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THE WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION (IPSC)



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“I have a very specific method of selecting ammunition for practice and competitions: I shoot a lot of hand-loaded ammunition in practice, but in competitions I only use GECO ammunition because of its softer shooting characteristics and high functional reliability.”

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“GECO was a sponsor and supplier of match ammunition at the second IPSC World Championship for Dynamic Rifle Shooting, and provided the .223 Rem. in 55 Grains. That helped me a lot in terms of my travel arrangements and how many pieces of luggage I would have to bring with me. I was also very familiar with the shells, so I didn’t have to worry about their reliability and accuracy.”

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GECO IPSC TEAM SHOOTER EMILE OBRIOT, FRANCE

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4 LETTERS 4 ACTION

Not only do the four-letter abbreviations make the traditional German ammunition brand GECO and the relatively young international governing body, the "International Practical Shooting Confederation" (IPSC), a perfect match.

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Learn more about the fascinating, thrilling world full of nail-biting contests for percentages and fractions of seconds!

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THE BIRTH OF PRACTICAL HANDGUN SHOOTING

The early pioneers, first and foremost Lt. Col. John Dean “Jeff” Cooper (10/05/1920–25/09/2006) and his men from the US Marines like Jack Weaver, Ray Chapman, Thell Reed, Eldon Carl, John Plahn and Bruce Nelson, would never have dreamed that their style of “practical shooting”, which they developed and propagated in a small, tight-knit group in North America, would conquer the whole world and now would be practised assiduously by over 200,000 active shooters in 108 nations from Andorra to Zimbabwe.

But let's start at the beginning: Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Cooper and his friend, Marine Corps Officer Howie Taft, took the first steps to develop practical pistol shooting in Quantico, Virginia, after the Second World War and the American involvement in the Korean conflict. Cooper, who studied and taught history in Bear Valley, California, after his military career, organised the first competitions there in 1957, which rightly considered the birth of practical shooting. Participants in these early competitions usually competed with the Colt Single Action Army Revolver from 1873. The competitions were classic man-on-man matches with quick draws and instinctive shooting from the hip.

Among the earliest enthusiasts was a young Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff named Jack Weaver, who was astonished at the high miss rate with the large-calibre handguns in one-handed shooting over relatively short ranges. He was determined to find a way of achieving reliable accuracy even over longer distances, while maintaining maximum recoil/muzzle flip control in rapid bursts of fire. His efforts culminated in the introduction of a two-handed shooting position at eye level with the shooting hand extended and the supporting arm bent, which eventually went down in history as the “Weaver

Stance”. But this is considered very outdated according to modern insight, and most of today's top-level IPSC shooters practice a pure form or modified variants of the “Isosceles Stance”, a two-handed shooting position in which both arms are held straight. Several clubs from southern California came together in 1961 to form the Southwest Combat Pistol League (SCPL) and organise regular competitions, making it the oldest organised association in the practical shooting world.



HALF A CENTURY OF TOP-CLASS SPORT – FULL SPEED AHEAD INTO THE FUTURE!

The world umbrella organisation was established in May 1976 in Columbia, Missouri, during the International Combat Pistol Conference. There were 40 founding members from all over the world, among them Ken Hackathorn, Ray Chapman, Dick Thomas and Raul Walters.

But the association and its members split into rival camps during the early years of its existence.

While the majority of shooters were mainly interested in competitions, rankings, trophies and prizes, Jeff Cooper had other things in mind. He continuously analysed the varying shooting techniques, stagetactics and equipment in order to check their suitability for realistic combat scenarios.

Ray Chapman, crowned world champion at the first IPSC World Shoot 1975 in Switzerland was the patron of IPSC shooting, and his followers/students at the Ray Chapman Academy of Practical Shooting in Columbia, Missouri, were dubbed “Gamesmen”. By contrast, the hard liner Jeff Cooper and his followers at the Gunsite shooting academy in Paulden, Arizona, were given the nickname “martial artists”. The curriculum at the Gunsite Ranch mainly consisted of combat techniques for military personnel, police officers, security staff and civilians concerned with self-defence. Over the following years, however, athletes such as US legends Rob Leatham and Brian Enos not only triumphed at competitions due to their dedication to training, modern concepts and

meticulous upgrading of firearms and competition equipment, but also steered the IPSC association structure and organisation in the direction of sport shooting. The supporters of highly realistic combat shooting increasingly surrendered their former dominance, which, among other things, led to the establishment of the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) in 1996. But (often astonishingly ignorant) critics from the political world and popular media took the mere establishment of this association as apparent proof that modern IPSC shooting is a supremacist, technicised, high-performance sport that has nothing in common with anti-terror training or urban warfare.

ACCURACY POWER SPEED

Let's now take a look at the principles of modern, dynamic sport shooting, which were originally developed in the United States and have been officially represented and organised by the Association of German Sport Shooters 1975 (BDS) since 1990. The Latin motto **“Diligentia, Vis, Celeritas”** (accuracy, power and speed) reflects the great demands upon an IPSC shooter. Apart from the other “action” sports shooting competitions like the Bianchi Cup, the Steel Challenge and Cowboy Action Shooting (also the moderate variant at PPC/1500), IPSC is the only form of sport shooting in which the weapon is drawn from the holster ready to fire on the start signal.

Security is of course the top priority, as contestants progress through the stage carrying a locked and loaded firearm under time pressure. In Germany, this means that potential entrants must complete a theoretical and practical safety and rules test (SuRT) in order to be allowed to take part in the sport. Each competitor is also accompanied through the stage by a Range Officer (R.O.) who gives the starting signal, ensures safe firearm handling and monitors any infringements of the rules. They are also among the officials responsible for recording the scores. Incidentally, the competition judges are organised within their own training and education association (International Range Officers Association; IROA), whereby the German range officers are also active in the German Range Officer Institute (GROI).

But back to the crux of the matter: What is IPSC shooting? Broadly speaking, shooters wait for a starting signal – usually a beep or a stopwatch/shot counter (timer) – and are then asked to perform a known task. The objective is to shoot at multiple targets as quickly as possible in order to score the highest number of points. Clean hits are weighted higher than the speed of shooting, and accuracy improves automatically based on continuous training and competition experience. Lightning fast shooting that misses looks spectacular but yields no points! Scoring is calculated by dividing the hits made by the time elapsed from the start signal until the last shot.

POINTS ÷ TIME = HIT FACTOR

The result dividing the hits by time yields what is known as the “hit factor”, which is the shooter’s score for the specific task (COF; Course of Fire or Stage). The higher the hit factor, the better the result. The shooter with the highest hit factor is awarded 100 percent of the available points for this exercise. All other shooters receive a percentage of points that is equivalent to their hit factor relative to the score achieved by the best shooter. Targets mainly consist of the “IPSC Target”, a cardboard disc in standard or miniature size.

The targets are divided into “A” (Alpha), “C” (Charlie) and “D” (Delta) hit zones and are assigned different point values, depending on the calibre power used by the shooter. “A” hits in the centre are always awarded the full 5 points, while hits in the peripheral “C” and “D” zones receive 4/3 points and 2 points/1 point, depending on the power level of the ammunition according to “Major Factor” or “Minor Factor” scoring. The major or minor factor used for scoring is calculated based on the ammunition’s bullet weight and velocity and is determined by the following formula:

$$\text{BULLET WEIGHT (IN GRAINS)} \times \text{BULLET VELOCITY (IN FEET PER SECOND)} \div 1,000 = \text{FACTOR}$$

One Grain (gr) = 0.0648 Grams

One Gram = 15.432 Grains

One foot per second (fps) = 0.3048 metres per second (m/s)

One m/s = 3.281 fps.

During a competition, the range officers collect eight match cartridges from each contestant.

One cartridge is then taken to pieces at a suitable a test shooting range and the bullet is weighed on a scale.

A measuring device is used to test the velocity of three additional cartridges in order to assign them to the minor or major performance groups.

The minor/major factors in the various fire-arm divisions will be explained in more detail later on.

FIERY FREESTYLE

Nowadays, major competitions feature a balanced mix of short courses with a maximum of 12 rounds, medium courses with a maximum of 24 rounds and long courses with a maximum of 32 rounds. Besides the standard IPSC cardboard targets in standard and miniature sizes – which are also cut/halved as pendulum and barrel targets for use in static and moving set-ups – shooters also aim at differently sized steel cap targets (IPSC Classic Poppers with a height of 85 cm and IPSC Mini Poppers with a height of 56 cm) and round steel pates (with a diameter of 20 cm or 30 cm) or square steel plates (in 15x15 cm or 30x30 cm).

Two shots are usually discharged at each cardboard target, although one should be enough to topple steel discs and contestants are always allowed to take an additional shot if they think they have missed or would like to improve a poor hit. What makes IPSC sport shooting so gripping is that the matches always feature new, varied and demanding stages. Competition exercises are never repetitive, which prevents any emergence of boring routine.

What's more, a "freestyle" spirit pervades IPSC sport shooting, so contestants can pick from several potential ways to complete a stage, depending on their personal marksmanship skills.

In other words: competitors can climb up the ranking with some brains and ingenious stage planning, proving that IPSC is also a "dynamic mental exercise". Experienced, top-level shooters can already analyse the stage

perfectly after a short inspection ("walk through") with the group of shooters ("squad") a few moments before the "hot" start. They know exactly where they will adopt shooting position and how they must align their bodies with the target, where they will switch magazines and which targets are particularly tricky. These ones require their complete concentration to discharge a clean shot/ check the sight picture.

SPEED ≠ WITCHCRAFT

Here are some pointers to help laypersons understand what it takes for IPSC shooters to perform well: In the standard IPSC exercise named “El Presidente”, three targets are suspended next to each other at the same height, and the shooter must decorate each one of them with two hits, change the magazine and then put another two hits into the discs. This means 12 shots in total and one magazine change for a perfect score of 60 points.

Eric Grauffel from France, currently one of the best IPSC shooters on the planet and nine-time IPSC Handgun World Champion, completed this exercise with a perfect score in just 3.48 seconds, shooting from a distance of 10 metres with his Open Division pistol!

ADDICTIVE POTENTIAL

You can find out more about the current international IPSC sporting rules for handguns, carbines, rifles and shotguns on the official IPSC website <https://www.ipsc.org>

All match commands are issued in English, as IPSC shooting is an international sport. But don't be put off: they are easy and quick to memorise. IPSC shooters are a communicative bunch who enjoy talking shop, so you should just visit a competition and be inquisitive enough to ask questions. You will be surprised how fast you will make contacts and astonished at how much you will learn!

Be careful, though: IPSC sport shooting is highly addictive and might even become a constant obsession that will remain with you for your whole life.

AMMUNITION FOR MATCH WINNERS

GECO is the official ammunition supplier of many past and future major IPSC events such as European and World Championships.

GECO is committed to the world of dynamic sport shooting far beyond its portfolio of specialised ammunition. Besides its organisation of – and committed participation in – many events, the company also provides top-level IPSC shooters from various European countries with generous support. In addition, GECO provides the name for the prestigious IPSC Level III competition, the GECO MASTERS in Germany.



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PISTOLS & REVOLVERS

The range of GECO handgun cartridges has been continuously expanded and consistently tailored to meet the needs of shooters. A diverse portfolio of cartridges is now available for static and dynamic shooting, hunting and self-defence. GECO's range of handgun cartridges can always provide you with the perfect product, whatever the scenario.

IPSC shooters benefit from an extensive selection of excellent GECO handgun, large and small calibre ammunition. They are ideally suited to a variety of IPSC disciplines. Besides offering perfect value for money!

SELECTING THE HANDGUN

OPEN DIVISION

This is the Formula 1 division featuring particularly expensive, high-powered competition pistols with single action triggers, extra-long 170 mm magazines and capacities of up to 28 cartridges, reflex sights and compensator systems. There are no restrictions in regard to trigger pull, provided that safety and reliable firearm functions are guaranteed at all times. The major power factor is at least 160, the minor power factor at least 125.

The minimum ratings for bullet calibre, case length and bullet weight are 9 mm, 19 mm and 120 Grains, so the typical calibres tend to be 9 mm Luger (9x19), 9x21 IMI, .38 Super Auto, .38 Super Comp, .38 Super Rimless or 9x23 Winchester.



● OPEN DIVISION

STANDARD DIVISION

This division predominantly features single action pistols in .40 Smith & Wesson calibre with double-stack magazine, 5"/127 mm barrel and mechanical sights, which must fit empty into a case measuring 225 mm in length x 150 mm in height x 45 mm in width with the magazine inserted, cocked and locked. But the past has shown that titles are also up for grabs with the moderate shooting properties of the minor calibre 9 mm Luger. There are no restrictions on trigger pull in this division, either.

The major power factor is at least 170, the minor power factor at least 125 points. With a view to the major score and its positive impact on the number of points, the lowest possible calibre is 10 mm (.40), which is why .40 S&W shells are considered the gold standard.



● STANDARD DIVISION

CLASSIC DIVISION

“Back to the roots!”: this IPSC handgun division is home to the classic Colt Government of 1911-A1 in all its current diversity of makes/models with single-stack magazine, a 5”/127 mm barrel and mechanical sights. Designed by John M. Browning, the classic was the preferred tool even in the earliest days of IPSC’s history. There are no restrictions in regard to trigger pull.

The major power factor is at least 170, the minor power factor at least 125 points. With a view to the major score and its positive impact on the number of points, the lowest possible calibre is 10 mm (.40), which is why shooters pick 9 mm Luger, .40 S&W or .45 ACP rounds. The case size rules outlined above for the Standard Division also apply to Classic Division pistols.



● CLASSIC DIVISION

PRODUCTION DIVISION

The division with the most participants is dominated by typical 9 mm Luger service pistols à la Beretta 92 FS, CZ 75, Glock G17, Heckler & Koch SFP-9, SIG Sauer P226 or Walther PPQ with mechanical sights. Here as well, though, specialised materials are becoming increasingly advanced so that, for instance, a heavy all-steel match pistol featuring plenty of extras – e.g. as the CZ Shadow 2, SIG Sauer X-Five Allround, Phoenix Redback, Tanfoglio Stock III Xtreme or Walther Q5 Steel Frame – have stepped firmly beyond the realms of a simple “duty pistol”.

The otherwise standard classification according to major/minor calibre and corresponding rating does not apply in this case, so only a minor power factor of 125 is used. It is achieved with commercially available 9 mm Luger factory ammunition shot from typical barrel lengths. The rules prescribe a minimum trigger pull of 1,360 Grams (3 lbs) and a barrel length of no more than 5”/127 mm. Incidentally, the trigger pull was just recently reduced from 2,270 Grams (5 lbs) to 1,360 Grams (3 lbs) according to international regulations. This took place during the trial introduction of the new production optics and production optics light firearms divisions.

Only 15 rounds can be loaded, irrespective of the actual magazine capacity. Minor modifications are permitted. All approved firearms are entered in the continuously updated IPSC Production Division List ([visit: www.ipsc.org](http://www.ipsc.org)).



● PRODUCTION DIVISION

PRODUCTION OPTICS DIVISION

The two new pistol divisions of Production Optics and Production Optics Light were introduced – initially on a trial basis until the end of 2021 – at the 42nd IPSC General Assembly in September 2018 to reflect current trends and preferences in the world of firearms. But it is reasonable to assume that at least the Production Optics Division will be included in the rulebooks on a permanent basis.

German Championships in these new firearm divisions were held in 2018 (only Production Optics), 2019 and 2020. Approved pistols entered in the IPSC Production Division List are used in Production Optics, although only with the increasingly popular miniature red dot sights on the rear top of the breechblock and not mechanical sights.

The mini red dot sight (MRDS) can be mounted either using an adapter for the factory sights port, factory interfaces – as featured on the Glock M.O.S. models and the Optical Ready (OR) versions of the CZ Shadow 2 or Walther Q5 Steel Frame – or, as stated in the most recent rule changes, also by milling a matching window notch into the slide.

Typical production metrics:
Calibre 9 mm Luger, 5"/127 mm
barrel length, minimum trigger
pull 1.360 Grams.



● PRODUCTION OPTICS DIVISION



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REVOLVER DIVISION

The starting field in the Revolver Division is less crowded by comparison, although it is truly amazing how quickly the shooters manage to reload their revolvers with clips or speed loaders. The IPSC Revolver Division is the undisputed home to the richly traditional US manufacturer Smith & Wesson, as their revolvers promise great value for money, have a good factory-fitted double-action trigger and there are countless retrofit/tuning as well as equipment/accessory parts to choose from, especially for this make. Major: 170; Minor: 125 factor points.

Revolvers in the 9 mm Luger and .45 ACP pistol calibres are also popular in this division, as they can be supplied very quickly with fresh rounds using half or full-moon metal clips. Only mechanical sights are permitted, and there are no restrictions on cylinder capacity.



● REVOLVER DIVISION



.22 L.R.

THE VARIETY OF RIMFIRE

MINI RIFLE OPEN DIVISION (RIMFIRE SEMI-AUTO RIFLES WITH OPTICAL SIGHTS)

Like in the handgun division, there are also Mini Rifle divisions for small-calibre long guns shooting .22 Long Rifle rimfire rounds. The rifles in the open divisions can be equipped with optics, compensators and bipods.

MINI RIFLE STANDARD DIVISION (RIMFIRE SEMI-AUTO RIFLES WITH MECHANICAL SIGHTS)

Contestants in this division compete for points using iron sights. The maximum magazine capacity in the mini-rifle disciplines is also 10 rounds.

RIMFIRE OPEN DIVISION

IPSC sport shooting with small-calibre pistols for the rimfire cartridge .22 Long Rifle is also becoming increasingly popular, as the low-recoil weapons with manageable ammunition costs are ideal for practice and for training young shooters (based on national firearm legislation). The purebred small-calibre pistols or their large-calibre siblings with mounted small-calibre conversion kit and reflex sights must have a minimum trigger pull of 908 Grams. Magazine capacities of up to ten rounds are permitted. As ammunition, .22 long rifle ammo in the standard or faster HV (high velocity) versions are allowed.

RIMFIRE STANDARD DIVISION

The same rules apply in the Standard Division for firearms with mechanical sights. In addition, the maximum weapon weight is 1.400 Grams and the line of sight must not exceed 220 mm.



STANDARD RIMFIRE PISTOL DIVISION



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PISTOL CALIBER CARBINE

What is still called IPSC Rifle 1500 Joule in Germany is now known internationally as the Pistol Caliber Carbine (PCC) Division and is becoming increasingly important. Top-level competitors mainly use 9 mm Luger carbine ammunition with blowback on an AR-15 basis. German manufacturers like HERA Arms, Oberland Arms or Schmeisser have suitable models in their portfolios. But American vendors are also heavily involved in this market sector, of course. These products include highly specialised match firearms like the carbines by the US manufacturer Quarter Circle Ten. The rules require a minor ammunition power factor of 125, a 9 mm minimum bullet weight of 115 Grains and a maximum velocity of 500 m/s. A world championship in IPSC shooting with pistol calibre rifles (PCC; Pistol Caliber Carbine) was originally to be held in 2021 at the famous shooting range at Frank Garcia's Universal Shooting Academy in Frostproof (Florida, USA). But the event was called off due to the corona pandemic and has been postponed to an unspecified date in 2022.

PISTOL WITH SHOULDER STOCK AND OPTICAL SIGHTS

Although the world governing body assigns these two firearm classes to the rifle divisions, they are primarily welcome additions for IPSC production pistol shooters who fit their 9x19 duty pistols into a modern chassis to shoot them from the shoulder like a long gun. CAA Roni, FAB Defense KPOS or HERA Arms Triarii are among the names given to this kind of carbine retrofit systems with polymer or lightweight metal housings and shoulder stock. 150 factor points are mandatory for the minor score. Optics, compensators, gas discharge ports and bipods are all permitted in the Open Division.

PISTOL WITH SHOULDER STOCK AND MECHANICAL SIGHTS

This division features the same firearms with open sights, although features such as compensators, gas discharge ports and bipods are prohibited. Only firearms with original slide and receiver are permitted in the two disciplines of pistols with shoulder stock and optical/mechanical sights. The barrel must not be shorter than 4" (102 mm) or longer than 6" (152 mm). Conversion kits by the firms Mech Tech, Wilson, Stenger and Norlite are banned in all disciplines with shoulder stock. They are classed as long guns and are therefore assigned to the IPSC Rifle 1500 Joules, i.e. the Pistol Caliber Carbine (PCC) Division.

Item No.	Calibre	Type	Bullet Weight Type / g	Barrel length mm	Velocity (m/sec)			Energy (Joules)			Sighting Distance	POI in cm with scope 5 cm above bore axis			
					V ₀	V ₅₀	V ₁₀₀	E ₀	E ₅₀	E ₁₀₀		25 m	50 m	75 m	100 m
213 25 40	.22 L.r.	RIFLE	BR / 2.6	650	330	300	280	142	117	102	50 m	0.6	⊕	-7.4	-22.1
231 85 99	.22 L.r.	SEMI-AUTO	BR / 2.6	650	350	315	294	159	129	112	50 m	0.3	⊕	-6.5	-19.5

BALLISTIC DATA

Item No.	Calibre	Bullet	Bullet weight g/gr	Primer	Barrel length (mm)*	Velocity (m/sec)				Energy (Joules)				Ctg/ box
						V ₀	V ₁₀	V ₂₅	V ₅₀	E ₀	E ₁₀	E ₂₅	E ₅₀	
231 86 29	9 MM LUGER	FMJ- round nose	8.0 / 124	Anvil	125	360	350	337	319	518	490	454	407	50
231 82 21	9 MM LUGER	FMJ-round nose encapsulated	8.0 / 124		125	360	351	340	325	518	493	462	423	50
231 81 95	9 MM LUGER	Lead round nose copper-plated	8.0 / 124		125	360	350	337	319	518	490	454	407	50
231 77 08	9 MM LUGER	FMJ- Flat nose	10.0 / 154	Anvil	150	283	278	270	259	400	386	366	336	50
231 77 11	.38 SUPER AUTO	FMJ- round nose	8.0 / 124	Anvil	150	430	411	385	348	740	675	591	485	50
231 77 12	.40 S&W	FMJ- Flat nose	11.7 / 180	Anvil	150	310	306	301	292	562	548	530	497	50
231 77 14	.45 AUTO	FMJ- round nose	14.9 / 230	Anvil	150	260	256	250	240	503	488	466	429	50
231 77 20	.357 MAGNUM	FMJ- Flat nose	10.2 / 158	Anvil	150	395	386	374	354	796	761	713	638	50



* CIP test run



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.308 WIN. & .223 REM.

RIFLE SHOOTING

GECO rifle cartridges are built for the hands-on types. The .223 Rem. and .308 Win. calibres are a highly reliable choice for demanding IPSC competitions and practice. Here, the name GECO is synonymous with impressive accuracy and unbeatable quality. Compared to IPSC sport shooting with handguns, dynamic shooting with rifles and shotguns is a relatively recent development in our neck of the woods. But contestants are required to complete a more specialised safety and rules test, as these long guns are completely different in terms of their handling.

Naturally, the basic principles of IPSC shooting we have already encountered remain preserved, although the target distances are often changed (especially in IPSC rifle competitions). The stage designs also vary, for instance the IPSC shotgun competitions also feature static and clay pigeon targets.

DYNAMIC IPSC RIFLE SHOOTING

SEMI-AUTO (OPEN DIVISION)

The divisions with the most participants in dynamic rifle shooting are **Semi-Auto Open (with optics)** and **Semi-Auto Standard (with iron sights)**. These are dominated by AR-15-type rifles in .223 Remington, supported by a large aftermarket industry for this modular platform.

All centrefire rifle classes allow calibres from 5.45 mm up to 8 mm. Power factor thresholds are 320 for Major and 150 for Minor. In the Semi-Auto Open division, optics (e.g., scope plus reflex sight), compensators, and bipods are permitted.

SEMI-AUTO (STANDARD DIVISION)


Firearms in the **Semi-Auto Standard Division** exclusively use **mechanical sights, which places particularly high demands on the shooter, especially for long-range shots, for example at 300 metres**. Compensators are also permitted to reduce muzzle instability, but their dimensions must not exceed 26 x 90 mm. The maximum magazine capacity for the IPSC rifle divisions in Germany is always 10 rounds.

MANUAL ACTION (OPEN DIVISION)

The number of entrants in the two manual action divisions is quite modest compared to their semi-auto counterparts. A rifle for the Open Division may be equipped with optics and compensator and can also be fitted with a bipod.

MANUAL ACTION (STANDARD DIVISION)

The maximum magazine capacity for rifles with mechanical sights is just **5 cartridges**. Muzzle attachments and bipods are not permitted.

NEW GECO DTX .308 Win. is also available as a lead free  alternative - of course in proven GECO quality.

GECO DTX THE PERFECT TRAINING BULLET

Bullet Item No.	Gram Grain	Barrel in mm BC Value ¹⁾	V ²⁾ E	0 m	50 m	100 m	150 m	200 m	250 m	300 m	⊕ RZR* ³⁾	50 m	100 m	150 m	200 m	250 m	300 m	Ctg/ box
.308 WIN.																		
NEW DTX	7.0	600	V[m/sec]	934	871	811	755	701	647	596	⊕ 100 m	-0.9	⊕	-2.9	-10.0	-22.2	-40.3	50
242 64 92	108	0.254	E[J]	3053	3053	2302	1995	1720	1465	1243	RZR 185 m	+1.1	+4.0	+3.1	-2.0	-12.2	-28.3	
TARGET HP	10.9	600	V[m/sec]	760	726	694	664	634	604	575	⊕ 100 m	-0.2	⊕	-4.9	-15.4	-32.0	-55.3	50
242 68 21	168	0.427	E[J]	3148	2873	2625	2403	2191	1988	1802	RZR 159 m	1.8	4.0	1.1	-7.4	-22.0	-43.3	
.223 REM.																		
DTX	3.6	600	V[m/sec]	963	908	856	808	761	713	668	⊕ 100 m	-1.0	⊕	-2.3	-8.4	-18.8	-33.9	50
242 38 05	55	0.302	E[J]	1651	1468	1304	1162	1031	905	794	RZR 197 m	+1.0	+4.0	+3.7	-0.4	-8.7	-21.9	
TARGET HP	3.4	600	V[m/sec]	960	876	793	714	640	572	513	⊕ 100 m	-0.9	⊕	-3	-10.9	-24.9	-46.5	50
242 93 44	52	0.195	E[J]	1567	1305	1069	867	696	556	447	RZR 179 m	1.1	4	3	-2.9	-14.8	-34.4	

1) BC value = Ballistic coefficient

2) V = Velocity, E = Energy

3) RZR = Recommended Zero Range

SHORT AND TO THE POINT

IPSC is a dynamic shooting sport that focuses on accuracy, power and speed. The athletes have to hit the targets in the shortest possible time, with precision playing a major role. Competitions consist of short, medium and long courses that vary from event to event in order to avoid routine and constantly offer new challenges.

THE IPSC DISCIPLINES INCLUDE:

HANDGUN: various divisions for pistols (open, standard, production) and revolvers, each with different requirements in terms of equipment and shooting technique. For example, in the 'open division' particularly powerful competition pistols with reflex sights and compensators are used. The 'standard division' only allows pistols without optical sights, which must fit into a special box. The 'production division' is intended for mass-produced pistols that allow only minimal modifications. The courses require the shooters to combine precision, speed and tactical movement through various, often very complex stages..

RIMFIRE: This category includes small-calibre pistols and rifles, which are particularly popular with younger shooters and beginners.

RIFLE: Here, both bolt-action and semi-automatic rifles are used, with accuracy at longer distances playing an important role.

SHOTGUN: This discipline involves the use of shotguns, with both static and dynamic targets to hit.

PCC (PISTOL CALIBER CARBINE): This division uses pistol-calibre carbines, which bridge the gap between handguns and long guns, offering better accuracy at longer ranges.

GECO'S INVOLVEMENT IN IPSC is always at the centre of the brand. It is a major supporter of the IPSC sport and supplies specialised ammunition for competitions and training. The company supports numerous shooters and is regularly represented at major events, such as the European and World Championships. With an extensive portfolio of ammunition for various disciplines, GECO is perfectly matched to the special requirements of the IPSC sport. In addition to supporting the European and World Championships, GECO also organises and sponsors high-profile events, such as the GECO MASTERS in Germany (Philippsburg).





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FLEXIBLE SHOTGUN FIRE

The shotgun is an extremely versatile firearm, not least because of the wide range of suitable ammunition. It can be used with traditional shot loads such as birdshot and buckshot in various pellet sizes, as well as with dedicated slug cartridges.

In the IPSC Shotgun discipline, ammunition must meet the requirements of the different shotgun divisions and function reliably under all conditions. The GECO shotshell series was developed in close cooperation with internationally experienced shooters and is designed to meet these demands in every situation.

Particular emphasis was placed on dependable cycling in semi-automatic shotguns and on reliable feeding from box magazines, enabling shooters to handle even the most challenging stage setups with confidence.



SHOTGUN (OPEN DIVISION)

As a general rule, calibre 20 and an ammunition power of 480 factor points are the minimum for IPSC shotguns. Leaded shotgun ammunition is permitted, provided it does not contravene local environmental regulations. Bismuth shot can also be used, but tungsten and steel shot are only permitted for paper targets and synthetic and frangible targets. Semi-automatic shotguns in 12/70 and 12/76 with box or tubular magazines are predominant in the Open Division and come equipped with reflex sights and compensators. They must not exceed a length of 1.320 mm. Even rotatable and/or multiple magazine tubes as well as weights and other external attachments to reduce recoil are permitted.

SHOTGUN (STANDARD DIVISION)

One of the specifications for the following two shotgun divisions, “Shotgun Standard” and “Shotgun Manual”, is that they must be mass-produced models running to at least 500 units. Semi-auto shotguns with tubular magazines, the type most commonly used in the Standard Division, must not be fitted with a muzzle attachment. There are no specifications for the bolt system in the Open, Modified and Standard Divisions, so contestants can conceivably take part with a bolt-action shotgun as well, although this would automatically place them at a disadvantage compared to shooters with self-loading models.

SHOTGUN (MODIFIED DIVISION)

This division is home to semi-automatic shotguns with (extra-long) tubular magazines (box magazines are prohibited), compensators and mechanical sights. Like the shotguns in the Open Division, they must not be longer than 1.320 mm. And while almost everything is allowed in the Open Division, here there are complex rules with detailed regulations concerning the firearm technology. Modifications or additions may be made to the elevator of the magazine tube to facilitate the loading process in “customised shotguns”. But these modifications or additions must not exceed 75 mm in length or protrude more than 32 mm in any direction from the standard frame of the shotgun.

SHOTGUN (MANUAL DIVISION)

While the Open Division is dominated by self-loading shotguns with quick-change box magazines (Molot Vepr, Franchi SPAS 15) and the Modified and Standard Division by self-loading shotguns with tubular magazines by Benelli, the Shotgun Manual Division is home to classic pump-action shotguns such as the Mossberg 500, Remington 870 or Winchester 1300. If they like, contestants can also line up with a break-barrel shotgun whose two barrels can hold no more than two shells. Other rules apply on the international stage, but national regulations restrict the magazine capacity to 10 shells in all shotgun divisions.



PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Item No.	Type	Gauge	Shot weight in g	Shot size	V _{2.5m}	Ctg/box
243 32 24	SLUG STAR	12 / 67.5	28		410 m/sec	25
243 20 31	COATED COMP. SLUG BLACK 26	12 / 67.5	26		455 m/sec	25
243 20 32	COATED COMP. SLUG RED 28	12 / 67.5	28		420 m/sec	25
243 20 33	BUCK SHOT MIT BUFFER	12 / 70	30	9P / Ø 8.25 mm	395 m/sec	25
243 22 46	DYNAMIC BIRD SHOT	12 / 70	28	2.7 mm	400 m/sec	25



WARNING – Hazard due to fire or projection of fragments, splinters, or blast pieces. Always follow the information PROVIDED ON THE PRODUCT LABEL.



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GECO IPSC TEAM

Dive into the stories of the athletes we are presenting here from the GECO IPSC Dreamteam. This selection represents only part of our international team – yet it already highlights the impressive diversity of personalities, disciplines and success stories within the Dreamteam.

Every featured athlete embodies the dedication, precision and passion that define GECO in competitive shooting – and together they stand for a team that is far larger than what we can showcase at this moment.

GECO IPSC team shooter, Germany

SASCHA BACK

Born in Eberbach am Neckar in June 1972, the management consultant is known far and wide for his marksmanship with a revolver. After all, the dynamic gunslinger is now a 16-time German Champion in the IPSC Revolver Division, as well as European champion and runner-up. Among the other notches in his belt are multiple fourth places in the World Championships. The likeable, consistently cheerful and courteous scion of the Baden region is a real jack of all trades in sport shooting, as he is definitely quick and accurate in the handling of long guns as well. This is demonstrated by the five German titles in the IPSC Rifle 1500J Division, aka the PCC (Pistol Caliber Challenge), and three titles in dynamic rifle shooting in calibre .223 Rem. His preferred IPSC competition pistol is a Smith & Wesson revolver model 929 in 9 mm Luger with an eight-round chamber. Besides that, he also uses the S&W 586 and S&W 627 revolvers. For practice, he shoots the GECO 9 mm Luger/124-Grains FMJ ammunition from his S&W 929.

He shoots his personal hand loaded cartridges in competitions, which also include components by GECO. From time to time he also devotes himself to pistol shooting and then trusts in his STI 2011 Edge in .40 S&W, which he feeds with GECO 180-grains factory ammunition in this calibre. In the long gun disciplines, he uses Dynamic Arms Research DAR-15 rifles in .223 Remington (IPSC Rifle)

and 3G-Sports 3G-TEC9 carbines in 9 mm Luger (IPSC PCC). Sascha mainly loads the GECO 55-grains ammo for the IPSC Rifle disciplines. But he also likes practising with the recent GECO 55-grains DTX ammunition and uses a Nordic Arms AR-15 small calibre conversion kit, which then fires GECO .22 Semi Auto rimfire ammunition. In competitions, however, the top marksman in the .223 Remington centerfire calibre occasionally loads his magazines with GECO TARGET FMJ 55-grains or the new GECO TARGET HP in 55-grains.

Sascha practices for IPSC PCC matches with the GECO 9 mm Luger/124-grains FMJ ammunition and uses a handload with Reload Swiss RS20 powder and the 124-grains GECO full metal jacket bullet in competitions.



GYÖRGY BATKI

GECO IPSC team shooter, Hungary

Born 1974, the police officer works as a tactics and firearms instructor at the Heves County Police Headquarters. The ambitious martial artist took up sport shooting in 1995 while still serving as a member of a special police unit, and from 2000 onwards devoted himself especially to dynamic IPSC shooting. Aside from winning around 50 international Level III tournaments in the Standard Division, Batki's biggest achievements include his 3rd place at the 2010 IPSC European Championship and the 5th spot at the World Championship in 2011. The 13-time Hungarian champion in the IPSC Standard Division is also among the top seeds in police competitions, and Batki can be proud of his 14 titles in national competitions in Hungary.

His international accomplishments include first place at the USIP World Police Games (Hungary 2015), as well as second place (Abu Dhabi 2017) and third place (Italy 2019). The muscular athlete uses a German Sport Target Pistol (STP) 2011 by Prommersberger as his match firearm, accompanied by GECO .40 Smith & Wesson ammunition and Double Alpha Race Master holster equipment.

György is determined to deliver top performances at the IPSC PCC and Mini Rifle World Championships 2025 in Znojmo, Czech Republic. Over 600 participants from more than 40 countries will compete from May 12 to 25 at the shooting ranges in Hodonice and Oblekovice. The historic city of Znojmo also offers a rich cultural and culinary experience.



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PATRICK KUMMER

GECO IPSC team shooter, Germany



Born 1985 in Nuremberg, IPSC/Action top shooter Patrick Kummer is mainly active in the private sector security industry and has now been running www.atlas-taktik.de for ten years, a legendary online shop in the world of firearms. The family appears to have inherited the IPSC gene, as his brother Steven is also an outstanding marksman.

Patrick Kummer is a versatile shooter who is a dab hand with all types of firearms, as evidenced, for example, by his title of German 3-Gun Champion 2020. This is a dynamic competition with stages for rifles, shotguns and handguns. He has won the German IPSC Championship on multiple occasions in different classes, including the Classic and Production Division.

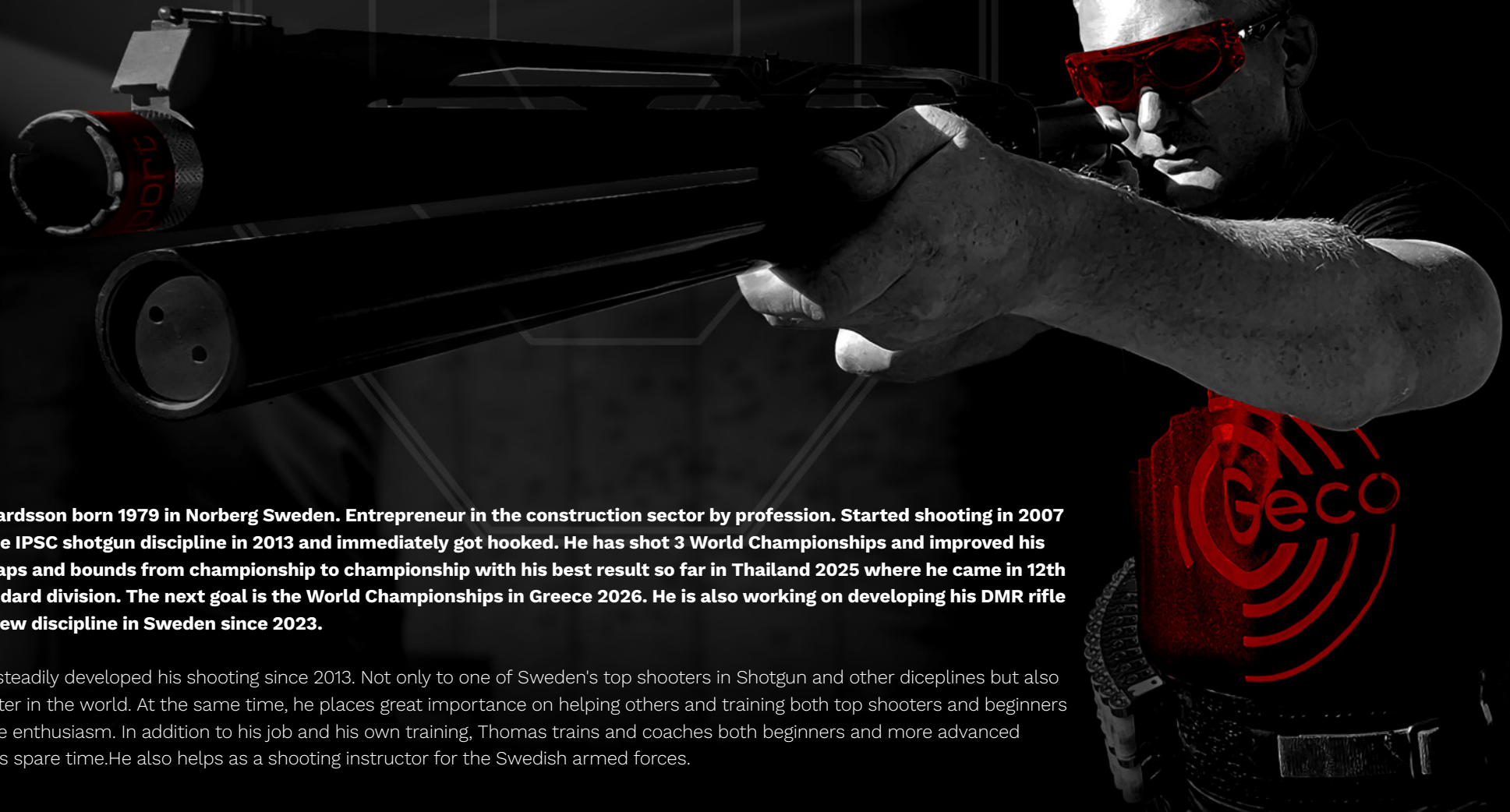
In the Production Division, he currently shoots an extra-heavy CZ A01-LD in 9 mm Luger from the US CZ Custom Shop run by his friend Angus Hobdell, a top IPSC shooter

originally from England. His preferred gun in the Classic Division is the Model 1911 Perfect Classic in 9 mm Luger made by master gunsmith Karl Prommersberger from STP (Sport Target Pistol) in southern Germany. His 2011 Black Major in .40 Smith & Wesson is built by the same experts.

He feeds his 9 mm pistols and the 3G-Sports 3G-TEC9 – aka Quarter Circle 10 carbine in 9 mm Luger – with GECO 124-Grains FMJ ammunition for the IPSC PCC discipline. The magazines for the .40 pistol are loaded with GECO 180-Grains FMJ/flat nose ammo. He uses an STI-AR-15 semi-automatic rifle chambered in .223 Remington and GECO FMJ ammunition 63-Grains in the 3-Gun or IPSC Rifle Open Division. Patrick relies on his Benelli M2 self-loading shotgun in 12/70 with ROTTWEIL 28-Gram SPORT or GECO 29-Gram SPORT ammunition for 3-Gun and IPSC Shotgun competitions.

THOMAS EDVARDSSON

GECO IPSC team shooter, Sweden



Thomas Edvardsson born 1979 in Norberg Sweden. Entrepreneur in the construction sector by profession. Started shooting in 2007 and found the IPSC shotgun discipline in 2013 and immediately got hooked. He has shot 3 World Championships and improved his results by leaps and bounds from championship to championship with his best result so far in Thailand 2025 where he came in 12th place in standard division. The next goal is the World Championships in Greece 2026. He is also working on developing his DMR rifle shooting, a new discipline in Sweden since 2023.

Thomas has steadily developed his shooting since 2013. Not only to one of Sweden's top shooters in Shotgun and other disciplines but also to a top shooter in the world. At the same time, he places great importance on helping others and training both top shooters and beginners with the same enthusiasm. In addition to his job and his own training, Thomas trains and coaches both beginners and more advanced shooters in his spare time. He also helps as a shooting instructor for the Swedish armed forces.

STEFAN RUMPLER

GECO IPSC team shooter, Germany

"If nothing stops us, we can shoot damn fast," said Stefan Rumpler to his team-mate shortly before the exciting shoot-off of the IPSC World Shoot in Pattaya. "The subsequent victory of team-mate Thomas Winter and my 2nd place in the shoot-off of the best eight made the words come true and were the perfect end to this World Cup."

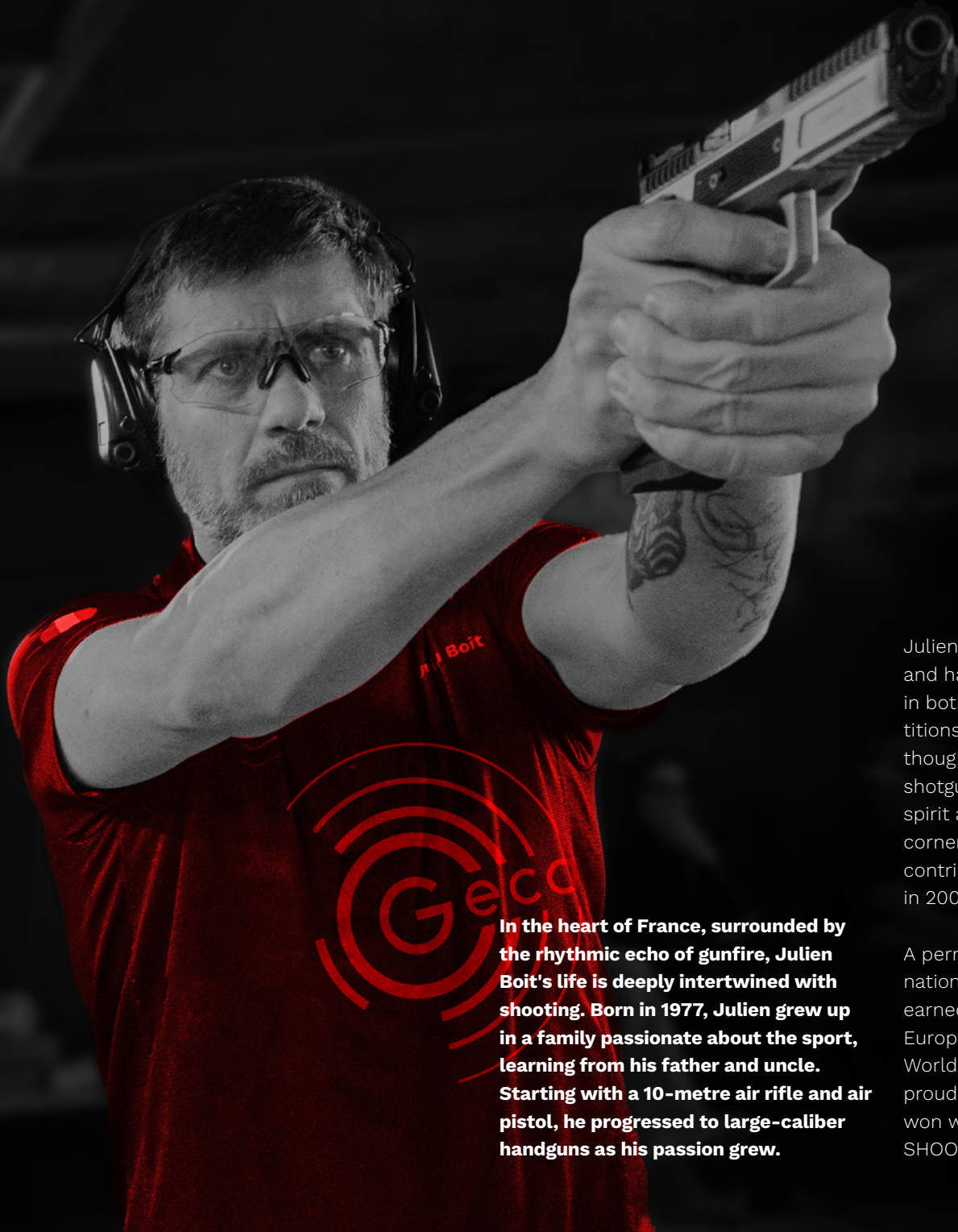
Stefan Rumpler is a name synonymous with excellence in shooting sports. Born into Austria's rich firearms tradition, he has mastered both classic and IPSC shooting disciplines. Starting at nine in Mittersill, Austria, his early training in a family of gunsmiths and hunters quickly led to success. Highlights of his ISSF career include competing in the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore and winning the team world championship in the three-position competition in South Korea in 2018. Stefan's ambitions have extended beyond traditional shooting.

Since 2019, he has been a prominent figure in German IPSC, securing titles like German champion in the IPSC Shotgun Open Division and achieving a remarkable fourth place in the Open Class at the World Championships in dynamic shotgun shooting. His rigorous training regimen includes around 20,000 shots per year and disciplined dry practice, underscoring his dedication and hard work. His choice of equipment, such as the Laugo Arms Alien pistol, the DAR 15 SPR Custom rifle, and the Armsan RS-S1 shotgun, highlights his technical expertise and ability to excel with various weapons.

Stefan's advice to aspiring shooters emphasizes mastering techniques, understanding the sport, and active involvement in club life. He advocates for early competition exposure, even as spectators or helpers, to experience the competitive atmosphere and connect with active participants.

Stefan Rumpler embodies the modern ideal of a shooter: technically skilled, disciplined, and deeply respectful of shooting sports' traditions and values. His journey from early traditional shooting successes to excelling in IPSC showcases his extraordinary versatility and relentless pursuit of excellence.





JULIEN BOIT

GECO IPSC team shooter, France

In the heart of France, surrounded by the rhythmic echo of gunfire, Julien Boit's life is deeply intertwined with shooting. Born in 1977, Julien grew up in a family passionate about the sport, learning from his father and uncle. Starting with a 10-metre air rifle and air pistol, he progressed to large-caliber handguns as his passion grew.

Julien discovered IPSC shooting in 1999 and has since become a notable figure in both local and international competitions. His favorite weapon is the pistol, though he also excels with rifles and shotguns. Known for his competitive spirit and camaraderie, Julien has been a cornerstone of the shooting community, contributing to events like the MEDCUP in 2000 and various level 2 competitions.

A permanent member of the French national team since 2001, Julien has earned silver and bronze medals at the European Handgun Championships and World Shooting Championships. His proudest moment is the bronze medal won with his teammates at WORLDSHOOT 2017 in France.

Julien emphasizes the importance of reliability in both gun and ammunition. He uses GECO factory-made 9mm ammunition for competition and GECO components with RELOAD SWISS RS12 powder for training. His arsenal includes a Phoenix Drake pistol with a TRIJICON SRO for the Production Optics Division, and he selects his equipment from GUGA RIBAS, complemented by SORDIN hearing protection.

Memories of the 2002 WORLDSHOOT in South Africa highlight his varied experiences in competitive shooting. Julien's off-season preparation includes meticulous gun handling, dry firing, and physical CROSSFIT sessions to build strength, endurance, flexibility, and agility.



DYLAN KEPPEL

GECO IPSC team shooter, Netherlands

Growing up in Zoetermeer, the Netherlands, Dylan Keppel was introduced to shooting by his father, John Keppel, a respected IPSC champion. At 14, Dylan's passion for the sport ignited, and by 19, he obtained his gun license, determined to uphold his family's legacy. Known as "The Calculator" for his precision and strategy, Dylan's early years laid the foundation for his career.

Dylan's journey began with a customized gun from gunsmith Maurice Drummen, a tool reflecting his ambition. He found camaraderie and competition in international events enriching, with each experience driving his quest for improvement. A highlight was his podium finish at the EHC 2023, despite not securing first place.

Dylan's rigorous training includes shooting practice, dry runs, and fitness training, relying on his Tanfoglio Stock 3 Master and 9x19 Geco 124 grain ammunition. His off-season focuses on equipment maintenance and mental and physical conditioning, training multiple times a week to enhance his skills.

Preparation for competitions is thorough, with Dylan visualizing each stage and planning his movements and targets meticulously. This methodical approach and dedication make him an outstanding shooter and formidable competitor.

Winning the podium at EHC 2023 was a significant achievement, fulfilling a dream rooted in his youth. Dylan's IPSC journey is marked by determination, precision, and a relentless pursuit of perfection, each bullet contributing to his sporting narrative.

Looking ahead, Dylan aims to compete in high-level events globally, including Level 4 events in Australasia, Africa, and Latin America in 2024. His training will intensify to five sessions per week, combining proven methods and mental preparation to optimize performance.

Supported by GECO, Dylan's discipline and commitment exemplify the values GECO promotes in the shooting community. As he continues to compete and hone his skills, GECO proudly backs him, wishing him continued success and safe competitions. Dylan's journey embodies the spirit of excellence in shooting sports, and GECO looks forward to supporting him in another exciting season.

GECO IPSC team shooter, France

CYRIELLE VIVO

Cyrielle Vivo, born in Antibes, France, initially pursued swimming but discovered a passion for shooting at 22 when she joined the French police force. By 2016, she began competing in IPSC in the production division. She is married and has a two-year-old child.

Cyrielle's dedication to accuracy and consistent shooting is central to her IPSC journey. She remarked, "When I first began shooting, my movements were not particularly fast, but I excelled in accuracy. Over time, I worked diligently to enhance my speed while remaining consistent and precise. One of the greatest pleasures of IPSC is the sense of community it fosters."

Joining the French national team in 2018 was pivotal for her career. Her dedication led to her first French championship title in 2021. Even after becoming a mother in 2022, she achieved the title of vice world champion. In 2023, she became the European vice champion in the production lady division.

Training and equipment are crucial to her success. Cyrielle practices regularly, focusing on interval running, gym workouts, CrossFit, dry fire practice, and mental training techniques. "For practice, I use GECO 9 mm Luger 124-grains ammunition. In competitions, I reload using RS12 powder, 124-grains full metal jacket GECO bullets, and GECO primers. My pistols of choice are PHOENIX Redback 2." She mainly reloads her ammunition using a Dillon 1050 press and GECO components to ensure consistency and quality.

Cyrielle's fondest memory is standing on the podium at the 2022 World Championships, just five months after becoming a mother, proving that being a young mom and an athlete is compatible. She competes in 7-8 competitions per year, including four international trips, with the European Championships being her favorite.

Cyrielle's journey in IPSC showcases her dedication, skill, and passion for the sport, balancing her professional career, personal life, and competitive shooting.

GECO IPSC team shooter, France

EMILE OBRIOT

Emile Obriot began shooting at age seven with a 4.5 mm air pistol, initially for fun alongside his main interest in soccer. His passion for shooting truly began when his father discovered IPSC in 1998, and by 1999, Emile was training with a 38 super auto.

With over 20 years in IPSC, Emile has developed consistent gun-handling skills. He won the European Junior gold medal in 2007 and has since accumulated multiple titles, including silver medals at the European Championships in 2013 and 2016, a bronze medal in 2019, and another bronze at the 2017 World Shoot in the Open category. In 2023, he earned

a silver medal at the European Championship in Greece in the Production Optic division with a Beretta 92X Performance. His current goal is to win the World Shoot in 2025.

Emile reloads his ammunition with GECO components and prefers GECO 124gr FMJ for competition due to its reliable recoil. He cherishes memories from the 2007 European Championship, where he and his father celebrated multiple victories.

During the off-season, Emile takes a break from the range but dry-fires once a week to maintain consistency. He emphasizes the importance of a balanced gym program and is increasingly focused on mental training, including goal setting and visualization.

Having recently switched to Production Optics, Emile is satisfied with his new setup, featuring modifications like a competition hammer from Beretta and a grip from LokGrip. He relies on Double Alpha products for their reliability.

Emile uses a Dillon 1050 to reload his ammunition, ensuring reliability with separate types for competition and training. He participates in 8 to 10 competitions annually, mainly IPSC Level 3 events in Europe. His key focus for 2024 is the Extreme Euro Open, part of his preparation for the 2025 World Shoot in South Africa.

Emile's motivation stems from training and competing with friends and family. His most successful recent competition was the 2023 European Championship in Greece, where he won silver and bronze medals. He found the Extreme Euro Open challenging, finishing 6th.

In competitions, Emile focuses on detailed walk-throughs and thorough preparation, arriving early for physical and mental warm-ups. He maintains a simple diet and adapts his strategy based on the stage design and his physical condition. He advises novices to enjoy the process, be patient, and have fun with friends.

Eduardo De Cobos, born in 1974, is an outstanding Spanish shooter and shooting instructor. He is World Vice President of MiSiA, the main International Shooting Instructors Association of IPSC, and trains IPSC instructors around the world. He has over 30 years of experience in dynamic shooting and holds several titles. His passion for dynamic shooting started in the late 80's as a weekend activity with his father, a national police chief inspector.

EDUARDO DE COBOS

GECO IPSC team shooter, Spain

Eduardo has been a member of the Spanish National IPSC Team since 1998 and is a professional international instructor for police shooting. He is now a multiple IPSC European Champion, Extreme Cup World Champion and Police Shooting World Champion. He has a double function as IPSC master instructor at the University of Barcelona and Girona from the IPSC Postgrade and is also an instructor of the Police Academy.

Eduardo has mastered various IPSC disciplines, including five Spanish championship titles in the open division (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2002), one in the standard division (2005) and all in the production division (2006-2023). And the list of his best performances is still growing. At international level, he has won the European IPSC Shooting Championship in the open division (1998) and in the standard division (2004). He finished sixth at the 2008 World

Championship in Bali and won the bronze medal in the production division at the 2017 IPSC Handgun World Shoot in Châteauroux, France.

Eduardo started his shooting career in the late 1980s with production guns such as Astra SPS, SigSauer, Tanfoglio and Springfield Armory. Over time, specialized categories such as Open and Standard emerged to reflect the technical advances and additional features of the guns. Eduardo's early years were characterized by intensive dry fire training and limited resources. With the support of his family, he acquired his first open handgun and honed his skills to an international level. The support of his employer, ASTRA SPS, provided him with an international platform that allowed him to bring his knowledge and techniques back to Spain and enrich the shooting sport there. After numerous successes in the open division, Eduardo moved to the standard and production divisions for

professional reasons. Despite challenges and technical breakdowns, he remained determined and motivated to promote continuous development and technical innovation. He has been Spanish Champion in IPSC and IPA 32 times.

In 2019, Eduardo was introduced as an official member of the BERETTA team and has been competing with the 92X Performance ever since. This pistol combines the characteristics of its famous predecessors with modern improvements and immediately places the model at the top of its category. Nowadays, GECO is delighted to welcome this top athlete to the GECO IPSC team and looks forward to working with him to shape the future of dynamic shooting. Eduardo remains an inspirational figure in international shooting and continues to strive for excellence in upcoming competitions.



CECILIA LINDBERG

GECO-IPSC-Teamschütze, Schweden



Cecilia Lindberg is a prominent figure in IPSC shooting, celebrated for her dedication and remarkable achievements in the dynamic shooting sports arena. Raised on a farm near Trollhättan, Sweden, she discovered her love for precision and focus at an early age. Her journey into shooting began with air rifle training at 16, which laid the foundation for her future success in competitive shooting. Since joining IPSC in 2013, Cecilia has consistently proven herself as a top-tier athlete.

Specializing in the Production Optics Lady Division, Cecilia has reached significant milestones in her career. In 2022, she earned a bronze medal at the IPSC Handgun World Shoot in Thailand, showcasing her skill and perseverance. She followed this up with an exceptional performance in 2023, winning gold at the European Championship in Greece. These achievements have firmly established her as one of the top competitors in her division and an inspiration to others.

Beyond her competitive success, Cecilia is deeply passionate about sharing her knowledge and inspiring others. She dedicates much of her time to coaching, with a particular focus on encouraging women to enter and thrive in shooting sports. Her training sessions emphasize not only technical skills but also building self-confidence and mental resilience, creating a positive and empowering environment for all participants.

As a proud member of the GECO-IPSC Team, Cecilia embodies the values of precision, innovation, and excellence. She works tirelessly to advance the sport and to inspire a new generation of shooters. Whether on the range or through her coaching, Cecilia's journey highlights the impact of passion, determination, and dedication to both personal growth and the development of dynamic sports.

PATRICK BACULARD

Patrick Baculard, GECO IPSC team shooter, France

Patrick Baculard from France discovered his passion for shooting sports as early as 1980, when he first picked up an air rifle with his father. After successfully switching to the rimfire rifle, he came across IPSC shooting quite by chance in the mountains of Vaucluse. Shortly afterwards, in 1993, he started in the pistol open division and was soon taking part in championships worldwide, including in South Africa, Ecuador and Greece. His passion for the dynamic disciplines developed rapidly, in line with his meteoric sporting career.

As an experienced shooter and trainer, Patrick is a true all-rounder. Whether it's the Open, Standard or Production Optics Division, he rises to every challenge. With over 300 international competitions under his belt, he is also a top trainer with above-average expertise in the sport of IPSC. "Practice makes perfect," he explains, "in the off-season I focus on precision rather than speed." Today, he shoots with his Beretta 92X Performance and relies on GECO 9 mm Luger Full Metal Jacket bullets. "GECO cartridges and Beretta pistols = the absolute winning pair!" He uses self-loaded cartridges with GECO components and tests them carefully for accuracy and speed.

His successes speak for themselves: at the 2024 French Championships, he won two silver medals, including in a discipline in which he had never previously trained with his new pistol, to his own surprise. "It was a very emotional moment for my team. What a wonderful week!"

As an instructor, he trains a dedicated group of 30 shooters in his club. "For mental training, I find total physical relaxation and visualizing the shot to be effective. This helps you to stay focused and calm during competitions," he says. He has been a member of the French Shooting Federation's instructor group since 2023 and is continuously and reliably training new coaches.

He plans his competition season precisely: "From March to October, I focus on international competitions." In a year, he shoots about 30,000 rounds and makes no distinction between training and competition ammunition: "The touch & feel must remain the same."

His advice for beginners: "Focus on getting points instead of getting carried away by speed. And listen to the advice of experienced shooters."

With his knowledge, dedication and perfect equipment, Patrick remains a defining figure in IPSC.



GECO IPSC team shooter, Germany

LUIS EHRHARDT

Thanks to his father's tenacity in dealings with fire-arm authorities, Luis was granted an exemption at the tender age of 13 to be able to train with small-calibre weapons. This is why the promising junior marksman was only allowed to compete in IPSC/Action competitions abroad until after he turned 18. This did not stop him winning the Bianchi Cup European Champion in the Smallbore Open Division, as well as clinching the runner-up spot in the Junior Open. In 2019, he managed an outstanding top-ten ranking with his ninth place in the Bianchi Cup 2019 in the United States. He has also secured leading positions at many national and international IPSC Level III matches, among them 1st place in the Epiphany Match 2019, 1st place in Phantasy Fun 2018, 1st place in the Sickinger Cup 2019, 2nd place in the GECO IPSC Masters 2020, 3rd place in the GECO IPSC Masters 2019, 2nd place in the GECO IPSC Masters 2018, 4th place in the Infinity Open 2019 and 6th place in the Infinity Open 2018.

The young man prefers to shoot "Full House Race Guns" in the IPSC Open Division. Luis pocketed his first Presidents' Medal for winning a Level III match in 2016, aged just 17. Since then he has also been a member of BDS Team Open Germany and is sponsored by GECO.

At the 2019 European Championships in Serbia, he earned an excellent second place in the Open Junior category with his 2011 Race Gun in .38 Super Automatic, for which he uses hand-loaded GECO Small Pistol primers, GECO cases and GECO FMJ bullets with 124 Grains. The young talent took second and third spot in the Open Division at the German IPSC Championships in 2018 and 2019. Luis Ehrhardt can also be proud of his trophy collection in the Bianchi Cup, a competition with four standardised exercises, changing distances and shooting positions, in which competitors must shoot at steel folding and barrel targets under time pressure. Here he uses an STI-based match pistol in the 9 mm Luger calibre, along with highly accurate GECO **HEXAGON** factory ammunition with 124 Grains.

HOW DO I BECOME AN IPSC PRO?

IPSC is a challenging shooting sport that requires quick reactions, precision, and high concentration. Luis Ehrhardt, our young IPSC talent from Germany, shares valuable tips on how to become an IPSC professional.

EARLY START:

In Germany, you can start shooting small caliber (.22 lfb) at the age of 14. Before that, you can practice static shooting with air guns under supervision. At 18, you can move on to dynamic shooting with large caliber firearms.

Luis recommends starting training early to build the essential skills and community network.

Firearm ownership in Germany is strictly regulated:

Small Caliber: At 18 with a psychological evaluation, without it from 21.

Large Caliber: At 21 with a psychological evaluation, without it from 25.

Requirements: 1 year of membership in a shooting club, regular training/competitions, and a firearm proficiency exam.

Luis emphasizes the importance of joining a good club to train regularly and obtain the necessary qualifications. The shooting range should offer the possibility of imitating various IPSC stages.

In countries like the USA, Czech Republic, and France, access to IPSC is often easier. These countries have numerous clubs and competitions to gain experience. The IPSC community is also growing in the Philippines.

Luis suggests taking advantage of international competitions and training camps to learn different techniques and strategies.

KEY TRAINING TIPS:

Regular Training: Weekly practice at the shooting range and dry fire training are essential.

Competitions: Regularly participate in competitions to gain experience and test your skills.

Error Analysis: Analyze your mistakes after each training session and competition to continuously improve.

Further Education: Utilize online courses and train with experienced shooters to expand your knowledge and techniques.

SELF-MANAGEMENT:

Luis highlights that as an IPSC shooter you will develop many valuable skills. You don't just act as an athlete, but also as your own coach, organizer and technician, or you have to hire them. This versatility enhances your self-management. Although the initial costs for equipment and training are high, Luis emphasizes the long-term benefits: you learn to use your resources efficiently and become more independent. As your performance improves, the prospect of sponsorship becomes more realistic, providing additional financial support and recognition.

SUMMARY:

The path to becoming an IPSC professional requires dedication, discipline, and strategic training. Early entry, continuous practice, and striving for improvement are crucial. Luis advises visiting the websites of the Bund Deutscher Sportschützen (www.bdsnet.de) and the Deutschen Schützenbundes (www.dsb.de) and utilizing international training opportunities to further develop your skills. With these tips from Luis Ehrhardt, you have a solid foundation to start and advance your career in the IPSC sport successfully.

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