

December 19, 2022

USPSA Rules Committee Report

During 2022, NROI instituted a rules audit project, utilizing Google Drive to capture and comment on rules that were proving to be confusing, problematic, poorly understood, or overly punitive. Both Range Master Instructors and board members were invited to participate by adding rules or making suggestions, and comments from USPSA members were also considered. This rules audit encompassed the **USPSA Competition Rules**, the **Steel Challenge Shooting Association Rules**, and the **USPSA Rifle, Shotgun, and Multigun Rules**. The RMI corps recently reviewed the attached documents and made recommendations. The documents were then forwarded to the Rules Committee, (DNROI-Chair, Jake Martens-DME, Jodi Humann-ADNROI, Kevin Imel-ADNROI, Area 7-Lee Cabana, Area 8-Ted Murphy, and the USPSA President-Yee Min Lin), for study and comment. The Rules Committee met via online meeting on December 19, 2022, and discussed the audited rules, as well as several proposals not included in the audit, all of which will affect competitor equipment in some way. A summary of the meeting results is attached, as well as proposals for division equipment changes and/or provisional divisions. These are submitted for the purpose of inclusion into the minutes and subsequent member comment prior to the in-person USPSA Board of Directors meeting on January 28th and 29th, 2023. A web site for gathering member comments has been created by Rick Brotzel and is awaiting content. Rick is copied on the submitting email.

The Rules Committee, after careful review and discussion, recommends that the board accept the audited rules documents as submitted, during the in-person board meeting. The proposed division changes and/or provisional divisions should be discussed during and after the in-person meeting, as the timeline for the different changes and proposals is different, depending on whether there is an existing division or not.

Proposed Division Equipment Changes or Provisional Divisions

- 1) Allow the use of race-type holsters across all divisions. (Member submitted)
The committee and the RMI corps considered this and rejected it.
- 2) Increase the capacity for Production Division to factory capacity, with the following options being proposed:
 - a. Factory capacity with no aftermarket base pads
 - b. Factory capacity with aftermarket base pads, gun must still fit the box (existing rule for size, but increased capacity)
 - c. 15 rounds maximum
 - d. No change
- 3) Modify L-10 Division to allow optics. This would include any L-10 legal handgun, including revolvers. (Change Appendix D3, item 13 from “No” to “Yes”).

**Both proposals modify existing equipment rules for their respective division and would not be effective until January 31, 2024, if approved per the current bylaws, specifically, 16.2. A membership poll will be utilized to determine interest in each of these.

- 4) Create a provisional Division, tentatively titled Limited Optics, in which any firearm legal for Limited Division could be equipped with an optical sight. Division outline is attached. Member comment will be sought.

Please see the rules audit and provisional division documents attached to the email.

Respectfully submitted,

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