



OPENING STATEMENT AT IPSC GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 2021

The Brazilian Practical Shooting Confederation (CBTP) is focused on publicizing, qualifying, and encouraging Practical Shooting activities in Brazil and worldwide. We've had 29 years of numerous victories and achievements, aimed at improving and facilitating the routine of the athletes, clubs, and federations by forming partnerships with the main companies in the shooting sector and having a strong presence on the Advisory Board of the Controlled Products Inspection System (SisFPC), proposing changes in favor of Practical Shooting. We're also working together with the Brazilian Army to promote all national and international modalities carried out within the country.

The CBTP actively participates in meetings, symposia, and other events in the Logistics Command (COLOG) and Military Regions and is constantly present, along with the Clubs and Federations, for the benefit of the athletes, promoting courses and training of Practical Shooting instructors related to the Black Badge Brazil Programs and MISIA/IPSC (this depends on greater engagement on the part of President Vitaly), in addition to the training of Range Officers. Sadly, we did not have support from the International Range Officers Association (IROA), particularly on the IROA Level II Seminars. Several requests were made, but we were not able to be recognized as one of the main regions for organizing and promoting the IPSC.

We have approximately 25,000 athletes participating in close to 2,000 competitions annually, at the municipal, state, national, and international levels. And we increasingly encourage the practice of Practical Shooting by allowing guests to participate so they can learn about our sport. The Confederation takes this opportunity to ask for support from all regions affiliated with IPSC to support Brazil in holding another World Handgun Championship.

Our goal is to expand the organization and promotion of level III championships in various modalities, such as Handgun, Rifle, Mini Rifle, Shotgun, and Pistol Caliber Carbine, thereby seeking the highest place on the podium.

The CBTP arranged for Brazil to host the Pan American Handgun Championship in 2015 in Cuiabá, capital of the state of Mato Grosso. And every year, the Confederation organizes numerous championships nationwide that attract participants from all over the Americas to compete in our clubs and associations, which increasingly invest in safety with modern facilities, thus boosting the shooters' technical level.

Brazil is the largest country in South America with a population of 212.6 million inhabitants and nearly 9,000 km of coastline adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean with the most beautiful natural beaches in the world. The country has a policy aimed at attracting new investors, who inject projects into large-scale events, and the federal government has enacted decrees that establish more flexible laws for the purchase and sale of firearms, including opening up the market.

Rules and procedures for the purchase, registration, sale, and possession of firearms and ammunition by hunters, collectors, and shooters are now more relaxed and it's easier to

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transport them throughout Brazil, both by national and foreign athletes. Army Command Decree No. 1,222 was also published, which defines the list of firearms and ammunition calibers for permitted or restricted use, making it easier to have access to calibers that had been previously prohibited in Brazil. Our nation is now able to welcome shooters from all over the world for level III competitions.

It's worth remembering that, during the Covid-19 pandemic, the CBTP followed all the guidelines and worked in such a way that all shooters could continue to compete safely, while it continued to fight for their rights through Official Letters and meetings with representatives of the Federal Government and other authorities. We also held several lives and webinars for the purpose of bringing the athletes closer to the shooting entities.

Knowing that Brazil has such a tremendous potential, the CBTP appeals to the Federations to encourage their members to enroll in the CBTP, thus being up to date with the IPSC and able to participate in level III competitions, to continue promoting Practical Shooting in Brazil and around the world. The Confederation has the support of all shooters to publicize and fortify all IPSC modalities so as to attract more practitioners.

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