

APPENDIX D: Action Air Handgun Divisions

		Open	Standard	Classic	Production	Production Optics
1.	Maximum handgun size	No	Yes, see below	Yes, see below	Maximum barrel length 127 mm	Maximum barrel length 127 mm
2.	Maximum magazine length	170 mm (see Appendix E1)	Yes, see below	Yes, see below	Yes, see below	Yes, see below
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	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Optical/electronic sights	Yes	No	No	No	Mandatory, see below
7.	Compensators, ports, sound and/or flash suppressors	Yes	No, see below	No	No	No

Special conditions:

Open Division

8. Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 28 projectiles at the Start Signal.

Standard and Classic Divisions

9. A handgun in its ready condition (see Section 8.1), but unloaded and without an empty magazine inserted, must fit wholly within the confines of a box which has internal dimensions of 225 mm x 150 mm x 45 mm (tolerance of +1 mm, -0 mm).

Standard Division

10. The handgun is placed inside the box (and ultimately removed) by the competitor with the slide parallel to the longest side of the box. Rear adjustable sights may be slightly depressed, but the slide must be fully forward, and all other features of the handgun, (e.g. collapsible and/or folding sights, slide rackers, thumb rests, grips etc.), must be fully extended or deployed when the gun is seated inside the box. Additionally, telescoping magazines and/or magazines with compressible base pads are expressly prohibited.
11. Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 18 projectiles at the Start Signal. Additionally, magazines must not extend more than 20 mm below the lowest point of the magazine well when inserted. Violations will result in the competitor being relegated to Open Division.
12. Only porting of inner barrels is prohibited. Slides and outer barrels may be ported.

Classic Division

13. The handgun is placed inside the box (and ultimately removed) by the competitor with the slide parallel to the longest side of the box. Rear adjustable sights may be slightly depressed during insertion but the slide must be fully forward when the gun is seated inside the box.
14. Handguns must be based on and visibly resemble the profile and contours of the classic 1911-genre design. This means a single-stack, one piece frame, slide with stirrup cuts, and a dust cover (with or without an accessory rail) which has a maximum length of 75 mm when measured from the leading edge of the dust cover to the rear of the slide stop pin.
- 14.1 Magazine well openings cannot exceed a maximum outside width of 35 mm. Compliance is checked by way of a 35 mm wide, and at least 5 mm deep, notch carved into the outside of the box, or by use of a ruler or caliper, as approved by the Range Master.
15. Prohibited modifications are slide lightening cuts, weak hand thumb rests and slide rackers.

16. Permitted modifications are shaped slides (flat-top, tri-top etc.), shaped trigger guards (squared, undercut etc.), bob-tail backstraps, bull or coned barrels, external extractors, finger-grooves (machined, add-on, wrap-around etc.), custom magazine release buttons, triggers, hammers, single/ambidextrous thumb safeties, any open sights (which may be embedded into the slide), and extended slide lock levers and thumb shields provided they do not act as a thumb rest.
 - 16.1 Other modifications permitted include those of a cosmetic nature (e.g. custom grip panels, scrimshaw or similar surface engravings, checkering, serrations etc.).
17. Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 10 projectiles at the Start Signal. Additionally, magazines must not extend more than 20 mm below the lowest point of the magazine well when inserted. Violations will result in the competitor being relegated to Open Division.

Production and Production Optics Divisions

18. 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.
19. 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:
 - 19.1 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.
 - 19.2 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.
 - 19.3 Sights may be trimmed, adjusted and/or have colors applied. Sights may also be fitted with fiber optic or similar inserts.

Production Division

20. 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.
21. Aftermarket parts, components and accessories are prohibited, except as follows:
 - 21.1 Aftermarket magazines are permitted, subject to 19.2 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, provided they are in the same configuration as original.
 - 21.5 Aftermarket trigger assemblies are permitted. A trigger assembly is defined as a mechanism that, once the trigger is pulled, activates the firing sequence of a firearm. Note that, if the original trigger includes a trigger safety, then the aftermarket trigger must also include a trigger safety.
 - 21.6 Aftermarket hammers are permitted.
 - 21.7 Aftermarket slides which match the profile and contours of the OFM standard for the approved handgun are permitted.

Production Optics Division

22. 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.
23. Aftermarket parts, components and accessories are prohibited, except as follows:
 - 23.1 Aftermarket magazines are permitted, subject to 19.2 above.
 - 23.2 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.
 - 23.3 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.
 - 23.4 Aftermarket springs are permitted, provided they are in the same configuration as original.
 - 23.5 Aftermarket trigger assemblies are permitted. A trigger assembly is defined as a mechanism that, once the trigger is pulled, activates the firing sequence of a firearm. Note that, if the original trigger includes a trigger safety, then the aftermarket trigger must also include a trigger safety.
 - 23.6 Aftermarket hammers are permitted.
 - 23.7 Aftermarket slides which match the profile and contours of the OFM standard for the approved handgun are permitted.
24. 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.
25. This Division is under evaluation and, unless extended, it will expire on 31 December 2024.