



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Shooter's Handbook



**June 7-9, 2024
Fót, Hungary**

Dear Shooters!

Thank you for registering for the 2024 IDPA European Championship!

The location has not changed, the BTK Shooting Arena has been hosting the competition for years. The shooting range is located in Fót, a 30-minute drive from the center of Budapest.

This year, competitors can compete in 14 stages (13 normal + chrono). When creating this year's courses, we took into account the experiences and wishes of the competitors from previous years. We tried to create high-quality, enjoyable and challenging stages.

The race will take place in 14 stages in 13 bays, where 52 SOs will ensure smooth and safe running.

We would also like to thank the sponsors for standing by us and helping to run the competition at a high level with their support!

We wish you a safe match full of successes and experiences!

Kind regards:



Our Sponsors



Basic information

Registration

Online registration and full administration is done in the practiscore system.

Registration period

You can register for the match from November 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

Registration fee:

150 Euro, the entry fee can be paid by bank card at registration.

On-site check-in:

The day before the match, or the morning of the match, the competitors check-in at the shooting range.

Divisions / Classes

All divisions are open for the match. Each participant can modify the data of the competitors (division/class) themselves until April 30, 2024. After that, it is no longer possible to change divisions/classes. We would like to draw everyone's attention to the fact that if you do not have a valid qualification on the day of the match, you will not be able to participate in the match.

Categories

You can enter the competition in the following categories:

Junior	Age < 17
Senior	Age 50-64
Distinguished senior	Age >=65
Lady	Since birth
International	Lives permanently outside Hungary
Law Enforcement	Active law enforcement officer
Military	Is actively serving in it's country's army

Please make sure your category (if applicable) is selected correctly. We check and fix it before the match starts. REMEMBER, you can only enter in ONE category!

Withdrawal and refund

It is possible to cancel the registration until February 28, 2024. In case of cancellation of the registration, the organizers will refund 80% of the registration fee.

After March 1, the organizers will not refund the registration fee, but the slot can be transferred to another competitor. The registered competitor must inform the organizers about the transfer of the slot. In the information email, all registration data related to the new competitor must be provided. The new competitor will be recorded by the organizers. We will not be able to change the registration list after April 30, 2024.

Match language

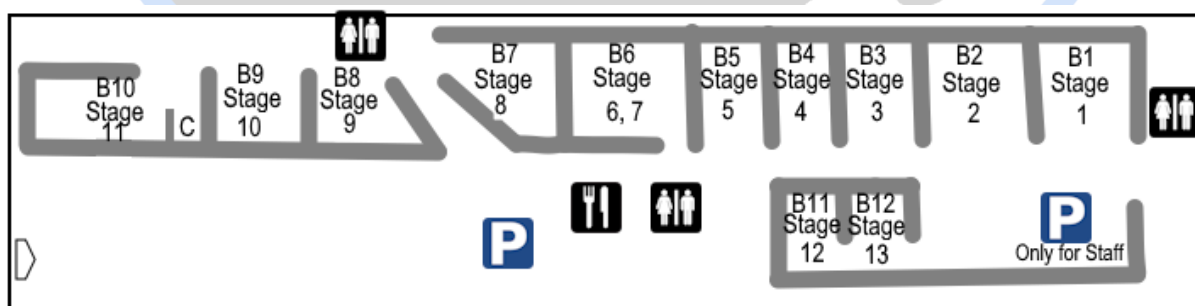
Due to the international nature of the competition, the official language of the match is English. Briefings and explanations are in English.

Schedule

Thursday, June 6		Pre Match
9:00	SO, STAFF	Arrive the shooting range
10:00-17:00	SO, STAFF	Competition
17:00-18:00	STAFF	Pre registratuion for Friday
Friday, June 7		Main Match 1st day
07:00	MD, STAFF	Arrive the shooting range
07:30-8:30	Competitors	Registration for Friday
08:00	SOs	Arrive the shooting range
09:00-17:00	Everybody	Competition
16:00-17:00	STAFF	Pre registration for Saturday
Saturday, June 8		Main Match 2nd day
07:00	MD, STAFF	Arrive the shooting range
07:30-8:30	Competitors	Registration for Saturday
08:00	SOs	Arrive the shooting range
09:00-17:00	Everybody	Competition
16:00-17:00	STAFF	Pre registration for Sunday
Sunday, June 9		Main Match 3th day
07:00	MD, STAFF	Arrive the shooting range
07:30-8:30	Competitors	Registration for Sunday
08:00	SOs	Arrive the shooting range
09:00-17:00	Everybody	Competition
16:00-17:00	Everybody	Appeal time
19:00-23:00	Everybody	Awards ceremony

Number of squads

Due to the smooth course of the competition, we tried to set up manageable squads. On Friday and Saturday, each squad will have 11 competitors. On Sunday, there will be 8 competitors in each squad.



Beginning bay

Each squad starts in its number of bays. E.g.: 201 squad 1st bay, 202 squad 2nd bay, etc.

Award ceremony

The award ceremony will not take place on the shooting range. The award ceremony starts at 7 p.m. We will provide information about the exact location later.

Location

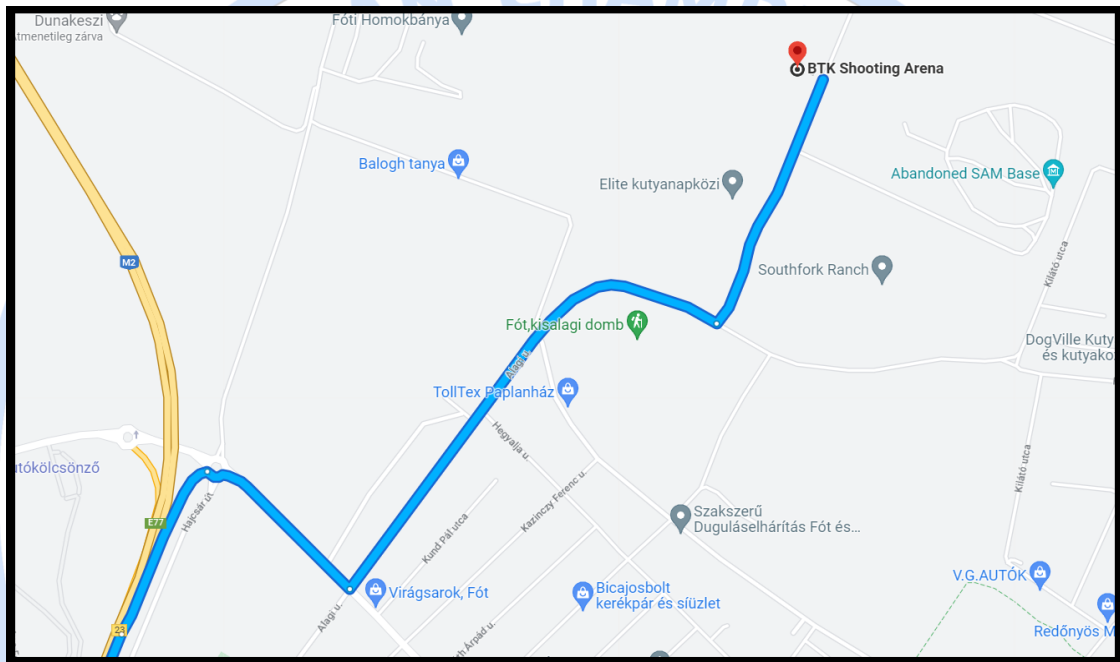
BTK Shooting Arena

Address: 2151 Fót, hours: 09/11

GPS: 47.6427091365295, 19.18676006357233

How to get there: 30 minutes by car from downtown Budapest.

In the navigation, enter: BTK Shooting Arena



Spectators, guests, pets

We warmly welcome spectators and guests. Everyone on the shooting range must wear eye and ear protection.

Pets (other than clearly identified service animals) are not allowed on the shooting range.

Children must always be accompanied by an adult.

Meals

Competitors can buy food, soft drinks and coffee in the local BÜFÉ.

Waste management

Please keep the shooting range and its surroundings clean and dispose of your waste at the designated collection point.

Sanitary facilities

You can find mobile toilets at several points on the shooting range.

Safety rules

The safety of everyone on the course is the most important thing during the competition. Make sure your handling skills are impeccable and that you always know and follow safety rules.

General safety rules for the shooting range

1. Always point the firearm in a safe direction
2. Treat all weapons as if they were loaded
3. Do not put your finger on the trigger until you are ready to fire
4. Always be sure of your goal and what is behind it

Safety angels

On the shooting range, it is forbidden to raise the muzzle above the upper line of the berm, except for revolvers during reloading and with the cylinder open, and PCCs carried in the safety position.

Horizontally, the 180 rule applies to all courses. In addition, the safety flags and muzzle exclusion zones can be defined in the course description, which are explained in the briefing.

Please note, that under no circumstances is it allowed to point the muzzle of the gun to any body part (sweeping).

Cold range

The match will be held under Cold Range rules. Some important points to remember:

- The transfer of the firearm from the bag to the holster and back can only be done in a safety area or under the command of an SO.
- The firearm must be carried in a holster, unloaded, and may not contain a magazine
- Firearms may only be handled on the SO's order or in the security area
- Ammunition can be handled anywhere on the shooting range, except in the safety area.

Safety angles

Unlike the rulebook the safety angles 180° horizontally, vertically the height of the berm.

PCC

Safe handling of the PCC requires special attention, as the firearm cannot be carried in a holster.

- The PCC should be treated as loaded, even if you use an chamber flag
- Directing the muzzle at any person means immediate disqualification, without exception
- PCC is only allowed to be carried between sections in a bag or in a safe position. Safe position: hand on pistol grip or butt, handguard on shoulder, muzzle up, no magazine, empty flag installed, put to safe

First aid

In order to ensure the maximum safety of the competitors, emergency personnel will be on duty at the shooting range during the match.

IDPA rules

The match takes place according to the current rules of the IDPA. Please familiarize yourself with any significant changes that may have occurred.

Equipment check, chrono

Please check that your equipment and ammunition meet the relevant requirements. This includes inspecting all firearms and ammunition used by shooters in accordance with applicable IDPA regulations.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that the equipment used in the match is safe, fully functional and complies with all relevant IDPA rules and applicable Hungarian laws. The SOs can perform equipment checks (weapons, magazines, belts, outerwear) at any time on the courses without further explanation.

All SOs may request additional technical firearms and ammunition inspections from MDs at any time without giving reasons.

We only use objectively determined criteria as described in the current rulebook to check equipment.

Patching and reset of the stage

All shooters must assist in patching targets and resetting stages as defined in the IDPA Code of Conduct.

Please be sure to fix the patch only after the SOs have finished evaluating that target. If you stick before the SOs have finished scoring, you may be penalized.

Scoring

All scoring is done electronically using practiscore. It is the shooter's responsibility to check and approve the score immediately upon completion of a section.

If the shooter is not available to approve the score, the SO will approve him and the score will stand. If a shooter wants to make a personal record of a stage score, they (or their helper) are encouraged to take a photo of the scoring approval page.

Protest period

The result will be published on practiscore.com immediately after the device is synced, after the match is over. All contestants are requested to check their scores. The protest period ends with the start of the awards ceremony.

Foreign competitors

Rental guns

Please be informed that according to the law we are not permitted to rent out guns during the match. We would advise you to get in contact with the MD if you need more information.

Ammunition can not be bought on the range - we are not permitted to sell it.

We would advise you to get in contact with the MD if you need more information.

Ammo

According to Hungarian legislation, all calibers used in IDPA divisions are permitted.

The use of military projectiles (steel, tracer, etc.) is forbidden.

We recommend that you bring 250-300 rounds of ammunition to the competition. If arriving by air, please ensure that you do not exceed the 5 kg maximum weight allowed by IATA for ammunition.

EU/Schengen

Competitors from EU/Schengen countries need a valid European firearms passport and a competition invitation available on the match website or practiscore.

Not EU/Schengen

Competitors coming from non-EU/Schengen member countries must report the importation of weapons at Customs when entering Hungary, where after paying the duty, the weapon is allowed to be transported/imported into Hungary. When issuing the permit, the passport (identity card), the weapon permit, the match invitation letter (downloadable on practiscore) and, where appropriate, the home country's export permit are required. Upon entering the country, a gun tax of HUF 3,000 must be paid in cash or by credit card.

Make sure you have the right visa (if needed) for your tourist and sports visit to Hungary.

Contact us if you have any questions or need help.

Additional information:

Concealed carrying is not allowed

you are allowed to have a gun in your bag at a public place as long as:

- the gun is unloaded
- the magazines aren't loaded
- you are going or coming from the range
- you have license for the firearm
- as a foreigner have invitation for a match

Accommodation

EB staff are accommodated in the Anna Hotel in Budapest. Although this hotel is further away from the shooting range, we chose it based on the experience of previous years. You can find the link to the hotel's website among the useful links.

Since the hotel cannot provide a place for all competitors, we also share the contact information of some other hotels.

The Danubius Hotel Arena is located in an extremely well-frequented location. The city center is only 10 minutes away by metro. The shooting range is 30 minutes.

M0 Caffé & Motel is a small motel with only 10 rooms. Although it is close to the M0 motorway, it is quiet. The shooting range is 20 minutes. Unfortunately, the city center is also 30 minutes away by car.

Stages

The stages will be published in practiscore two weeks before the start of the match.

Useful links

Match homepage	https://idpahungary.hu/
Practiscore registration	https://practiscore.com/idpa-cz-cup-2023/register
STAFF Hotel	https://annahotel-budapest.hu
Hotel	https://www.danubiushotels.com/hu/szallodak-budapest/danubius-hotel-arena
Motel	https://www.momotel.hu/
Ceská Zbrojovska	https://www.czub.cz
Cesar Shop	https://cesar-shop.com
Shield Sights	https://shieldsights.com

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