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WELCOME TO SADPA

The South African Defensive Pistol Association (SADPA) is the umbrella
association for the sport of **IDPA** in South Africa



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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this kit is to provide the necessary information to open a new IDPA club and to affiliate your club to SADPA. The members of the SADPA Executive committee (EXCO) will assist you where they can:

- Examples of Club constitutions;
- Running your first New Shooters Orientation (NSO);
- Helping you with Courses of Fire (CoFs);
- Training of Safety Officers (SOs);
- Helping you run your first shoot (usually the NSO is the first club shoot);
- Initial range equipment information;
- Information on where to buy timers, targets and patches.

2. INTRODUCTION

What is IDPA?

IDPA as a sport is quite simply a firearms sport that utilizes standard, practical equipment including full charge service ammunition to solve simulated “real world” self-defense scenarios. Shooters competing in IDPA events are required to use practical handguns and holsters that are truly suitable for self-defense use. No “competition only” equipment is permitted in IDPA matches since the main goal is to test the skill and ability of an individual, not his equipment or gamesmanship.

Why do we need another shooting sport?

Prior to the formation of IDPA, there was no place to compete and hone one’s skill with equipment designed for and suitable for self-defense. Other shooting sports are just that, sports that have no relevance to self-defense. IDPA offers an exciting forum for practical shooters in which truly practical equipment, techniques and courses of fire are mandated. Prior to IDPA, there was no place at all to compete with common service pistols such as the Beretta, GLOCK or CZ75/85. Nor was there a shooting sport where your concealed carry holster could also be your match holster without handicap. When you come to an IDPA match, not only can you use your duty/CCW equipment, you can be completely competitive with it! Other shooting sports have become equipment “races”; IDPA will not. If you’re interested in using truly practical pistols to solve challenging and exciting defensive shooting problems, then IDPA is the sport for you.



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What are the goals of IDPA?

1. Promote safe and proficient use of guns and equipment suitable for self-defense use.
2. Provide a level playing field for all competitors to test the skill and ability of the individual, not their equipment or gamesmanship.
3. Provide separate divisions for equipment and classifications for shooters, such that guns with similar characteristics are grouped together and people with similar skills compete only against each other.
4. Provide shooters with practical and realistic courses of fire that simulate a potentially life-threatening encounter or that tests skills that would be required to survive a life-threatening encounter.
5. Offer a practical shooting sport that is responsive to the shooters and sponsors, with unprecedented stability of equipment rules.
6. Offer a practical shooting sport that allows the competitors to concentrate on the development of their shooting skills and fellowship with other like-minded shooters.

What type of people compete in IDPA matches?

IDPA membership and matches are open to all people who can legally own a handgun, regardless of occupation, race, sex or religion. IDPA shooters come from all walks of life and include many women, too.

What type of matches does IDPA hold?

Courses fall into three categories:
Self-defense scenarios,
Standard exercises.

The **Self-defense Scenarios** (SDS) are simulations of actual or possible “real world” confrontations. These scenarios typically require shots from 2 - 25 meters and often require the shooter to change firing points and shoot from awkward positions.

Standard exercises (SE) do not attempt to simulate a potential threat situation but are designed to test specific shooting and gun handling skills.

IDPA matches offer diversity and truly test both accuracy and speed. Physical condition has very little to do with your performance in an IDPA match.

What type of equipment do I need to compete in IDPA matches?

IDPA matches typically require the use of a service type pistol or revolver in 9mmP/.38 special or larger calibre.



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Some examples of a common service pistol or revolver:

Beretta 92F, Z88, Star Model 30, Star BM/BKM, Browning Hi-Power, all GLOCK pistols, Sig 226, Colt 1911A1, CZ75/85, CZ100, S&W M&P, H&K USP, HS2000 etc. S&W 686, Taurus 66 or Ruger GP-100 etc.

If your handgun is suitable for self-defense use, it will probably be competitive for IDPA matches.

Practical concealed carry type holsters are stipulated for IDPA use.

The weapon is carried in a common pancake style holster PLUS 3 magazines/speed loaders is all that is needed to be competitive in IDPA matches.

Does IDPA offer a place for both pistols and revolvers?

Yes, as a matter of fact, IDPA competition is divided into five divisions so all popular service type pistols and revolvers will have a place to compete competitively.

They are:

- **CDP - Custom Defensive Pistol Division**
For custom .45 ACP pistol users
- **ESP - Enhanced Service Pistol Division**
For SA Users
- **SSP - Stock Service Pistol Division**
For DA, DAO, Safe Action users
- **CCP - Compact Carry Division**
For users of compact pistols
- **REV - Revolver Division**
For revolver users
- **BUG - Back-Up Gun Division**
For users of sub-compact pistols

What are the advantages of IDPA membership?

1. You will be a member of an international organization devoted to promoting defensive firearms shooting as a sport and preserving your right to own and use self-defense handguns, rifles and shotguns.
2. You will receive an official IDPA rule book.
3. You will be eligible to compete in shooting events at local, national and international levels.
4. You will receive a SADPA membership card certifying you as a member in good standing.



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5. On successful application, you will be supplied with an official SADPA firearm endorsement form, issued by the SADPA Executive Committee if the specific firearm conforms to the relevant IDPA division in order to enhance your firearm application documentation pack.

3. CLUB START-UP PROCESS

The following is the general process to start a club.

- The new club must designate a person to be the central point of contact between the club and SADPA. This could be the chairperson of the club committee, which is also a safety officer or any person designated by the committee, who is preferably also a safety officer.
- The club must have access to and host shoots at a NRCS Accredited Shooting Range – Certificate number and expiration date is required for affiliation.
- The club must be prepared to host a minimum of 6 club shoots per annum, open to all members of SADPA.
- The club must have a constitution
 - Sample provided in section 7.
- If required, arrange with SADPA to host a demo shoot at your range.
- The Club itself as well as individual club members should affiliate to SADPA
 - Forms provided in section 8.
- Arrange with SADPA for the presentation of
 - a New Shooter Orientation program, together with a Classifier shoot (NSO is explained in section 4); and
 - A Safety Officers training session either at your own range or at an existing SADPA affiliated club.
 - The NSO could be integrated with a demo shoot.
- SADPA can also provide scoring software and training in the use of provided scoring software.
- Acquire range props / equipment, targets, timers, etc.



4. HOW TO RUN A MATCH

RULES AND SAFETY

Even if you have never had any experience in competitive combat shooting or shot at any organized shooting events, you can enjoy starting your own local IDPA affiliated club.

The most important thing is that all the people involved in running the match fully understand IDPA rules, safety and scoring procedures.

To better understand the rules, contact a safety officer instructor about a class in your area.

RANGE

- You will need to have an accredited range to host a shoot.
- Are there local ranges available; private gun clubs, public ranges, police or military ranges? When using private or police ranges, always be courteous and professional. If you use a host range, the host range must be willing to comply and accept all IDPA rules that are currently in force.
- Always leave the range in the condition you found it, or better, when you are through.
- Ensure that your scheduled dates for shoots are confirmed with the Director Matches and Competition and do not conflict with nearby clubs' calendar
- Environmental impact of your range use; objection to noise, bullet impact area, shooting curfew and their effects on the community must be addressed.
- Select safe range facilities. Look at backstops, berms, safe target distances and angles of fire. Ricochets from rocks, concrete, angle iron, and range surfaces must be considered. Ensure that safety precautions have been made and the telephone numbers of local emergency response units are known and recorded.
- Ideally, telephone communication should be at the range and rest room facilities and related supplies need to be provided.



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FIRST AID KITS

- Make sure first aid kits are available and directions to the range are also recorded with the emergency response unit you are most likely to contact.

5. FIRST SHOOT

The first shoot a club would host is a NSO together with a Classifier match.

Make sure that each shooter understands the directions of how each string of fire is to be shot.

Do not assume that new shooters will know what to do simply by watching someone shoot before them. Always ask if there are any questions and explain the rules.

6. NEW SHOOTER ORIENTATION (NSO)

- All of the NSO requirements are found on the SADPA website;
- The strings and specifications that is required for the classifier match that accompanies the NSO, which can be found in the IDPA Rulebook.
- The NSO is required for all new members

7. COURSES OF FIRE

When hosting a sanctioned shoot, your shoot has to consist of a minimum of four courses of fire and a minimum of 55 round count for any Tier 1 level match.

Tier 2 to 4 matches also has minimum requirements as per the IDPA Rulebook.

8. MATCH ADMIN

Assign someone to handle the match sign-up and registration. When shooters show up at the range, have an area clearly marked with signs that show new shooters where to go for registration.

At the registration area, you can have a table with a clerk to take the match fee, require each shooter to sign a range/club liability waiver and inform new shooters or visiting members as to where to start etc.



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SHOOTING COSTS

SADPA will issue a recommended minimum Sanctioned Match Fee to all clubs and it is expected that clubs maintain this fee in order for all competitors to know in advance what the fee will be.

A minimum of R 100 and a maximum of R 120 is suggested for Sanctioned matches.

9. RANGE AND SHOOTING RULES

A posted list of range rules can be displayed that tells new shooters what safety rules to follow.

As a rule, the match sign up area should be in a location that allows for talking and will not have conversations drowned out by the sound of close by gunfire.

You should have score books/sheets for each match or stage. Sample score sheets can be supplied by SADPA. This will make scoring simple and result in fewer scoring mistakes. Score books can be obtained from the Secretary of SADPA.

SCORING

- Have the shooter put his name, division and class on each score sheet and at the end of each stage sign and retain the duplicate of the score sheet. Turn in the score sheets to the person that has the task of scoring to make sure that all scores are compiled the same way.
- Keep your scoring system simple; make sure that the contestants understand how their score was calculated.
- SADPA supplies a mandatory format for shooters' attendance to be captured.
- The Scorer will either upload the completed scores him/herself to the website, alternatively submit same to the Director Administration for capturing.

RANGE PROCEDURES

- Each shooter has to help picking up of brass, patching targets and/or reset the range for following shooters. This will reduce the workload for safety officers.
- After each stage double-check the score sheets to make sure final scores are correct. Shooter as well as SO signs each score sheet.



10. GUN HANDLING AREAS

Ranges used for IDPA matches should have a gun handling area where shooters can handle their weapon safely.

Always have a safety officer oversee the handling of a handgun that leaves the firing line loaded that cannot be cleared because of damage or broken parts.

11. RANGE PROPS

You need (minimum) the following:

- 1 x Bianchi barricade
- 1 x 220 liter Oil Drum
- 3 x target stands
- 6 x brandering
- 3 Targets – only IDPA Approved targets
- 1 x Shot timer (not a cellular application)

12. RANGE CHECKLIST

Have a checklist for needed range gear and materials for the match. A sample is provided in the following pages.

Phase of match	Item to check	Equipment
Preparation	<u>Appointment of officials</u> 1. Match Director (qualified SADPA SO) 3. Safety Officer	
		Targets Paper Target Stands Brandering Barricade Screens Tables Chairs
	<u>Logistics:</u> Confirm and prep equipment.	Targets Paper Target Stands Brandering Barricade Screens Tables Chairs Measuring Tape



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Phase of Match	Item to check	Equipment
		Stage Briefing Staple gun & staples. Timer Clipboard Patches Spare targets / branding.
	<u>Admin / Stats:</u> Have Scoresheets available (available at SADPA secretary)	Indemnity forms Range Register
EXECUTION	<u>Reception:</u> 1. Registration 2. Check equip for division. 3. CSO briefing to SO's.	

13. MATCH/STAGE PLANNING

Director Matches and Competitions will assist in vetting of COF's as well as providing guidance in terms of shoot planning

14. NEW SHOOTER ORIENTATION

The full and detailed NSO course documentation is included on the website www.sadpa.co.za.

15. HOSTING A MATCH

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE MET:

- A. Club matches and facilities must be open to all IDPA members.
- B. Clubs must follow IDPA rules and principles.
- C. Clubs must agree to hold a minimum of six matches per year.



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- D. Clubs must run a classifier as one of their monthly matches at least once each year thereby insuring that competitors have a current and appropriate classification as per Rule 9 in the IDPA Rulebook.

(Details will be provided by SADPA).

All **SADPA members and SADPA affiliated clubs** must please take note that:

1. **Only** IDPA/ SADPA members may be allowed to shoot a classifier;
2. **Only** IDPA/SADPA members who are classified in terms of IDPA rules may be allowed to shoot a league match or any other match of higher status;
3. Non IDPA/SADPA member are not allowed to participate in any IDPA/SADPA matches.
4. Due to the fact that noncompliance to IDPA rules may affect SADPA's IDPA status, SADPA must strictly enforce IDPA membership policy and must take the appropriate steps against any club that does not comply to IDPA membership policy.
5. Club chairmen should take specific notice of the wording of "IDPA individual Membership Policy" - Rule number 4.
6. Club chairmen must follow the club criteria quoted above.
7. Annual membership fees are payable to SADPA before the end of February of each year.
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Noncompliance to these rules may influence an individual member's and/or all of a club's members, with respect to dedicated sportsmen status.

SADPA Club Affiliation fees are as follows:

- **1-9 members R100**
- **9-20 members R200**
- **20 members plus R300**

SADPA annual membership fee for each individual is **R400.00**, and account details as follows:



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Standard Bank of SA Limited
Account name: SADPA
Branch code: 006305 - Northcliff
Account number: 200 527 231

16. SADPA CONSTITUTION

A copy of the SADPA CONSTITUTION as well as the Policies and Procedures can be found on the website www.sadpa.co.za.

Please read it very carefully.

17. SADPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The contact details for the Exco can be found on the website www.sadpa.co.za

18. RULEBOOK

A copy of the latest IDPA Rule book/Addendums can be found on the website www.sadpa.co.za

19. FORMS

South African Defensive Pistol Association –

Membership Application for individual members can be found at www.sadpa.co.za

Indemnity form for shoots can be found at www.sadpa.co.za

20. NEW CLUB AFFILIATION FORM



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New Club Affiliation Form

Club Name:

Club Home Range Name:

Club Range NRCS Accreditation:.....

Certificate Number:

1. Date Issued:

2. Expiry Date:

3. Club Region:

Club Postal Address:

Club E-Mail Address:

Club Contact Details

1. Name:

Surname:

E-Mail:

Tel. No.:

Fax No.:

Cell No. :

2. Name:

Surname:

E-Mail:

Tel. No.:

Fax No.:

Cell No.:

(Optional) Directions / Map showing location of range

Upcoming Club events to be diarized and submitted to SADPA Exco within 28 days of registration