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**HANDGUN EQUIPMENT CHECK MANUAL**

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# General Procedures for Handgun Equipment CHECK



## SAFETY CHECK - ALL DIVISIONS

### Rule 5.1.6

#### FIREARM SAFETY CHECK - SEMIAUTOMATIC

**Hammer and Trigger** - While pointing the firearm in a safe direction verify that both the magazine well and chamber are empty. Close the slide. Pointing the firearm in a safe direction lower the hammer by pressing the trigger.

**Manual Safety** - With the hammer cocked and the safety on, press the trigger. The hammer should not drop. With the hammer cocked and the safety on, press the trigger. Release the trigger and take the safety down to the off position. The hammer should remain cocked.

**Half Cock Notch** - Cock the hammer. Then holding the hammer, press the trigger, and release the Hammer slowly. It should stop in the half cock position.

**Disconnecter** - Is mandatory and is checked by:

1. Cocking the hammer, and then
2. Open the slide until the gap between slide and barrel is approximately 1/16" or 1.5mm. ( *The best guns fires only with zero gap* )
3. Press the trigger. The hammer should remain cocked.

*(Any exception must be approved by the IPSC Council and published at the IPSC Website)*

#### FIREARM SAFETY CHECK - REVOLVER

**Cylinder** - While pointing the firearm in a safe direction, open the cylinder and verify that the firearm is not loaded. Close the cylinder. Always pointing the firearm in a safe direction, pull the trigger and cycle through the cylinder.

**Hammer bar block** - With the cylinder open, cock the hammer. Holding the hammer, press the trigger and ease the hammer forward about 1/8" or 3mm then release the trigger and ease the hammer down. The firing pin should not protrude through the frame.

**Timing** - The cylinder should not have excess rotation when the hammer is cocked. The chamber should be held in the correct alignment to the barrel. Slowly press the trigger in double action, and just prior to the hammer falling; you should detect the cylinder bolt locking into the recess on the cylinder. When locked, and the trigger fully pulled to the rear, there should be very little rotational movement.

#### BELT, POUCHES, MAGNETS, MAGS AND GUN POSITION – General Compliance

- 1 - Belt - Fixed with three loops or equivalent?
- 2 - 50mm distance from the torso for all divisions (measure from the center of the longest Dimension of handgun grip or any reloading device).
- 3 - Muzzle point no further than 1 meter from feet.
- 4 - Hell of the Butt of the Handgun must be above the top of the belt.
- 5 - Hip Bone - All equipment before line in Appendix E1 for CLASSIC, STANDARD and PRODUCTION Divisions.



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### OPEN DIVISION



- 1 - Note in the Equipment Check Sheet any device that can be changed during the Competition like:
  - Wings to facilitate Table Start.
  - Shadow covers of the lenses.
  - Slide pullers,
  - Thumb Rest or any other attachments.
- 2 - Test all magazines to be no more than 170mm.
- 3 - For the Chrono only: Any bullet less than 120 Grains for Major Factor is unsafe and must be withdrawn of the Competition.



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### STANDARD DIVISION



- 1 - No weight attached to the barrel.
- 2 - No compensator or ports.
- 3 - Iron Sights only.
- 4 - Insert the biggest magazine of the Competitor in the gun.
- 5 - Ask Him to put the gun in ready condition (hammer cocked and safety applied) in a box measuring 225mm x 150mm x 45mm (+1mm/-0mm), and:
  - a - Parallel to the longest side of the box.
  - b - All features fully extended or deployed (slide rackers, thumb rest, etc.).
  - c - The sights can be depressed to fit the box.
  - d - Slide fully forward.
  - e - Hammer cocked.
  - f - TEST INSIDE THE BOX: Safety off and pull the trigger, the hammer MUST go down.



# General Procedures for Handgun Equipment CHECK



## CLASSIC DIVISION



- 1 - No weight attached to the barrel.
- 2 - No compensators or ports.
- 3 - No slide lightening cuts.
- 4 - No thumb rest or slide rackers.
- 5 - Allowed thumb shield if do not work as thumb rest.
- 6 - Frame is one piece of metal, single stack.
- 7 - Stirrup cuts present.
- 8 - 75mm max length, measure from the leading edge of the dust cover to the rear of slide stop pin.
- 9 - Magwell maximum outside width of 35mm.
- 10 - Iron sights only.
- 11 - Insert the biggest magazine of the Competitor in the gun.
- 12 - Ask Him to put the gun in ready condition (hammer cocked and safety applied) in a box measuring 225mm x 150mm x 45mm (+1mm/-0mm), and:
  - a - Parallel to the longest side of the box.
  - b - All features fully extended or deployed (slide rackers, thumb rest, etc.).
  - c - The sights can be depressed to fit the box.
  - d - Slide fully forward.
  - e - Hammer cocked.
  - f - TEST INSIDE THE BOX: Safety off and pull the trigger, the hammer MUST go down.



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## PRODUCTION DIVISION



- 1 - Only approved models from our IPSC list (found at [www.ipsc.org](http://www.ipsc.org)). NO single action guns.
- 2 - Minimum trigger pull of 2.27 Kg (5 Lbs.) for first shot OR Minimum trigger pull of 1.36 Kg (3 Lbs.) for every shot. Ask the competitor which one it will be done before doing the test.
- 3 – Maximum barrel length is 127mm.
- 4 - Rack the slide and check if Firepin Safety is installed.
- 5 - Check all magazines:
  - a - Only bumpers or pads that add negligible weight on magazine.
  - b - No removal of weight of magazine unless is negligible.
- 6 - NO MODIFICATIONS
  - a - No aftermarket barrels, only originals for the model.
  - c - ONLY MINOR DETAILING.
  - d - Prohibited:
    - I - Fast reloading modifications
    - II - Stippling
    - IV - Rubber sleeves
  - e - Sights:
    - I - May be trimmed
    - II - Color can be applied
    - III - Can be fitted with Fiber Optics or similar
  - f - Aftermarket panels allowed.
  - g - Application of tape on grip allowed (see Appendix E3a)



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## PRODUCTION OPTICS DIVISION



- 1 - Only approved models from our IPSC list (found at [www.ipsc.org](http://www.ipsc.org)). NO single action guns.
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- 6 - NO MODIFICATIONS
  - a - No aftermarket barrels, only originals for the model.
  - c - ONLY MINOR DETAILING.
  - d - Prohibited:
    - I - Fast reloading modifications
    - II - Stippling
    - IV - Rubber sleeves
  - e - Sights:
    - I - May be trimmed
    - II - Color can be applied
    - III - Can be fitted with Fiber Optics or similar
  - f - Aftermarket panels allowed.
  - g - Application of tape on grip allowed (see Appendix E3a)



# General Procedures for Handgun Equipment CHECK



## PRODUCTION OPTICS LIGHT DIVISION



- 1 - Only approved models from our IPSC list (found at [www.ipsc.org](http://www.ipsc.org)). NO single action guns.
- 2 - Minimum trigger pull of 2.27 Kg (5 Lbs.) for first shot OR Minimum trigger pull of 1.36 Kg (3 Lbs.) for every shot. Ask the competitor which one it will be done before doing the test.
- 3 – Maximum barrel length is 127mm.
- 4 - Rack the slide and check if Firepin Safety is installed.
- 5 - Check all magazines:
  - a - Only bumpers or pads that add negligible weight on magazine.
  - b - No removal of weight of magazine unless is negligible.
- 6 - NO MODIFICATIONS
  - a - No aftermarket barrels, only originals for the model.
  - c - ONLY MINOR DETAILING.
  - d - Prohibited:
    - I - Fast reloading modifications
    - II - Stippling
    - IV - Rubber sleeves
  - e - Sights:
    - I - May be trimmed
    - II - Color can be applied
    - III - Can be fitted with Fiber Optics or similar
  - f - Aftermarket panels allowed.
  - g - Application of tape on grip allowed (see Appendix E3a)
- 7 – MAXIMUM handgun weigh of 1 Kg with an empty magazine inserted.