



# 2023 Rulebook Changelog

Overall edits: fonts, page breaks, numbering, and spacing fixes

## 3 Shooting Rules

- 3.5.11.1 - added that the shooter may reload and continue engaging targets as needed or move to the next shooting "position to complete the engagement."
- 3.9.4 – added "strong side" elbow
- Added 3.9.4.1 – "Shooter may elect to shoot using strong hand only or both hands for required retention shots."
- Added 3.10.1.6 – "When a shooter elects to place a weapon mounted light on their handgun, for use at any time during a match, the shooter will be required to pass an equipment inspection, for the division entered with the box and weight restrictions for the division, with the flashlight mounted as used on the stage. If this is mid match, the shooter will be escorted back to the equipment inspection before moving on to the next stage."
- 3.11.1 – added "or as a member of IDPA"

## 4 Scoring Rules

- Added 4.1.1 numbering to Match DNF

## 6 Stage Design Rules

- Added 6.3.6 – "Match directors will use every effort to insure the effective use of props and stage descriptions to remove opportunities for officiating delays before allowing competitors to shoot the stages for score."
- Change 6.5.18.1 to 6.5.19 and change "Strong-hand only stages" to "Target engagements"
- 6.5.21 – added that Weak Hand Only strings will not be designed that require the shooter to use only the weak/support hand to reload the firearm "or engage from retention."

## 8 Equipment Rules

- Added equipment guidelines, outlining that all equipment must meet the following simple guidelines:
  - Must be practical for self-defense use
  - Must be suitable for all-day continuous wear and concealed



- Must be worn in a manner that would be suitable for all-day continuous wear
  - MD's must make sure participant gear follows said guidelines.
  - RACLs and IDPA HQ will continue to review and advise ACs, IPOCs and MDs as needed to best meet the principles of the sport
  - Reference IDPA Official Rulebook 10-26-96
- 8.1.1.1 – REV now considered a specialty division
- 8.1.1.1 – Specialty divisions are required for Tier 1 matches and optional for Tier 2 – Tier 5 Sanctioned matches.
- 8.1.6.3 – added text unless competing in Carry Optics “or PCC”
- 8.1.7.3 – added weights that have no “legal” operational function
- 8.1.7.5 – removed text “any”, and “grip safeties
- 8.5.1.13 – changed “holster may not tilt out away from the body” to “holster may not extend away from the belt more than the width of a spare magazine tube or reload device (of the firearm being used) or cause the firearm to tilt”