

Swiss IDPA League

1 Goals

The following goals are reached by the Swiss IDPA League:

- Attractive match offering in Switzerland
- Encouragement of the clubs to organize periodic matches
- Open matches for all IDPA members
- High quality of matches and stages
- Overall ranking for the whole year

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2 Participants and Registration

The league matches are open for all registered and classified IDPA shooters. The data available on idpa.com is the relevant information source. The MDs will check the compliance of the participants for each match.

Additional participation criteria or restrictions are not allowed.

The match announcements and registrations are to be done with practiscore.com on a first come first served basis. The registration period has to start immediately after publication and should not end earlier than one week before the match (unless the match is fully booked).

Privileged registration terms or match fee reductions (with the exception of active match SOs) for selected participants is not allowed.

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3 Matches

There will be 6 matches distributed throughout the calendar year. The competitions will be operated by the clubs, but they are centrally approved and coordinated. A club can perform several matches.

The performing clubs must be registered IDPA clubs. The data available on idpa.com is the relevant information source.

The current IDPA rules are valid for all matches.

A match must fulfill the following criteria:

- 2 or more squads operated in parallel or over several days
- A squad consists of maximum 15 shooters
- Overall match capacity for 30 or more participants
- 6 or more stages, of which exactly one is a standard stage
- 72 or more rounds

The matches are lead by an experienced MD. MDs who have participated in an advanced training about stage design and match management and have proven themselves in several club matches are preferred.

The match SOs must have a valid certification. The data available on idpa.com is the relevant information source.

The match dates will be set centrally in agreement with the clubs and considering the overall planning.

A league match can have a special club-internal significance. For example, it can be the annual club championship.

A league match can be tier 1 or higher. For tier 2 and higher, all relevant IDPA criteria are to be observed.

Official National or International Championships cannot be league matches.

The match scoring and ranking has to be done with practiscore. The MD will submit the final ranking as rangelog export file no later than 1 day after the match has ended.

If a match cannot be performed as planned due to force majeure, a solution will be defined centrally in collaboration with the club, for example postponement, cancellation, adaption of the scoring. Refund of the match fees is the responsibility of the clubs. The central match fee will usually not be refunded.

4 Stages

All stages have to be designed using the centrally managed stage design template and will be published as pdf. Other formats are not allowed.

The stages must be approved before the match. The MD is responsible to obtain the approval in due time. A match with one or several not approved stages will not be scored at all. Approvals after the match are not allowed.

The stages are to be published after approval and no later than 1 week before the match date in a suitable manner and be uploaded to the stages share on www.swissaaa.org .

5 Scoring

All regular match rankings will be considered for the overall ranking. Shooters included in a match ranking are automatically included in the overall ranking as well.

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The overall ranking will be done for the following IDPA divisions:

- SSP
- ESP
- CCP
- CO

And the following categories:

- Lady
- Senior

A competitor can only be ranked in one division per season but he or she can be ranked in all categories. The relevant division is defined with the first attended match.

With each successful match participation, a shooter can collect points and bonuses.

The points factor a shooter's rank and the total number of ranked competitors. The more people are left behind a particular shooter, the more points he or she will earn.

The ranking-bonus rewards a position on the podium irrespective of the total number of ranked shooters.

The match-bonus rewards diligent participation in the matches, irrespective of rank or total number of ranked shooters.

The 4 (or less) best match results, calculated using the points and the ranking-bonus are summarized for the overall result. The match-bonus is then added based on all successfully attended matches.

This ranking system nicely balances absolute and relative performance as well as diligent participation.

The category ranking is obtained using the overall results of all divisions.

Overall result per shooter = (sum of the best 4 results) + match-bonus

Result per match = points + ranking-bonus

Points per match and division = (number of shooters + 1) - (attained rank)

Only ranked shooters count for the number of shooters. DNFs, No Shows and DQs are not counted.

Ranking-bonus per match and division:

Rank 1 = 5

Rank 2 = 3

Rank 3 = 2

Match-bonus per year and division:

4 matches: bonus = 5

5 matches: bonus = 10

6 matches: bonus = 20

6 Match-Fees and Other Fees

The clubs can define match-fees. The match-fee per participant and match cannot be more than CHF 100.- and has to be of the same amount for all participants.

The MD and active SOs can participate for free.

Per league match, a match-fee of CHF 150.- is to be paid by the performing club. This fee is used to

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finance the overall trophies and the administration of the league.

7 Trophies

At the end of the season, the following trophies or medals will be awarded:

- For each admitted division: Rank 1-3
- For each admitted category: Rank 1-3

Additional prizes, such as for example sponsored gifts can, according to the IDPA rules, only be distributed through a lottery system and cannot have any link to the rankings. A club can award its own trophies or medals for a match. In that case, it must be clearly discernible that those trophies only concern that particular match.

8 Organization

The central coordination of the league is done by SwissAAA. The official league website is www.swissaaa.org

These rules are defined and updated in discussion with a group of instructors. Those instructors can be nominated for additional tasks such as for example the approval of stages.

The participating clubs nominate a responsible person for the league. This person acts as a club contact for the league and other clubs. The clubs can collaborate concerning organization, infrastructure and material in order to perform their matches more efficiently.

The allocation of matches is done in response to an application of a club containing match name, date, MD, number of stages and number of squads. The publication is done immediately after a positive decision.

The overall ranking will be done centrally. All clubs have to refer to that ranking. Individual match rankings can be done and published by the clubs, for example if a league match serves as the annual club championship as well.

The approval of the stages is done centrally.

The overall award ceremony is performed at the end of the season, if possible at the last league match.

Match-sponsors are approved centrally. They can support a single match or the whole league. Sponsorship of individual shooters is basically free but they cannot be named in official match nor league communications.

9 Communication

All communication concerning league matches has to include the term Swiss IDPA League, IDPA Liga Schweiz or Ligue IDPA Suisse.

Match names can be defined by the clubs, as long as they are not confusing. They have to contain a link to the league.

For example:

XXX Club Championship
Swiss IDPA League

Match publication and administration is done with practiscore.com. Other registration or administration systems are not allowed.

All matches are published on www.swissaaa.org and in the group IDPA Shooters Switzerland. The clubs can advertise their matches additionally using other platforms and media.

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The valid points and current rankings are exclusively maintained on www.swissaaa.org .

Logos, graphics, lettering styles and similar things of the league are defined and maintained centrally. Only those are to be used referring to the league.

10 Disciplinary Measures and Complaints

Violation of the rules, in particular the IDPA Code of Conduct, can be punished with all penalties according to the IDPA rules. This can be up to the exclusion from IDPA and the league. Match penalties can be imposed by a SO and confirmed by the MD. Exclusions from the league can only be decided centrally on report of a MD.

If a club is conducting matches in an inappropriate way, it can be excluded from the league. This applies for any future conducting of matches by the club but has no influence on the future participation of individual club members in the league.

Complaints can be filed by any participant, club, SO or MD directly to the central administration. The central decisions are always final and cannot be appealed or escalated further.

11 Appendix

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