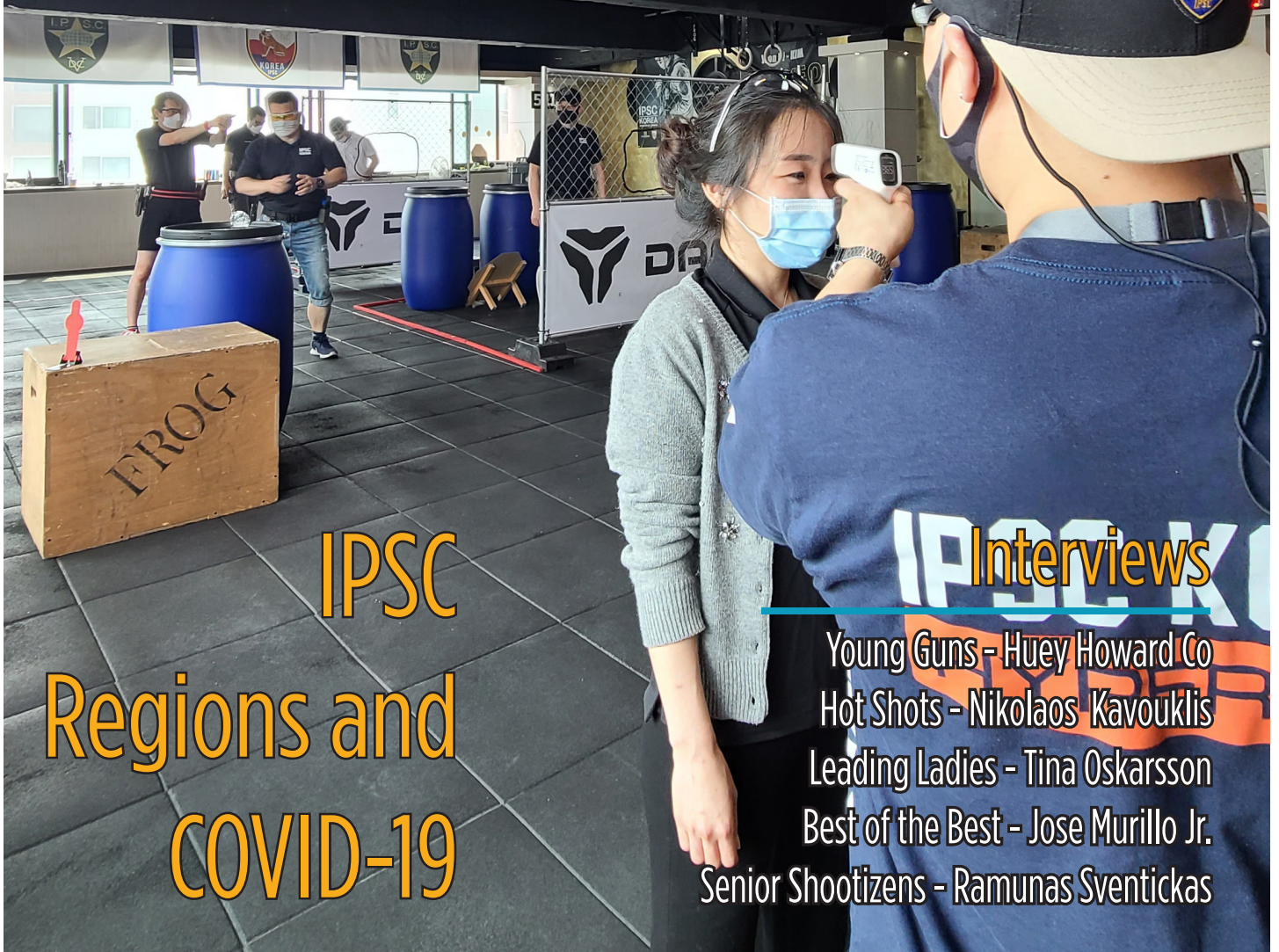


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Happy Birthday IPSC!

IPSC celebrates 44 years since its foundation

Dear Friends,

May 24th marked the celebration of IPSC' 44 years of existence!

Those of us who were at the beginning of our sports development can see a difference, an amazing difference that happened during these years in our sport.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the development of our Confederation and our beloved sport!

To really appreciate the extent of the revolution of IPSC, consider the handgun shooting scene in the 1960's. The only international handgun competition was at the Olympics and in the United States the NRA bullseye course was the accepted standard. The pistol of choice was a revolver. There were no moderately priced progressive reloaders, no electronic timers, and no race guns. There were few gun magazines, and none dedicated solely to handguns. Television and movie detectives carried snub-nosed revolvers and fired them one-handed from the hip.

A lot of lead has gone downrange since Cooper and his friends started slapping leather back in 1956 and today, the Confederation is truly an international sports shooting organization that has revolutionized handgun shooting on all levels.

Do you think it is hard work to develop IPSC? Maybe for some of us, but it is also a great pleasure because we have fun on the range, we have fun designing our stages, we have fun conducting our big interesting competitions, and we have fun creating and improving the rules of IPSC sport.

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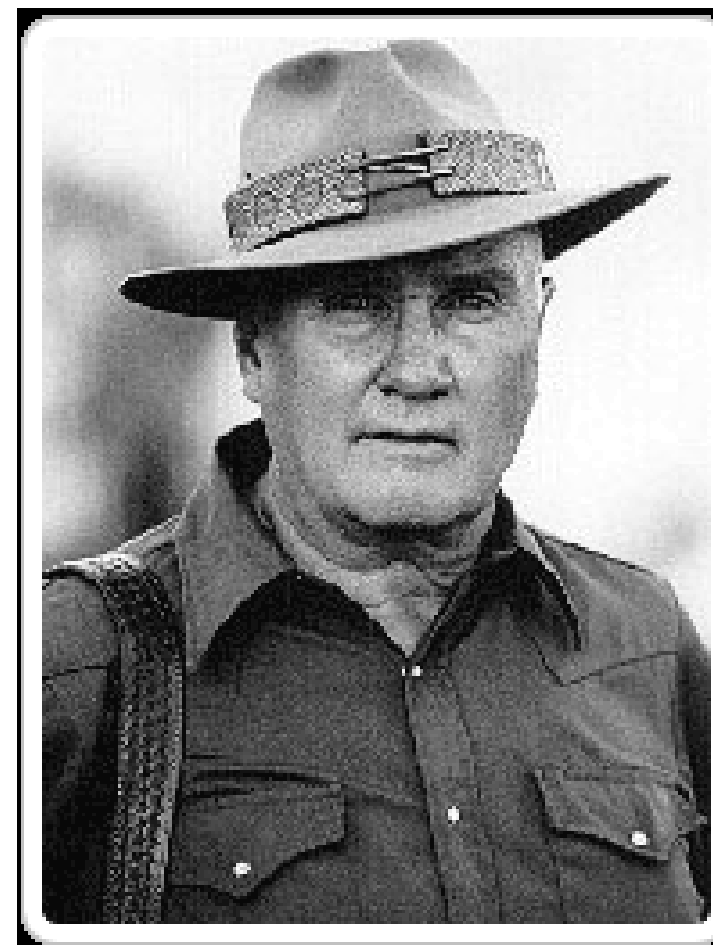
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Col. Jeff Cooper

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In Col. Jeff Cooper's words:

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(American Handgunner, March/April 1978)



15th Anniversary Columbia Conference 1991 Reunion

There is no doubt IPSC has come a long way since 1976 and there are many people to thank for who contribute enormously to the success we have today; many sleepless nights, inclement weather, tons and tons of brass but also a deep love for the sport.

Please join me and the big IPSC family in our celebration of practical shooting and looking forward to many exciting years to come! I thank you all for all your help and support and I am looking forward to see you all soon.

Stay Safe,



Vitaly Kryuchin
IPSC President



How are IPSC Regions Dealing with COVID-19?

As the world deals with the COVID-19 pandemic, IPSC has also had to adjust the Match Calendar for 2020, 2021 and 2022 in regards to Level IV and V competitors.

We asked our Regional Directors how their Regions are dealing with COVID-19 and what planning is being put in place once restrictions are lifted.

Dr. Rupak Debroy - IPSC INDIA

The Indian Government has extended the lockdown until June 30th and we are not optimistic restrictions will get lifted anytime soon. These circumstances led to mass cancellations or postponement of national and international sporting events across the world – events such as the Indian Premier League (IPL) which are widely popular in India.

Here at the Indian Olympic Association (NOC-INDIA), we are closely following our government's restrictions and following the news from around the world. We wish all our IPSC family good health and good spirits!

Boštjan Pavlič - IPSC SLOVENIA



We are one of the most successful countries in Europe in managing the situation with the Covid-19 virus. The epidemic was declared on March 12, 2020. Thus, competitions were not allowed, and there were also no trainings. At the end of April, the measures were partially reduced and we were able to start training. As of Monday, June 1, 2020, our activities continue, as the country declares the end of the epidemic. There are only some prohibitions and warnings in force, which do not interfere with our activities to a greater extent.

We hope, that there will be no more unpleasant experiences of this kind in the future and that we will be able to perform our favorite sport, IPSC practical shooting.



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Stathis Kakogiannis - IPSC GREECE

Due to Covid-19, all matches have been canceled since March 8th, 2020. Training has been allowed again since May 5th, 2020 with the following procedures:

- Members must have a signed document from a doctor indicating that they have been examined and he has not any COVID-19 symptoms,
- During their entrance in the range, the member will have their temperature measured and all their data written down as well as entry and exit time,
- Members must keep at least two meters distance between them,
- Spectators (friends, family) are not allowed to enter the range and,
- All range officials must wear protective face mask.

Matches of any level are not allowed yet. Hopefully they should begin during June.

The IPSC local committee meets online every week. We have decided to postpone the Greek championships LIIs and LIIIs until next year, the same was decided for the Mediterranean Extreme Open (Rhodes) and Canal Challenge(Korinth). We believe that this year we will organize mostly LIIs and LIIIs.

Wish everyone to be safe and meet again soon.

Spasoje Vulevic - IPSC SERBIA

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic in Serbia, we postponed the competitions until the end of May and fortunately we managed to successfully organize and conduct the first match after pandemic on May 24th. We will continue further competitions in compliance with all procedures for the protection of competitors based on the recommendations of the Government of Serbia.

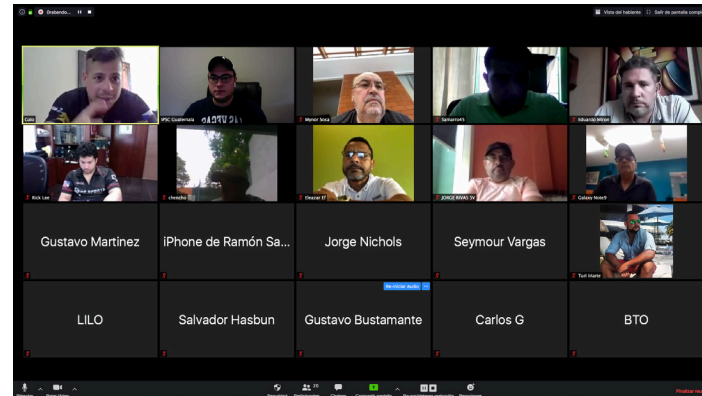
Stay strong and be safe.

Christian Gallardo - IPSC GUATEMALA

In Guatemala, we were quite affected by the issue of Covid-19, but we have continued to train online using Zoom every day, and seminars have been held to avoid

losing the habit of IPSC. We have invited professional shooters like Jorge Ballesteros, Gorka Ibáñez, Galo Moreira and Estuardo Gomez to these online sessions and the experience has been great so far.

We hope to return to the shooting range soon.



Jeremy Batsaikhan - IPSC MONGOLIA

Due to the Covid-19, Mongolia has been under quarantine since the 27th of January. Recently, the Mongolian government has extended the quarantine until the end of this month and there is a higher possibility to extend one or two more months.

As you know Mongolia is located right in the middle of China and Russia, both countries are top countries with Covid-19 situation. During the quarantine period IPSC Mongolia can't hold any training, match or conduct any meeting with more than 5 people at a time. We have no immediate plans to organize any matches in the near future, not at least until the end of September, 2020.

Basically we are fixing, improving, redesigning our ranges and targeting as well as other necessary things before we open our ranges to shooters.

Demetrius da Silva Oliveira - IPSC BRASIL

Since the beginning of the pandemic and the progress of the situation that would show that this could affect our activities, CBTP met with the entire board to assess the effects of the COVID19 pandemic on its events, deciding to suspend its competitions indefinitely. On the

other hand, to inform our athletes about the progress of the situation in Brazil, we formulated a CBTP Covid Bulletin19, daily reports containing the decrees that determined the closure of the establishments, with the objective of promoting social distancing and avoiding the crowding of people.

We hold meetings by videoconference for the prevention and protection of our employees, aiming at the elaboration of new calendars with possible returns, respecting all the prevention rules stipulated by the health agencies and the fight against COVID19.

Our goal is protecting the health of all our athletes, employees, ROs, organizers and the public present, so that CBTP events will return and be the real success of before.

Mikhail Gushchin - IPSC RUSSIA

Currently in most of the regions in Russia the matches are suspended until further notice, although in some regions there is a possibility to train following safety recommendations.

Members of the national team mostly keep training and employees of IPSC Russia continue to work remotely.

Stay safe and we hope to see you on the range soon!

Jetsada Phae-Araya (Tony) - IPSC THAILAND



COVID-19 has affected all the match calendar in Thailand completely from March to early June, 2020. The government has forbidden to have crowded gathering sport events during the lockdown. So far during the early days of June, our local infection has been 0 for 10 straight days.

The government has eased the lockdown now by allowing practicing with less than 8 people in 1 group, so we are conducting informal training with 8 people per Squad.

We expect to resume all schedule by early July.

Joon-ki Kim - IPSC KOREA



All members of IPSC Korea are committed to following the guidelines and recommendations of the Korean C.D.C.

According to these criteria against Covid-19, every attendee will be required to check body temperature before they enter the training facility and for the presence of respiratory illness symptoms as well as members and/or participants. At the same time, we have to keep records of all visitors to our training center.

We have been successful on following these guidelines and have been conducting training sessions as well as domestic competitions cautiously.

We wish you all good health and hope to see you soon!



IPSC REGIONS AND COVID-19

Kevin Grant - IPSC BARBADOS

Covid-19 arrived in Barbados in March and gave great scare to society as various regions were seriously impacted by this pandemic, with high rates of infection and even deaths. We currently have 92 confirmed cases with 7 deaths and 81 recoveries. While the numbers may seem small, it negatively affected our economy as we are a small island 166 square miles.

Our borders are slowly reopening, and the curfew has been eased allowing for certain sporting activities to commence. At present, 2 of our ranges are open for business but certain protocols have to be undertaken in order to maintain operations. The government states that only 2 persons are allowed on the firing line at any given time and no spectators are allowed. This would be the range officer and the competitor.

Constant sanitizing has to be done and minimum physical contact adhered to. We will probably use a waiting area where persons can wait prior to their turn on the range. Physical distancing must be maintained and masks worn at this point. The plan is to assign 2 patchers to a stage but have them away from the stage as the competitor runs through the course of fire. Once the stage is completed and the RO states the time and calls the scores the patchers will come onto the stage and the RO and competitor leave (based on the governmental protocol, the RO will have to key the scores to maintain the 2 person on the stage rule).

This process will be very time consuming but will allow for the safety of our IPSC members. This is if and when we do decide to reestablish IPSC matches, but for now there are no small matches upcoming. We currently have a level 3 scheduled for August, that will have to be postponed until later in the year.

Hopefully when we do start to host matches again, protocols would have reduced allowing us to better partake in the sport we love.



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Avoid close contact with people who are unwell

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- 02 Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 03 Cover your cough using the bend of your elbow or a tissue
- 04 Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone that has fever or cough
- 05 Stay at home if you feel unwell
- 06 If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early — but call first
- 07 Get information from trusted sources



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The KAHLES "IPSC" reticle has been designed together with some of the best IPSC shooters in the world, like Raine Peltokoski and Jarkko Laukia, both top shooters from Finland. We have asked Raine to explain the basic idea behind the simple reticle concept.



Photograph by Kimmo Iso-Tuisku

How to work with the KAHLES IPSC reticle – by Raine Peltokoski

"In practical shooting the targets can be set on multiple different distances within a single stage. The distances can vary from below 10m to beyond 300m. The bullet does not travel straight and in long distances the drop of the bullet needs to be taken into account. This is normal for any long distance target shooting. What makes practical-rifle shooting difficult is that the speed aspect of the game does not allow sight adjustment between the targets. You must shoot all distances with one scope elevation setting.

There are two basic principles to handle the need for changing the aiming point on the targets: holding over and holding under. Holding over means the zero distance is closer (typically 100m) than the targets and for targets further away the aiming point is higher than the target. Holding under means the zero distance is further than (some of) the targets. Due to the targets being at the high part of the bullet trajectory the aiming point needs to be lower than those targets.

My personal principle behind Kahles IPSC reticle relies on a technique to dial the scope zero always to the longest target distance and holding under for the targets at the high part of the bullet trajectory. A big part of the holding under technique is the easiness at windy conditions for the longest targets because elevation is zeroed correct and only windage, sideways correction, needs to be taken into account. This is both fast and accurate.

The benefit of holding under is that you can have the illuminated dot on the target for most of the time. For closer targets you can easily find an aiming point on IPSC Classic target, just lower than it normally is. The magnification change does not have an effect on the illuminated dot position, which adds freedom on the stage plan compared to holding over technique.

Another big idea behind the KAHLES IPSC reticle is the openness of the view. No thick lines, nor multiple lines distracting vision and finding the next target. In fast shooting the targets are maximally visible and the dot placement is easy."

MAIN TECHNIQUES

The following examples shall illustrate different strategies how to use the IPSC reticle. The graphs we use are based on the STRELOK PRO App, using the data from Raines weapon system.

<u>Data used for calculations:</u>	Caliber:	.223
	Bullet:	Lapua FMJ
	Bullet weight:	55 grs
	Bullet speed:	912 m/s
	Zero distance:	100 meters or longest target

TECHNIQUE 1

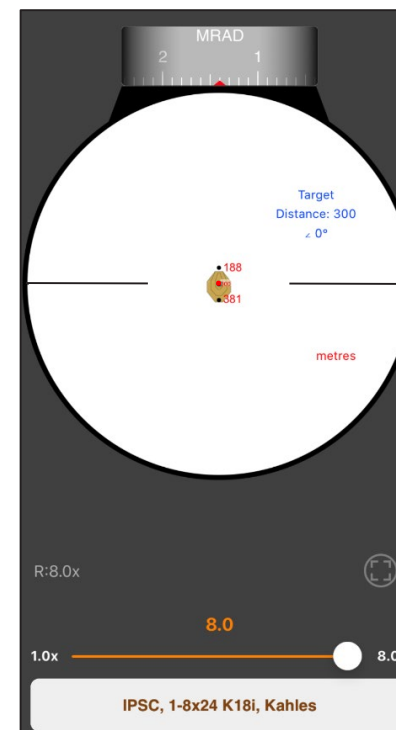
Raine Peltokoski always dials zero on the longest target distance and holding under for the targets at the high part of the bullet trajectory.

- Target 1: 300 meters
- Target 2: 100 meters
- Target 3: 300 meters & 4 m/s wind from 90° right

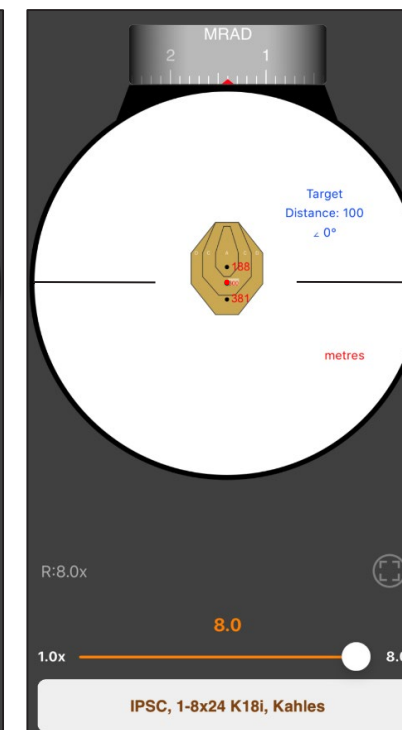
In that example Raine would dial to 300 meters, taking 14 clicks up as shown in graph 1.1. Keeping the 14 clicks, Raine would place the red dot lower on the 2nd target at 100 meters as shown in graph 1.2.

The upper assisting dot can also be used when holding under.

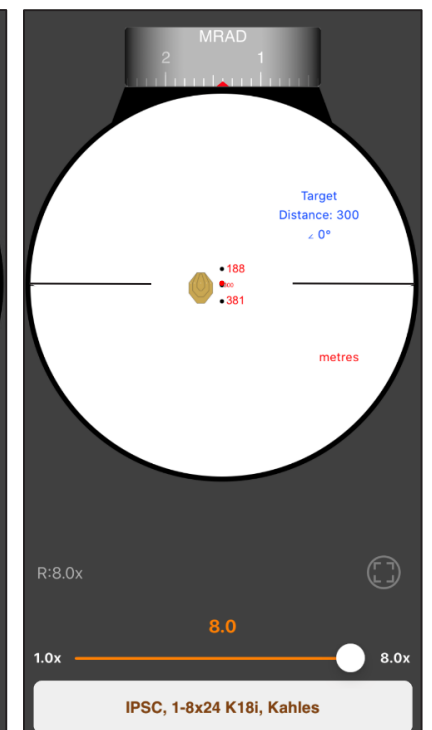
In windy conditions the longest target sight picture is on the target elevation-wise and off only windage-wise, like on Graph 1.3. Aiming easiness in difficult conditions is maximised as much as possible. The thin horizontal lines and red dot act as a guides for positioning of the rifle towards the target.



Graph 1.1. Target distance 300 m / 14 clicks



Graph 1.2. Target distance 100 m / 14 clicks



Graph 1.3. Target distance 300m, Wind 4 m/s 90° right, 14 clicks



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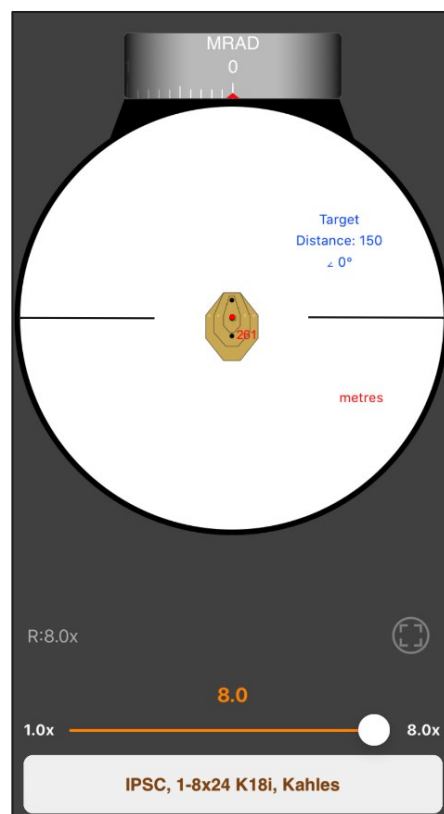
TECHNIQUE 2

Holding over, just working with the reticle, no clicks.

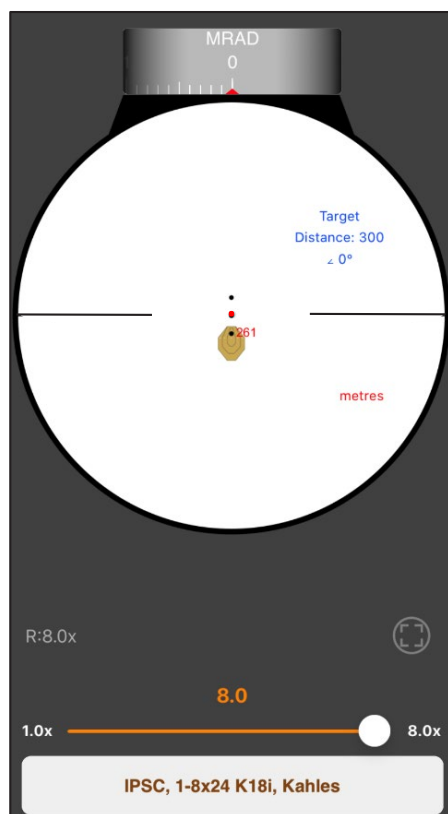
- Target 1: 150 meters
- Target 2: 300 meters

In that example the 150 m target would be approached with the center dot as shown in graph 2.1.

The lower dot would work for the second target at 300 m.



Graph 2.1.
Target distance 150 m / 0 clicks



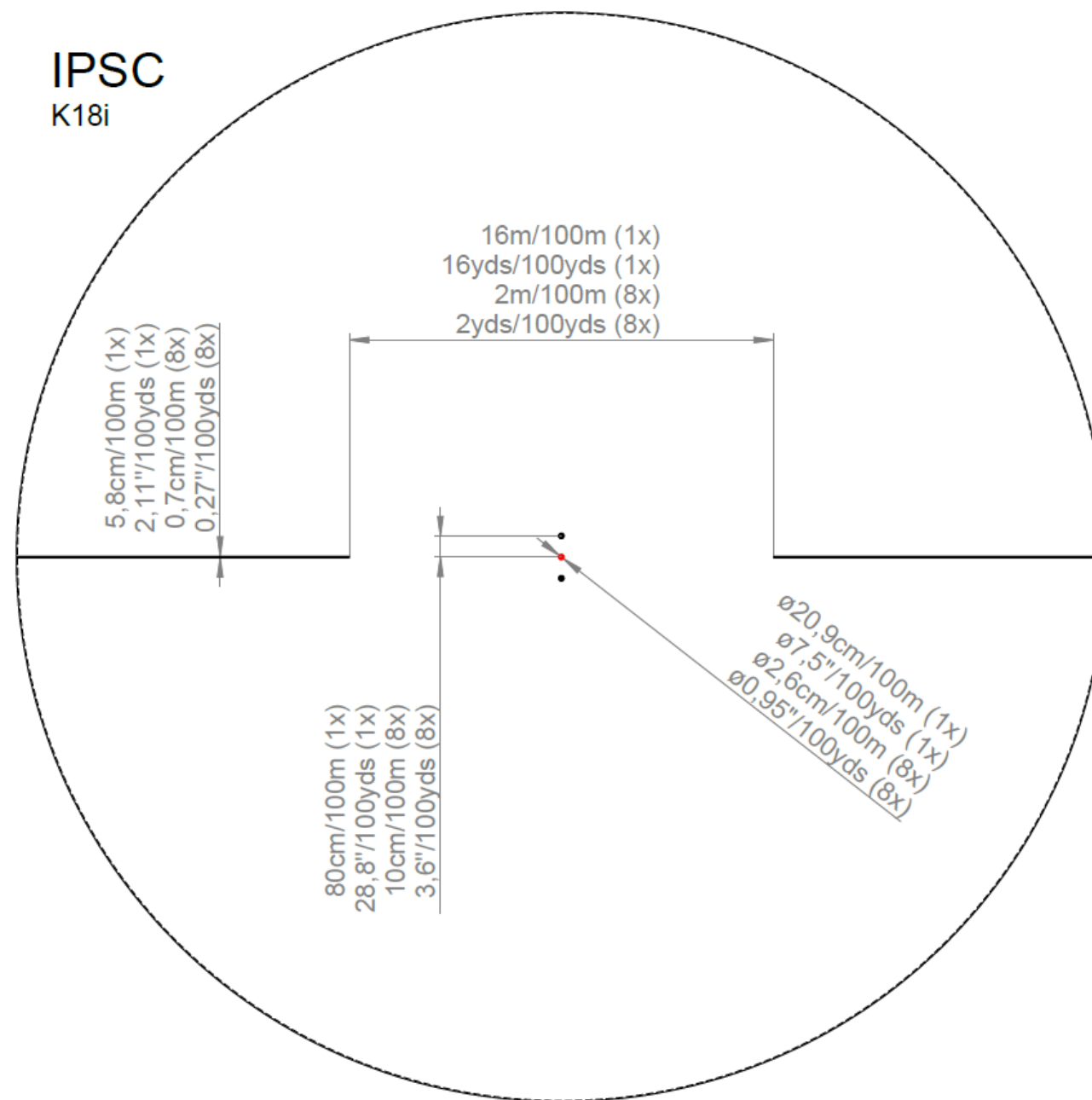
Graph 2.2.
Target distance 300 m / 0 clicks

These are the two main principles for aiming on targets on different distances in fast rifle shooting.

KAHLES IPSC reticle has the two assisting dots to help fast aiming even in exceptional situations where the two techniques might be combined.

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FRIDAY / NOV 26, 2021

- : IPSC General Assembly
- : Main Match Registration and Equipment Check

SATURDAY / NOV 27, 2021

- : Opening Ceremony
- : Official Welcome
- : Main Match Registration and Equipment Check

SUNDAY-FRIDAY / NOV 28-DEC 3, 2021

- : Main Match

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- : Shoot Off
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Without a doubt, nothing since the Second World War has disrupted sporting activities as severely as the 2020 global pandemic. Suddenly shooting ranges shut down, everyone sheltered at home, and it looks like it will be a while before IPSC matches happen with pre-COVID regularity.

It was interesting to see how the IPSC community adapted by taking to the use of social media and videoconference platforms to keep in touch with each other. Dry-fire exercises became a thing, as well as other indoor activities aimed at keeping the shooting skill from becoming perishable. Even the online retailers like Double Alpha Academy and Eemann Tech were fast to market scaled-down dry-fire targets kits that mimic swingers and running-mans designed to keep the home training engaging.

As governments worldwide ease up restrictions, shooting facilities were allowed to resume operations. IPSC athletes took to the ranges to practice and put bullets downrange. Some were even fortunate to join small level competitions in areas that permitted it. It would seem that a semblance of normalcy was slowly but surely returning to the IPSC aficionado.

It just goes to show that despite the unprecedented situation

we all recently experienced, IPSC is well and alive. The spirit of the resilience runs deep, and it will take more than a virus to keep sportspeople all over from participating in what they enjoy the most.

When the Columbia Conference took place almost 45 years ago, I doubt very much if the founding fathers of IPSC could have imagined that the “combat shooting” sport they invented would grow to what it is today. What arguably started out as a weed of an idea, is now a flourishing garden established in over 100 countries or regions. The secret of IPSC success over the decades is stability, volunteerism and a strong sense of family.

Stability resides in the IPSC Constitution, and IPSC Rules. These documents are what unifies us in our sport. The constitution guarantees the legitimacy of the confederation, while the IPSC Rules sets the goal post to a level that which we all play the game. Taken together constitutes the heart of IPSC. If every member of our sport took the time to read and understand the principles behind these two vital documents, would result in a more dynamic and stable organization.

The Range Officers of both IROA and NROI best exemplify the spirit of volunteerism of our sport. It takes a special breed

of men and women to serve long gruelling hours under all weather conditions, to ensure that the game we play is safe and fair.

However, the most vital asset of IPSC are the many thousands of people like you and me, who contribute in one way or the other to the resilience of IPSC. The feeling of camaraderie and friendship shared with squadmates in matches all over the world is the intangible element that keeps people coming back for more. The anticipated reunion with like-minded individuals from a diversity of cultures, languages and beliefs is indeed the soul of IPSC. It is what makes IPSC a global family.



As humanity collectively tries to make sense of the pandemic, it is up to all the people of IPSC to ensure the resilience of our sport in these difficult times. For sure that the “new normal” will challenge the way we are used to doing things before COVID-19 came into existence. And as we adapt to those changes, disputes may arise along the way. Yielding to practicality in times like these can be tempting and often the solution to unprecedented situations.

One can agree or disagree but do so with thought to the heart and soul that makes IPSC resilient. Be part of the solution, not the problem because we are all in this together. Each of us in IPSC, from the leadership to the athletes have a role to play. And it is up to us whether we become Irritable People Squabbling Constantly or Intelligent Positive Souls Communicating.





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Huey Howard Co



AGE: 11
REGION: Philippines

How did you first hear about IPSC?

I first heard about IPSC when I started shooting in matches here in the Philippines; IPSC's presence is very big and strong in my country and it was very easy to me to get into the sport.

For how long have you been shooting?

I started shooting with air soft when I was 8 years old. Then, I moved to real guns after few months. I have been competing in IPSC shooting for 2 years now.

What division do you shoot and why?

I shoot Handgun Open Division because the gun has less recoil compared to the guns in other divisions. Also, with Open Division, you don't have to change the magazine all the time. I only need to shoot and move fast and accurate and I really feel this is the right Division for me.



What is the coolest about IPSC shooting?

The coolest thing about IPSC shooting is that you get the opportunity to meet a lot of cool people and it's also exciting to shoot new and different courses of fire in every match.

What do your friends and family think about you shooting IPSC?

At first my mom didn't approve of it. She was hesitant that I was too young and it might be dangerous. After several talks, she finally agreed and now she's my biggest fan. My friends thought it was cool and they were amazed at with what I could do, because this sport is not common for young kids like me. I'm just so happy I was able to be part of the responsible gun awareness campaign to be able to share to my family and friends a positive view of this sport.

What are the biggest challenges you have when shooting IPSC?

The biggest challenge for me is not missing a day in school. We live in the province and it's like 8-10 hour drive from the big matches in the cities. The usual routine when I'm joining a competition is traveling after school that is on Friday night and to be at the range Saturday morning to shoot; then on Sunday after the match, we have to travel back to be in school Monday morning.



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REGION: GREECE



How many years have you been shooting?

Since shooting sports in Greece are not really a tradition, my pistol shooting experience started back in 1994 at an age of 25. Very soon I reached a Master Class level and finished 17th at the 1998 European match, and since have mastered the game in my country for many years in all divisions

I have worked as a shooting sports coach for the Greek Shooting Federation, various shooting clubs, and individuals, been actively involved in the shooting sport for the last 20 years.

What do you like best about IPSC shooting?

I like the fact that it creates a challenging environment so I can improve my self-control. It also helps me to build a solid, stronger personality with valuable and effective mental skills for everyday life.



How often do you practice at the range?

Actually I don't have a steady practice routine. For the past 15 years I do some shooting while I am teaching, so this helps me a little to keep my skills on a descent level.

What is your match firearm and ammo?

Currently I'm using a Tanfoglio Stock III for Production & Optics Division. For ammo I use whatever is available since in my country we can only use factory ammo, and the law about sport shooting is very strict.

How do you prepare for a match?

I do a lot of visualization that helps me a lot to create the conditions to perform at my max.

I work systematically to minimize the possibilities of having mental distractions; I make sure that I do everything I can to have my equipment checked, spare parts etc. so there will be no last minute surprises and if they happen I will already have worked out a solution. In general, I focus only to the things that I can control, and accept those factors that I don't so everything else that's happening out of my controlling area doesn't distract me mentally.

Who do you consider your inspiration or mentor?

I never had a personal experience with a mentor. I started learning shooting by myself. I can say that I have been positively influenced by many charismatic people and mostly from Socrates, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Lee, Rob Leatham.

How do you unwind at the end of the day?

I enjoy every moment with my wonderful wife and son, we love to go to the fantastic beaches of my home island Rhodes also we love going for a night walk. I also relax a lot when I am crafting stuff at my workshop, and reading books of my interests.

What advice do you have for up and coming shooters?

Learn to enjoy practicing with less effort. The secret is not working hard, is enjoying the work you do.



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RAMUNAS SVENTICKAS



REGION: LITHUANIA
AGE: 54

When and where did you first discover IPSC shooting?

I started shooting IPSC in Lithuania in 1994. At the beginning it was Level 1 competitions, participants where mainly officers from law enforcement agencies (police, border guard, customs, army, police academy, etc). The real discovery of IPSC sport was in 1999 on the international Level 3 competitions in Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic).

What inspired you to begin shooting?

Practical shooting was an integral part of my service in the Dignitary Protection Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania. IPSC helped me to acquire the skills needed to operate the firearm. The more I practiced and participated in the competition, the more I enjoyed IPSC. Now I'm retired and I can only do what I like - IPSC.

Which divisions do you shoot, and why?

Initially I competed in IPSC with my service pistol GLOCK



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17C (Modified Division), later in Standard Division (CZ 75 Tactical Sports). Right now for the last years I shoot in Production Division, which is the cheapest and simplest. This division has the largest number of shooters in Lithuania and is the biggest competition in our country.

Which make and model firearm do you use?

I shot with GLOCK, Tanfoglio, Sig Sauer, CZ pistols for many years. Currently I shoot with CZ Shadow 2. I think it's one of the best IPSC Production pistols in the world right now, where quality and price are matched.

What do your friends and family think about you shooting IPSC?

Many of my friends are members of IPSC, so our interests overlap and we support each other.

Do you have any tips for the Young Guns?

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TINA OSKARSSON



REGION: Sweden

How long have you been shooting?

I began by trying air guns in the garden as a kid. As my confidence grew, I finally made the decision to join a local air gun club. When I was old enough for shooting real guns, I started with bullseye and terrain shooting.

Which division do you shoot, and why?

I recently switched from Production to Standard. The main reason is that I like the possibilities and stage tactics that are enabled by shooting Standard and I also prefer the characteristics and feel of the .40 cal over the 9x19.

What do you like about the social aspects of IPSC shooting?

They are one of the best aspects of this fantastic sport. I have made friends from all over the world and met the most wonderful people I could ever imagine



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out there. It's true what they say about us being one big, happy family.

What do your friends and family think about you shooting IPSC?

They are very proud and supportive of what I do and understand that IPSC is a great part of my life.

How do you balance your IPSC shooting activities with your other commitments?

Being a police officer and law enforcement firearms instructor it's no problem balancing my IPSC activities with my profession. I have 24/7 access to our shooting range and can practice before and after work if I want to. As far as other commitments go... are there any others than reloading and cleaning guns?.

What other sports or activities do you enjoy besides IPSC shooting?

I very much enjoy mountain biking, running and doing IGP with my dog.

What is the best way to get more female competitors into IPSC?

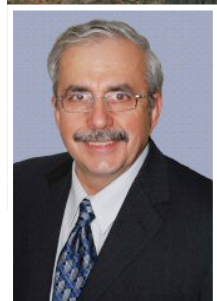
I would say a good way would be to offer beginners classes and training camps solely for woman shooters to introduce them to the sport. Another good way, which I encourage a lot, is for us women already active in IPSC to also be active on social media and use those channels to promote our sport.

Q: What tips do you have for other aspiring female IPSC competitors?

Bring your friends to the shooting range, keep spreading the positive word about our sport and join as many matches and activities as you possibly can.

Welcome to the family!





DINO EVANGELINOS
IROA PRESIDENT

GETTING BACK TO WORK

MONITORING COVID-19 SITUATION

I'm pleased to announce that by the time this article is being published many Regions have already started shooting level I and II, and some Regions have planned Level III matches as well.

As mentioned in my previous email, it will not affect your standings with IROA for 2021 if you cannot attend any Level III this year. For 2021 we have 2 major Matches: The Pan American Championship Level IV and the World Handgun Shoot Level V.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 crisis many countries' economies were affected, and the Pan American Handgun Championship scheduled to take place in Paraguay was cancelled.

A new bid was sent to all the Regional Directors of the Americas giving them the opportunity to bid for this event.

At this moment we have 3 Regions who would like to host the Pan American Handgun Championship: the USA, Canada, and Brazil. I will keep you posted on who has won and the date of the event.

The Handgun World Shoot in Thailand and its Assembly was re-scheduled to 2021 at the same location and time as 2020.

I'm also pleased to share with you that new IROA ID cards have been printed and are ready to be mailed to each Regional director for distribution.

If you find any errors on your card please contact this office at iroa@ipsc.org for replacement with the appropriate changes.

During this period of the Covid-19 the IROA Academy has been busy with new ideas. A new area has been

developed named the Club, and you will see it on the upper left corner on our home page.

The intention of this Club is to create a place where IROA and ROs of all Regions can discuss and clarify any doubts they have in our rules, and it may lead to changes.

If it is impossible to find the answer to a question it will be directed to the Rules Director of that particular discipline, and it will be his responsibility to give a final explanation.

Subsequently, this may lead to changes of that rule after discussions with the Rules Committee.

We also have a club for Spanish speaking regions consisting of several central and south American Countries. The format of this Club and its mandate is in the process of being finalized.

I would like to mention a few projects that are currently under-way:

- 1) A Course design committee.
- 2) Chrono Manual guide.
- 3) A pre-Inspection Committee for Level IV and V and manual guide.
- 4) Opening & Closing Ceremony Manual.
- 5) ESS, Match Director and Range Master Manual guide.

If you have any ideas on how to improve our goal or delivering the best officiating in our sport, please drop us a line with your suggestion.

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BEST OF THE BEST



JOSE MURILLO JR.

REGION: COLOMBIA

How many years have you been officiating?

I have had the pride and pleasure of being a Range Officer for more than 20 years.

What do you like best about officiating?

What I like the most is being able to share with friends the adrenaline of the best sport in the world and contribute to the safe development of tournaments and the fun of shooters. It is the perfect excuse to get out of the daily routine.

What was your most memorable match? Why?

It's difficult to say which tournament I remembered the most because each of them had their special ingredients and anecdotes to remember. The Columbus Cup 2008 held in Colombia was my first big tournament and I was very anxious and nervous. Another one I remember

was the "Tribute Tournament" for the IPSC PIONEERS in Colombia; once we finished building the stages, and 24 hours before first shoot, a thunderstorm flooded all the field with mud. We had to rebuild all the stages.



Another that was memorable was the Pan-American in Paraguay, because the construction and organization of the stages was very good and the design was very interesting, the only difficult thing was that the temperatures were above 38°C, but it was a great learning.

In addition to a timer, what other equipment do you use?

I also carry the rule book with annotations, several scoring overlays, magnifying glass, markers, pens, extra shooting glasses, spare batteries, sunscreen and insect repellent.

What advice do you have for aspiring officials?

The first thing I would say is that being a Range Officer is a great honor, which entails great responsibility and sacrifice. To be a Range Officer you must have passion and love for the sport but without leaving the desire to serve, to strength and to enhance this beautiful sport.



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IPSC and CZ enter into global partnership

CZ and IPSC are pleased to announce the Global partnership in the field of 'IPSC Handgun'. The common goal is support IPSC athletes, sport itself, and improve the safe gun-handling culture worldwide.

CZ has supported sport shooting disciplines for years. Now, another important step in our support of dynamic sport shooting is the global partnership of CZ (Česká zbrojovka a.s.) with the IPSC (International Practical Shooting Confederation). Furthermore, we are proud to announce too that CZ becomes a partner of the IPSC Handgun World Shoot XIX in Thailand, the most important competition in the upcoming IPSC shooting season.

The worldwide IPSC organization promotes, maintains and improves the sport of practical shooting, organizes competitions around the world and promotes safe and recreational use of firearms. And it is precisely these goals that CZ decided to support with its work. CZ is looking forward to the cooperation, which aims to support athletes and the sport itself.

"We are convinced that mutual partnership will benefit both parties and we believe that it will be able to reach new IPSC members and contribute to the popularization of this exceptional sport. IPSC teaches discipline, sport spirit and self-control. It develops perception, strength, confidence and speed. It is a great pleasure for us to contribute to the development of anyone who devotes to this fast-growing sport, its foundations and principles." said Jakub Sondel, CMO at CZ.



"Our sport is a technical sport. The success of athletes depends on the quality of the equipment. Companies producing equipment for our athletes are also developing sports as we, IPSC officials. Therefore, we attach the highest importance to the partnership with companies producing and supplying sports products to our athletes. Because only in such close cooperation are victories and the best products for humanity born! The Global Partnership with CZ in the field of 'IPSC Handgun' will bring the best products to the market, will help our athletes to show better results and will improve the safe gun-handling culture worldwide." said Vitaly Kryuchin, IPSC President.



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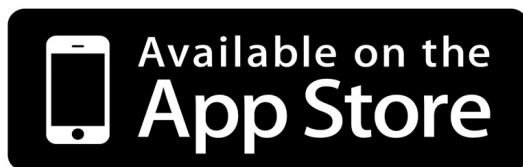




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