



Porirua Pistol Club

It's a hell of a lot better than golf.

Information for new members,

First of all, Thank you for joining Porirua Pistol Club.

Having joined Porirua Pistol Club there are a lot of new opportunities for members to gain shooting experience, as well as a few new responsibilities. This document seeks to explain all these things to you.

RANGE RULES:

Every range needs a set of rules for the safety of all shooters and to help you enjoy your shooting.

1. Always treat every firearms as if it was loaded.
2. Always point firearms in a safe direction
3. Load a firearm only when ready to fire
4. Identify your target
5. Check your firing zone
6. Store firearms and ammunition safely
7. No alcohol and drugs when handling firearms

At the Porirua Pistol club we also have three more rules you should all ready be familiar with. These rules are common to all pistol ranges in NZ.

1. Obey the Range Officers commands at all times
2. Keep your finger off the trigger unless you are about to shoot
3. Never break the 180° line of safety

Also remember that by law you must sign the range book on every visit, and to respect your fellow shooters.

HANDLING A FIREARM

In your first three visits your access to firearms and ammunition was strictly limited in order to keep the range safe. Now you will have more opportunity to handle firearms and learn about them, however this must be done in a safe way as well.

You may now be interested to learn more about pistols and try a few different ones. If you wish to know or examine another member's gun you may do this in the *Safety Zone*. However there are strict rules that apply to the safety Zone.

1. No handling of ammunition in the Safety Zone.

You may bring it with you on your belt or in a pocket, but you must never load magazines or touch a round of ammunition in the safety zone. If you do you will be ejected from the range.

2. Always check a gun is unloaded before passing a firearm.

Before being passing a pistol, always show the receiver that the pistol is unloaded. Pull the slide back so they may check the chamber, and once it has been checked release the slide and pull the trigger to drop the hammer.

3. Always ask before picking up somebody else's pistol.

Even if it is sitting on the table in front of you, and other people have picked it up, never assume you can just pick it up. It is a courtesy that pistol owners appreciate, and it lets them keep track of their equipment.

Other than that, feel free to ask as many questions as you have. After all we are all here to learn more about shooting.

SAFETY WHILE SHOOTING.

As you become more confident with shooting, you will naturally become better and faster. However there are a few rules that you must watch, for safety, that will make sure you learn safe habits.

1. Never run with a pistol
2. You may not travel while engaging a target.
3. You may not travel when changing magazines.

Remember that when you start from the 45° the pistol must be on safe.

If these rules are followed while training for holster qualification it means that you will be safer when given the opportunity to use a holster.

OBTAINING YOUR B (PISTOL) LICENCE

By the time you join you should be well on the way to obtaining your standard A category (A Cat) licence.

You must attend the club 12 times in six months before the club will recommend you for a B Cat. The three visits you made before you joined are not included in this probationary period, although any visits you make while in the process of getting your A Cat do count. Anytime during this probationary period you may ask to sit a simple safety test, which must be passed before you apply for your B Cat.

When it is time for you to apply for your B Cat, you may go to the police and ask for a POL67f form. This must be filled out and signed, and witnessed. Then you should hand it to your club secretary, who fills out a reference section. After that it is sent to the National Administration officer. They check to see if you have made your attendances and sat the safety test, then it is signed by a member of the Pistol NZ council. Then it is sent to your police arms officer for final approval.

OBTAINING A PISTOL

Once you have your B Cat, you may legally obtain a pistol. When you are sure what pistol you want to buy and know where you are going to buy it from you can approach the club secretary for an SN1 form. If the club is happy for you to purchase the pistol you may take the pink copy to the Police to get a permit to procure.

This permit is sent to the place you are purchasing the pistol from, who then sign it and send it back to you with pistol attached. Then you take the form and the pistol to the police, who register it on their computer. Then you may take your pistol home, put it in the safe, and wait impatiently for the next club day. Stroking the new pistol and talking softly to it is optional.

HOLSTER QUALIFICATION

When you purchase your new pistol it is a good idea to buy a holster and some magazine pouches with it, and get a deal on the whole kit. If you are not holster qualified yet you may walk around the range with your pistol in your holster, however you still may not draw from a holster when shooting a course of fire.

Of course, the only acceptable places to take a pistol from its case and put it in your holster are either in the safety zone, or at the line when you are about to shoot.

Talk to the Club Training Officer and mention that you would like to begin training for your Holster qualification. This involves learning to shoot a course of fire called a "Tyro", and also learning more about how to be safe on a range. This training may take several weeks or months to complete.

When the club training officer feels you are ready, they will recommend that you take the holster qualifications course. This takes about half a day to complete and involves a safety lecture, and a shooting exam.

If you pass the course and the exam, you will then be given a holster number which you will need to put on any application to shooting competitions. After that you may draw from a holster.

RANGE OFFICER QUALIFICATION

Although there are moves to create a single course involving RO and Holster qualifications together, this is not yet the case.

Once you have your B Cat, you may enquire to your Club Training Officer about taking the Club RO qualifications exam. They will give you some study material, and when you feel ready to take the exam you may contact the Club Training Officer and arrange a time to sit it.

There is also a National Range Officer course, which may be taken at any time too. This is a lot more advanced and involves a written exam. Talk to your Club Training Officer if you are interested.

You only get as much from Pistol Shooting as you are prepared to put in. There are always ways to get involved in the club.

It is expected that you help out at the range, by picking up brass or scoring and patching targets. You can help set up courses of fire or even offer to design a few is always a good idea.

There is a newsletter published intermittently that will contain opportunities for getting involved in club activities, and to help you improve as a shooter.

Once again, thank you for joining the Porirua Pistol Club. If you have any questions about the club or anything mentioned in this information sheet, contact any of the elected officers of the club.