

## Appendix EIGHT - Classification Match

### Limited Vickers Count Scoring

The classifier is designed to be shot as a continuous ninety (90) round match. While it is permissible to allow re-shoots due to gun problems and/or mental shooter errors for the purpose of accurate classification, no re-shoots are to be permitted of individual strings of fire. If the classifier is part of a scored match or the shooter is trying to attain a five (5) gun award, no re-shoots are permitted and it must be shot as one continuous ninety (90) round course of fire.

For positions for each string, refer to position chart after CoF description. Pistols must start from the mechanical condition of readiness appropriate to their design and be loaded to division capacity.

### A. Stage One.

#### 7 Yards

String	Position	Instructions	Shots
1	1	Draw and fire two (2) shots to the body and one (1) to the head on T1.	3
2	1	Draw and fire two (2) shots to the body and one (1) to the head on T2.	3
3	1	Draw and fire two (2) shots to the body and one (1) to the head on T3.	3
4	1	Draw and fire two (2) shots at each head T1-T3.	6
<b>*** Hits below the head area that are result of string 4 should be pasted before shooting String Five ***</b>			
5	1	Start with gun in "WEAK" hand pointed down range at a 45° angle, safety may be off, but finger must be out of trigger guard, fire one (1) shot at each T1-T3. WEAK HAND ONLY	3
6	1	(Load 3 rounds MAX. in pistol) Start back to targets, turn and fire one (1) shot at each, T1-T3, reload from slide lock and fire one (1) shot at each, T1-T3	6
7	1	Draw and fire two (2) shots at each T1-T3 "STRONG" hand only.	6

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## B. Stage Two.

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### 10 Yards

String	Position	Instructions	Shots
1	2	Draw and advance toward targets, fire 2 shots at each T1 - T3 while moving forward (all shots must be fired while moving) there is a forward fault line at the 5yd line for this string.	6
2	3	Draw and retreat from targets, fire 2 shots at each T1 - T3 while retreating (all shots must be fired while moving).	6
3	2	(Load 6 rounds MAX. in pistol) Start back to targets, turn and fire 2 shots at each T1 - T3, reload from slide lock and fire 2 shots at each T1 - T3.	12
4	2	Draw and fire 2 shots at each T1 - T3 "STRONG" hand only.	6

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## C. Stage Three.

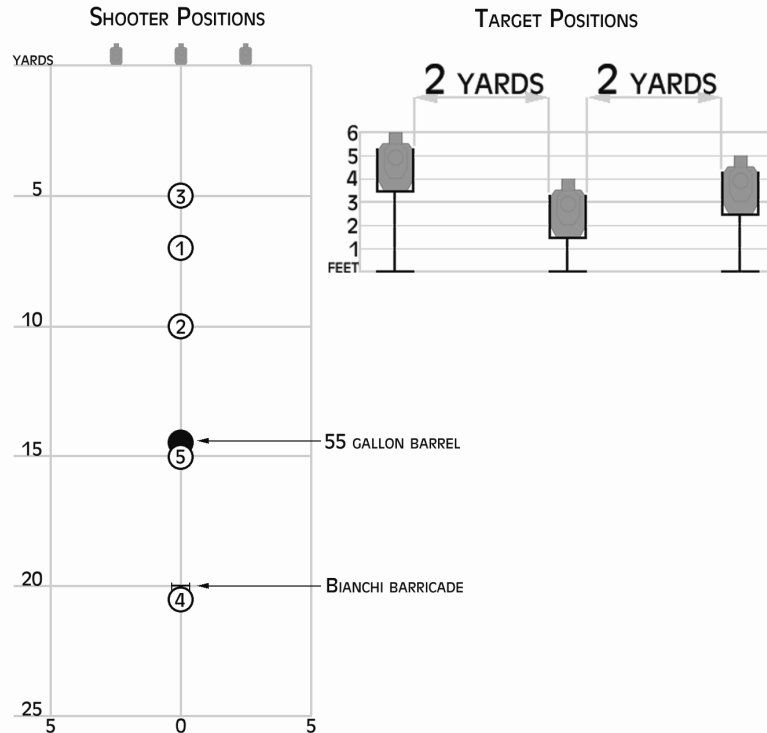
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### Position 4 - 20 yards, Position 5 – 15 yards

(Bianchi style barricade and 55-gallon Barrel required.)

String	Position	Instructions	Shots
1	4	Draw and fire 2 shots at each T1 - T3 from either side of the barricade, TACTICAL LOAD and fire 2 shots at each T1 - T3 from the opposite side of barricade.	12
2	4	Draw and fire 2 shots at each T1 - T3 from either side of the barricade, TACTICAL LOAD and advance to Position #5, fire 2 shots at each T1 - T3 from around either side of 55-gallon barrel.	12
3	5	Draw, kneel, and fire 2 shots at each T1 - T3 from around either side of 55-gallon barrel.	6

**Note:** Start position for all strings EXCEPT Stage One / String 5 is hands naturally at your sides. A Bianchi Style Barricade wall is twenty-four (24) inches wide by six (6) feet tall; shooting box is twenty-four (24) inches wide and does not necessarily have to have a back to it.




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## D. Re-Shoots.

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If the classifier is not part of a match, limited re-shoots are permitted in the case of equipment and/or mental malfunction. This is limited to re-shooting a stage (1/3 of the classifier, 30 rounds). *No individual strings of fire may be re-shot for classification purposes.* The entire ninety (90) round classifier must be fired on the same day. No multiple re-shoots of the same stage are permitted in the same classification match. When shooting for five (5) Gun Class Awards (5 Gun Master, etc.), all five classification scores must be fired as a continuous ninety (90) round course of fire and be witnessed by a safety officer. Multiple division classifications do not have to be completed on the same day. No re-shoots are permitted.

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## E. Classification.

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In order for shooters to be able to compete with their peers, IDPA competitors are divided into classifications within each division based upon their skill level. IDPA has a very quick and easy method of classifying shooters. Only **currently affiliated** clubs may award classifications and only **current** IDPA members may shoot the classifier or be awarded a classification by a club.

This is also listed on the "Classification Match" score sheet that goes to all members. The Classifier should be used as your first match to begin classifying your group of shooters as soon as possible. Classification can also be affected by a shooter's

performance in sanctioned matches. This is based on the number of people in a shooter's division and classification and the classification above him within that same division.

*There are two ways a shooter can be reclassified at a sanctioned match:*

1. If total participation in a specific classification within a division is 10 – 19 shooters, the winner of this class will automatically be promoted up to the next higher classification. If 20 – 29 shooters compete in this division/classification, both 1st and 2nd place competitors will be promoted, etc.
2. If the winner of a division and classification has a better score than 10-19 people in his classification AND the classification above his within the same division, the shooter will be promoted to the shooter's next higher classification. If the 2nd place competitor of a division and classification has a better score than 20 – 29 shooters in his classification AND the classification above within the same division, the 2nd place competitor will be promoted, etc.

### **Contestant Responsibilities**

1. Take classification record card to any affiliated club.
2. Shoot the 90 round classifier match to the best of his ability. The classifier may be re-shot as frequently as desired as an attempt to raise your classification.
3. Make sure your firearm meets all requirements for the specific division in which you are being classified.
4. Make sure all your equipment meets IDPA requirements.

### **Club (MD and SO) responsibilities**

1. Set up the IDPA Classification Match to exact specifications.
2. Make sure contestant is a current IDPA member. Those who have just signed up with the club may shoot the classifier. Just retain the shooter's scores until his IDPA membership card comes in.
3. Check all contestants' pistols with the IDPA firearms box supplied to each club (Exception: ESR & SSR).
4. Insure that the shooter's classification represents his true skill level. Should a match director feel that a competitor should be shooting in a higher classification level, he has the right to require that the contestant shoot the classifier again to reestablish current classification.
5. Put the shooter's classification on his classification record card based on the Classification scoring breakdown.
6. Put the club authorization number on the classification record card. This MUST be entered.
7. Put the date on the classification record card.

**8. Sign the classification record card (MD).**

A competitor may compete in club matches in a division he does not have a classification in, provided he competes in the highest classification he presently holds. Shooters may not go down in classification except for permanent physical disability or for other irrevocable reasons. IDPA HQ will determine this. When shooting the classifier for different divisions, you must shoot a separate classification match for each division you wish to compete in, even if you use the same gun.

**Classification Scoring Breakdown**

Times for:	CDP	ESP	SSP	ESR	SSR
Master (MA)	91.76 or less	89.41 or less	98.82 or less	100.82 or less	102.35 or less
Expert (EX)	111.43 thru	108.57 thru	120.00 thru	122.00 thru	124.29 thru
	91.77	89.42	98.83	100.83	102.36
Sharpshooter (SS)	141.82 thru	138.18 thru	152.73 thru	154.73 thru	158.18 thru
	111.44	108.58	120.01	122.01	124.30
Marksman (MM)	195.00 thru	190.00 thru	210.00 thru	212.00 thru	217.50 thru
	141.83	138.19	152.74	154.74	158.19

**NOTE: Any shooter who obtained their current SSR classification using a full moon clip revolver must re-classify as an ESR shooter.**