



South African Institute of Range Officers and Instructors

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To all concerned

There has been a lot of controversy, discussion and confusion regarding the application of some rules in the IPSC competition rules. These have been clarified as follows:

Rule 7.3.2, quoted for ease of reference:

*References in these rules to Match Officials (e.g. "Range Officer", "Range Master" etc.), mean personnel who have been officially appointed by match organizers to actually serve in an official capacity at the match. Persons who are certified Match Officials, but who are actually participating in the match as **regular** competitors, have no standing or authority as Match Officials for that match. Such persons should therefore not participate in the match wearing garments bearing Match Official insignia.*

In other words, if a member is NOT selected to officiate at a particular match, that member should NOT wear garments bearing Match official insignia – in this instance, the wearing of a S.A.I.R.O & I shirt (with insignia) while competing in a match but NOT an official at that match.

At Level I & II matches, it is acceptable for a member who has been appointed to officiate at a particular match, to also compete in that match wearing match official insignia – in this instance, S.A.I.R.O & I shirt with insignia.

Rule 7.3.3, quoted for ease of reference:

*A person acting as a Match Official is **prohibited** from having a holstered firearm while directly accompanying and timing a competitor during his attempt at a COF.*

The word **prohibited** means exactly that. However, this is a problem for our match officials in terms of the Firearms Control Act. Therefore, the SAPSA Chairperson has requested a dispensation from the IPSC Executive Council (in terms of rule 3.3.1 of the IPSC competition rules) for level I & II matches, and this has been granted.

In other words, members appointed as match officials at Level I & II matches may in future keep their unloaded firearm in their holster while accompanying and timing a competitor during his attempt at a COF.

Regards

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