

Metropolitan Pistol Club By-Laws

23 March 2024

Reference: *Weapons Act 1990* (Qld) as at 25 March 2022 General

- G1) All members and visitors intending to shoot on the day must sign the Range Attendance Register as per the *Weapons Act 1990* (Qld), (Weapons Act) section 110 and have in their possession their license, Attendance Record Book and must be always wearing their club ID when on all ranges. No ID, no shoot. When Shooting other Classes of Firearms in the same day, please ensure Range Register is updated to reflect such Classes being shot. All visitors must be supervised by a club member and fill out a Form 33 as required.
- G2) All persons entering the range area shall be under the control of a **Range Officer** (RO) Weapons Act s 108, or **Range Operator** (ROP) Weapons Act s.109 and must comply with all lawful directions, Weapons Act s 110, By-Laws, Range Approvals, Standing Orders and observe the rules of safety. Failure to do so will result in club member having sanctions applied to their use of facilities by the Executive
- G3) Any qualified member may be called on to perform the duties of RO.
- G4) Any member or visitor may be called upon to assist in the running of any competition, excluding RO duties if not qualified as a RO. Under guidance by a suitably qualified RO suitably experienced shooters may be asked to run a range in the role of a RO to assist and learn towards gaining experience of range management.
- G5) The membership application shall be in such form as the Committee from time to time prescribe. The conditions shall be in accordance with the Weapons Act.
The Committee of Management may grant exemptions from the required new member coaching lessons on the recommendation of the Club Captain or Executive.
The Committee may at its discretion refuse an application for membership without giving its reason for such refusal.

- G6) It is the responsibility of every member to ensure that all ranges are tidy, all equipment used is returned to its respective storage area and used targets disposed of in the correct manner and patched out.
- G7) Metropolitan Pistol Club (Club) equipment is for the use of Club Members unless otherwise approved by the Committee of Management.
- G8) A person causing wilful damage to Club Property shall be called upon to show cause as to why his / her membership should not be terminated.
- G9) Pistol Chassis are classified and include pistols able to use a Chassis or utilise the pistols fire control system and deemed to be non-match compliant which will cover all styles/types of firearms similar to and including Pistols such as Ruger Chargers, CZ Scorpion Pistol, CZ P10, Sig Sauer X01 and others.

Pistols utilising a Chassis style system may only be used for ammunition testing / sight alignment and their use in matches / Practise is strictly prohibited on any ranges at Metropolitan Pistol Club.

Firearms which do not meet the rules for a match listed on the Clubs Range Approvals are not to be used in Competition/practise on any Metropolitan Pistol club ranges.

Breach of the Rules will result in Disciplinary action

- G10) The Match of the Day shall take precedence; the starting time may be varied according to the number of competitors and provided that the last detail does not leave the firing line after the posted finish time for the match.
- G11) All shooting shall be as per the Club Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Executive.
- G12) Evening events shall be conducted from 6.00 P M to 9 P.M with the minimum number as specified by the Committee of Management, as per rolling calendar.
- G13) All scoring and grading will be in accordance with the rules governing the various disciplines.

- G14) Members who bring / invite a visitor to the Club shall be responsible
1. For their conduct.
 2. To make sure they abide by the Weapons Act and the Range Approvals.
 3. To make sure they abide by the Club By-Laws and Standing Orders.
 4. The Committee of Management may at its discretion impose range fees for visiting non-members.
- G15) Unlicensed visitors and prospective members wishing to shoot must obtain permission from a committee person prior to shooting and be under the control of an authorized member as per clause 28 of Standing Orders. All Metropolitan Pistol Club (Club) Members and Visitors (Form 33) must populate the Range Register with identity detail, intended Match or Practice session, prior to entering the range. The Committee of Management may at its discretion impose range fees for visiting non- members.
- G16) Members shall advise the Secretary within fourteen (14) days of their change of address as per the Weapons Act. NOTE - the notification is required to the OIC of Police - Weapons Act s 24 (2) (a) (i). This will require a further amendment if the Secretary is to be informed.
- G17) All mobile phones are to be switched off or placed on silent whilst on any Range where a competition is in progress.
- G18) Junior Membership may be extended to a person under the age of 18 years but not less than 11 years whose parent or guardian is a full member.
(The Committee of Management may accept a Junior Member from 11 Years by special agreement.)
- G19) A member attending a Committee of Management Meeting shall not be permitted to record in any form the proceedings of that meeting.
- G20) No Camouflaged clothing is to be worn on any Metropolitan Pistol Club Facilities.

Management

- M1) A copy of minutes shall be displayed in the Clubhouse immediately upon adoption.
- M2) The Club's ranges shall be available to all financial members during the hours from 8am to sundown each day and night competitions as per the club calendar except: Anzac Day Closed to 12.00 noon. No shooting on Christmas Day
- M3) All ranges shall be closed during working bees. The Club Captain or his delegate shall have the power to close any range for maintenance, safety, or extenuating circumstances but not to favour any one discipline over another for range space unless with the approval of the Committee of Management. Club Maintenance shall be managed by the Metropolitan Treasurer with the assistance and endorsement of the Club Executive as required.
- M4) The Executive shall have the right to open the ranges at its discretion for coaching or special events.
- M5) The Secretary shall give fourteen days' notice, where practical, of all range closures for reasons (By Club Newsletter/Facebook and notification on Range 1 – or near the Sign on book) other than in M3.
- M6) Delegates to represent the Club shall be appointed by the Executive.
- M7) The Executive shall be permitted to raise levies for specific projects or requirements from time to time any such levies shall be fully accounted and shall have a duration of not more than one (1) financial year.
- M8) If any elected or appointed member of the Committee of Management fails to attend three (3) consecutive Committee meetings without tendering an apology the Committee may declare the position vacant and fill that position with an appointee.
- M9) Any member wishing to address the Committee at a monthly meeting shall give fourteen (14) days' notice in writing advising of the subject to be raised.
- M10) Only one (1) family member shall be eligible to hold a position on the Committee of Management or Executive.

- M11) An ordinary Member must have been a financial member of the Club for not less than twelve (12) months before any nomination may be received for his / her election to any office of the Club.
- M12) To be eligible to hold a position on the Committee of Management the said member shall not be a member of any other PSQ Affiliated Club.
- M13) Club Executive members are authorised to inspect club members attendance/Participation records at any time to ensure compliance with the Weapons Act Legislation and Regulations.
Non-compliance issues will be referred to Queensland Police Weapons Licensing for action.

Safety

- S1) Firearms are to be handled with care at all times.
- S2) Under the command of an RO firearms may only be loaded whilst pointing down range and only after the appropriate command has been given during a Match. While a Range is being managed by a Range Operator, Firearms are loaded under the appropriate Safe Instructions to Load inline with Range Safety.
- S3) Outside the shooting stations on any range all firearms must be kept unloaded and in a SAFE condition, according to type. Once a firearm has been cleared as safe by the RO it may be carried closed in a carry case or holster.
Holsters may be worn on Ranges 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 by Shooters to Safely Secure Firearms if they are the only person at the designated Ranges.
- S4) Before leaving the firing line it is every member's responsibility to ensure that the RO has seen and declared the firearm SAFE. This action also needs to be done by the Range OP in control of the Range.
- S5) A member's firearm or that of a visitor shall not be handled by any other person except for the RO without the owner's permission.

- S6) It is every member's responsibility, to advise the RO, of any situation which may be regarded as dangerous or could cause an accident. This is to include advising the RO of any dropped and lost live ammunition on the Range Firing Line and assisting with the recovery of such ordnance prior to leaving the Range.
- S7) All shooters must comply immediately with the commands of the RO.
- S8) No firearm, shall be handled while persons are forward of the firing line.
- S9) Designated **"Safe Areas"** are located away from the firing line where firearms may be handled with care. No Ammunition to be present in this zone.
- S10) Targets shall be placed, as close to the backstop as possible within the rules of the match and as per the Club's Range Approval, on Ranges all Targets centre must be aligned to the back stop at 90 degrees (Metallic Silhouette targets aligned to individual back stops.).
- S11) Matches shall be conducted as closely as possible to the published rules within the Shooters capacity.
- S12) All shooters and spectators shall wear eye, and ear protection, at all times, while shooting is being conducted. Ear protection is not compulsory in Range 4, the Air Range.
Under Match rules of specific disciplines, eye protection is not mandatory, however this only applies for those specific disciplines on Metropolitan Pistol Club Ranges.
- S13) Covered footwear and a shirt with sleeves will be considered safe clothing. (e.g., Polo tops and T Shirts)
- S14) No person will be permitted to handle a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or a drug.
- S15) While shooting is in progress NO alcohol will be consumed by any competitor.
Alcohol consumption is prohibited within the boundaries of the Metropolitan Pistol Club.
- S16) Ammunition used in any event shall be in accordance with the rules of the match.
- S17) Jacketed Ammunition shall not be used on Baffled Ranges (Excluding Metallic Silhouette Gazetted Matches).

- S18) Range 4 calibre no greater than .177.
- S19) Rifles and Shotguns may only be used on ranges as per the Range Approval and designated by the Executive.
- S20) All children shall be the responsibility of their parents or guardian and shall not touch any firearm at any time.
- S21) Every prospective member must be fluent in written and spoken ENGLISH prior to consideration for membership. All membership applications must be written by the applicant in the presence of an Executive member.
- S22) All discipline Representatives must hold a current appropriate Queensland Weapons License.