



# International Practical Shooting Confederation

Open Book Exam  
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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rule # \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle correct answer(s) below*

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1. What is the minimum power factor for major in Standard Division?

- A- 160
- B- 170
- C- 125
- D- 175

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2. At a match, where are you allowed to un-bag/un-case your firearm?

- A- Your car, as long as you are in the parking lot.
- B- Safety Area
- C- Any table located on the range.
- D- All of the above

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3. What is the first general principle of IPSC Matches?

- A- Power
- B- Accuracy
- C- Speed
- D- Safety

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4. What does Diligentia mean?

- A- Power
- B- Accuracy
- C- Speed
- D- Safety

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5. Can you enter a Safety Area with loaded mags in pouches on your belt?

- A- Yes
- B- No

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6. While walking to a stage your gun falls out of your holster and lands on the ground. Are you disqualified?

- A- Yes
- B- No, unless you pick it up.
- C- Not if you use the 5 second rule.
- D- Not if your friend picks it up.

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7. You are called to the line as the next shooter. The Range Officer says, **"The range is going hot!"**. You draw your firearm and begin loading it. You are then ordered to **"Unload and show clear."** What has happened?
- A- Nothing, you were not started correctly.
  - B- You are being DQ'd for "unsafe gun handling"
  - C- You receive a warning for the first offence
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8. If a revolver can hold seven or more rounds, they can still declare major.
- A- True
  - B- False
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9. If a competitor starts a stage without eye or hearing protection, or loses either of those items during a course of fire, what must happen?
- A- They must be stopped immediately.
  - B- They must be allowed to finish.
  - C- They must be stopped, allowed to replace the missing gear and continue.
  - D- They must be given a reshoot.
  - E- A and D.
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10. When does the course of fire officially start?
- A- At the buzzer.
  - B- At the "load and make ready" command (LAMR)
  - C- At the "stand by" command.
  - D- When you are called to the line.
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11. While at a match, your gun breaks and your friend offers to let you use theirs. It is exactly the same as your gun. Do you have to get permission and if so, from whom?
- A- No permission is required.
  - B- As long as your friend approves, that is all you need.
  - C- You must get permission from the Match Director.
  - D- You must get permission from the Range Master.
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12. Is handling dummy rounds or snap caps in the safety area allowed?
- A- Yes
  - B- No
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13. While shooting a stage, you notice that a target has not been taped. What should you do?
- A- Stop and inform the RO.
  - B- Continue shooting the stage and demand a reshoot because it caused you to pause/hesitate even though they can determine the correct hits for your run.
  - C- Continue shooting and do not stop unless instructed to do so.
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14. When does the course of fire officially end?

- A- When the "range is clear" command is given.
  - B- When people start walking down range.
  - C- When the scorekeeper taps the RO on the shoulder.
  - D- When the shooters hand is removed from the gun after the "if clear, hammer down and holster" command is given.
  - E- When the official time is recorded.
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15. At chronograph, who is responsible for attempting to fit a competitor's firearm into the IPSC Standard/Classic box?

- A- The most experienced shooter on the squad.
  - B- The Chronograph Official
  - C- The competitor
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16. Sweeping during a course of fire is defined as what?

- A- Opening a door/window.
  - B- Allowing the muzzle of your firearm to point at any part of your body.
  - C- Clearing a "stovepipe" jam from a 1911 style firearm.
  - D- Removing brass from the previous shooter from the stage.
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17. Calculate the power factor for a 200 grain bullet travelling at 900 fps.

- A- 200 PF
  - B- 1800 PF
  - C- 180 PF
  - D- 4.5 PF
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18. Are you allowed to take a sight picture after "load and make ready"?

- A- Yes
  - B- No
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19. What is the minimum distance at which steel may be engaged as per the current edition of the IPSC rules?

- A- 7 meters
- B- 6 meters
- C- 5 meters

What is the minimum distance allowed in Canada? \_\_\_\_\_

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20. Whose responsibility is it to maintain an accurate record of the competitor's score?

- A- The Stats Officer
  - B- The Match Director
  - C- The competitor him/herself
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21. A shot which is fired over a backstop is defined as what?

- A- Range equipment failure
  - B- Accidental discharge
  - C- Poor stage design
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22. Can you retrieve dropped magazines during a course of fire?  
A- Yes  
B- No
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23. If the heel of the butt on a handgun is below the top of the belt it is carried on, can you be allowed to shoot?  
A- Yes  
B- No
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24. Unsportsmanlike conduct by a competitor at a match results in what?  
A- One (1) procedural penalty for each occurrence.  
B- Disqualification.  
C- A score of zero for the stage where it happened.
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25. If a competitor is ordered to do a reshoot on a stage and refuses, what if anything is the penalty?  
A- Disqualification.  
B- One (1) procedural penalty  
C- A zero for the stage
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26. If a shooter was to dispute the score on a target as called by the Range Officer, who would he/she appeal to?  
A- Another Range Officer and then to the Match Director.  
B- The Chief Ranger Officer, then the Range Master.  
C- The Arbitration Committee.  
D- The other shooters on their squad.
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27. The premature activation of metal or moving targets during a course of fire is?  
A- Luck  
B- One of the things a competitor has to deal with.  
C- Range equipment failure.
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28. Who has the final say with regards to a scoring challenge on a target or a No-shoot target?  
A- The Match Director  
B- The Range Master  
C- The Arbitration Committee
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29. The use of camouflage or other similar types of military or police garments is discouraged.  
A- True  
B- False
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30. During a course of fire, what tools are competitors allowed to use to correct firearm malfunctions?  
A- None.  
B- Only what they have in their range bag.  
C- Only an approved squib rod or multi-tool.  
D- Only what they are carrying on their person.
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31. What is the maximum distance that a competitor's equipment can be from their torso in all divisions: \_\_\_\_\_
32. What is the minimum length and height for a fault line?  
A- 2.5 meters and 10 mm  
B- 1 meter and 25 mm  
C- 1.5 meters and 20 mm \_\_\_\_\_
33. What if any, is the penalty for failing to shoot at least 1 round at each scoring non-disappearing target in a course of fire?  
A- No penalty besides the obvious misses.  
B- One (1) Procedural penalty for failure to engage.  
C- Disqualification for failing to complete the stage. \_\_\_\_\_
34. The penalty for a hit on a No-shoot target is?  
A- Disqualification  
B- One (1) Procedural  
C- Minus 10 points \_\_\_\_\_
35. An elongated hit on a turning target crosses the A/C scoring line. How is the hit scored?  
A- Scored as a miss.  
B- Scored as a C.  
C- It is not scored, so you must reshoot the stage.  
D- Scored as an A. \_\_\_\_\_
36. Allowing the muzzle of a firearm to point in an unsafe direction or past 90 degrees of directly downrange results in what?  
A- Nothing.  
B- The RO yelling "muzzle".  
C- A meeting with your Black Badge Instructor.  
D- Disqualification for "unsafe gun handling". \_\_\_\_\_
37. After shooting a stage, you notice a perfect hit on a steel popper which is still standing, what if anything, can you do?  
A- You may request a calibration of the steel target.  
B- Nothing can be done, "steel must fall to score".  
C- Get the RO to poke it to see if it is set properly. \_\_\_\_\_
38. If your firearm breaks after the "load and make ready" command but before the start signal, what if anything can you do?  
A- File an Arbitration.  
B- Accept a Zero for the stage.  
C- Step down and reshoot once your gun is fixed. \_\_\_\_\_
39. How many rounds are you required to give for Chronograph?  
A- Six  
B- Eight  
C- Four \_\_\_\_\_

40. What is the maximum time limit for filing an Arbitration Request?
- A- Until the end of the match that day
  - B- 2 hours
  - C- 3 hours
  - D- 1 hour
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41. If a competitor touches one of their targets before it is scored, what if any is the penalty that can be applied?
- A- Disqualification
  - B- 1 miss
  - C- The target is zeroed and does not count
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42. A competitor who commits a safety infraction or any other prohibited activity during an IPSC match will receive what penalty?
- A- Procedural Penalty
  - B- Verbal and or written warning
  - C- Match Disqualification
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43. Intentionally removing one's eye or hearing protection in order to get a reshoot is considered what?
- A- Part of gaming a stage.
  - B- An easy way to get a reshoot.
  - C- Unsportsmanlike Conduct.
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44. A competitor is allowed to carry a handgun with the hammer back when they are not participating in a course of fire.
- A- True
  - B- False
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45. Which match official is responsible for the squadding of competitors?
- A- Range Officer (RO)
  - B- Match Director (MD)
  - C- Range Master (RM)
  - D- Quarter Master (QM)
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46. Which match official verifies that a competitor's score, time and penalties are correctly recorded on the score sheet or tablet?
- A- Chief Range Officer (CRO)
  - B- Stats Officer (SO)
  - C- Match Director (MD)
  - D- Range Master (RM)
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47. While your run on a COF is being scored, how close may you approach any target?
- A- 5 meters
  - B- 1 foot
  - C- There are no restrictions.
  - D- 1 meter
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48. A bullet passes through a target stick/lathe and continues on to hit a No-shoot target. How does the hit get scored?
- A- Nothing
  - B- 1 No-Shoot (minus 10pts)
  - C- 1 Miss
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49. A competitor is called to the line and when the command to “load and make ready” is given they draw their firearm and when they cycle the action a “dummy round” falls out. What happens next?
- A- They are stopped and start over.
  - B- They are disqualified.
  - C- They get a procedural penalty.
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50. How does the rulebook define “movement”? (When considering keeping one’s finger outside of the trigger guard during movement.)
- A- Taking more than two steps in any direction
  - B- Taking more than three steps in any direction
  - C- Taking more than one step in any direction
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51. Are spectators or other competitors allowed to assist competitors either physically or verbally during a course of fire?
- A- Yes
  - B- No
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52. Are you allowed to re-holster your firearm during a COF?
- A- Yes
  - B- No
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53. When a competitor is clearly not aiming at targets, what must they do with their trigger finger while clearing a malfunction?
- A- It must be used to clear the malfunction
  - B- It must be placed clearly on the trigger
  - C- It must be clearly visible outside the trigger guard
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54. While in a vendor area, is it OK to remove your gun from its holster to hand it to a vendor/gunsmith?
- A- Yes
  - B- No
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55. If a stage specifies strong hand or weak hand only, what can you NOT use your non shooting hand to do?
- A- Help “scoop” the gun into the shooting hand
  - B- Clear malfunctions
  - C- Reload
  - D- Manipulate the safety
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56. How can you tell that a target is a "No-shoot" target?

- A- It has a large "X" on it
  - B- It is a colour different from that of the scoring targets
  - C- A & B
  - D- None of the above
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57. If a Range Officer stops you during a COF for a suspected "squib load" and subsequently determines that there was no "squib", what happens?

- A- You are disqualified
  - B- The stage is scored as is
  - C- You are ordered to reshoot the stage
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58. Who is in charge of all range officials and the application of rules at a match?

- A- Match Director
  - B- Regional Directorate
  - C- Range Master
  - D- The National Range Officer Institute
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59. A bullet striking the ground within three meters of a competitor with no targets closer than three meters or less is what?

- A- An early shot
  - B- An accidental discharge
  - C- Unsafe gun handling
  - D- A & C
  - E- B & C
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60. If you think you have had a "squib" load, what should you do?

- A- Stop shooting, better safe than sorry.
  - B- Attempt to chamber another round to shoot it clear.
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