



## PROBATIONARY MEMBER INDUCTION AND TRAINING FOR NEW UNLICENSED MEMBERS

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

#### Introduction and Requirements

Welcome to your new Pistol Club! This club is a competitive shooting club with a variety of matches that cater to many tastes. New members are offered an introduction to general shooting skills and safe training in many of the competitive shooting matches that are hosted. The club is for people that want to enjoy the sport of shooting, to socialise with like-minded people and to be the best they can be at their chosen sport. This club is not the place for people who just want a handgun.

Pistol shooting is a fantastic and inclusive sport, and one of Australia's safest. It is however heavily regulated, and it can take some time before the "fun" part really starts.

**The Process** for new unlicensed members.

- ✓ Join the Club as a probationary member.
  - Provide two Character references.
  - Pay a joining fee if required.
- ✓ Complete the Club's Induction session. This the Part A of the compulsory Firearms Safety Training Course.
- ✓ Apply to NT Police, Fire & Emergency Services for a **Category H Sports Shooter's Permit\*** – this allows you to shoot under supervision.
  - issued to both adults (above 18) and juniors (under 18) who use Category H firearms under supervision at an approved firearms club for sports shooting and is valid for a period of up to six (6) months.
  - To be eligible for this permit, you need a current membership at an approved firearms club offering the use of Category H firearms and be supported by the club for Category H firearms training.
- ✓ Complete the Club's Training sessions and participate in an approved number of competitive matches during the probation period.
- ✓ Keep a record of training and participation.
- ✓ At the completion of the probationary period, join the Club as a full member.
- ✓ Apply to NT Police, Fire & Emergency Services for a **Category H Sports Shooter's Licence\*\*** This will be issued to members who.
  - have held, for at least 3 months, a Sports Shooter's Permit to use Category H firearms under supervision.
  - have completed an approved number of competitive shoots and produce a log (record of participation) at the time of application.
  - provide the required supporting documentation in the form of a certificate of Firearm Club membership endorsed by an authorised signatory of the Club.
  - Complete an Approved Firearms Safety Training Course and supply a Certificate of Completion endorsed by the Club.

\*This permit does not allow the permit holder to own or purchase firearms.

\*\*This licence allows graduated possession and ownership of firearms.

<https://pfes.nt.gov.au/police/firearmsweapons/licence-and-permit-information>



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### Induction and Training Course

The Club has a responsibility to you and their members to provide training that ensures that you will be a safe, confident, and responsible shooter before recommending you for a Category H Sports Shooters Licence. The Club also has a legal requirement to provide a firearms Safety Training Course.

All new shooters must complete an Approved Firearms Safety Training Course. The Induction and Training sessions form the basis of the Approved Firearms Training Course.

### Training Program

#### Part A -Induction

All new unlicensed members are required to attend an **Induction** session. This will provide new members with the information needed to apply for a **Category H Sports Shooter's Permit** (shooting under supervision license). At the end of this session, Club support will be provided for to apply for a **Category H Sports Shooter's Permit**.

Through a Power Point presentation and accompanying handouts, the Induction session for prospective new members and Cat H Permit candidates will cover the following content.

- Structure of pistol shooting in the NT, Australia and Internationally.
- Introduction to Pistol Shooting at the Pistol Club.
- Overview of matches and competitions conducted at the Club.
- Basic firearm types used in matches.
- Overview of Legislative requirements for Cat H Permit and Licence holders.
- Approved Firearms Training requirements for Cat H Licence support.

#### Part B – Practical Training on the line

The primary intention of this section of the course is to provide the candidate with the practical knowledge and skills to participate in pistol shooting with a safe and competent attitude. This will occur through the delivery of the following content.

- Personal Safety requirements
- Safe pistol handling
- Supervised match shooting and application of range rules
- Basics of pistol shooting techniques – Stance, Aiming, Trigger, Breathing

When you receive your **Category H Sports Shooter's Permit**, you will need to attend at least 3 practical training sessions. At least two sessions will be with air pistols (AP) and at least one session will be with a .22 rimfire pistol (RF). Training sessions times are available from the club and will be conducted by an experienced club member.

- Requirements
  - ✓ Enclosed footwear
  - ✓ AP and Rimfire ammunition
  - ✓ Safety glasses and hearing protection are mandatory.



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Once the trainers are satisfied that you can handle a firearm safely and competently, you will be able to participate in competition matches. Training and observation is still ongoing, and a record of participation is required to be kept.

On successful completion of the Training and membership requirements, you will be issued with a Certificate of Completion of the Approved Firearms Safety Training Course. With this and your club Membership, the Club will support your application for a Category H Sports Shooters Licence.



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