

4.13 Disallowed Targets

All targets are allowed as long as they allow for objective scoring.

5 PENALTY RULES

Penalties may also be issued for non-shooting actions. This includes Procedural Error (PE) and Flagrant Penalty (FP).

5.5 Penalty Application

5.5.5 Penalty may be assessed for not speaking certain words or not performing actions stipulated in the stage description.

6 STAGE DESIGN RULES

On stage, the shooter may only be required to have one type of firearm with them at any given time. The only exception to this is when handling a long firearm with a pistol in the holster.

6.5 Miscellaneous Stage Design Rules

None of the listed rules are required for an IDPA Multi-Gun stage.

8 EQUIPMENT RULES

8.1 Firearms - General

All firearms are permitted as long as they are safe.

8.1.1 No divisions are stipulated for IDPA Multi-Gun.

8.1.2 Magazine Loading: All magazines must be loaded to the specified capacity.

8.1.2.3 The stage description may require reduced magazine loading for all magazines on all types of stages.

8.1.3 Rules for Magazine Capacity:

- Pistol Unlimited
- Revolver Unlimited
- Rifle Unlimited
- Shotgun 5 rounds (may be loaded higher after start signal)

8.1.4 Loading Device Count is unrestricted.

8.1.7 All modifications are allowed as long as they are safe.

8.2 Firearms - Divisions

No divisions or subcategories are stipulated for IDPA Multi-Gun. The match organiser should prepare divisions and subcategories that make the most sense for the expected competitors and the local shooter community. *It is recommended to follow the subcategories' rules from IDPA Match Administration Rules (M-5).*

PCC rules apply to all long firearms.

8.3 Ammunition

8.3.4 No ammunition minimum power factors are enforced.

8.4 Belts

All belts are permitted, provided they do not interfere with the safe handling of the firearm.

8.5 Holsters

8.5.1 All holsters are permitted as long as they securely hold the firearm.

8.5.1.14 Appendix carry is allowed at the discretion of the match organisers.

8.5.2 Any holsters that point the muzzle of the firearm in an unsafe direction are not permitted.

8.6 Ammunition Carriers

All ammunition carriers are allowed as long as they do not interfere with the safe handling of the firearm.

8.6.1.4 Ammunition carriers may NOT be stowed in a shooter's hand, armpit, mouth or similar scheme.

8.7 Concealment Garments

Concealment garments are NOT required.

8.9 Miscellaneous Equipment

8.9.1 Knee Pads & Elbow Pads are permitted.

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