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1. Preface

This document is published by the IPSC Executive Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.7 of the IPSC January 2015 Edition rulebooks, and is based on the World Anti-Doping Code "WADC" of the World Anti-Doping Agency "WADA".

2. Scope

These rules will be applied to all championships sanctioned as Level IV or Level V competitions by IPSC. However IPSC member regions are encouraged, where possible, to apply these rules within their own regions, in respect of all championships sanctioned as Level III competitions by IPSC.

3. Committees

In respect of championships sanctioned as Level IV or Level V competitions by IPSC, the IPSC Anti-Doping Committee "ADC" will be comprised of the following persons:

- The IPSC President, or a representative nominated by him, will serve as Chairman of the committee, but with no vote;
- The Match Director, who will have one vote;
- The Range Master, who will have one vote;
- A Physician (appointed by the Match Director), who will have one vote.

IPSC member regions applying these rules within their own regions in respect of championships sanctioned as Level III competitions by IPSC will observe an identical committee structure, save and except that in the absence of the IPSC President, the Regional Director of the host region, or a representative nominated by him in writing, will serve as the Committee Chairman.

4. Prohibited Substances

Substances included in the most recent "prohibited list" published by the WADA are deemed to be prohibited substances for the purposes of championships which are sanctioned as Level IV or Level V competitions by IPSC.

5. Testing Period

Testing of competitors will primarily be conducted "in competition", which is defined as the period from the first day of the competition pre-match, through to the commencement of the awarding of medals and/or other forms of recognition and/or prizes.

All competitors are subject to testing on a random basis, at the discretion of the ADC, and every person registering for any championship sanctioned as Level IV or Level V competitions by IPSC accepts that they are subject to testing. The refusal of any competitor, for any reason, to submit to anti-doping testing when so ordered by the ADC, will be immediately disqualified from the competition, without the benefit of appeal, and may be subject to further disciplinary action, as may subsequently be determined by the IPSC Executive Council.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the previous paragraphs, testing of competitors will normally be limited to competitors who place in the top three (3) places in each division or division/category, whether as an individual or as a member of a Regional team.

6. Sample Collection Procedures

The most recent issue of the “Guidelines for Urine Sample Collection” and “Guidelines for Blood Sample Collection” published by the WADA are hereby adopted by IPSC, and will be applied in respect of the collection of samples for all championships which are sanctioned as Level IV or Level V competitions by IPSC.

7. Sample Collection Logistics

The Match Director, in consultation with the ADC, is responsible for the provision of properly outfitted rooms and related equipment, including but not limited to toilets, tables, chairs, a refrigeration unit, sample collection containers etc., to facilitate the collection of samples from competitors.

8. Definition of doping

Doping is defined as the presence of any prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in a competitor’s bodily specimen.

Each competitor has a duty to ensure that no prohibited substance enters their body, and are therefore personally responsible for any prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present in their bodily specimens. Moreover, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing use on the competitor’s part be demonstrated in order to establish that an anti-doping violation has occurred.

Excepting those substances for which a quantitative reporting threshold is specifically identified in the prohibited list, the detected presence of a quantity of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in an competitor’s sample will *ipso facto* constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

As an exception to the general rule in the preceding paragraph, the prohibited list may establish special criteria for the evaluation of prohibited substances that can be produced endogenously.

9. Anti-Doping Violations

The following are examples of an anti-doping violation:

1. Use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method. The success or failure of the use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method is immaterial. It is sufficient that the prohibited substance or prohibited method was used, or was attempted to be used, for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.
2. Refusing, or failing, to submit to sample collection after notification as authorized in these Anti-Doping Rules, or otherwise evading sample collection.
3. Tampering, or attempting to tamper, with any part of Anti-Doping Control.
4. Possession of prohibited substances at, or in the vicinity of, a competition.
5. Trafficking in any prohibited substance or prohibited method.

6. Administration, or attempted administration, of a prohibited substance or method to any competitor or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up or any other type of complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation or any attempted violation.

10. Penalties

A competitor deemed, as a result of testing, to be guilty of an anti-doping violation, will be subject to the following penalties:

1st Offence Ineligibility to participate in any championships sanctioned as Level IV or Level V competitions by IPSC, for a period of three (3) years.

2nd Offence Ineligibility to participate in any championships sanctioned as Level IV or Level V competitions by IPSC, for life.

Additionally, in respect of prohibited substances which are classified as illegal under the common law of the jurisdiction of the region or other geographical area hosting the competition where the anti-doping violation was detected, competitors may also be subject to criminal proceedings.

11. Decisions

In the event that the ADC deems that an anti-doping violation has occurred, full details of the incident and the decision must be communicated to the competitor, the competition organisers, and the IPSC Executive Council within thirty (30) days of discovery of the violation.

Such decision may be communicated to each party by letter or by electronic means, and should be sent to the last known physical or electronic address on record.

12. Appeals

Competitors aggrieved by a decision who wish to appeal, must submit full details of their appeal in writing to the IPSC Executive Council within 30 days of the date of the decision, failing which no appeals will be entertained.

The IPSC Executive Council must consider the appeal within 30 days of receipt and must, at their discretion, either uphold the appeal, or issue a stay of implementation of the decision, pending a hearing to be conducted at a time and place of their choosing.

13. Amendments

Amendments to these Anti-Doping rules must be approved by a majority of delegates physically present or voting by Proxy at an IPSC General Assembly, provided that notice of any proposed amendments are included on the final agenda of the General Assembly as required by the IPSC Constitution.

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