

IPSC BC Interim Communicable Disease Protocols

On June 29, 2021 the PHO announced, as BC moves into Step 3 of the 'Restart Plan' on July 1; changes to the PHO direction and rescinding of most orders relating to COVID-19. The Emergency Measures Act order relating to mandatory mask use is also being rescinded. The PHO also provided guidance on the transition from COVID-19 safety plans to Communicable Disease Prevention.

Direction for employers has been provided through WorkSafeBC but at this time there is no specific direction to volunteer organizations. Step 3 of the 'Restart Plan' allows for gatherings of up to 5000 or 50% capacity. In addition, sports facilities with a Communicable Disease Plan can return to 'normal' activity levels.

These IPSC BC Interim Communicable Disease Protocols are intended to provide guidance for IPSC BC organized events and will be reviewed and adjusted to incorporate any PHO direction and ViaSport advice.

IPSC BC

The International Practical Shooting Confederation, IPSC, promotes the sport of practical shooting and practical shooting competitions. Through IPSC Canada, IPSC BC administers the sport in British Columbia.

On July 1, 2021, IPSC BC will return to 'normal' operational activities. With the implementation of the following protocols intended to limit the potential exposure and spread of communicable diseases.

The PHO direction continues to emphasize the expectation that individuals whom are sick not attend events, gatherings or workplaces. With this in mind IPSC BC expects that all members will comply with this direction and out of respect for the other competitors not attend any IPSC BC organized activities, if they are sick. Spectators are allowed and are expected to comply with this requirement as well.

Mask use will be optional at all outdoor locations. In indoor facilities or areas, mask use is recommended for any individuals that are fully vaccinated and required for individuals that are not.

Definitions:

- EVENT – IPSC sanctioned match conducted at facility consisting of a number of ranges or a meeting, gathering or training course endorsed by IPSC BC
- RANGE – a portion of a facility that has been designed and approved for shooting activities
- STAGE - A portion of an IPSC match containing one course of fire and related supporting facilities, amenities, shelter and signage
- MASK - non medical face mask which covers the nose and mouth
- SQUAD – a group of competitors, assembled as a cohort for the duration of the event.
- VENUE – a specific range within a facility

Events:

Events consist of, usually, 5-15 stages, spread out over multiple Ranges. The spacing and layout of the stages on the ranges provides for physical distancing. Each range will be considered a separate venue.

Health Check:

Health checks are no longer required by the PHO. The Match Director or event organizer however, may require each participant or staff member to complete a Health Check form and immediately upon arriving at the event, deposit the completed form in a designated location.

Range:

A shooting range may consist of one or more stages. Only one stage will be active at any one time on any given range.

Range Staff:

Staff consists of three Range Officials (CRO, RO and Tablet Official) to coordinate the safe operation of the stage by monitoring safety requirements, supervise competitor activities, scoring and recording results. Additional range staff (usually 7 individuals) are required to restore and reset the stage.

The tablet official (TO) will display the competitors score, to the competitor on the tablet for acknowledgement and the TO will accept the score. The competitor will not touch the tablet and will retrieve a copy of their score from the mobile printer.

Timers and tablets will not be shared between Officials without first sanitizing the items.

Squads:

Competitors move through the stages in squads, usually of less than 10 people.

Physical Distancing and Range Precautions

Each range is physically isolated from the others, for safety reasons. Physical distancing within a Range is straight forward, and necessary for firearms safety.

Hand sanitizer will be available for use upon entering or leaving any range, sanitation stations will be provided. The use of hand sanitizer or proper hand washing is to be encouraged by all competitors, spectators and range staff. Eye protection will always be worn by everyone on the range.

The Range Officers will encourage physical distancing between all individuals at their stage.

Sanitizing

While scoring the stage, the designated patchers will patch the targets and set up any moving targets.

All common touch props or other items will be sanitized between competitors. All Range Official equipment will be sanitized prior to use by another Official.

Written Stage Briefing and Walkthrough

After the Briefing, the Range Officer will allow 4-5 minutes for the walkthrough. Physical distancing will be encouraged during the walkthrough. Range Officials may limit the number of competitors on the stage at a time or establish designated routes to be used during the walkthrough.