

ECO USPSA Safety/Repeat DQ Policy

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This policy describes actions and procedures for addressing frequent or excessive Match Disqualifications (DQs). The policy applies to all competitors engaged in USPSA matches in the Eastern Colorado Section (ECO) and to all ECO clubs. The Section Coordinator (SC) will make the final decision on the remedial actions needed or discontinuance of ECO Section USPSA match participation for the affected competitor or club.

1. DQ Data Collection

All ECO USPSA clubs must:

- Develop procedure(s) to collect and record the information required below for each DQ occurring during a match and report the DQ(s) to the SC within one week of the match, preferably sooner.
- Report the following DQ information to the SC.
- Date of DQ Offense
- Club Name
- DQed Competitor's Name, USPSA Number, and Contact Information, if available.
- RO's Name and Contact Information, if available.
- Brief description of violation, if necessary, and applicable rule(s) supporting the DQ.
- Any amplifying information RM feels germane to the DQ scenario.
- If the DQ was arbitrated, a copy of the arbitration paper work including arbitration result.

The DQed competitor's data will be compiled into a single master list by the SC. The DQ data will be made available to individual club presidents on request via email.

Competitors who normally or regularly compete at ECO clubs will notify the SC of any DQs the competitor incurs at any USPSA sanctioned match outside the ECO section. This includes all USPSA or IPSC sanctioned matches regardless of location or match level. Information from DQ Data Collection, paragraph 1, will be reported.

2. Master DQ List Evaluation

- 2.1 The SC will review the Master DQ List monthly for excessive individual DQs and quarterly for trends of clubs. The SC may review the Master DQ List more frequently. The SC will email clubs the results of the monthly competitor review showing competitors with two (2) DQs. The SC will email clubs with results of quarterly review.
- 2.2 ECO club presidents may request the SC to review the Master DQ List for a specific competitor or club to determine if either demonstrates a problem(s) as defined herein.

- 2.3 If a single competitor DQs a total of three times or more within rolling twelve (12) month period, the competitor will be flagged for remedial action. The rolling twelve month period covers the last day of the current month to the first day of the twelfth month prior, i.e., July 31, 2020 to August 1, 2019.
- 2.4 If an ECO club shows excessive DQs on a quarterly review, the SC club will flag the club for remedial action. Excessive DQs is defined as ten (10) DQs for the same rule infraction in a twelve month period, or a cumulative DQ rate in excess of 3.5% of the clubs total competitors for a twelve month period. An examples of remedial action are:
- Review of stage design relative to the DQs with club staff
 - Require stage review and, if necessary, stage modification prior to a match by section members knowledgeable and experienced in stage design and setup
 - Require club to obtain CRO certifications for stage designers, and CRO review prior to matches.

3. Remedial Action for Competitors

- 3.1 The SC will notify the ECO club presidents and the competitor flagged for remedial action the competitor's privilege of competing in USPSA matches is temporarily suspended until the competitor attends and successfully completes a USPSA Safety Class defined by the SC.
- 3.2 The SC will notify USPSA of the any suspension (temporary or permanent), and reinstatement in accordance with current USPSA rule book for the applicable USPSA discipline. Notify USPSA via email with the competitor's name, USPSA number, reason for suspension, and type of suspension (temporary or permanent). Notification should be made within three (3) working days of the suspension, but in all cases prior to the next USPSA sanctioned section match. The SC will notify USPSA of a reinstatement within the same time-frame.
- 3.3 The SC will designate a trainer (or list of trainers) to the competitor to schedule and present the USPSA Safety Class, and remedial training. The competitor may be assessed a class fee of \$100 which will be paid to the training resource for their time and efforts. The SC will determine the appropriate punitive "charge" for the remedial training class. A punitive charge must be approved by a majority of the ECO club presidents prior to assessing the charge.
- 3.4 Attending the USPSA Safety Class does not ensure passing the class. The competitor must show competent and safe gun handling as well as adherence to USPSA safety rules in order to pass the USPSA Safety Class. The trainer will determine if the competitor passed or failed the training course. If the competitor does not pass the USPSA Safety Class the trainer will advise the student additional training is required and schedule additional training as needed at a fee defined by the SC per training event. The failure to successfully complete the required training will be documented in the Master DQ list and an appropriate amplifying information pertinent to the competitor's failure to successfully complete the training.
- 3.5 The trainer will notify the SC of results of the training, any pertinent additional information regarding the training, and either recommend additional training or recommend the competitor be allowed to compete in section matches. The SC will determine if a match attendance suspension should be assessed beyond the remedial training based on the recommendation(s) of the trainer, and will notify the section clubs of the SC's decision, and the competitor.

- 3.6 The SC will document the successful completion of remedial training in the Master DQ database. If the competitor completes ten (10) matches without a DQ, the competitor's record will be cleared. If the competitor DQs once during this period, the competitor will discontinue attending ECO club matches for three (3) months, then attend and pass another USPSA Safety Class and remedial training as defined by the SC, and the competitor must attend a USPSA Level I Seminar (USPSA Range Officer (RO) certification class), and successfully pass the examination. Attendance is required at the next Level I Seminar offered in the section, or attend any Level I Seminar offered by USPSA NROI.
- 3.7 A competitor flagged for excessive DQs, who successfully performed a second remedial re-training process shall be monitored until successfully competing in ten (10) matches. One (1) DQ during this time-frame will result in permanent suspension from ECO matches, and the SC notify USPSA the competitor's permanent suspension and recommend USPSA place the competitor on the USPSA ineligible list. If no DQs in this time-frame, the competitor's record will be cleared.

4. Remedial Actions for ECO USPSA Clubs

- 4.1 If an ECO USPSA club is flagged for remedial action, the club will be notified of the situation by the SC.
- 4.2 The SC will review all DQ events that occurred at the ECO USPSA club and attempt to correlate a trend of common unsafe actions that could be remedied by alternate stage designs, Shooter Safety Training, RO Retraining, etc. Guidance will be given on a case by case basis.
- 4.3 If the trend of excessive DQ's continue at a specific ECO USPSA club, which cannot be linked to specific competitor(s) causing the issue, the SC will request that the ECO USPSA Club discontinue hosting USPSA matches until the Match Staff can prove competence in hosting safe matches that adhere to USPSA Safety Rules.