2019 USPSA Rifle, Shotgun and Multigun Rules Change Log

General changes:
- Format has changed
- Font style has changed
- PCC has been integrated into the 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
- PCC added to Division appendices
- FTE changed to FTSA

Major Edits and Changes:
Chapter 1
- 1.2 – Edited to read: “Note: These rules may not be used to run a handgun only match. Such matches are governed by a different rule book.”
- 1.1.5.5 – Changed “Shotgun and rifle Speed shoots and […]” to read “Shotgun, rifle, and Pistol Caliber Carbine Speed shoots and […]”

Chapter 2
- 2.1.3 – Table changed to read “Handgun or PCC”.
- 2.1.8.3 – Added: “No-shoot static IPSC cardboard targets may be presented at any angle.”
- 2.1.8.4 – Changed “must” to “should”, added: “If the entire target is not obscured, it may be shot at any time during the course of fire, whether activated or not.”
- 2.1.8.4.1 – Added sub-rule: “Level I matches are encouraged but not required to comply with this requirement. The Written Stage Briefing (WSB) must specify any targets that must be activated before being engaged.”
- 2.2.1.2 – Changed to match Competition Rules
• 2.2.1.4 – Changed to read: “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.”
• 2.2.3.3 and 2.2.3.4 – Changed to match Competition Rules.
• 2.4 – New rules section inserted regarding long gun bagging/unbagging/staging areas
• 2.5 – New Shotgun Preload Area section
• 2.6.1 – Added: “Safety Areas must never be immediately adjacent to any Long Gun Bagging/Unbagging Area, Staging Area, or Shotgun Preload Table.”

Chapter 3
• 3.2.1 – Changed wording: “Need for a Shooter Delegate to observe the RO clearing firearms during the course of fire (See Rule 8.4.2.3).”
• 3.2.6.1 – Added reference to 10.3.6

Chapter 4
• 4.1.1 – Changed “all” to “only” and added: “Only official, USPSA-licensed cardboard targets may be used.”
• 4.2.2 – Removed: “however, scoring lines and non-scoring borders should not be visible beyond a distance of 33 feet” to be consistent with Competition Rules

Chapter 5
• 5.1.3 – Added PCC: “The minimum cartridge case dimension for handguns or PCCs..”
• 5.1.11 – Edited/added: “Use of trigger systems that allow one round to be fired upon pulling the trigger and another on releasing the trigger is prohibited. Full auto, burst fire, mechanically aided bump fire, and binary fire will result in a procedural on the first instance, and a disqualification for any subsequent occurrences. (Unsafe Gun Handling, see 10.5.18.)”
• 5.2.4.1 – New rule: “Long guns (Rifles, Shotguns, and PCCs) must be cased/uncased or removed/replaced on a cart with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, as described above, directly into and within 2 yards of a side berm or backstop. Long guns can also be cased/uncased or removed/replaced on a cart under the direct supervision of a range officer with muzzle pointing at the backstop. Failure to point the muzzle at a side berm or back stop during casing/uncasing or removing/replacing on a cart will result in a DQ per 10.5.20. (Note: 2.4.1 prohibits handguns from being handled in this fashion. Handguns may only be handled in a Safety Area.)”
• 5.7.7.3 – New rule: “A competitor who suspects a “squib” but was not stopped by the range officer is allowed to safely abandon the firearm and finish the stage unless it was the final firearm. In that case the time will be recorded, and the stage will be scored as
normal. However, any attempt to clear a suspected “squib” is specifically prohibited under this provision whether the range officer has previously called stop or not.”

- 5.8 – Changed to match Competition Rules

Chapter 6

- 6.1.3 – New rule: “Tournament – Consists of two or more firearm specific matches (e.g. a handgun match and a shotgun match, or a handgun match, a rifle match and a shotgun match), or two or more handgun-type matches (e.g. a 1911 handgun match and a “Brand A” handgun match). The individual match results achieved by a competitor in each component match will be used to declare an overall tournament winner.”

Chapter 7

- 7.3.2 – Changed “Range Official” to “NROI”

Chapter 8

- 8.1 – Added: “However, in the event that a competitor fails to load the chamber when permitted by the written stage briefing, whether inadvertently or intentionally, the Range Officer must not take any action, as the competitor is always responsible for the handling of the firearm.”

- 8.1.2 – Added PCC to autoloaders.

- 8.1.2.1 – Edited to read “Note: Placing the safety on a loaded long gun into the off position after it has been placed in the on position between assuming the start position and the start signal is prohibited. A shooter who prematurely disengages the safety must be restarted for being in an improper start position/condition.”

- 8.1.2.5 – New rule: “When applicable, the grip safety may be disabled provided that the primary safety as described in 8.1.2.4 is operable.”

- 8.1.5.3 – Inserted new rule: ““Striker Fired” means activation of the trigger, once the chamber of the firearm is loaded, finishes cocking the striker spring and then causes the striker to fall.”

- 8.2.5 – Added: “A course of fire must never require a competitor to start with a long gun held on the weak side, and stage briefings may never require a long gun to be fired using only one hand.”

- 8.2.7 – Removed “Note that 10.5.4 and subparagraphs thereunder are not waived at any time while the firearm is slung.”

- 8.3.1.3 – Added: “If the competitor should accidentally or inadvertently chamber a round during the preload, the Range Officer shall take such action as is necessary to have the competitor correct the error. However, if the competitor, for whatever reason, should arrive at the line with a round in the chamber, the preceding shall not be allowed as a defense against disqualification under 10.5.12.”
8.3.7.4 – Changed to read: “If the gun does not prove to be clear, the Range Officer will issue the stop command, (8.3.5), order the competitor to unload and show clear, (8.3.6), and complete the range commands in 8.3.7 and 8.3.8. The competitor will then be disqualified under 10.4.3.”

8.4.2.1 – Changed reference of 10.2.14 to rule 10.2.13

8.5.2.1 – New rule: “For a single action self-loader the safety must be applied.”

8.5.2.2 – New rule: “For double action self-loaders and revolvers the hammer must be down, or, if present, the safety applied if the hammer is cocked.”

8.6.2.1 – Added: “Range Officials may safety coach competitors as needed, unless a safety violation occurs.”

8.7.4 – Edited to match Competition Rules, added sub-rule 8.7.4.1

8.7.5 – Edited to match Competition Rules

Chapter 9

Added “Either system may be used for Rifle or Shotgun only matches, however Multigun matches must be scored using Time Plus.”

9.1.4 – Removed language about B-zones and C-zones

9.1.7 – Added barrier supports

9.2.7.2 – Added PCC

9.3.2.6 – Changed reference of 10.2.14 to rule 10.2.13

9.7 – Added: “NOTE: For purposes of these rules, the words “score sheet” and “scoring device” are identical and interchangeable. Score sheet can refer to the paper backup provided to competitors as well.”

9.7.2 – Added/edited: “Changes and corrections must be logged by the electronic scoring system in use at the match. The competitor and the Range Officer should initial or verbally agree to any corrections.”

9.7.3 – Added: “The RM may touch “approve” to submit the score if necessary.”

9.7.4 – Edited to read: “A score sheet or electronic scoring device signed by both a competitor and a Range Officer is conclusive evidence that the course of fire has been completed, and that the time, scores and penalties recorded on the score sheet are accurate and uncontested. The signed score sheet is deemed to be a definitive document. It may only be changed to add penalties under Rule 8.6.2, or to correct arithmetical errors, or by mutual consent of the competitor and the originating Range Officer, or due to an arbitration decision. Changes are defined as modifications to the score sheet after both parties have signed off on the score sheet. Touching “review” is deemed to be equivalent to the RO signing the device. Touching “approve” is deemed to be equivalent to the competitor signing the device and accepting the score.”

9.7.6.2 – Changed to: “If insufficient hits or misses have been recorded on the score sheet, the hits and misses which have been recorded will be deemed complete and
conclusive. 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.”

- **9.8.2 – Edited:** “After all competitors have completed a match; the provisional stage results should be published and posted in a conspicuous place, either at the shooting range or electronically, by the Stats Officer for the purpose of verification by competitors.”

- **9.8.3 – Updated to match Competition rules in regards to time period length for level I and II matches**

- **9.9.3 – Edited:** “This constitutes a Did Not Fire, or DNF for the stage.”

- **9.11.1 – Edited to include PractiScore**

- **9.11.2 – Changed to match Competition Rules in regards to required information on paper receipts**

**Chapter 10**

- **10.2.1 – Edited to match Competition Rules, but unlike Competition Rules, using objects outside shooting area to steady a firearm is allowed.**

- **10.3.6 – New rule, “Commission of a forbidden action as defined in rule 3.2.6.1 shall result in match disqualification.”**

- **10.3.7 – New rule:** “Climbing or standing on an object that is not specifically designed and intended for that purpose and identified in the written stage briefing as permitted to be used for that purpose shall result in match disqualification. Shooting boxes and fault lines are exempt from this rule.”

- **10.4.7 – Changed to “firearm”**.

- **10.5.4 – Edited to match Competition Rules (added call the RM)**

- **10.5.10 – Edited to only deal with holstering loaded handguns**

- **10.5.18 – New rule:** “Firearms capable of fully automatic or burst fire, (one trigger pull results in firing more than one shot, and stocks or other devices that are capable of bump fire are not prohibited, providing they are not used in full auto, burst, or bump fire mode. Use of binary triggers (one pull and release of the trigger results in firing more than one shot), is prohibited. Use of such devices in full auto, burst, binary or bump fire mode, will result in a procedural penalty for the first occurrence, and a disqualification for any subsequent infractions. Bump firing without mechanical aid is not penalized, provided there are no other equipment or safety infractions, the firearm is not doubling, and it can be safely fired in semi-auto mode.”

- **10.5.19 – New rule:** “Attempting to clear a squib during a course of fire is considered unsafe gun handling and the competitor is subject to disqualification.”

- **10.5.20 – New rule:** “Failing to point the muzzle of a long gun at a side berm or back stop during casing/uncasing or removing/replacing on a conveyance or sweeping any
person with the muzzle of a long gun, whether loaded or not, even if a chamber flag is inserted. (See also 10.5.4.3.) Side berms/backstops may be used for casing and uncasing or removing from/placing on conveyances only. All other gun handling with long guns, e.g., sight pictures, turning dots on/off, etc., must be accomplished in a safety area or under the direct supervision of a Range Officer.”

Chapter 11
• No changes

Chapter 12
• No changes

App. A1
• Added note that non-cert RM needs to be approved by NROI and Area Director for LII matches

App. A2
• Added Individual Classes

App. A3
• Added “Throughout these rules, the following definitions apply. Where a difference in definition within the body of the rules and the definition in this Glossary exists, the definition from the Glossary will be used.”
• Added definitions of Behind, Closed Course of Fire, Double Action, Freestyle, Gun Case/Bag, Obstacle, Prone, Selective Action, Significant Advantage, Single Action, Stacked Shots, Standing, Start Condition, Strong Side, Supine, Supporting Structure, Weak Side, WSB
• Edited definitions for Facing Down Range, Facing Uprange, Loading, Must, Reloading, Start Position, Sweeping, Target(s)
• Added definitions for “Occurrence” and “Significant Advantage”

App. B1-B3
• Removed old App. B1 and combined all cardboard target appendices (App. B2.1-B3.2) into a single, new App. B1 which is consistent with Competition Rules
• App. B4 is now App. B2 which is consistent with Competition Rules

App. C1
• Item 6a added “(100% for mini poppers)” to align with Competition Rules
App. C2
- Item 1 – added: “USPSA does not require a specific brand or type of chronograph. Radar sensing units are acceptable, provided they are set up and operated according to the manufacturer’s directions for use and verified daily using the procedure outlined in section 17.”
- Item 37 – edited to allow for one shot at a time verification
- Item 41.a – Deleted EZWinScore
- Item 41.b – Deleted
- Item 48 – added “and associated equipment”
- Item 52 – Edited recommended chrono procedure

App. D1
- Changed to allowed bi-pods on PCCs
**App. C3**
- Updated to Competition Rules App. C3

**App. D**
- Updated to say that *use* of binary triggers is prohibited.
- App D.2-D4 – Added .357 SIG as minimum caliber for major
data
- App. D4, item 3, handgun - Changed “.429 / 44 Special” to read “.40 / 10 mm”

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