Overseas Competition Approval Policy

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Introduction:

The procedure outlined below shall apply in all cases where an UKPSA member wishes to participate in an IPSC match outside Great Britain as a competitor and/or Match Official.
IPSC Competition Rules state: 6.5.1 All competitors and Match Officials must be individual members of the IPSC Region in which they normally reside.
Residency is defined as the Region where the individual is ordinarily domiciled for a minimum of 183 days of the twelve months immediately preceding the month in which the match begins. Ordinarily domiciled condition is a physical presence test and does not relate to citizenship or to any address of convenience. The 183 days need not be consecutive or the most recent 183 days of the twelve-month period. 6.5.1.1
In any case, match organizers must not accept any competitor or Match Official from another Region unless the Regional Director of that Region has confirmed the competitor's or Match Official's eligibility to participate in the subject match, and that the competitor or Match Official is not under sanction from the IPSC Executive Council or the UKPSA Charity Board.
To enable the Regional Director (RD) to confirm eligibility, when a member wishes to participate in an IPSC match outside Great Britain, the member must apply to the RD at **least 4 weeks prior to the match date** via the online application form: Out of Region – RD Sign Off Request.

Minimum Criteria Required for the Regional Director to Confirm Eligibility

Competitor

To compete in an IPSC match outside of the GB Region the individual must:

1. Be a current UKPSA member on the dates of both the application and the match.
2. Hold a current Competition Licence in the particular match discipline (e.g. Handgun, Rifle, Shotgun) and, in the case of a Tournament or Grand Tournament, all the relevant disciplines. NB. every competitor must ensure their record within the Associations online management system accurately reflects their competition licence status.
3. Have successfully competed in a Level 2 or Level 3 match in the 24 months prior to the match date in any discipline.
4. Should a member not be able to meet these criteria or make a late application and there are extenuating circumstances, the matter will be referred to the Sports Council for consideration.

Official

To officiate in an IPSC match outside the GB Region the individual must:

1. Be a current UKPSA and NROI member on the dates of both the application and the match.
2. Hold a current (not lapsed) NROI rank in the particular match discipline (e.g. Handgun, Rifle, Shotgun) and, in the case of a Tournament or Grand Tournament, all the relevant disciplines.
3. Should a member not be able to meet these criteria or make a late application and there are extenuating circumstances, the matter will be referred to the NROI Committee for consideration.

Participating in Level 4/5 IPSC Championships

This procedure will not apply to any member or Official wishing to participate in a Level 4 or Level 5 match. Any competitor wishing to participate in this level of match should contact the National Squad Director in the discipline concerned. Match Officials should seek advice from the Head of NROI.
Any comments about this policy should be directed to AD Competitions for onward transmission to the UKPSA Sports Council.