

PROPOSAL TO BRING BACK MAJOR POWER FACTOR TO THE CLASSIC DIVISION

At the World Shoot, many shooters approached me and asked me to propose a change to the Classic rules regarding rounds in the magazines in item #20 of the APPENDIX D3.

The Executive Council and Rules Committee have always talked about the importance of major power factor in our IPSC history but the current rules for the Classic division favors minor power factor too much. So much that only 6 out of 140 shooters shot major power factor and almost all of them Americans in this last World Shoot in South Africa in 2025. The American shoot major because their shooting posts/areas has a maximum of 8 rounds while IPSC is 9 rounds; consequently, 8 rounds per post does not affect tremendously magazine reloads strategies. Nevertheless, IPSC Classic competitors want to change the rules to 10 rounds in the mags for both major and minor. The gun would continue to fit in the box but without a magazine. Another option is to make it mandatory only 8 rounds in the magazine for both major and minor power factor and gun whilst continuing to fit in the box with a magazine inserted. Either of these changes will reflect the power in DVC... more recoil more points...minor power less recoil and less points but faster shooting.

Another possibility might be to leave the Division criteria unchanged, but reduce the maximum number of scoring hits from any single location from 9 to 8, but that would affect all the HG Divisions, not just Classic. I believe IPSC did not take into account that USPSA has a 8 round per position when the Classic Division was adopted using USPSA Classic rules. This distortion was further worsened when they allowed minor to have 2 extra rounds. This gave tremendous advantage to shooting minor in IPSC as we have a 9 round per position.

My consultations and debate with Rules Committee through Chairman Bob Chittleborough resulted in the following possible options:

1. No changes to the HG Rules should be made.
2. Change Classic Division Rules so that the maximum number of rounds contained in a magazine for Major caliber is increased from 8 to 10 rounds (the same as for Minor), but delete the rule that says that an empty magazine must be inserted when the gun is placed in the box.
3. Change Classic Division Rules so that the maximum number of rounds contained in a magazine for Major caliber is increased from 8 to 9.
4. Change Classic Division Rules so that the maximum number of rounds contained in a magazine for Minor caliber is reduced from 10 to 8 rounds (the same as for Major).
5. Change HG Rules 1.2.1.1 to 1.2.1.3 for all Divisions so that course design and construction must not require more than 8 scoring hits from any single location or view (reduced from 9).

IPSC BRAZIL feels that option 2 is the best option to bring back major power factor (DVC) to the Classic Division without affecting the athlete's current equipment. Let the competitors decide which is better for them. Its very clear that our current rules now benefit minor power factor too much and that's why practically nobody is shooting major power factor in the Classic Division.

IPSC BRAZIL formally request that our proposal to make the following changes to APPENDIX D3: Classic Divion be included in the next agenda of the IPSC GENERAL ASSEMBLY to be held during the Shotgun World Shoot in Greece on Sept. 26, 2026.

15. A handgun in its ready condition (see Section 8.1), but unloaded ~~and with 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). ~~Note that all magazines must comply.~~

20. Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than ~~8 rounds (for Major power factor) or 10 rounds (for Minor power factor)~~ at the Start Signal.

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Regards,

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