

# Action Air divisions (overview)

Here is a concise overview of the IPSC Action Air **handgun** divisions and their main equipment regulations as defined by IPSC for Action Air Handgun.

## IPSC Action Air Handgun Divisions

Division	Typical gun type / examples	Max magazine length	Max projectiles loaded (per mag at start)	Notable gun restrictions	Holster / gear position rules
Open	Highly modified pistols, compensators, large magwells, red dot on frame or slide	170 mm (Appendix E1)	Max. 28 projectiles per magazine at Start Signal	Optical sights allowed, compensators and major external mods allowed, slide-racker, extended controls typical	Handgun and all allied equipment must be within 50 mm of torso; holster must cover trigger guard and be IPSC-legal
Standard	Double-stack, iron-sight "race" style pistols without the level of mods of Open	Division-specific; shorter than Open (see rule appendices)	Max. 18 projectiles per magazine at Start Signal	Iron sights only, no frame-mounted optical sights; external dimensions must fit in the Standard box; limited external modifications	Same 50 mm max distance from torso for handgun and gear; holster must be strong-side and cover trigger guard
Classic	1911-style and similar single-stack pistols	Max gun size must fit Classic box; mag length also restricted (both defined in appendix)	Max. 10 projectiles per magazine at Start Signal	Single-stack mags only; classic frame/slide outlines; iron sights only; external modifications tightly limited	Same 50 mm rule from torso; traditional belt holster position, no shoulder or cross-draw; trigger guard covered

Production	Service-style pistols and their approved Action Air replicas if on Production List	Limited by rule (mag length and that mags must not extend more than a small distance below magwell; exact mm in appendix)	Max 15 projectiles per magazine at Start Signal	Only Action Air versions of models on the IPSC Production List; single-action-only guns are prohibited; very limited aftermarket parts (mostly sights, small controls, cosmetic grips)	Handgun and gear within 50 mm of torso; conventional belt holster, strong-side only, trigger guard completely covered
Production Optics	Same base guns as Production but with slide-mounted optics on approved models	Similar to Production; mag length restricted and 15-round load limit per mag	Max 15 projectiles per magazine at Start Signal	Only approved models from the Production list with slide-mounted red dots; SA-only still prohibited; frame-mounted optics not allowed (that would be Open)	Same 50 mm rule and standard holster requirements as Production (strong-side, trigger guard covered, IPSC-legal)

#### Remarks

- Action Air **Open** Division Specs: <https://www.ipsc.org/aa-handgun-open-division/>
- Action Air **Standard** Division Specs: <https://www.ipsc.org/aa-handgun-standard-division/>
- Action Air **Classic** Division Specs: <https://www.ipsc.org/aa-handgun-classic-division/>
- Action Air **Production** Division Specs: <https://www.ipsc.org/aa-handgun-production-division/>
- Action Air **Production Optics** Specs: <https://www.ipsc.org/aa-handgun-production-optics-division/>
- The **exact numbers** (magazine length limits, “box” dimensions, and any detailed capacity wording) live in the current IPSC Action Air Handgun rules and the division appendices; always check the most recent PDF from IPSC for your match.
- Many rules explicitly state that if you violate capacity or magazine-length limits in a more restricted division, you are **relegated to Open Division**.