

# ICORE Policies and Procedures Manual

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# 1.0 ICORE Classification Policy

(Approved 12 April 2010)

# 1.1 Purpose of Classification Policy

The current ICORE Classification System was re-baselined in 1999 with the advent of ICORE as an independent entity. Prior classifications were a mixture of actual scores from informally released classifiers, an assessment of the member's performance at the IRC, and other non-specific valuations of the member's ability. Since 1999, the classification system has collected thousands of scores and membership has grown. This establishes the policy and methods that will be applied to determining member classifications.

# 1.2 Administration

# 1.2.1. Effectivity

The original effective date for this Classification Policy is 1 May 2010.

#### 1.2.2. Recision

This Classification Policy will remain in effect indefinitely unless otherwise amended by the ICORE Board. Proposed revisions to this policy must be submitted to the Board through the contact in 1.2.3.

#### 1.2.3. Point of Contact

The Statistician is the point of contact via email at stats@icore.org.

# 1.3 Policy

# 1.3.1. Class Breakpoints

The classification breakpoints shall be as follows for the ICORE Divisions (section 11.1 of current ICORE Rule Book). Percent calculations are rounded down to 3 decimals.

95% to 100% GM (Grand Master) 85% to 94.999% M (Master) 75% to 84.999% A 60% to 74.999% B 45% to 59.999% C 0% to 44.999% D

# 1.3.2. Scores Re-Indexed on 1 January Each Year

On 1 January of every year, all existing classifier score percentages may be recalculated based on the current reference ("best") score. Classifications shall be recalculated and assigned based on the re-indexed scores. Shooters who have an assigned or "earned" classification by virtue of demonstrated ability, finish at a major

match, or finish at the International Revolver Championship (IRC), shall remain unchanged by the re-indexing process.

# 1.3.3. Only One Grade Level Difference Allowed Between Divisions

Effective 1 May 2010, a member shall be allowed only one (1) grade difference between the high and low classification assigned or earned. Classifications that are two (2) or more grades below the highest Division shall be adjusted upward to meet the one (1) grade limit. Adjusted classifications shall be identified in the posted classification data on the ICORE web site.

# 2.0 Policy for New ICORE Clubs

(Approved 19 September 2018)

# 2.1 Purpose of New Club Policy

The intent is to check into acceptability of the new club application.

# 2.2 Administration

# 2.2.1. Effectivity

The effective date for this Policy is 19 September 2018.

#### 2.2.2. Recision

This New Club Policy will remain in effect indefinitely unless amended by the ICORE Board.

#### 2.2.3. Point of Contact

The Treasurer is the point of contact via e-mail at <a href="mailto:treasurer@icore.org">treasurer@icore.org</a>.

# 2.3 Policy

# 2.3.1. ICORE Club Applications

An application for a new club will not necessarily be approved automatically. The Treasurer or designee will present to the Board via e-mail or during a Board meeting. The Board or Treasurer will check with at least one of the following to confirm suitability of the (a) proposed club contact and (b) range/club for ICORE affiliation:

- → An ICORE Regional Representative
- → An ICORE Club Contact
- → An ICORE Board member
- → Any appropriate officials who may be from other shooting organizations

# 3.0 ICORE Range Officer (RO) Policy for Regional Championship Matches and the International Revolver Championship (IRC)

(Approved 19 September 2018)

# 3.1 Purpose of Policy

Members attend Regional Championships and the IRC at great personal expense. Our participants deserve a quality and well-administered match.

# 3.2 Administration

# 3.2.1. Effectivity

For ROs serving at the <u>IRC</u>, the initial effective date for this Policy was 1 January 2019.

For ROs serving at <u>Regional Championships</u>, the effective date is 16 March 2022, which is the date of approval of the Policy revision by the ICORE Board.

#### 3.2.2. Recision

This Policy will remain in effect indefinitely unless amended by the ICORE Board. In the case of the IRC, this policy will be incorporated into the match agreement between ICORE and the IRC host.

#### 3.2.3. Point of Contact

The Rules Director is the point of contact via e-mail at <a href="mailto:rules@icore.org">rules@icore.org</a>.

# 3.3 Policy

# 3.3.1. RO Prerequisites for Regional Championships and the IRC

To serve as an ICORE Range Officer at ICORE Regional events or the IRC, the following conditions must be met:

- → Must be a member classified in at least one Division
- → Must be selected by the Match Director and confirmed with the Rules Director
- → Must be proficient in operating a timer and electronic tablet (unless match is scored solely by paper)

ICORE members who are new members or who have minimal or no experience serving as range/safety officers and managing shooters will be expected to work with their ICORE club contacts or match directors and volunteer at local ICORE matches to gain experience before they may be assigned to RO positions at Regional matches and the IRC.

## 3.3.2. Rules Review

After these prerequisites have been met, the member must attend an ICORE rules review by the Rules Director or designee. The review may be presented in a variety of ways such as a training class, a live online review, or seminar. Upon completion, the membership record will be marked as having attended a review.

# 3.3.3. Use of Assistants, Non-Members, or Non-ICORE ROs

Staff who are not qualified ICORE ROs may assist the stage CRO with administrative tasks (e.g., electronic tablet, transcribing scores to paper).

# 3.3.4. Approvals

The ICORE Rules Director (or designee) and the Regional/IRC Match Director shall approve RO selection and stage assignments (including CRO assignments).

# 4.0 ICORE Policy Regarding Key Staff for the International Revolver Championship (IRC)

(Approved 19 September 2018)

# 4.1 Purpose of Policy

The IRC is the annual premier event for ICORE. Members attend at great personal expense, including global travel. Our participants deserve a quality and well-administered match.

# 4.2 Administration

# 4.2.1. Effectivity

The effective date for this Policy is 1 January 2019.

#### 4.2.2. Recision

This Policy will remain in effect indefinitely unless amended by the ICORE Board of Directors. The policy will be incorporated into the match agreement between ICORE and the IRC host.

# 4.2.3. Point of Contact

The Rules Director is the point of contact (for the Board) via e-mail at <a href="mailto:rules@icore.org">rules@icore.org</a>. Names of the proposed MD, RM, and ROs shall be submitted to the Rules Director unless they had already been confirmed, for example, following a winning proposal to host the event.

# 4.3 Policy

# 4.3.1. Match Director (MD) and Range Master (RM) - Selection

With guidance from the Chairman and Rules Director, the Board shall concur on the selection of the MD and RM for the IRC. If requested by the approved MD, the Rules Director may serve as RM. If the Rules Director does not serve in the capacity of RM, the Rules Director (or designee) shall be present to provide guidance as an advisor or assistant RM as needed.

# 4.3.2. Range Officers (RO) and Range Master (RM) – Required Rule Review

The Rules Director shall concur on RO selection and their stage assignments. ROs and the RM shall participate in a rules review by the Rules Director (or designee) prior to the start of the match. Any member who has not participated in the rules review is not eligible to serve as RO for the IRC.

#### 4.3.3. Use of Assistants, Non-Members, or Non-ICORE ROs

Staff who are not qualified ICORE ROs may assist the stage CRO with administrative tasks (e.g., electronic tablet, transcribing scores to paper).

# 5.0 Policy Regarding Match Stages for ICORE Events Above the Club Level

(Approved 19 September 2018)

# 5.1 Purpose of Policy

The intent of this policy is to ensure that stages used in matches above the club level meet the requirements and intent of the current ICORE Rule Book and this policy manual, with the stages to be used requiring review and approval by the Rules Director.

# 5.2 Administration

# 5.2.1. Effectivity

The effective date for this Policy is 19 September 2018.

#### 5.2.2. Recision

This Policy will remain in effect indefinitely unless amended by the ICORE Board of Directors. As a courtesy reminder, this policy will be incorporated into the match agreement between ICORE and the IRC host.

#### 5.2.3. Point of Contact

The Rules Director is the point of contact via e-mail at rules@icore.org.

# 5.3 Policy

# 5.3.1. Stage Submittal

Each Match Director (MD) or designee shall submit the written stage briefings (WSB) and stage diagrams to the Rules Director at least 45 days before the start date of the match. E-mail is acceptable.

## 5.3.2. Stage Review

The Rules Director (or his designee) will review the written stage briefings (WSB) and stage diagrams. The Rules Director will reply to the MD within three (3) days, either with approval or recommendations for revisions.

#### 5.3.3. Revisions

If revisions are necessary, the MD shall return the revised stages to the Rules Director for approval within the next three (3) days.

# 6.0 Policy Regarding the "ICORE Service Award"

(Approved 19 September 2018)

# 6.1 Purpose of Policy

The ICORE Board originally established this in 2007 as a perpetual trophy under the name of "Dave Bellis Memorial Award". The name of this award has been changed to the "ICORE Service Award". The intent is to present the award every year in conjunction with the International Revolver Championship (IRC) to recognize contributions of an ICORE member for dedication, service, and achievement in support of ICORE.

# 6.2 Administration

# 6.2.1. Effectivity

The effective date for this Policy is the year 2007, and the revised effectivity of the name change is 16 March 2022.

#### 6.2.2. Recision

This Policy will remain in effect indefinitely unless amended by the ICORE Board of Directors.

#### 6.2.3. Point of Contact

The Treasurer (or designee) is the point of contact via e-mail at treasurer@icore.org.

# 6.3 Policy

# 6.3.1. Selection of Recipient

The next award recipient will be a joint decision by the last recipient and the Board. The selection must be made in time to prepare the trophy/award for the presentation. Since the award will be announced during the IRC award ceremony, the recommendation and selection shall be made at a Board meeting about two (2) months prior to the IRC.

# 7.0 Policy Regarding the Distribution of ICORE Award Money (Approved 19 September 2018)

# 7.1 Purpose of Policy

The intent is to document a consistent policy to be implemented across all Regional Championships. This policy may also apply to other Board-approved matches such as a state championship if awards are funded by ICORE.

# 7.2 Administration

# 7.2.1. Effectivity

The effective date for this Policy is 19 September 2018.

#### 7.2.2. Recision

This Policy will remain in effect indefinitely unless amended by the ICORE Board of Directors.

#### 7.2.3. Point of Contact

The Treasurer (or designee) is the point of contact via e-mail at <a href="mailto:treasurer@icore.org">treasurer@icore.org</a>.

# 7.3 Policy

## 7.3.1. Distribution of Money to Winners

Money approved by the ICORE Board for Regional Championship awards shall be distributed as follows:

- → \$100 to the winner of each of the ICORE Divisions
- ⇒ \$25 to the high-finishing shooter in each of the Special Recognition Categories
  (SRC) as defined in the ICORE Rule Book

# 7.3.2. Redemption

The MD will receive the award certificates electronically or by paper. The certificates will have instructions on how the winners can redeem them for the cash prize. Award money will be withheld if there are no shooters registered in a Division or SRC.

# 8.0 Policy for Running a Regional Championship

(Approved 16 March 2022)

# 8.1 Purpose of Policy

The intent is to document a consistent policy across all Regional Championships (hereinafter "Regional"), while allowing the individual hosts to retain the unique characteristics of their sites. This policy may also apply to other Board-approved matches if awards are funded by ICORE.

## 8.2 Administration

# 8.2.1. Effectivity

The effective date for this Policy is 16 March 2022.

#### 8.2.2. Recision

This Policy will remain in effect indefinitely unless amended by the ICORE Board.

#### 8.2.3. Point of Contact

The Regional Series Director is the point of contact via e-mail at <a href="match@icore.org">match@icore.org</a> and must present all requested Regional dates to the Board for approval.

# 8.3 Policy

# 8.3.1. Regional Representative Responsibilities

- ☐ Identify a host <u>and</u> date(s) for the Regional match and notify the MSD
- ☑ Communicate with the Match Director to ensure that event planning is running smoothly
- ☑ Report issues or problems to the Regional Series Director
- ✓ Work with the Match Director to ensure that the match report is submitted within fourteen (14) days of the match (match report form to be released)

# 8.3.2. Match Director Responsibilities

- Ensure that all registered competitors are current ICORE members (current membership as of registration is suggested, but current membership as of match day is mandatory)
- ☐ Design stages per ICORE Rule Book and Policy 5.0 of this manual
- ☐ Recommend qualified individuals for match staff per Policy 3.0 of this manual
- ☑ Appoint a Range Master
- ☑ Assign a CRO for each stage
- ✓ Organize a prize table

- Supply match results and classifier scores (as a Practiscore or other link) to the ICORE Statistician (or designee) within three (3) days of match completion
- ✓ Work with the Regional Representative to ensure that the match report is submitted within fourteen (14) days of the match (match report form to be released)

# 8.3.3. General Match Requirements

All aspects of the match must be compliant with the "ICORE Rule Book" and "ICORE Policies and Procedures Manual". Both documents available on the ICORE website are considered to be the current version.

NOTE: While the ICORE Rule Book is always in effect for Regionals, match directors are reminded of several frequently overlooked pieces of a Regional, including Special Recognition Categories, stage design, chronograph, and paper backup scoring.

A Regional must meet the following:

- ☐ Capability to host at least 100 competitors, including staff (ROs and assistants)
- ☑ Safe areas/tables must be available at the host facility
- ☑ Must include at least eight (8) stages
- ☑ Every 8 stages must contain exactly one ICORE classifier
- Although a chronograph stage is required per the ICORE Rule Book, it is in addition to all of the regular match stages
- Any "unique rules" specific to the host range (e.g., double-tapping steel, hitting side walls at indoor ranges) must be listed in match advertising and announcements

# 8.3.4. Stage Requirements

Policy 5.0 in this manual covers the required pre-approval of match stages. The match must also contain limited and unlimited scoring stages. The use of cardboard and steel targets is recommended.

# 8.3.5. Staff Requirements

Policy 3.0 of this manual applies to staffing (ROs and assistants).

## 8.3.6. ICORE Award Money for Winners

Policy 7.0 of this manual applies to the distribution of ICORE award money.

# 8.3.7. Post-Match Report

The report will be available as a fillable form for the match director to complete and send to the Regional Series Director <u>and</u> Treasurer after the match. The report will include fields for these items:

- The Region
- Location, date, and match fee

- Match Director and Range Master
- Number of competitors
- Number of stages and total round count
- Link to online results (e.g., Practiscore)
- List of money winners (Divisions, SRCs, any other certificates)
- Cost of rental or other fee charged by the range (if applicable)
- Shooter swag content
- Any RO compensation
- Prize table details
- Sponsor list
- Any special random drawings
- Other notes or info to share with ICORE

# 9.0 Policy for the International Postal Match (IPM)

(Approved 16 March 2022)

# 9.1 Purpose of Policy

The intent is to document a policy for an international postal match to promote revolver-only shooting, ICORE, and friendly competition around the world for members and non-members, while remaining in compliance with the ICORE Rule Book (except where noted).

## 9.2 Administration

# 9.2.1. Effectivity

The effective date for this Policy is 16 March 2022.

#### 9.2.2. Recision

This Policy will remain in effect indefinitely unless amended by the ICORE Board of Directors.

#### 9.2.3. Point of Contact

The IPM Match Director is the point of contact via e-mail at the address posted on the Board contacts page of the ICORE website. If desired, the IPM Match Director may ask the ICORE Chair for an IPM committee to assist with various tasks. The ICORE Treasurer is the point of contact for award money.

# 9.3 Policy

# 9.3.1. General Information

Start date: July 1 of each year

End date: December 31 of each year (may be extended

through the next Sunday to allow for weekend IPM

opportunities)

Deadline to submit results: Seven (7) days after the end date Regular Divisions: Classic, Limited, Limited 6, Open

Non-regular Division: Rim Fire

Regular Division Classes: GM, M, A, B, C, D, Unclassified Special Recognition Categories: As defined in the ICORE Rule Book

#### 9.3.2. Responsibilities of IPM Match Director (or Committee, if applicable)

Develop four (4) stages, including the written stage briefing, in accordance with the ICORE Rule Book. Consideration must be given to clubs with small or indoor bays. Limit stage depth to a maximum of 45 feet. Stages should be limited and unlimited and should include a variety of dimensions and targets. By May 17, send stages to the Rules Director at rules@icore.org for review.

Rules Director reserves the right to edit the stage dimensions. Coordinate with the Rules Director for the stages to be tested prior to release.

- Ensure that the stages (with written stage briefing, match instructions, and any helpful set-up photos/tips) are published to the membership and posted on the ICORE website. Must include the info from **9.3.3.** in the match instructions.
- Once the IPM is underway, collect the results and save in a secure folder awaiting the final results deadline. (TIP: It works well to have a second person collecting duplicates of the results just in case yours are lost/defective.)
- Reply to general questions from the individual club match directors. Send rules-related questions to the Rules Director to answer.
- ☑ IMPORTANT: Check all shooters for current membership and correct classification as of the end date of the IPM. Regardless of when any individual shot the IPM, the classification and membership status used for tallying final results is the end date of the IPM.
- Determine results sorted by special recognition categories, divisions, and classes in each division. Ensure results are published.

# 9.3.3. Match Requirements and Special Instructions to the Local Club Match Directors and Shooters

- Except where specified, all aspects of the IPM must be compliant with the ICORE Rule Book. <a href="http://icore.org/rulebook.phtml">http://icore.org/rulebook.phtml</a>
- Setup and results are on an honor system. Please respect this.
- o Clubs may run the IPM as many times as they want.
- o Participants may shoot the IPM as many times as they want.
- Participants may shoot as many different Divisions as they want.
- NOTE: Participants are <u>not</u> permitted to shoot the same Division more than once per day.
- Clubs that cannot accommodate all four (4) stages at their ranges on the same day may split up the stages and shoot them on different days. Scores for the four stages must be submitted on the same scoresheet.
- Club match directors are responsible for marking the correct Special Recognition Categories, classifications, and membership status on the scoresheets. Tell club match directors to check member records on the ICORE website for correct info on their shooters.
- Expired memberships are treated as "non-members and unclassified".
- Scores not submitted in compliance with the good spirit of this match may be voided.

## 9.3.4. Prizes

The Treasurer will award the cash prizes directly to the winners through electronic payment or check. Award money will be withheld if there were no shooters in any Division, Class, or Special Recognition Category.

- o Cash for winners who are ICORE members
- o Complimentary one-year ICORE membership for any non-member winners
- o \$100 each to the winner of Classic, Limited, Limited 6, Open Divisions
- \$25 to the winner of Rim Fire Division
- o \$25 to the winner of each Class in Classic, Limited, Limited 6, and Open
- o \$35 to the winner of each of the Special Recognition Categories