

## Proposed Changes to the IPSC ACTION AIR Competition Rules (2020 Version)

The Hong Kong Practical Shooting Association would like to propose the following changes to the Action Air rulebook:

1) Change to the **Construction Note** regarding the Action Air Stop Plate under Appendix C3 (see Page 2).

- ☒ Propose to change the minimum distance of the Stop Plate **from the original 5 meters to 2 meters.**

The Stop Plate is part of the timing device, which stops the timer to signify the shooter has completed shooting the COF. Therefore, it is not a device to test the shooter's shooting skill, and should be placed at a minimum safe distance that can be easily engaged by the shooter.

2) Change to Section 21.5 of the Appendix D4 Action Air Production Division (see Page 3).

- ☒ Propose to **allow the use of third-party slides and 3D printed slides as opposed to OFM slides only.**

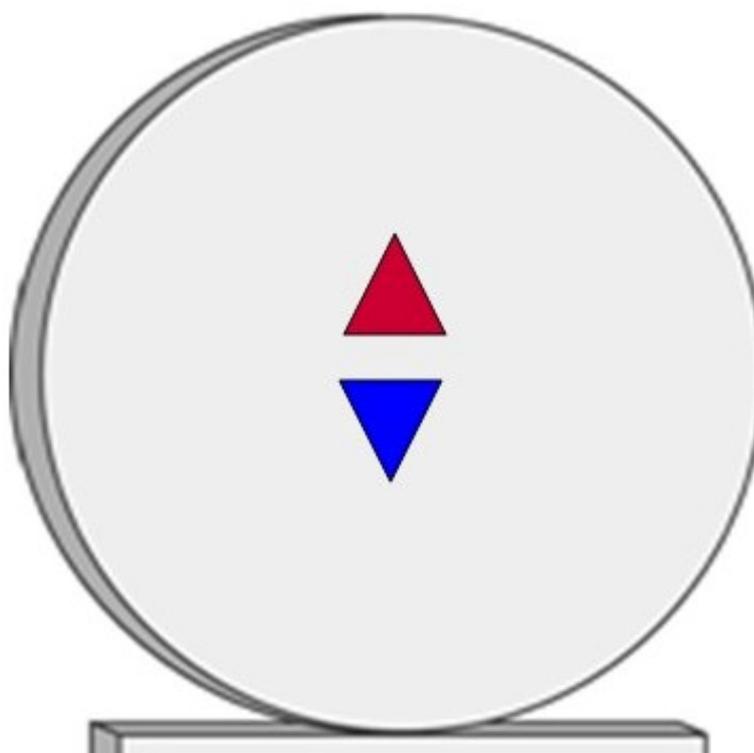
OFM slides for airsoft guns are not readily available in the market. Allowing shooters to compete with third-party produced and 3D printed slides will give them more options when replacing broken OFM slides, providing that the slide is the same shape, size and contour as the OFM slide.

3) Propose to **Add Production Optics Division to the Action Air rulebook.**  
Details are on Page 5.

## 2020 Proposed Rule Changes – ACTION AIR ONLY

(KEY: ~~deleted words~~, new words)

### APPENDIX C3: IPSC Action Air Stop Plate



#### Important Construction Notes

The Stop Plate, if used, must be a circular target, not less than 15 centimeters diameter, securely anchored to the ground, not less than ~~5~~2 meters from the most likely final shooting location in the COF.

The Stop Plate must be clearly distinguishable from regular plates and contain visual electronic indicators to confirm it has been hit, and it must be connected by wires or other means to a timer where the time of the final shot is recorded.

Rigid plates which can accidentally turn edge-on or sideways when hit are expressly prohibited. Using them may result in the withdrawal of IPSC sanction (see Rule 4.3.1.1).

Explanation: Stop Plates are devices that are used to stop the timer, signifying the shooter has completed shooting the COF. The stop plate only acts as a device to signify the shooter has completed the COF, and it is not intended to act as a target that tests the shooter's skill. Therefore, it should be placed at a minimum safe distance that can be easily engaged by the shooter.

## APPENDIX D4: Action Air Production Division

1.	Maximum handgun size	Maximum barrel length 127 mm
2.	Maximum magazine length	<del>Yes, see below</del> No
3.	Maximum projectile capacity	Yes, see below
4.	Max. distance of handgun and allied equipment from torso	50 mm (see Rule 5.2.5)
5.	Rule 5.2.10 / Appendix E2 applies	Yes
6.	Optical/electronic sights	No
7.	Compensators, ports, sound and/or flash suppressors	No

### **Special conditions:**

18. Only Action Air versions of handguns listed as approved in the Production Division List on the IPSC website may be used in this Division. Note that handguns deemed by IPSC to be single-action-only are expressly prohibited. The official IPSC protocol used to measure barrel length is illustrated in Appendix E4.
  
19. Handguns with external hammers must be fully decocked (see Rule 8.1.2.5), at the Start Signal. First shot attempted must be double action. Competitors in this Division who, after the issuance of the Start Signal and prior to attempting the first shot, cock the hammer on a handgun which has a loaded chamber, will incur one procedural penalty per occurrence. Note that a procedural penalty will not be assessed in respect of courses of fire where the ready condition requires the competitor to prepare the handgun with an empty chamber. In these cases, the competitor may fire the first shot single action.
  
20. Original parts and components offered by the OFM as standard equipment, or as an option, for a specific model handgun on the IPSC approved handgun list are permitted, subject to the following:
  - 20.1 Modifications to them, other than minor detailing (the removal of burrs and/or adjustments unavoidably required in order to fit replacement OFM parts or components), are prohibited. Other prohibited modifications include those which facilitate faster reloading (e.g. racking or cocking handles, flared, enlarged and/or add-on magwells, etc.), and/or adding stippling. Changing the original color and/or finish of a handgun, and/or adding stripes or other embellishments is permitted.
  - 20.2 Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 15 projectiles at the Start Signal. Identifying marks or decals, internal capacity limiters, bumper pads and additional witness holes, which add or remove negligible weight to/from magazines, are permitted.
  - 20.3 Sights may be trimmed, adjusted and/or have colors applied. Sights may also be fitted with fiber optic or similar inserts.
  
21. Aftermarket parts, components and accessories are prohibited, except as follows:
  - 21.1 Aftermarket magazines are permitted, subject to 20.2 above.
  - 21.2 Aftermarket open sights (see Rule 5.1.3.1) are permitted, provided their installation and/or adjustment requires no alteration to the handgun.
  - 21.3 Aftermarket grip panels which match the profile and contours of the OFM standard or optional grip panels for the approved handgun and/or the application of tape on grips (see Appendix E3a) are permitted. However, rubber sleeves are prohibited.
  - 21.4 Aftermarket springs are permitted.
  - 21.5 Aftermarket slides which match the profile and contours of the OFM slide, other than the milling of the slide in order to facilitate the installation of an optical/electronic sight, are permitted. However, modifications designed to facilitate an improved grip compared to the OFM slide are prohibited.

Explanation: As airsoft pistol slides are often made of plastic, they are easily damaged. However, OFM slides are not readily available for sale on the market. The proposed change will allow shooters to replace OFM slides with third-party produced or 3D printed slides – as long as they match the profile and contours of the OFM slide.

## APPENDIX D4a: Action Air Production Optics Division

1.	Maximum handgun size	Maximum barrel length 127 mm
2.	Maximum magazine length	<del>Yes, see below</del> No
3.	Maximum projectile capacity	Yes, see below
4.	Max. distance of handgun and allied equipment from torso	50 mm (see Rule 5.2.5)
5.	Rule 5.2.10 / Appendix E2 applies	Yes
6.	Optical/electronic sights	Mandatory, see below
7.	Compensators, ports, sound and/or flash suppressors	No

### **Special conditions:**

8. Only Action Air versions of handguns listed as approved in the Production Division List on the IPSC website and fitted with an optical/electronic sight may be used in this Division. Note that handguns deemed by IPSC to be single-action-only are expressly prohibited. The official IPSC protocol used to measure barrel length is illustrated in Appendix E4.
9. Handguns with external hammers must be fully decocked (see Rule 8.1.2.5), at the Start Signal. First shot attempted must be double action. Competitors in this Division who, after the issuance of the Start Signal and prior to attempting the first shot, cock the hammer on a handgun which has a loaded chamber, will incur one procedural penalty per occurrence. Note that a procedural penalty will not be assessed in respect of courses of fire where the ready condition requires the competitor to prepare the handgun with an empty chamber. In these cases, the competitor may fire the first shot single action.
10. Original parts and components offered by the OFM as standard equipment, or as an option, for a specific model handgun on the IPSC approved handgun list are permitted, subject to the following:
  - 10.1 Modifications to them, other than minor detailing (the removal of burrs and/or adjustments unavoidably required in order to fit replacement OFM parts or components), are prohibited. Other prohibited modifications include those which facilitate faster reloading (e.g. racking or cocking handles, flared, enlarged and/or add-on magwells, etc.), and/or adding stippling. Changing the original color and/or finish of a handgun, and/or adding stripes or other embellishments is permitted.
  - 10.2 Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 15 projectiles at the Start Signal. Identifying marks or decals, internal capacity limiters, bumper pads and additional witness holes, which add or remove negligible weight to/from magazines, are permitted.
11. Aftermarket parts, components and accessories are prohibited, except as follows:
  - 11.1 Aftermarket magazines are permitted, subject to 10.2 above.
  - 11.2 Aftermarket open and optical/electronic sights (see Rules 5.1.3.1 and 5.1.3.2) and mounting plates are permitted, provided their installation and/or adjustment requires no alteration to the handgun other than the milling of the slide in order to facilitate the installation of an optical/electronic sight.
  - 11.3 Aftermarket grip panels which match the profile and contours of the OFM standard or optional grip panels for the approved handgun and/or the application of tape on grips (see Appendix E3a) are permitted. However, rubber sleeves are prohibited.
  - 11.4 Aftermarket springs are permitted.
  - 11.5 Aftermarket slides which match the profile and contours of the OFM slide, other than the milling of the slide in order to facilitate the installation of an optical/electronic sight, are permitted. However, modifications to them designed to facilitate an improved grip compared to the OFM slide are prohibited.

12. Optical/electronic sights must be mounted on the upper rear of the slide either in addition to, or replacement of, the rear open sight. Racking or cocking handles or other similar protuberances cannot form part of the sight or its mounting.
13. This Division is under evaluation and, unless extended, it will expire on 31 December 2022.