



International Defensive Pistol Association

To: IDPA members in Italy  
From: Kitty Richards, IDPA Headquarters  
Date: 12/14/16  
Re: IDPA organizational structure in Italy  
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Recently, some concerns have been brought to the attention of IDPA Headquarters (HQ) regarding the outcome of a meeting held in Rimini on Oct. 29, 2016. This meeting was called by Federico Ianelli, International Point of Contact (IPOC) for Italy, and representatives from all clubs in Italy were invited.

The structure Mr. Ianelli proposed was approved by IDPA HQ, as it is consistent with the rule book of our sport and is the gold standard for successful growth and continuation of IDPA in all countries. This model includes the IPOC as the responsible party for approving matches, overseeing and advising the clubs and members on rules, matches and membership.

This also addresses the policy regarding proximity of matches. In the US, our policy is that sanctioned matches within 500 miles of one another cannot occur on the same weekend. As the distance between clubs in Italy is diverse, HQ approved a change in this policy so that sanctioned events that take place in Italy within 250 miles must have a two week interval so that shooters and staff may participate in multiple matches. This gives each match the opportunity to be successful by not competing with other matches for shooters and SOs. In addition, as per Rule 1.1.5.1, matches that are not sanctioned may not be "named matches". *1.1.5.1 All "named" matches like state, regional, etc., other than a club's local matches must be Sanctioned matches.* The IPOC has the responsibility of approving matches for sanctioning and must confirm they are scheduled and named accordingly.

In addition to ensuring that clubs do not set conflicting dates for sanctioned matches, part of Federico's other duties include overseeing the National or Italian State match. As this match represents all of Italy, it is important that the IPOC ensures that the National match



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is consistent from year to year. It should be representative of everyone which may include moving it around to different clubs each year or bringing the stage design work and creativity of several clubs to one central area for all to enjoy. IDPA HQ supports the concept of Co-Match Directors for a sanctioned match. This has been a successful format in many countries and is employed at the IDPA World and National Championships, where there are three MDs on the MD Staff who work in conjunction with each other. Just like the 2017 State Match that will be happening under the guidance of IPOC Ianelli, SOI Rudy Covre and an MD to be named later, those three volunteers blend their experience and creativity to give the shooters the best possible match experience. We are excited to see different clubs in Italy come together as they design, build and run stages to showcase at this national event!

Another concern recently raised to HQ is that of insurance for shooters. There is no rule or policy in IDPA that mandates shooters have insurance, nor is there any rule that prohibits them from having it.

We are encouraged and impressed with this first step in coordination between the Italian IDPA clubs. Working together, we will build and strengthen our sport.

Please feel free to share this letter with any other individuals or clubs that express any concerns on this subject. As always, please feel free to contact IDPA HQ with issues or concerns.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!