



Use of hand/home loaded ammunition policy

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Introduction: The UKPSA only allows non-factory ammunition to be used in UKPSA competitions if the Use of hand/home loaded ammunition policy is adhered to.

Process: Any member who wishes to use non-factory ammunition must complete the Declaration & Liability Disclaimer below and upload it to the UKPSA membership system and/or provide a copy to the Match Director prior to competing in any UKPSA competition. This activity must be completed before the non-factory ammunition is used.

Failure to complete the form, where required, will result in any such ammunition being treated as unsafe as per IPSC rules 5.5.6 and 10.5.16, and may lead to disqualification and/or be considered gross misconduct.



Ammunition Declaration & Liability Disclaimer

I, the undersigned competitor ("Competitor"), hereby declare and agree as follows:

1. Declaration of Non-Factory Ammunition Use

1.1 If I use any non-factory (i.e. home-loaded or handloaded) ammunition during this match, I confirm that it has been prepared in accordance with recognised safe reloading practices and accepted industry standards.

1.2 I confirm that all ammunition has been produced using published and verified load data, suitable components, and processes consistent with recognised reloading guidance and best practice.

1.3 I affirm that for each batch of handloaded ammunition, I have verified consistent performance and taken reasonable steps (including but not limited to chronograph testing, case inspection, and pressure management) to ensure the ammunition is safe to fire in my firearm under match conditions.

2. Competence & Responsibility

2.1 I declare that I am competent and suitably experienced to safely load my own ammunition, that I understand the risks associated with reloading, and that I have taken all reasonable precautions to prevent overpressure, misfires, case failures, or other hazardous conditions.

2.2 I accept full responsibility for the condition, quality, and performance of any non-factory ammunition I use and acknowledge that I alone am responsible for any consequences arising from its use.

3. Assumption of Risk & Release of Liability

3.1 I acknowledge that the UK Practical Shooting Association (UKPSA), the match organisers, and the range facility accept no liability or responsibility for any damage, injury, loss, or incident resulting from the use of non-factory or home-loaded ammunition, whether due to error, defect, or any other cause (see also IPSC Rule 5.5.1).

3.2 I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the UKPSA, the match organisers, range operators, and their officers, staff, volunteers, and agents from any claim, cost, or legal action arising from or connected to the ammunition I use.



4. Certification & Signature

By signing below, I certify that:

- I have prepared (or caused to be prepared) all non-factory ammunition I will use in this match in accordance with recognised safe reloading standards and available best practice guidance.
- I am competent to load ammunition and have taken all reasonable measures to ensure its safety.
- I accept all risks associated with the use of such ammunition and release the UKPSA, the organisers, and the range from any liability arising from its use.

Competitor Name	
Type/Calibre(s) (of non-factory ammunition to be used)	
Signature	
Date	

