

"Information on actions of shooters in IDPA competition"

*We saw a video in a recent international match, where the shooter gets a competitive gain by simultaneously drawing the pistol and his spare magazine. In this regard I send you the note from Kitty Richards, who clarifies the meaning of these actions and refreshes us of the **healthy principles** of our IDPA Sport. For the future, keep in mind the meaning of this note. Thank you*

Here is the note by Kitty Richards (information for our IPOCs):

*"In a recent video from an international match, we saw a shooter draw his gun AND his spare magazine at the same time. What the shooter did was not unsafe, but he was gaming the reload for a competitive advantage which he did with spectacular execution. He likely gained a second by doing this on his raw score. This generated a conversation among our Area Coordinators and Rules Team about the posted video. We are sharing this information to inform you of how we view this as many of your members may travel to other matches in the future. **This was a 20 second reload (FTDR)** per rule 5.3.2. (See also Rules 1.2.3 and 1.2.4.5.).*

The purpose and principle of why IDPA was created is outlined in the first section of our Rulebook and has always been something that the originators of the sport envisioned and stand by to this day. It is also their view that the sport has drifted from those origins. A lot has changed in 25 years with both manufacturing technology and the industry demands to produce new products that are both innovative and stimulate sales which has a LOT to do with the rulebook editions in order to keep pace. The last 2 decades of non-conventional warfare fought on both open terrain as well as urban environments has driven tactics and techniques that have also made their way back into the civilian self-defense community that have improved shooter performance from the early days of IDPA ON ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE from what were considered the best practices of Jeff Cooper in the 1990s. Today we are blessed with the Internet which is the curator of all worldly knowledge. This includes a tremendous library of honest to God self-defense videos. We are not obsessed with pouring through every one of these cases online but they do come to our attention from time to time and we have yet to find a video of this particular move to draw your gun AND your spare magazine at the same time. So, in the interest of moving this discussion along, the founders and current owner of IDPA is NOT interested in having a rulebook the size and thickness of the IRS tax code nor care to have matches drift away from a shooting sport and move into a forum governed by Robert's Rules of Order. We have observed that those shooters that try to out game or find ways to cut corners are not the ones at the top of the game after pulling off a stunt. If you look at our better shooters, they are roughly 20% better than the rest of the pack because they just practice the fundamentals to a higher level. The FTDR penalty to deter shooters from bogging a match down is appropriate, as the cited rules indicate.

I know this has come up for a few of you and I hope this information helps.

Thank you"