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Certain Magazine Bases Ruled Noncompliant

On 6 March 2020 it was determined by the IPSCA NROI President in consultation with a number of people that the Boss Components 85 gram magazine bases do not comply with the 2019 Handgun rules for Production Division (PD), Production Optics (PDO) and Production Optics Light (PDOL). This was very carefully considered and hinged on the inability to prove (with actual evidence) that CZ manufactures a similar weighing base as an OFM option. If that proof is subsequently provided the decision will be reviewed. (From a public FaceBook posting, 7 March 2020).

Clarification from Greg Moon, President of NROI Australia:

This issue was raised by a competitor and not the organisation. A standard magazine weighs 110 grams, the base in question weighs 85 grams. We have put in a lot of work to try and identify a base from CZ that weighs anything close to that with no luck. We are bound by the word negligible.

I've indicated that I am happy to review this decision anytime that evidence can be provided as we are not invested in knocking out any particular magazine base.

At the end of the day a supplier has to ensure that his product is rule compliant and provide the evidence to allow an informed decision to be made if it is bought up. We have put in an inordinate amount of work here to try and find an OFM mag base that will go close to the 85gram weight and have not been able to. The use of the word negligible does not give us a lot of latitude and does not quantify an actual weight variation. (From a public FaceBook posting, 8 March 2020).

Applicable IPSC Rules –

2019 Handgun Rules, Appendix D4, D4a and D4b

17. Original parts and components offered by the OFM as standard equipment, or as an option, for a specific model handgun on the IPSC approved handgun list are permitted, subject to the following:

17.2 Magazines accessible to a competitor during a COF must not contain more than 15 rounds at the Start Signal. Identifying marks or decals, internal capacity limiters, bumper pads and additional witness holes, which add or remove negligible weight to/from magazines, are permitted.

18. Aftermarket parts, components and accessories are prohibited, except as follows:

18.1 Aftermarket magazines are permitted, subject to 17.2 above.

Kind regards

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