

NORDIC MEETING 2015

Minutes of meeting

Date: Saturday, February 7th, 2015
Location: Scandic Simonkenttä, Helsinki, Finland
Attendees: FINLAND: Mikael Ekberg (RD), Taisto Takkumäki (NROI), Peter Rönnerberg (Chairman of meeting), Max Käär (Regional Directorate secretary)
NORWAY: Geir Owe (RD), Lars B. Sand (NROI)
DENMARK: Tim Andersen (RD), Mark Weisinger (NROI)
SWEDEN: Anders Lindfors (RD)

Agenda topics

Nordic Level 3 match calendars

Discussion

With the increased number of matches and shooters come new challenges and there have been collisions with matches between the countries. Each region should try to avoid clashed on a regional level. Currently established matches with recurring dates are:

1st weekend of May, SNO (HG) – NORWAY
Last weekend of May, Kongsvinger Open (HG) – NORWAY
1st weekend of June, Danish Open Rifle (RI) – DENMARK
Last weekend of June, Midnight Sun Shoot (HG) – NORWAY
1st weekend of August, Rooster Mountain (HG) – DENMARK
Last weekend of August, Dall IPSC Challenge (HG) – DENMARK
2nd weekend of November, Moss Indoor Open (HG) – NORWAY

Sweden and Finland did not present any established match dates at the meeting.

The regional match calendars are:

FINLAND <http://ipsccfin.sporttisaitti.com/tapahtumat/>
SWEDEN <http://www.ipsc.se/modules/piCal/>
NORWAY <http://dssn.no/index.php?doc=events>
DENMARK <http://www.dsf.dk/for-skytter/staevnekalender>

Conclusions

1. Match Directors to check match calendars before submitting matches.
2. Regional Director to verify calendars before approving matches onto the calendar.

3. Matches on established dates have priority 1. In case of conflicting dates of other matches, the match first entered on the IPSC calendar has priority.
4. No Level 3 match is to be approved on the same date as the Nordic Championships in the same discipline.
5. This agreement is valid from 1.1.2016 onwards.

Nordisk Skjema

Discussion

The current Nordisk Skjema was reviewed and updated. The updated Nordisk Skjema has been distributed to the Regional Directors with these minutes of meeting.

Conclusions

1. Handgun will keep the current skjema. The two countries hosting the Nordic Championships can swap the divisions if so desired.
2. Rifle will keep the current skjema.
3. Shotgun was added to the skjema. For the next four years cycle between Finland and Sweden. The plan for 2019 onwards to include Norway and Denmark must be agreed no later than 2018.
4. Minirifle was added to the skjema, alternating with the rifle skjema (RI/MR should not be on consecutive years for a single country). The plan for 2019 onwards to include Norway and Denmark must be agreed no later than 2018.
5. Action Air is applicable only for Finland at the moment. If a need arises to include Action Air on the Nordisk Skjema it will be addressed at that time.
6. Multigun is applicable only for Finland (3GUN) and Sweden (2GUN) at the moment. Multigun is to be revisited when reviewing the skjema for Shotgun.

Slot allocations for Nordic Championships

Discussion

The current allocation was reviewed. To allow for registration of shooters travelling from countries outside of the Nordics the deadline for confirming National Teams was raised to 90 days.

Conclusions

1. Each country is given a slot for the match as follows: Organizing country is given 40% and the three other countries 20% each.
2. The division(s) the match is having as the "Main Event (Nordic Championship)" must have priority for slots in the match up to 90 days before the match.
3. All regions must confirm National Teams 90 days before the match.
4. Unused slots will be released to the organizers 90 days before the match. Slots can then be used for all divisions.
5. Level III matches having "Main Event (Nordic Championship)", must be on the IPSC calendar no later than four months before the match is scheduled. This is the minimum and you may register the match earlier due to negotiations for access to ranges.
6. This agreement is applicable as of 1.1.2016 onwards.

Slot allocations for National Championships

Discussion

Slot allocations for National Championships were discussed, with the purpose of ensuring a number of slots are available to the National Teams of the other countries.

Conclusions

1. Each country is given four slots for the National Team (excluding categories) for each division in which the National Championships are hosted.
2. All regions must confirm National Teams within 30 days of start of match registration.
3. Unused slots will be released to the organizers after 30 days from start of match registration. Slots can then be used for all divisions.
4. Level III matches having "Main Event (National Championship)", must be on the IPSC calendar no later than four months before the match is scheduled. This is the minimum and you may register the match earlier due to negotiations for access to ranges.
5. If the competition is hosting both National and Nordic Championships in the same division, then the slot allocation for Nordic Championships will apply.
6. This agreement is applicable as of 1.1.2016 onwards.

Nordic Championships medal

Discussion

Norway proposes a standard medal to be established for Nordic Championships. The medal should be the same in all countries with a customizable ribbon or banner that can be different for each country. Finland presented the medal used for the Nordic Rifle Match 2014 for consideration.

The proposal is for IPSC Finland to obtain the tools for the medal and to have 100 medals ordered and made per country.

Conclusions

1. Agreed, pending local BoD approval.
2. Applicable as of 1.1.2016 onwards.

Anti-doping tests in Norway

Discussion

Geir Owe advised that shooters attending Level 3 matches in Norway may need to submit to anti-doping tests, in accordance with existing IPSC Anti-Doping rules. Range Officers attending are also subject to anti-doping tests, irrespective of whether they are shooting the pre-match or not.

Conclusions

1. Applicable as of 1.1.2015 onwards.

Co-operation in the North

Discussion

Geir Owe presented their aim to have at least one Level 3 match per year north of the Arctic Circle. These efforts have resulted in increased tourism and activities which has been applauded by politicians. This has also resulted in increased membership in IPSC Norway. Norway also has a dedicated NROI coordinator for Northern Norway, arranging shooting courses and Range Office courses on location up north. Norway can assist with NROI and IPSC courses to help out with RO and Club education; especially in the North where FIN / SWE / NOR clubs should co-operate with the goal to have bigger matches held in year.

Norway calls for more co-operation in the north between Norway, Sweden and Finland.

Sweden is also setting up an organization in Lycksele, but no established matches as of yet. Finland also has some activity in the Tornio area.

Conclusions

1. Finland and Sweden to provide Norway with contact information for contacts up north.
2. Establish co-operation and support between countries, providing instructors, courses, etc.
3. Geir Owe will be the driver to establish this.

NROI presentation

Discussion

A number of topical NROI issues were discussed. Lars B Sand presented the NROI Norway online RM report and RO database.

Norway proposed that the shirt for NROI Range Officers in the Nordics would be standardized. The current design, embroidered and country specific, is available at \$18/shirt when ordered in quantities of 400 shirts per order.

Norway also presented a generic, not country specific, Range Officer cap which is available at \$13/each.

Conclusions

1. All countries agreed on the common Range Office shirt.

Next steps

Discussion

Everyone were in agreement that it is beneficial to continue to have yearly Nordic Meetings also in the future. NROI should be included, preferably in a separate meeting room. The same time of year (late January/early February) was deemed to be the best time of year for the Nordic Meeting.

Conclusions

1. Nordic Meeting 2016 to be hosted by Denmark.
2. Nordic Meeting 2017 to be hosted by Sweden.
3. Nordic Meeting 2018 to be hosted by Norway.