



ST GEORGE PISTOL CLUB INC.

Range at 12896 Carnarvon Hwy, St George QLD.
Postal Address for Secretary: PO Box 357, St George, QLD 4487

Incorporated Under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981

So you are interested in Pistol Shooting

Steps to becoming a licenced Pistol shooter:

1. Come along to a few shoots to try different disciplines we offer, and to get to know club members. We have club guns available. We offer Traditional pistol matches; IPSC; and Silhouette. Non-members are able to attend and use club guns under supervision of the Range Officer. For those with minimal shooting experience, we usually like to start off with Traditional events, using .22 pistols.
2. Next, we require evidence that you are “an eligible person to join an approved shooting club”.

If you currently hold a licence for any category of firearm, you are considered a “suitable person” to join a pistol club.

If you do not currently hold a firearms licence, you have to fill out a *QP 0515 Statement of Eligibility to Join an Approved Pistol Shooting Club* form and lodge it at a police station. They will check criminal history etc and issue a statement of eligibility to join an approved pistol shooting club.
3. Fill out an application form to join the St George Pistol Club, including 2 referees who are club members. Submit form and fees to the Secretary or Treasurer of the club.
4. The approval will be determined by the St George Pistol Club Committee, and the official start date is from the date of receipt of completed form and fees.
5. Before applying for a Category H weapons licence, the following is required
 - Be a member of the club for a period of at least 6 months;
 - Keep a record of competition events you complete (a participation form will be provided for you from the club. The Range officer will sign off each attendance);
 - In the 6 months prior to applying, you have to provide evidence of completing at least 3 competition events;
 - Complete an approved Shooting safety course;
 - Request a *QP-518A Club Declaration form* from the Club Weapons Licencing rep.
6. Apply for your Category H weapons licence. Online applications are usually the fastest. There is a mandatory 1 month period before your licence will be processed. (However Weapons Licencing is often very slow and can take longer, depending on their backlog.)
7. In the first year of holding a Category H Weapons licence, the limit is **1** pistol of either .22 **or** centrefire, **plus** an air pistol if desired.
8. Once you have had your licence for 12 months, you are able to purchase additional pistols for shooting other matches (subject to issue of a PTA by Weapons Licencing).

Shooting Disciplines Offered:

Traditional matches: Every Saturday 12:30pm for 1pm start. (Events shot on a rotational basis during month)

- **Standard Match** 25m (semi-auto .22 pistol) (Turning targets with different timed stages. An excellent event for newer shooters)
- **Centre-Fire.** 25m (shot with centre-fire revolvers and semi-auto pistols) This event is also shot with semi-auto .22 pistols and is called “**Sport Pistol**”. Turning targets with different timed stages. An excellent event for newer shooters)
- **Rapid Fire** 25m (semi-auto .22 pistol) (very fast. Not suitable for new shooters).
- **Air Pistol** 10m (single shot .177 air pistol) (slow, single-shot match. All about accuracy. This match will help you learn to shoot better and will help in all other matches)
- **Free Pistol** 50m (single shot .22 pistol) (a very demanding precision match). (Very difficult for a newer shooter).

IPSC: Held on the 2nd Saturday of each month plus additional matches as per demand and availability of Range officers and shooters. Notifications sent out to our contacts when event is called.

- IPSC is a practical shooting competition that involves moving through a course and engaging a variety of targets. In this competition, your score is determined by accuracy, power and speed.
- Your score will be the score on your targets divided by the time in seconds it took you to shoot the course.
- The club has three 9mm pistols available for use
 - Glock 17a;
 - Springfield 1911;
 - SIG P226.
- When using Club guns, we also require you to purchase and use club ammunition.

Silhouette:

Involves shooting steel silhouette targets out to a maximum of 200m.
This event is held during winter months.

What to bring

- Photo Identification (drivers licence is adequate);
- Weapons Licence if you have one;
- enclosed footwear;
- Hearing protection (club can loan if you don't have any)
- Safety glasses (club can loan if you don't have any)
- Pen (for filling out range registers etc.)

Participation Requirements:

Every year by Law, all members must report to the Club Secretary, their participation for the period from 1st July to 30th June. The club then has to notify Weapons Licensing of any members who did not complete their minimum Participation Requirements.

Category H (handgun) Classes:

- Class A – Air Pistol;
- Class B – Centre-Fire not greater than .38Calibre;
- Class C – Centre-Fire from .38-.45Calibre;
- Class D – Rimfire.

Participation requirements:

- If only one class of handgun is owned (no matter how many of that class is held), the minimum participation requirement is 6.
- If 2 or more classes of handgun are owned, the minimum participation requirement is 4 for each class of firearm.

e.g. If I have a 9mm (Class B), a .357 (Class B) and a .22 (Class D), the minimum participation requirement would be 8. I own two different classes. So 4 centre-fire shoots and 4 rimfire shoots are required.

Further Information:

Check out our website: www.stgpistol.au

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