



COCKBURN-FREMANTLE PISTOL CLUB (Inc)

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Dear Aspiring or New Member

Welcome to the Cockburn-Fremantle Pistol Club (CFPC). In order to make your introduction to our Club as easy and as complete as possible, we have prepared the attached information sheets, which will help you to settle in once you have become a member and enjoy your shooting. After joining the club and having paid all fees, you will receive your West Australian Pistol Association (WAPA) Membership Card which is recognised by Police, other clubs and other shooters throughout Australia. CFPC will issue you with an identification card (ID) which must be worn while on the premises. You will also receive a club diary which you will need to bring to the club each time you shoot a match. Scores must be recorded in both the club score books AND the diary during your initial training until the diary is complete. Then only the club score books thereafter. Your diary is critical and will show your completion of training and prerequisite shoots that are necessary to remain an active member at the club or in the event of requesting support for purchasing a firearm of your own.

Air Pistol shoots are held every Wednesday evening commencing at 6.30 pm. Club shoots are held every weekend unless otherwise notified, please refer to the current club calendar on our website or on the Notice Board in the club room. Normal weekend shoots start at either 9.30 am or 1 pm. New members must be approved to shoot live fire matches by the Club Captain, who will advise Club Armourers of new members cleared to hire club pistols, please liaise with the Club Armourers for the availability of club pistols.

You must ensure that you sign the attendance register each time you attend the range.

This includes all visitors whether you are shooting a match or not. The register is located inside the club room near the committee room door. WA Firearm Regulations state that once you own pistols you must shoot at least 6 matches per year in that discipline, if you own pistols for more than one discipline then 4 matches for each discipline (eg. PA and ISSF). To ensure that your matches are noted the scores must be recorded in the scorebooks that are hanging in the clubrooms. **It is your responsibility to ensure that your score is recorded as this is the only way that the record keeper can maintain your shooting activity.**

Please make sure that you read the conditions under which the Club operates in the Club By-Laws as well as the WAPA safety Regulations. Both Documents are displayed on the club notice board and on all ranges. They can also be downloaded from our website.

In particular, please be familiar with the requirements of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 on all our live fire ranges regarding power factor of loads. Any member who contravenes the terms of these conditions may be personally held responsible for any financial and or material loss to the Club.

The Committee and Members of the Cockburn-Fremantle Pistol Club extend to you a warm welcome and hope that your forthcoming membership with the club offers you everything you want from the great sport of competitive pistol shooting.

CFPC SECRETARY





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Welcome to our club,

A nomination fee of \$150 per Adult/Couple (Juniors free) must accompany your fully completed membership application form, a National Police Certificate (only from WAPOL and maximum of 2 months old) and 1 passport size photograph are also to be provided to the Secretary for action. If you are transferring from another WAPA club you will need to arrange a Club Transfer Form (WAPA Form 104) from your current club. The Committee of Management will consider your application for membership at their next management meeting (second Monday of every month).

The following points may be of help to you during your induction and 6 months probationary/training period.

- You are welcome to attend the Committee of Management meeting the night that your application for membership is to be considered and meet all the Committee members. But otherwise make yourself known to some Committee members prior to the meeting. If possible, have a Committee member propose or second your membership application. Meetings are held in the clubroom on the second Monday of each month at 7.00 pm. Please ensure that any paper work to go before these meetings is in the hands of the Secretary at least a week prior to the meeting date.

- The Secretary will advise you of your acceptance into the club and the balance of any club fees owing. Fees are payable within a month of such notice from the Secretary. If more than 60 days lapse, your membership application will expire. Annual fees for 2024/2025 are: Adult \$370.00, Couple (defined below) \$640.00 and Juniors \$160.00. If you join the club midyear, lesser fees will apply dependent on the time of you joining the club.

Definitions for the purpose of annual fees

Couple: *two adult persons who are legally married and living together or are two unrelated adult persons who are and have been living together for not less than two consecutive years in a committed domestic partnership without being legally married.*

Junior: *A shooter is deemed to be a Junior for the purpose of fees if he/she has not turned 18 years of age by the end of the membership year (1 November). An existing junior member or a new member having attained the age of 18 years of age, with a full time student identification card acceptable to the Committee, is permitted to pay the Junior Membership fee until the age of 21 years, after which full adult membership applies.*

- You must shoot a minimum of 12 scored club competition matches (as per your club diary) and be a member of the club for 6 months before you are eligible to make an application for Club Support for purchase of a pistol. For more detailed information on pistol ownership refer to the section on "Pistol Applications". It is to your advantage to read the WAPA Regulations, and various match rulebooks, study the Club safety rules and By-Laws. Ask questions of other shooters, get as much match practice as possible and watch other matches being shot that may be of interest to you. This will ensure that you become safety conscious and aware of the rules of our governing body and of the different matches on offer. Ask our Secretary for all relevant paper work if none is available on display in the Clubhouse or on the website.
- Our Club Captains and Coaches conduct safety and technical training for new shooters. They are available to help you with most questions, but be mindful that they are volunteers who also enjoy shooting matches themselves. Please give them some space when they are on the line enjoying a match and reserve your question for an appropriate moment.



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- The Club will occasionally host/run coaching sessions, Range Officer, Instructor or Holster courses for members. These are good opportunities for those interested and will be advertised beforehand.
- Check the club calendar for shooting times and matches.
- The club owns a number of pistols, which are available for use during your 6 month probationary / training period. Club pistols are available for hire by club members for a set fee, which includes enough ammunition for the nominated match. CFPC recommends using club supplied ammunition with club pistols; however, if you wish to use your own ammunition please confirm this is acceptable with the Club Armourer. ***Any unused ammunition must be returned to the Club Armourer with the hired pistol at the conclusion of the match.***

Please remember club officers occupy voluntary positions. We are flexible but are not on call at all times as we also enjoy the sport of pistol shooting.

CLUB RULES and BY-LAWS (Partial Extract Only) – *you must abide by:*

1. No firearms, other than pistols between the calibres of .177 to .45 shall be discharged on the Club premises.
2. **No shooting is permitted** between 7 pm and 8:30 am Monday to Saturday and 7 pm and 9.30 am Sundays and Public Holidays.
3. **No shooting is permitted** during official Club Busy Bees until the range has been cleared for safety by the Club Captain or Club Official in charge on the day.
4. Eye protection, ear protection and closed in shoes must be worn on all ranges, by match participants and spectators.
5. **For club events** - only cased pistols are permitted in the club rooms, except as per Regulations for coaching purposes.
6. **For all Open, State and National titles** - no pistols are permitted in the Club Rooms.
7. No alcohol may be consumed prior to, or during participation in ANY matches.
8. There must be at least two competitors for an official shoot to take place.

HISTORY

The Cockburn-Fremantle Pistol Club was formed in 1958. At that time it was the only competitive Pistol Club to be approved in the state of WA. The club range was originally at the old brewery site in East Fremantle. After a few moves the club commenced construction on the current Banjup site in 1978. Since then other clubs have come into existence and the West Australian Pistol Association (WAPA) was created to administer the sport on behalf of the Amateur Pistol Shooting Union of Australia (known as Pistol Australia). WAPA now administers more than 40 pistol clubs throughout Western Australia.



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CURRENT MATCHES

Matches are shot under rules governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), and under rules from Pistol Australia (PA) and West Australian Pistol Association (WAPA).

I.S.S.F. Matches are:

Free Pistol
Rapid Fire
Standard Pistol
Centre Fire
Ladies 25 m Pistol
Mens 25 m Pistol
Junior 25 m Pistol
Ladies Air Pistol
Men's Air Pistol
Junior Air Pistol

P.A. Matches are:

Service Pistol/Service Pistol Unrestricted
Service 25 Yards
WA1500 Pistol/Revolver
Black Powder
Black Powder 25 m
Black Powder 50 m
WAPA Single Action
40 shot black powder
60 shot smokeless cartridge

RANGE SAFETY

The handling and use of Firearms in our sport demands the highest standard of safety both on and off the range. No compromise of this standard is acceptable. Strict commonsense safety rules are enforced at all times and failure to comply with these rules will result in suspension from participation in shooting events, or even expulsion from the Club. **You must always comply** with the Range Officer's instructions whilst on range. Safety rules as contained in the WAPA Regulations have been approved by and are sanctioned by the WA Police Firearms Branch.

PISTOL APPLICATIONS

Application for permission to purchase pistols starts at Club level and is based around you demonstrating "genuine need". Under current WA Legislation such applications cannot be considered under any circumstances before the satisfactory completion of a 6 month probationary period. This probationary period commences from the date that your membership application is accepted by the Committee of Management. At the completion of your 6 month probationary period, you must make sure that your training record has been completed and has been signed off by the appropriate Club Officials.

Pistol applications can only be made on the form provided by the Secretary (available in the club room and off the website). The fully completed pistol application can be emailed or delivered by hand to the Secretary for presentation to, and for deliberation by the Committee of Management. New members must undergo training in pistol handling and be assessed as proficient before permission to purchase a pistol can be considered. Approval to purchase pistols is based on, but not limited to, match attendance, demonstrated safety and competence with firearms, the suitability of the firearm and the requested match, the applicants range conduct and character over the probation period. Should approval be given by the Committee of Management, the applicant will receive a West Australian Police LSF_24 Club Support Letter completed and signed by the Secretary. You will find other information about other documents supporting your application on the WAPOL website (<https://www.wa.gov.au/service/security/law-enforcement/apply-and-pay-firearms-licence>).

Please remember it is your responsibility to know the regulations governing pistol storage and the minimum activity requirements for pistol ownership (refer "Attendance").



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ATTENDANCE

With the licensing of your competition pistols comes the responsibility to show 'genuine need' and comply with the minimum attendance requirements. The minimum attendance required under the WA Firearms Act is that you shoot (in one discipline) a minimum of six competition matches per year, and those owning pistols in more than one discipline, must attend four times in each discipline per year. **Only matches shot in a scheduled Calendar match (day and time) can be considered for activity.** The licensing of pistols is wholly contingent upon their use for the purpose of competing in Pistol Club competitions. The WA Police have therefore set up a system whereby they are notified when a club member does not meet minimum shooting activity each year. Non-compliant club supported members risk expulsion from the club, WAPA and the confiscation of their firearms.