

GENERAL INFORMATION -

BECOMING A LICENSED PISTOL SHOOTER

You must be member of an approved pistol club. There are several legal requirements as follows:

Joining process

You must complete in full and sign the club application, including the declaration whether you are a member of any other pistol club.

If you do not have a current Queensland Weapons Licence then obtain the Form - Application for statement of eligibility to join an approved pistol shooting club (form QP 515) from your local police station, complete and return to the station for approval. If approved, you will receive a declaration which must accompany your application to join the club. This form has an expiry date of 3 months from date of Issue.

If you have a current Weapons Licence this Eligibility Statement is not required.

You must provide two (2) written character references with your application to join the club.

Your application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

Applications are considered at the monthly Club Committee meetings.

All potential members are encouraged to visit the club and discuss what is involved, preferably with a committee member, prior to committing themselves to applying to join.

All prospective members must have completed the NAPC Range Induction Program.

QLD CONCEALABLE FIREARMS (CAT-H) WEAPONS LICENCE ANNUAL PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

All Qld Concealable Firearms Licence handgun owners must participate in at least six handgun shooting competitions conducted on different days, during each financial year of their club membership.

If the handgun owner has firearms in a number of classes, the licensee must use a weapon from each class in not less than 4 club organised shoots for that class in each financial year. All shoots must be conducted on different days.

Example: If a person owns three handguns that are described in two classes of handgun, the licensee will be required to participate in 8 club organised shoots conducted on 8 different days.

This may be varied only by approval from weapons licencing in instances such as the COVID Pandemic in which QPS WLB Provide updates to licenced shooters and clubs accordingly.



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NORTH ARM PISTOL CLUB

New Membership, Induction & Training Information

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North Arm Pistol Club operates within the Davison Range Target Sport Complex at North Arm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays (see match schedule on club website). The club now has a total of 8 ranges for use (see Range Standing Orders and Range Approvals on club website).

It is critical that YOU familiarize yourself with the Range Standing Orders and Range Approval Conditions for the range and ensure that all activities meet these requirements.

Training and competition in a range of ISSF, IPSC and Service events is undertaken and members can compete at Club, Local, Regional, National and International levels.

The following information is provided as a guide to membership, licensing and our training and induction requirements. Further details can be obtained via our website at www.sunshinecoastpistol.com or via the Qld Police Weapons Licensing Branch website.



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North Arm Pistol Club Prospective Member Intro

New Members are always welcome, but the national firearm agreement relating to handguns, introduced on 1st July 2003 requires clubs and new shooters to operate under a scheme of membership and graduated access to handguns.

For more information you should visit the Queensland Police Service Weapons Licensing Branch website at www.police.qld.gov.au/units/weapons-licensing and the North Arm Pistol Club website www.sunshinecoastpistol.com.

The enclosed details are a summary of information to assist with gaining a greater understanding on the participation, cost and timeframe requirements for joining a club, obtaining a Concealable Firearms Licence and progressing through the graduated access to handgun process.

Probationary period

You must be a member of an approved club for at least six (6) months before you can apply for a concealable handgun licence. During this period you will be required to complete an approved Weapons Safety Course and you will be required to complete at least 3 competition shoots at the club. These must be recorded on the shooters participation card. The club will provide introductory training for new shooters.

NORTH ARM PISTOL CLUB MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

- If you don't currently have a weapons Licence (Category A,B etc.) lodge an application with Qld Police for a Statement of Eligibility for joining a Pistol Club
- Discuss application requirements with a member of the NACP Committee (New Membership Officer)
- Complete an application form for membership from the NACP website and provide statement of eligibility (or copy of current Qld Weapons Licence) and 2 signed written character references from people who have known you for 2 years or greater who attest to your character and standing in the community. (Ensure contact details are included in these letters)
- Pay the appropriate membership fee and await Committee approval of your membership application.

Once membership is approved:

- Complete 6 month WLB and NACP (run concurrently) probation period including competition/participation requirements Complete Weapons Safety Course Covering Category H Requirements
- Provide the club with a copy of your signed participation records for the 6 month period, verify your minimum competition requirements and provide a copy of your signed participation record.
- Obtain 6 month verification letter from the club PRIOR to Licence lodgement (518A form)
- Lodge your Category H Weapons Licence Application with Qld Police
- Once approved undertake Participation and Permit to Acquire processes per 1st year in the graduated access to handgun requirements per legal requirements.
- Ensure participation requirements meet your legal requirements for your Qld Concealable Handgun Licence.

These are Mandatory Legal Requirements

INDUCTION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Our new member induction and support programs are an important part of our Club's commitment to ensuring all of our prospective new members are well informed and supported in their choice to pursue membership and participation in our fantastic sport.

The North Arm Pistol Club has a range of support activities aimed at supporting prospective new members, new members and existing members in their membership and licence applications, competitions and development coaching.

Probationary Member Coaching

On Successful Completion of New Shooter Induction and acceptance of your membership application to join NACP you will then need to undertake 3 competition shoots as part of your probationary participation requirements. Throughout this process you are expected to be building on your knowledge and skills towards becoming a licensed member of the Club. A nominal charge may be applied to cover the costs of operating such activities as appropriate. This is a guide only and progression is based on your safety and competency.

Come and Try Sessions

This program is designed for new shooters with little or no previous experience who are looking at coming out and investigating what the sport is about, the different competitions and disciplines and exploring the membership requirements and options applicable for their situation.

The major focus elements of this activity are on ensuring a sound understanding on safety principles and practices whilst providing an introductory exposure to pistol shooting activities.

Enquiries on membership should be directed to newmembers@northarmpistol.org.au along with your contact details and our new membership officer will contact you to discuss your interest and the requirements further. (Participation is by appointment ONLY for this activity and all participants will need to complete a Form 33 PRIOR to any participation on range activities. A nominal charge may be applied to cover the costs of operating such activities as appropriate)

New Shooter Induction (Following membership application and joining fees paid)

The program focuses on safety, competition activities, techniques for control and accuracy and an understanding of the competition rules and requirements which you will be undertaking as part of the probationary phase of your Licence application.

Bookings are made for these activities via email to newmembers@northarmstol.org. Participation is by appointment ONLY for this activity and all participants will need to complete a Form 33 PRIOR to any participation on range activities. A nominal charge may be applied to cover the costs of operating such activities as appropriate.

New Shooter IPSC Induction Post Session

This program is designed for new shooters who have completed then NACP induction program and actively completed at least 3 ISSF competition shoots demonstrating firearms safety handling, trigger control, muzzle control and shot placement control. Police Officers and Boarder Force Officers may be exempt from ISSF shoots.

IPSC is a dynamic sports shooting event and requires a high degree of firearms safety and competency. Initial induction training is booked with an experienced IPSC trainer who will progress your safety competency training requirements.

Further Training Such as Holster accreditation and advanced training is available once you are an approved member of PSAQ affiliated with IPSC Australia with more details on the process provided as part of the IPSC induction program.