



## ISLE OF MAN EASTER SHOOTING FESTIVAL 2019

### IMPORTANT

#### For the attention of all Entrants intending to compete in the IPSC Level One Match

Dear Entrant

Thank you for your interest and support in visiting us for the Isle of Man Easter Shooting Festival.

The following notes will hopefully be of help to both you and the organisers in making the practical shooting event as safe and enjoyable as possible for all concerned.

Those of you who have attended this match in previous years will already know that we have only one absolute rule and that is **SAFETY**.

With that foremost in mind we welcome your attention to one or two important points.

#### **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY: -**

In order to compete in this match from a 'holster ready' position, i.e. a position or stance that requires starting any course of fire with a holstered and loaded firearm, attendees **MUST** provide evidence of competence to safely carry out the 'draw and fire' from a holster. Satisfactory evidence will include the following: -

1. Current or lapsed UKPSA or equivalent Competition Licence (Handgun) or written and signed statement from your NRA Club Official that you have completed a course designed to render you competent to holster safety standard at club level in the event that you have never held a recognised competition licence.
2. Successful completion of an IPSC accredited course to IPSC 'Black Badge' standard.

Any attendee who is not able to meet these criteria is still most welcome to shoot, the only restriction being that he or she must start each course of fire that would normally involve a loaded and holstered firearm from the 'Tyro' position, i.e. firearm in the ready state with any safety catch applied and held in a forward position 45 degrees from the horizontal with finger clear of the trigger and any safety device, if fitted. It is proposed that a time penalty of .5 of one second will be applied to attendees starting from such a stance in those courses of fire that would normally start with a holstered firearm within the IPSC definition of 'Condition One'.

As far as our principal aim of safety is concerned, the Match will be carried out in accordance with IPSC rules with local additions. The local additions are as follows: -

1. The 'safety area', sometimes otherwise known as 'fumble zone', 'danger area' 'safe area' etc is for the safe handling of firearms only. **ABSOLUTELY NO AMMUNITION, MAGAZINES, DRILL ROUNDS OR EMPTY CASES ARE PERMITTED IN THIS AREA EITHER ON A BELT RIG OR ABOUT**

**YOUR PERSON. PLEASE LEAVE ALL THESE ITEMS OUTSIDE BEFORE ENTERING THE MARKED SAFETY AREA.** The safety area will be clearly identified to you at a pre-match briefing.

2. The event will take place on the 50m range at the Peveril Rifle Club Facility at Slieau Lhost. Range Standing Orders dictate that the area immediately beyond the entrance door to the range is deemed to be a 'Public Area' or an area available to members of the Public that are not ordinarily involved in shooting activities. Wearing a holstered firearm in this area would constitute being in possession of an uncased firearm in a public place and consequently an offence. Attendees are asked to un-holster firearms and 'box' or 'slip' firearms within the safety area, leaving them with an event official **BEFORE** leaving the range even for short periods. Leaving unattended firearms in the safety area poses a security risk and is prohibited under Range Standing Orders.
3. Unless particularly stated otherwise, any course of fire that involves the drawing of a firearm from a holster demands that the shooter starts from a relaxed position with the **HANDS HELD LOOSELY BY THE SIDES.**

On the operational side of matters, we wish to make this event as enjoyable for as many people as possible and many of our members have again offered to loan suitable competition rigs to our visitors. Competitively priced factory ammunition will be available in 9mm, 38 Super, .40 and .45 calibre for visitors who can make arrangements to bring their own firearms with them. If you need to borrow equipment can we please ask that you email us so we can co-ordinate your equipment needs and try wherever possible to arrange your choice of calibre.

You may find that you are sharing a rig with another competitor. In these instances, the organisers will place sharers in the same squads to ensure that you have time to perform a **SAFE** transfer of equipment between courses of fire. Transfers of firearms on the firing point will be permitted at the sole discretion of, and **ONLY** under the supervision of, a designated range officer of Peveril Rifle Club.

It is intended to run a squad event of around six courses of fire comprising a combination of short, medium and long courses together with maybe a couple of demanding standard exercises. Although range time constraints require the practical event to be completed on one day, the organisers are hopeful of being able to lay-on practice sessions on the evening of Maundy Thursday if there is a known demand. If you wish to practise your game then please let us know in plenty of time. Practice sessions will then, notice permitting, be posted on the Club's website at the web address advised below.

Approximately one week before the event the published course of fire will be available on the Peveril Rifle Club's website ([www.peverilrifleclub.com](http://www.peverilrifleclub.com)). Any attendee who is unable to access the web should request a paper version when returning their entry forms.

The IoM Easter Shooting Festival Practical Pistol Level one Match will be conducted in accordance with the current published IPSC rules as to regulations, scoring and range discipline. Accordingly, we recommend that you study the present IPSC regulations, these being freely available on the IPSC website ([www.ipsc.org](http://www.ipsc.org)). As previously stated, our local additional safety rules do apply but we do not intend to follow scrutiny principles

such as a chronograph of competitors' ammunition. We do insist that holster and belt equipment meets with the safety and competition requirements as published within the current IPSC rules. Results of the match will be scored using the IPSC WIN MSS software according to Comstock scoring where this is appropriate and results will be posted to the Easter Shooting Festival ([www.eastershoot.im](http://www.eastershoot.im)) and Club websites. Again, any member requiring a paper copy of the results should advise us at the time of competition entry.

Lastly, nothing remains other than to say that we look forward to seeing you and to wish you a good journey and a safe, enjoyable and memorable shoot.

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