



IPSWICH PISTOL CLUB INCORPORATED

Information for New Members

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1.0 ABOUT THE IPSWICH PISTOL CLUB

The Ipswich Pistol Club Inc was established 50 years ago in May 1964. Our mission is and has been to promote the sport of target pistol shooting, in all of its various disciplines. We are committed to creating a safe, supportive and enjoyable environment for people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in the sport of target pistol shooting as a recreational and competitive pastime.

We shoot a wide variety of pistol matches including:

Rimfire Matches

In rimfire (.22 calibre) target pistol shooting events, competitors aim at a 10 ring target in the standing position, use only one hand to fire the pistol and the wrist must be completely free of support. Target pistol shooting events include 10m Air Pistol, 50m Pistol, 25m Pistol, Rapid Fire Stage, 25m Rapid Fire, 25m Centre Fire Pistol, and 25m Standard Pistol.

Service Pistol

The Service Pistol event for 9mm and .38/.357 pistols consists of 90 shots fired at distances varying from 50 to 7 yards with the pistol holstered at the commencement of each series.

IPSC

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International 1920 Match

In Australia International 1920 Match comprises four (4) courses of fire shot at the National Rifle Association (NRA) of America's Action Pistol Bianchi Cup. NRA Action Pistol match comprises sixteen (16) different recognised courses of fire. The four (4) courses of fire in International 1920 Match include the Falling Plates, the Mover, the Practical and the Barricade events. Each course of fire in International 1920 Match is 48 rounds x 10 points each, totaling a match score of 480 points. An inner X count of 48 allows for a maximum overall score of 1920 points (192x).

2.0 HOW TO JOIN THE IPSWICH PISTOL CLUB

Ipswich Pistol Club welcomes new members!

In Queensland and most states, the processes for joining a pistol Club and obtaining a firearms licence are interlinked – you must belong to a pistol club to hold a handgun licence, but you can't join a club until the Weapons Licensing Branch of the Queensland Police have approved you to do so. Actually, it's not quite as bad as it sounds!

The process is set out in section 3.0 below. It is a long read, but hopefully we have answered most of the questions you may have about joining a pistol club.

The membership year is from 1 September to 31 August. Currently, membership fees for our club are:

Application fee (non-refundable)	\$50
Full member	\$340
Full member – Family Discount	
(a) 2 family members	\$460
(b) 3 family members	\$520
(c) 4 or more family members	\$560
<i>NB: 'family members' means spouses and children living together in a household</i>	
Junior member	\$60

For members joining partway through the membership year, fees are pro-rated.

The above fees include:

- All membership dues
- All range attendance fees
- All targets/patches etc
- Third Party Public Liability Insurance
- Personal Accident Insurance
- Use of club firearms under supervision of our licenced instructors and senior members until you gain your own licence and firearm

Members participating in Club working bees receive a credit against fees of \$20 per working bee up to a maximum of \$80. Members must sign the working bee book.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Club Secretary at secretary@ipswichpistolclub.com.

3.0 Becoming a Licenced Pistol Shooter in Queensland

The following is a summary of the process to obtain a handgun licence (Category H) in Queensland. For more details, please refer to the website of the Weapons Licencing Branch of the Queensland Police – <http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/weaponslicensing/>

3.1 Before you can Join the Club

(a) *Unlicensed Persons*

Before you can join a pistol club you must first obtain a *Statement of Eligibility* from Queensland Weapons Licensing. An applicant must complete the form QP515 (which can be obtained from your local police station or can be downloaded the form from the Queensland Police Website -

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/weaponsLicensing/fees/forms/clubsforms.htm>

The completed form and the documents specified in the form must be submitted to your local Police Station for approval. If approved, you will receive a declaration to be presented to the Club along with your application for membership and 2 character references. Remember this declaration will only last for 3 months.

(b) *Licenced*

If you already hold a firearms licence other than a category H (eg Category A & B) , you do not need to obtained the Statement of Eligibility, but will need 2 character references and declaration of other shooting club memberships as above.

If you already hold a Category H license, you need only complete the Club's membership application form.

3.2 Joining the Club

To join the Club you must complete the Club's membership application (available at <http://www.ipswichpistolclub.com/membership-how-to-join/>). That application form, together with the Statement of eligibility, and:

- (a) two character reference letters with your application to the Club. (From persons knowing the applicant for more than 2 years); and

(b) a declaration to the Club stating that you are a current member of another approved shooting club or are not a current member of another approved shooting club

must then be submitted to the Club Secretary for consideration by the Club's Management Committee.

3.3 Statutory Probationary Period

By law, you must be a member of an approved handgun gun for at least 6 months before you are eligible to apply for a firearms' licence.

During this period, new members are required to be supervised by a Range Officer when shooting and must complete a Form 33 Register each time they visit the range to shoot.

The Club requires new members who do not already hold a handgun licence to shoot 6 rimfire (.22 calibre) matches at the Club, before advancing to other match disciplines and/or larger calibres.

During the 6 month probationary period you must complete a recognized approved Weapons Safety Course (to gain knowledge of safety practices for the use, storage and maintenance of a firearm). Applicants having an A or B licence will only need to do the legislation and Category H components. (Ipswich Pistol Club has licenced Firearms Instructors who can provide approved Weapons Safety Course training for Categories A, B, C, D and H).

For newly licenced members and licenced members new to the club, there is a further probation period before the member may use the ranges un-supervised. See section 5.1 below.

3.4 Applying for Handgun Licence

Applications for a concealable firearms licence (that is, Category H, handguns) is best submitted via the online application system:

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/weaponsLicensing/applyOnline/newLicences/>

You will need to have ready to submit with your online application:

- Documents proving your residence (eg a rates notice or electricity bill)
- A passport style photograph

- Your Statement of Attainment from your Weapons Safety Course (note , this is valid for 12 months from the date of issue)
- Form QP 518(A), which is a declaration by the Club's official representative stating that you, the applicant, are a financial member of the club, that you have been a member of the pistol club for the 6 month period immediately before the declaration is made and that you have participated in at least 3 handgun shooting competitions during that 6 months
- Your participation record

As it is an online application, you will need to have electronic versions (eg scanned copies) of all of these.

3.5 Once you have your Licence

For the first twelve months of holding a concealable firearms licence, you are only able to possess 1 (one) air pistol, and 1 (one) of the following:

- a rim-fire pistol (.22) (this calibre will enable you to shoot all rimfire matches, but not IPSC matches), or
- a centre-fire pistol (up to .38 inch), or
- a black-powder pistol.

To maintain your handgun licence, you must participate in at least 6 handgun competitions per year per firearm.

A holder of a concealable firearms licence, who is a member of an approved shooting club, must not possess:

- a weapon with a calibre of more than .38 inch;
- a weapon that is semi-automatic and has a barrel length of less than 120mm unless it has an overall length of at least 250mm measured parallel to the barrel;
- a weapon that is not semi-automatic (e.g. revolvers and single shot pistols) and has a barrel length of less than 100mm unless it has an overall length of at least 250mm measured parallel to the barrel;
- a weapon with a magazine with a maximum capacity of more than 10 rounds;
- a weapon designed to be used without a magazine that has a maximum capacity of more than 10 rounds.

However, an authorised officer may authorise the holder of a licence, by an accreditation condition endorsed on the licence, to possess a category H weapon of high calibre more than

.38 inch but not more than .45 inch, if the authorised officer is satisfied that the holder is to participate in an accredited event. Accredited events are;

- a) a metallic silhouette competition; and
- b) a single-action competition.

For access to the ranges, see section 5.0 below.

3.6 Acquiring a firearm

Once you have your licence, you are eligible to purchase a firearm. However, the purchase of firearm requires an additional permit over and above your handgun licence. To purchase a handgun you must apply for a permit to acquire (a "PTA"). This is best done via the online PTA system: <http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/weaponsLicensing/applyOnline/pta/>). The current fee for a PTA is \$37.50.

The PTA will require you to state the type, action, make, model, barrel length, serial number (if known) and calibre of the weapon, and the magazine capacity of the firearm. Once obtained a PTA is valid for 6 months.

The PTA must be accompanied by a letter from the Club endorsing your acquisition of the particular firearm. This letter is obtained from the Club Secretary.

All purchases of firearms must be done through a licensed firearms dealer. Even if you are purchasing the handgun from a private person, the deal must be brokered by a license dealer. The Dealer may charge a fee of up to \$11 for brokering the sale.

4.0 Training

The Club offers basic training in the safe handling of safety and shooting. This is done through supervised participation in designated matches (currently the ISSF Match held on Saturday afternoons). We have found that this offers new shooters the best opportunity to learn the basics of handgun shooting, safety, and operation.

For those wanting more advanced training, some shooting associations, such as PSQ, offer coaching, and there are professional firearms instructors who offer coaching services.

Other experienced members of the Club may be available for assistance from time to time subject to mutual agreement.

5.0 Using the Club's Facilities and the Range

As a member, we encourage you to make use of the Club's facilities – the ranges and the canteen – and to join in as an active member of the Club.

The use of the range is governed by the **Range Standing Orders**. A copy of these is attached. Please read them carefully. They are there for your safety as well as that of everyone else and must be complied with. On joining the Club, you will be required to sign a declaration that you have read and will abide by the Range Standing Orders.

The Club is authorised for shooting every day of the year except for Christmas Day and Anzac day, between the hours of 9am to 6pm, except for Range 3 when rimfire firearms and air pistol shooting is permitted to 9pm.

The normal program of matches is set out in the Match Calendar on the Club's website:

<http://www.ipswichpistolclub.com/calendar/>

5.1 Probation

Newly licenced members and licenced members new to the club, must undertake an orientation of the ranges and the range standing orders. This involves:

- (a) the completion of a brief written quiz; and
- (b) observation of the member shooting by the Club's Training Officer or other committee member.

This is designed to ensure that all members understand the range standing orders and that they can safely use the range facilities.

Once the orientation is complete, members may obtain the lock combination to the range from the Club's Secretary. You may then act as your own range officer if alone on the range. The flexibility this affords members is one of the many benefits of the Club, but it depends on all members acting responsibly.

6.0 Competing and Affiliation

The sport of target pistol shooting may be pursued at Club, national, state and international level, in a variety of different disciplines and styles. There are a number of organisations that run handgun competitions and to which shooters may be affiliated. The two main bodies in Queensland are:

Practical Shooting Association Queensland

PSAQ is the Queensland branch of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC).

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Pistol Shooting Queensland

PSQ is the state branch of Pistol Australia. PSQ/PA provides its members with direct access to 23 different matches that are all graded to suit all levels of members and also includes categories for athletes with a disability. This link also provides our members the pathway to International competitions and is the only shooting body which allows members to compete at Commonwealth and Olympic Games. Coaching and officiating training are provided to all members at no cost - improvement increases the interest of the challenge!

For more see: <http://www.pistolshootingqld.org/>



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby certify that I have never been convicted of a criminal offence, and I fully understand that any conviction for a like offence in the future must be immediately advised in writing to the Committee of Management of the above Club and will result in immediate expulsion from the Club. I also understand that the provisions of the Queensland Weapons Act 1990 (as amended) and the Queensland Weapons Regulation 1996 must be complied with at all times.

Signature:

Date:

I hereby apply to become a member of the above Club. I certify that details below are true and correct.

NAME OF APPLICANT:
(Block letters) Surname Given Names

DATE OF BIRTH:

HOME ADDRESS: **POST CODE:**

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Home: **Mobile:**

EMAIL ADDRESS:

OCCUPATION: **EMPLOYER'S NAME:**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Bus Tel:**

WEAPONS LICENCE NO. (if already licensed):

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REFUSED MEMBERSHIP AT ANOTHER PISTOL CLUB?: Yes / No (circle)

I HAVE READ AND I UNDERTAKE TO ABIDE BY THE CLUB'S STANDING RANGE ORDERS: ✓

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

NB: Please attach 2 character references from persons who have known you for at least 2 years

PROPOSED BY: **SECONDED BY:**

Application approved/declined. We have personally ascertained that the applicant is fully aware of all aspects of this application.

President

Secretary:

Date:

Bank Details

Ipswich Pistol Club Inc
Heritage Bank

Karalee Village Branch

Electronic Transfer - BSB: 638260
Account Number: 10866183

Over the counter – BSB: 638070

Membership Fees (Fees for those joining mid-year will be pro-rated)

Application Fee (non-refundable) \$50

Full member \$340

Full member – Family Discount

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