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We Are IPSC. Welcome All!

Respected colleagues and friends,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present to you the **International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC)**, the worldwide governing body for the exciting and dynamic sport of Practical Shooting.

Since 1976 we have work tirelessly in building and developing this thrilling and challenging sport... what started with a group of friends wanting to develop dynamic shooting it has now grown into an international discipline with almost a quarter million active members across 6 continents... and we are just getting started!

I cordially invite you to know more about Practical Shooting and to join us in having the time of your life... are you ready?



Vitaly Kryuchin
IPSC President



WHAT IS PRACTICAL SHOOTING?

Practical Shooting is dynamic, challenging, and one of the fastest growing shooting sports in the world today.

Courses of fire utilize many aspects not found in the more traditional shooting disciplines such as movement by the shooter, moving targets, multiple targets, and the freedom for the shooter to solve the shooting challenges presented in the courses of fire.

What makes Practical Shooting unique?

The appeal of the sport lies in the diversity of the courses of fire available to the shooter. By offering different courses of fire rather than set types, **Practical Shooting** continues to challenge the competitor and to improve his skills.

There are continually new demands to challenge shooting enthusiasts.



Eric Grauffel (FRA) - World Champion
Photo by KSLIPSC.com



Maria Gushchina (RUS) - World Champion
Photo by Maria Gushchina



WHAT IS IPSC?



The **International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC)** recognizes all the shooting disciplines - Handgun, Rifle, Shotgun, and Action Air.

In IPSC stage the result being points scored on targets divided by the time needed to complete a stage. The shooter must be the most accurate and fastest to win! Therefore, the competitions are very exciting for athletes and interesting for spectators!.

IPSC Motto

The Latin words *Diligentia, Vis, Celeritas* (DVC) meaning accuracy, power, and speed are IPSC's motto and form the foundation for competition. IPSC also emphasizes procedures for safe gun handling and strict adherence to the rules governing the sport.



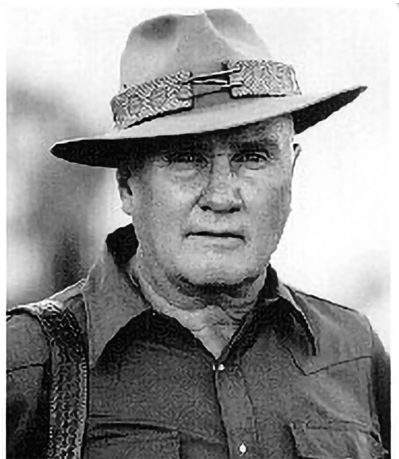
OUR HISTORY



For IPSC, the auspicious first step was taken four decades ago by Dick Thomas and Franklin Brown. They jointly convened the Columbia International Combat Pistol Conference (later abbreviated as Columbia Conference) held in Columbia, Missouri, USA beginning 24 May 1976.

Practical shooting stalwarts who attended from the USA included famous names such as Jeff Cooper, Ray Chapman, Rick Miller, Ken Hackathorn, Thell Reed, Bert Estes, Ron Lerch, Bruce Nelson, Jim Cirillo and Mike Harries.

In the October 1976 issue of Guns & Ammo magazine, Rick Miller wrote: "Our first step, electing a president, proved to be rather easy. Someone nominated Jeff Cooper, and he was unanimously voted into office." The standardization of a practical target, an acceptable method of power factoring and the definition of practical holsters were the first issues in the 1976 agenda.



John Dean "Jeff" Cooper



IPSC PRESIDENTS



No.
1

Name
Col. Jeff Cooper

IPSC Region



Term of Office
May 1976 to Sep 1979



No.
2

Name
Mr. Steve Jahme-Smith

IPSC Region



Term of Office
Sep 1979 to Aug 1981



No.
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Name
Mr. Jorge Almeida

IPSC Region



Term of Office
Aug 1981 to Sep 1983



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Name
Mr. Jean-Pierre Denis

IPSC Region



Term of Office
Sep 1983 to Aug 1995



No.
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Name
Mr. Andre Tasset

IPSC Region



Term of Office
Aug 1995 to Dec 1995



IPSC PRESIDENTS



No.
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Name
Mr. Nick Alexakos

IPSC Region



Term of Office
Jan 1996 to Dec 2017



No.
7

Name
Mr. Vitaly Kryuchin

IPSC Region



Term of Office
Jan 2018 to

Notes:

1. At the 1987 IPSC Assembly the IPSC Constitution was amended so that, thereafter, IPSC Presidents commenced their term of office on the 1 Jan immediately following their election. Prior to this they commenced their term of office immediately upon being elected.

2. Mr. Jean-Pierre Denis resigned as IPSC President during the 1995 IPSC Assembly and the General Secretary Mr. Andre Tasset took over as President during the meeting, as the term of office for newly elected President Mr. Nick Alexakos did not commence until the following 1 Jan.



IPSC BY THE NUMBERS

105

Number of countries (Regions) members of the Confederation and actively conducting IPSC Matches

200+
Thousand

Number of active IPSC competitors across the world

1.4
Million

The amount of rounds shot at the WXVIII Handgun World Shoot in Châteauroux, France in 2017

351

The number of IPSC sanctioned matches (Level III and above) held worldwide in 2018



GUN SAFETY



Safety and Responsibility

To get a start in IPSC shooting all that is required is a reliable firearm, eye and ear protection and a large dose of enthusiasm.

Hearing and Eye Protection - Competitors and spectators must wear hearing and eye protection at all times when they are attending IPSC competitions. Everyone, not just officials, needs to be alert to remind anyone that they must have hearing and eye protection on before shooting begins.

At IPSC, responsible and safe gun handling is the most important qualification any sportsman must possess... fun and camaraderie surely follows!



OUR MEMBERS



What are IPSC Regions?

Regions (countries) are the organizations which promote the sport of IPSC and are the representatives of IPSC. All IPSC shooters become members of the IPSC by joining their affiliated Region.

What kind of people compete in IPSC matches?

As in any other popular sport, a wide variety of people enjoy IPSC shooting. Our membership spans almost every occupation, from craftsmen to executives. We are also fortunate to have many women and families involved in our shooting programs. It is not unusual to find husbands and wives and families participating in IPSC activities. All of the people at our competitions are strong believers in safety and safe gun handling as well as good sportsmanship.



IPSC WORLDWIDE

**IPSC is actively present in 105 countries
... and we are just getting started!**





COMPETITIONS

The dynamics of IPSC shooting are expressed in the courses of fire and the rules of competition provide the foundation for these dynamics.

IPSC shooters are able to compete not only on a level playing field with the same size “goal posts”, but do it anywhere in the world.

Matches consist of individual stages and can be organized in any of the recognized disciplines. IPSC Tournaments are also available in any combination of Handgun, Rifle, and Shotgun.

We have organized our matches in five (5) different Levels:

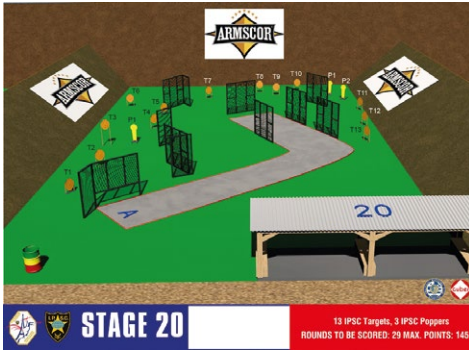
- LEVEL I:** local weekend club match
- LEVEL II:** inter-club monthly match
- LEVEL III:** large Regional match
- LEVEL IV:** Continental Championship
- LEVEL V:** World Shoot

Is there a place in IPSC for beginners?

Absolutely! All of those currently competing were once at the beginner stage. By becoming active in matches hosted by an IPSC club you will have the advantage of qualified range officials and courteous range staff. You will normally find IPSC shooters are pleased to give a helping hand in getting you started.



COURSES OF FIRE



What makes IPSC's Courses of Fire different?

The value of IPSC shooting competition is determined by the quality of the challenge presented in the course design. Courses of fire are designed primarily to test a competitor's IPSC shooting skills, and not their physical strength or gymnastic abilities

IPSC matches are freestyle. Competitors must be permitted to solve the challenge presented in a freestyle manner and, for handgun and shotgun matches, to shoot targets on an "as and when visible" basis. Also, conditions may be created, and barriers or

other physical limitations may be constructed, to compel a competitor into shooting positions, locations or stances.

A properly balanced course of fire will depend largely upon the nature of the challenges presented therein, however courses shall be designed, and IPSC shooting competitions shall be conducted in such a way, as to evaluate these elements equally.





2019 MATCHES





MISSIA



WHAT IS MISSIA?

MISSIA was created to establish a structure for the accreditation, recognition and maintenance of International Shooting Safety Instructors.

It ensures that IPSC Instructors are the best trained, the best qualified and the best prepared to establish a uniform worldwide standard for training IPSC sports shooters. Today MISSIA has its Vision, Mission and Goals to achieve in the near future.



Vision

IPSC has the best trained, safest and most highly skilled sports shooters in the world.

Mission

To create and develop a uniform worldwide standard for the training of athletes in the sport of Practical Shooting.





MISSIA

MISSIA Goals

- Establish a structure for the accreditation, recognition and maintenance of International Shooting Safety Instructors.
- Appoint an International Shooting Safety Instructor in every IPSC Region.
- Create an organization to develop all the training aspects of the sport.
- Form a unified approach to, and the standard required, of training.
- Increase both the quality and efficiency of training.
- Promote gender equality and equity in the sport.
- Develop junior programs.



Today the International Shooting Safety Instructor for every IPSC Region must meet the following minimum criteria to participate in MISSIA Seminars:

1. IPSC Regional Director approval.
2. Reasonably high shooting skills.
3. Able to train and certify new members, according to the approved training syllabus.
4. Be a Range Officer or pass an IROA/NROI Seminar.
5. Must train a minimum of 5 new IPSC members annually.
6. First aid certification.
7. Must speak English.





IPSC WORLD SHOOT



Rob Leatham - IPSC Champion
Photo by Springfield Armory

**IPSC World Shoots
are the top shooting
competitions in the
world with more
than 1,500 athletes in
attendance from around
the globe**



WHAT IS IROA?

The International Range Officer Association (IROA) was created to establish a structure for the accreditation, recognition and maintenance of match officials.

IROA certifies that IPSC Range Officers are the best trained, the best qualified and best prepared to ensure a uniform worldwide standard for all competitions.

Membership

To join the ranks of IROA, national match officials must exhibit a high level of competence, attitude and a personal commitment to the safety and quality of IPSC matches.



Education

IROA is responsible for handling the preparation, development, maintenance and distribution of training materials which reflect the current and future requirements of IPSC matches.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that IPSC currently has 105 member Regions on 6 continents?

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INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION
EXCELLENCE IN SHOOTING

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