

IPSC 2004 Rules - Statistics and Key Facts

- The number of emails received per person on the Coordinating Committee exceeds 5,000
- The combined totals of the inbox receipts for all involved exceeds 55,000
- Highest number of emails sent within the committee: 1050+ (Vince Pinto)
- Neil Beverley sent over 950 emails
- Bob Chittleborough sent over 700 emails
- Neil believes he has printed over 5000 pages during the process
- The lions share of the work was done by Vince, Neil and Bob but with Martyn also making significant contributions and particularly in Orlando where he acted as Chairman in Bob's unavoidable absence.
- Vince Pinto claims he spent over 2000 hours on these rules
- Neil has spent over 900 hours
- Bob and Martyn have spent unknown hours, but they are considerable, and well above and beyond
- Several committee members worked over 20 hour long days and at least 3 people worked around the clock to see 24 hour stints recorded.
- Quote from Bob on an email sent at 03.26 13/07/03 *"I'm now going to try & get a couple of hour's sleep."*
At 03.09 he had sent *"Are we having fun yet?"*
- Total hours worked: Difficult to truly assess but over 7000 hours
- It is without doubt that the standard of the final rules submitted and the quality of the alignment of the 3 disciplines would not have been achieved without the exemplary chairmanship of Bob who remained in control but neutral at all times and who co-ordinated some diverse views and personalities.
- Neil conceived and submitted an idea for setting the 3 IPSC disciplines, rule for rule alongside each other which became the primary working format for all Coordinating Committee work. The document became known as "The 3 in 1 rules" and without this format the process would have been very much more difficult, if not impossible, to achieve the degree of rule alignment. It is almost certain that the same format will be incorporated for all future IPSC rule development work. The IPSC President, Nick Alexakos described it as "masterful".
- The UKPSA Council has collectively spent very many hours considering and commenting on the rules including probably the longest Council meeting on record which started at 10.00 and didn't finish until 18.40. In total they have had 8 updated versions to consider. The UKPSA formally submitted nearly 100 amendments across the 3 rule books most of which have been implemented.
- Now the biggy! If we take a view on how much the people involved in this might normally earn and apply their earning's rates to the project and add in all expenses then these rules probably cost over 300,000 USD (£187,500).
- Eighteen out of nineteen members of the 4 committees flew to Orlando for face to face meetings. Mike Voight (USA) the overall Rules Committee Chairman wrote:

"There has been an incredible amount of hours spent in getting these rules sorted out. We have debated and brought several viewpoints to the many discussions for the past year. While it has been a source of frustration at times, it has also opened all of our eyes to the various needs and wants of the different regions.

The meetings in Orlando were necessary, brutal and spectacular at the same time. The Orlando meetings

needed to be a week long, but none of us would have survived I fear. It did give us the opportunity to get through a vast amount of material in a relatively short amount of time though. It also allowed us to discuss philosophies, local politics and other reasons why we needed the rules to have a certain look and feel.

I believe this is the best set of rules IPSC has ever produced to govern competitions. It is entirely due to the constant effort, highly experienced committee members and obvious love for the sport we all enjoy. Every one of you came up with some brilliant solutions for bringing all of the rule books together.

I consider it an honour and a privilege to have worked, debated and laughed with you on this project!"

- Vince Pinto wrote:

"Of the 3 rules committees of which I've been a member over the past 6 years, I can categorically state, without fear of contradiction, that the current rules committee has been the most recent.

John Amidon, Ivan Ketler and I produced the original 14th Edition (the basis of all current discipline rulebooks) from scratch, by sending only 730 email messages over the 30 month period from February 1997 to September 1999 (yes, I've still got the emails).

Doug Lewis and I (with a little help from our friends), created last year's "South African revisions", by sending only 313 emails over the 7 month period from February 2002 to September 2002.

*Then came The Mother Of All Rules Committees. **Damn**. Over the 9 months from October 2002 to July 2003, we generated over 5,000 emails and we spent 4 days in Orlando face-to-face and I don't know how many hours I spent in IPSC related forums dealing with others giving their profound and eloquent input (e.g. "Dude, poppers suck, big time!").*

And what was the most frustrating part of this committee's work? Despite being a rules veteran and having two previous "Order of Alexakos" medals, you guys wouldn't let me use a single "obviate", "prevaricate", "hitherto", "aforementioned" or "shall", nor would you let me introduce a new mega-DQ penalty - "RO Firing Squad" (Chances of survival? High).

Jokes aside, when all is said and done, I think we done good. Real good.

Are the rulebooks perfect? No, and they never will be - trust me on this - but each time we get better 'n' better.

Anyway, it's been surreal guys. Now go get laid or something"

- And from Tim Andersen:

"So, what can I say? It sure has been worth it! A small fist fight here and there did not stop the process, but probably enhanced it!

Guys, it's been great working with you all! See you in Italy!"

- Neil included a borrowed sentiment from Bob in his email to his sub committee members:

"It is also felt that this entire process, and these committees, will go down in IPSC history. As Vince puts it "The mother of all rules committees". It is considered that we have set a benchmark by which all future committees will be measured."

- To end this, a further quote from Bob: "That's it, I think. We're done for now. Finished. You can all have your lives back.

Whilst I cannot say in all honesty that working on the Rules has always been a pleasure, working with you has been. Your dedication and workload have been most impressive, and I believe that you have set the benchmark by which all future IPSC Rules Committees will be judged. I just hope that the Regional Directors appreciate your efforts at the General Assembly in August.

It has been a privilege to work with you."

- He spoilt it by adding:

“PS Don't forget that we will have to prepare a Table of Contents and Index for each rulebook.”

Footnote: And it is a certainty that somebody somewhere will still moan!

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