2019 USPSA Competition Rules Change Log

**General changes:**

- Format has changed
- Font style has changed
- “Firearm” replaces handgun and PCC in the rules, except in specific instances where the word handgun or PCC is required for clarity and specificity.
- PCC has been integrated into the rules in most places without a separate designation for PCC related rules
- “Cardboard” replaces “Paper” with reference to either Metric or Classic targets
- “USPSA” replaces “metric” cardboard target name
- “IPSC” replaces “classic” cardboard target name
- “USPSA Popper” and “USPSA Mini Popper” replaces Pepper Popper and USPSA Popper/mini popper
- “IPSC Popper” and “IPSC Mini Popper” replaces “Classic” and “Classic Mini popper”
- Colt Speed Steel remains the same
- New drawings provided for all cardboard and steel targets for clarity. Measurement diagrams cleaned up.
- USPSA targets do not show a “B” zone; note in the section mentions indefinite phase out of existing B-zoned USPSA targets and need to score as C hits
- Appendices for PCC and Carry Optics, as updated, added
- Most definitions moved to the glossary, which has been updated and revamped
- Written Stage Briefing, Range Master, and Match Director written out and not abbreviated.

**Major Edits and Changes:**

**Chapter 1**

- 1.1.5.3 and 1.1.5.4 – Strong/weak side language added, PCC requirements integrated
- 1.2.1 – Reference to glossary for definition of location and view added after sub-rules
- 1.2.2.3 – Changed from “single location or view” to “single location”
- 1.3.1 – Added language requiring compliance with rules at all match levels

**Chapter 2**

- 2.1.8.5 – Any appearing target that’s not obscured completely may be shot at, whether activated or not
- 2.1.8.5.1 – Reworded to say that for Level I match, WSB must specify which must be activated prior to activation
• 2.2.1.1 – Changed “required” for 1.5-inch fault lines to “recommended.”
• 2.2.1.2 – Shooting Areas defined, and object use clarified
• 2.2.1.4 – Changed to: “The use of rear fault lines at prone shooting positions should be avoided or used with caution. If a rear fault line is used, it must be placed at least 8 feet from the forward fault line at the prone shooting position.”
• 2.2.1.5 – Removed reference to old forbidden action rule 10.2.11
• 2.2.3.3 – Wall height ruling inserted with suggested rewording
• 2.2.3.4 – New rule, clarified barriers deemed to be solid planes
• 2.2.3.5 – New rule, defining supports to be non-existent (wall feet, struts, etc.)
• 2.3.7 – Added language clarifying that Range Officials may maintain their stage, including keeping poppers adjusted

Chapter 3
• No changes or edits

Chapter 4
• Wording for cardboard targets used
  • 4.1.1 – Ruling concerning use of only officially licensed targets inserted
  • 4.2.1 – First sentence revised to read “There are two types of cardboard targets approved for use in USPSA matches, USPSA and IPSC targets (see Appendix B1).”
  • 4.2.1.1 – Added half size target restrictions. First sentence revised to read “Half-sized targets of either type are approved for use at Level I matches only and may be used together with full-size targets of same type on a course of fire.”
  • 4.2.2 – Removed restriction on visibility of perfs past 33 feet, due to the change in policy allowing for through-perforations on cardboard targets—this made them easier to score, but the lines were more visible
  • 4.3.1 – Changed terminology to USPSA and IPSC Poppers, added Colt Speed Steel
  • 4.3.1.5, #1 – Added 100% calibration zone visibility requirement for mini poppers
  • 4.3.1.6.1 – Changed restrictions on second hits/REF on plates—multiple hits changed to “more than once”
  • 4.4.2 – Added “falling plates” after synthetic—these are the only ones we see, in general

Chapter 5
• 5.1.11 – Added PCCs with full auto/burst triggers allowed, but may only be used in semi-auto mode
• 5.1.12 – New rule, binary trigger use not allowed, bump fire stocks are prohibited
• 5.1.13 – New rule, added to say other handgun equipment rules apply
• 5.2.1 – New sub-rules created to accommodate Handgun and PCC rules
• 5.2.1.1 – Handgun information clarified and updated as well, with definition of bagged to include zipper or fastener closed
• 5.2.1.3 - 5.2.1.8 – PCC carry and handling information inserted, also clarified the language about carry, flags, carts, and horizontal transport
• 5.2.4 – New sub-rules created
• 5.2.4.2 – No magazines in the mouth for divisions with equipment position restrictions
• 5.2.5 – Use of overlays for measuring equipment distances inserted
• 5.2.5.2 – Penalty for non-compliance with distance requirements inserted
• 5.2.6 – IWB holsters allowed, per ruling. Cleaned up the language.
• 5.5.3 – Added “steel core” ammo to prohibited list, along with steel jacketed.
• 5.7.2.1 – New rule, prohibits attempt to clear a squib, unsafe gun handling
• 5.8 – Cleaned up per board request. Match Ammo, App. C3, edited

Chapter 6
• 6.1.1 – Definition of String updated
• 6.1.3 – Deleted last sentence of definition of match: “A match must include only one type of firearm (e.g. handgun, shotgun or rifle).”
• 6.2.5.1 – Added PCC shoots for no score if fail to meet conditions

Chapter 7
• 7.2.3 – Added ruling concerning staff being DQ’d as a result of a medical condition
• 7.3.2 – Added NROI Insignia

Chapter 8
• 8.1.2.4 – Inserted new rule, added Striker Fired/Safe Action to normal conditions
• 8.1.2.5 – Renumbered (8.1.2.4 in old rules), thumb safety ruling on SA guns with the hammer down (safety can’t be physically applied).
• 8.1.2.6 – Renumbered (8.1.2.5 in old rules), added Carry Optics
• 8.1.5.3 – New rule, defines striker fired
• 8.1.5.4 – Renumbered (8.1.5.3 in old rules)
• 8.2.3.1 – New rule, added PCC requirements
• 8.2.4.1 – New rule, added PCC requirements
• 8.3.7 – Integrated PCC into range commands at ICHDH
• 8.7.3 – New rule, concerns stage inspection
• 8.7.4 - 8.7.5 – Renumbered and split (8.7.3 in old rules), more details added, added RM approval for consistency

Chapter 9
9.1.2.3 – New rule, RM must make final call
9.1.5.1.1 – Moved clarification of 9.5.2 to rule 9.5.2
9.5.2.1 – Language clarifying 9.5.2 in rule 9.1.5.1.1 moved to this rule.
9.1.7 – Added barrier supports, to treat the same as target sticks. Sometimes these
must be added and can potentially be shot. If we are going to treat them as if they
don’t exist, as in 2.2.3.5, then they can’t be shot.
9.4.5.3 – Moved definition of stacking to the glossary, 9.4.5.3
9.7.1 – Edited to work with PractiScore
9.7.2 – Modified to “affirm”
9.7.4 – Edited to work with PractiScore
9.7.6.2 – Added last sentence: Any missing scores should be recorded in the scoring
tally as a no-penalty-miss which does not add or remove points from the competitors
score.
9.8.3 – Edited rule to reflect changes to review period for Level I, II and III matches
9.9.3 – Added language requiring activated targets to be activated prior to firing the last
shot in a course of fire. Prevents activating after shooting is completed and may help
close a course design loophole: Moving scoring targets will always incur failure to shoot
at and miss penalties if a competitor fails to activate the mechanism which initiates the
target movement before the last shot is fired in a course of fire. This includes no-shoot
targets that must be activated when in front of scoring targets to expose them.
Penalties are based on number of shots required for the moving scoring targets or the
scoring target(s) behind the no-shoot.
9.10.3 – Added the DNF
9.11.2 – Added “hit factor” to list of required items that must be recorded on paper
receipt. Also added: “If there is a discrepancy between the hard copy record and
Practiscore, and the hit factors are identical, then the Practiscore entry will be
definitive.”

Chapter 10
10.1.2 – Amended to read: “Except as specified in Rule 9.4.6.2…” to eliminate
contradiction in point values for procedurals in Fixed Time scoring.
10.2.1 – Significant language added defining that nothing but the very edge of the wall
in contact with or inside the fault lines may be used for support while firing shots. Time
to end the “electricity” game. It eliminates using wall feet, braces, other walls, etc., to
game a stage. You have to be inside the fault lines to touch a wall or other structure,
unless specifically called out as “outside”, as in the case with elevated platforms, etc.
10.2.1.1 – Significant advantage penalties for faulting in own sub-rule
10.2.1.1 – Both feet out, touching the ground, and firing shots is a per shot penalty until
you have one foot back in and are no longer firing shots while faulting in own sub-rule
• 10.2.1.2 – New rule, clarifies that it’s probably going to be one procedural unless there is a significant advantage gained, and then it’s a per shot penalty for not stepping into the shooting area.
• 10.3.1 – Provisions for DQ due to medical conditions, relating to staff.
• 10.3.6 – New rule, clarifies the penalty for committing a forbidden action
• 10.3.7 – New rule, about penalty for climbing on props specified to not be climbed on in WSB.
• 10.4.7 – Incorporates AD while retrieving ruling
• 10.5.5 – Changed to “Allowing the muzzle of a firearm to point at any part of any person’s body during a course of fire (i.e. sweeping). If the RO is swept, the RM must be called to determine if it was RO interference or a DQ.”
• 10.5.15 – Added steel core and steel jacketed ammo
• 10.5.18 – Penalties for use of burst or full auto fire, bump fire devices, binary triggers
• 10.5.19 – Added “/replacing on” to cover putting PCCs back on carts. Also added: “The berm/backstop is not required while removing/returning a properly flagged PCC from/to a vehicle providing all other safety rules are followed.”
• 10.5.20 – “Attempting to clear a squib during a course of fire.” added.

Chapter 11
• 11.1.9 – Added RM
• 11.6.1 – Added RM

Chapter 12
• No changes

App. A1
• Added: If RM is not certified, NROI and Area Director approval is required for Level II matches
• Changed allowed number of classifiers for Level I to 6

App. A3
• Definition of “freestyle” added
• Edited definition of “facing downrange” to be less restrictive: “Not facing uprange. Any position facing side berms or backstop within 90 degrees of the median intercept of the backstop.”
• Added definition of “stacked shots” (definition is from ruling for 9.4.5.3, including example from ruling)
• Added “barrier supports” (see Supporting structure)
• Added PCC, NROI, REF definitions
Rearranged/edited text of sweeping to “Pointing the muzzle of a firearm at any part of any person’s body, while holding it in the hands, or placing it on or removing it from an object. There may be an exception for RO interference.”

Added definitions of “strong side” and “weak side” for PCC.

Added definitions for “Occurrence” and “Significant Advantage”

App. B1-B3

All target drawings have been updated, including an even sided target (hex) plate, and the B zone removed from the USPSA targets.

App. C2

Added allowance for radar chronographs with verification

Changed procedure slightly in 37, to allow for one shot at a time verification.

Added “associated equipment” to item 48

Recommended procedure in item 52 edited

App. C3

Need a board approved policy for match ammo purchased commercially.

Changed wording to allow for commercially purchased ammo, if approved by the President, to be used as match ammo, following procedures

App. D1, D2, D3

Item 5 – Added .357 SIG as minimum caliber for Major PF for App. D2 and D3 (per BOD, 9/14/14)

Item 10 – Increased distance from belt to gun or magazines to 3 3/8” per ruling. “Length of an overlay”.

App. D4

Inserted updated appendix for Production Division

Item 10 – Width of an overlay for measuring distance

Item 22.1 – Added “Grip tape or grip sleeves cannot disengage a grip safety”

Item 22.3 – Edited to: A plug that fits flush (extends no more than 0.10”) with the heel of the grip is allowed. Plugs that extend below the heel are not allowed.

Item 21.2b – Slide rackers not allowed

Item 22.4 – Clarified that markings inside the magwell are allowed

App. D5

Item 10 – Width of an overlay
• Item 20 – Removed: “Must carry pistol so that the entire front strap (to the trigger guard) is at or above the top of the belt. Female shooters must carry the pistol no lower than the heel of the butt at the top of the belt”. Replaced with: “The drop offset type holster is allowed in Single Stack division as long as the heel of the butt of the gun is above the belt per 5.2.7.2, and the rest of the criteria are met.”

• Item 22 – Clarified that slide rackers are not allowed

App. D6
• Item 10 – Width of an overlay

App. D7
• Item 10 – Width of an overlay
• Item 22.1 – Added “Grip tape or grip sleeves cannot disengage a grip safety”
• Item 22 – Slide rackers not allowed, even if attached to the sight
• Item 22.2 – Removed brand name and plastic references for grip plugs, removed addition of significant weight restriction since the division has a maximum weight limit.
• Item 22.3 – Clarified no magwells, no flaring. Clarified that markings inside the magwell are allowed.
• Special Condition, 1 – Updated to match Production

App. D8
• Inserted PCC appendix. No significant changes, restrictions on burst fire, bump fire, binary triggers spelled out.
• Inserted items 10-12 – Items #10-12 are referred to by rules 5.2.5, 5.2.3.1, and 5.2.4.2 respectively and were missing from PCC appendix.
• Item 19: Changed to “Use not allowed, see 5.1.12.”

App. E1
• Clarified that slight pressure may be applied when checking magazine length.

App. E4
• Deleted

NOTES – Target Scoring
• Eliminated B-zone on example scoring targets. Added note about alignment of perfs for bottom example.