

## APPENDIX E1: Ammunition/Cartridge Types

### **General**

1.	Minimum Power Factor	480
2.	Minimum shot weight	No
3.	Minimum caliber	20 gauge / 20 bore
4.	Length	No restrictions
5.	Factory produced ammunition only	No. Home loads are acceptable
6.	Lead shot	Permitted subject to local environmental restrictions
7.	Bismuth shot	Permitted
8.	Tungsten Based shot	Permitted for paper, frangible and synthetic targets only
9.	Steel shot	Permitted for paper, frangible and synthetic targets only
10.	Metal piercing	Prohibited
11.	Incendiary	Prohibited
12.	Tracer	Prohibited
13.	Wad	It will be permissible for a match organizer to require the use of fiber wads only for environmental reasons but such requirement must be notified in advance of the match dates

14. The use of all ammunition types will be subject to the Regions/local legalities and the use of solid slug ammunition should be treated with particular care.
15. For any course of fire incorporating one or more paper targets and requiring the use of buckshot ammunition match organizers are permitted to set a limit on the maximum number of pellets per cartridge and this limit will apply for the entire course of fire.
  - For 12 gauge the recommended maximum number of pellets is 9 per cartridge.
  - For 20 gauge and 16 gauge it is extremely difficult to acquire ammunition other than 1 Buck, 2 Buck or 3 Buck and these are supplied with between 12-20 pellets. An appropriate number of pellets should be nominated to suit readily available ammunition.
  - It is permissible to apply different criteria for 12 gauge, 16 gauge and 20 gauge in regard to the maximum number of pellets per cartridge.
16. The Match Director and/or the Range Master may restrict the ammunition to be used to certain maximum shot sizes or certain types for reasons of safety. Any such requirement is to be advised prior to the match dates.
17. There is no requirement for all cartridge types to feature in a single match.
18. "Birdshot" and "Buckshot" are ammunition types where the shot contained therein easily separates. Any compound or substance, such as glue or resin, that binds the shot together is deemed to be in contravention of the IPSC rulebook definition of these ammunition types. In addition such treatment may render these cartridge types subject to the provisions of Rules 5.5.6 and 10.5.15. This stipulation does not refer to regular loose-compound buffering material, which may improve pattern performance but that does not bind (stick) the pellets together.
19. At Level III matches and above the maximum required number of rounds for buckshot and slug ammunition (combined) is restricted to 80 rounds.

### **Birdshot**

Hits from birdshot on a paper target will not count for score.

#### **Acceptable Birdshot Sizes**

Shot diameters of 3.5 mm to 2.0 mm (.138 inches to .08 inches) are all acceptable.

Taking USA shot sizes as a nominal guide then birdshot sizes of 3 to 9 are all acceptable.

Local equivalents to this are acceptable also e.g. for the UK shot sizes 2 to 9 are acceptable.

## **Buckshot**

### **Acceptable Buckshot Sizes (but see note above)**

American	UK	Inches	Metric	Typical Pellets Per Cartridge 12 ga. nominal
000 Buck	LG	.36 ins	9.1 mm	6-8
00 Buck	SG	.33 ins	8.4 mm	9-12
0 Buck		.32 ins	8.1 mm	12
1 Buck	Spec. SG	.30 ins	7.6 mm	12-16
2 Buck		.27 ins	6.9 mm	18
3 Buck		.25 ins	6.4 mm	20
4 Buck	SSG	.24 ins	6.1 mm	27

## **Slug**

Any type of slug is acceptable that is not in contravention of any rule in this rule book. However, this is subject to any local legal restrictions.