

CAMOUFLAGE ON IPSC RANGES

All competitors attending Level 2 and above IPSC matches hosted in Northern Gauteng will not be allowed to wear camouflage garments including shirts (long and short sleeved), trousers (long and short), all weather jackets or waist coats. Caps, shooting bags and earmuffs are acceptable.

In terms of para 5.3 of the IPSC Handgun, Rifle and Shotgun Rules, (January 2006 Edition) Appropriate Dress is defined as “*Rule 5.3.1 - The use of camouflage or other similar types of military or police garments is **discouraged**. The exception is competitors who are law enforcement or military personnel. The Match Director will be the final authority in respect of what garments competitors are allowed to wear.*”

We agree that the wearing of camouflage clothing is fashionable of late and that such garments are associated with guns and shooting. However, we are participating in an internationally recognized sport, the rules of which discourage the practice. We have yet to see sports teams or individual players, golfers, athletes, runners or horse riders wearing camouflage clothing. The only exception is the Combat Rifle Shooting discipline where they have their own rules and the wearing of military uniform and accessories is part of the competition.

Furthermore we would like to point out to military personnel and law enforcement officers that if they wish to wear their uniforms while competing during a match they must wear their duty rigs and not any other accessories such as specially developed speed equipment. Generally, the holsters are either blue, black, or green coloured canvas holsters with the flap. Air Force personnel can also wear a black leather holster. Military police officials (SA Army) wear the brown cordura holster system. The press stud on these s must be engaged before commencement of the course of fire. Such military or law enforcement persons must be active meaning that reserve force members must be called up. (see rule 5.2.8)

Because the military equipment is not suitable for this sport from a competitive point of view, no military person will be allowed to compete in his / her uniform at Level 2 and above IPSC matches hosted in the NGPSA province.

This ruling will come into effect with the next league at Vektor on 10 / 11 May 2008. Competitors attending the next SA Nationals at Eeufees over the period 15 / 16 June 2008 will also be scrutinized.

We are trying to maintain high standards which will assist in the ongoing promotion and development of our sport and we ask for your understanding and co-operation.