

Some common terms, Definitions and Explanations

Please see the IDPA rule book for more information

Black paint on a target- The black paint is considered hard cover. A hit in the black area is scored as a miss and accessed a 5 second penalty.

Cold Range- All firearms are to be unloaded and holstered at all times, unless under direct supervision of a Safety Officer (SO). This also means no unloaded magazine in the firearm. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification (DQ).

CSO- Chief Safety Officer.

DQ- Disqualification. A penalty for more egregious infractions. The Match Director (MD) must be notified of a possible DQ and has the final say. Please see section 5.4 of the IDPA rule book for more information on DQs and other penalties.

Fault Line- The line that represents a point of cover. The shooter must stay behind the fault lines until all visible targets are engaged. Failure to do so results in a 3 second procedural error penalty.

HNT/HNS- Hit on a Non-Threat / Hit on a Non-Shoot, the terms are interchangeable. A hit on one of these results in a 5 second penalty.

MD- Match Director. The person in charge of the match. Often is the one designing the stages. The MD has final say in match decisions and must be notified in the case of certain penalties.

Non-Threat / Non-shoot Target- Targets identified by a pair of hands painted in black on the target. These are not supposed to be shot as they represent a “non-threat”.

Pasting- Putting stickers over the bullet holes in the targets between shooters. All shooters are expected to help paste targets.

PE- Procedural Error. A 3 second penalty for rule violations. Please see section 5.1 of the IDPA rule book for more information on PEs and other penalties.

Points Down- Time added to score for hitting outside the center zone of torso or center of head. Time added is in either 1- or 3-seconds increments for hitting outside the center zones, or 5 seconds for a complete miss.

Raw Time- The time it took to shoot a stage in seconds. This is before any points down or penalties are accessed.

Safety Table- Tables set up for uncasing and casing firearms, or firearm maintenance. NO LOADED MAGAZINE OR LIVE AMMO HANDLING ALLOWED AT SAFETY TABLES.

SO- Safety Officer. The persons (at least two) running each squad through the stages. In charge of score keeping and making sure all the safety requirements and rules are followed.

Stages- A series of target to be engaged. May also be called Course of Fire (CoF)

Squad- A group of shooters going through the stages together.

