



COCKBURN-FREMANTLE PISTOL CLUB (Inc)

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1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- (a) All members, inclusive of visitors and guests, are subject to the current WAPA Pistol Regulations, the Club Constitution, By-laws of the Club and Club Standing Orders/Range Rules while on Club premises. If any member fails to comply with these rules and regulations, or fails to comply with safety requirements, or lawful Range Officer instructions, the member may be required to attend a committee meeting where the Management Committee may impose a caution, suspension or expulsion from the Club or other actions as deemed appropriate to the situation.
- (b) A member or visitor to the Club who is subject to an enforceable order, in particular a Violence Restraining Order (VRO) and/or a Firearm Prohibition Order (FPO) shall not be permitted access to any firearm for any reason while on the CFPC range
- (c) It is the member's responsibility to ensure their mailing and email addresses, contact information and firearm records of Club supported firearms, which includes new additions and disposals, is current and up to date. The member shall advise the Secretary of any changes to these details within 7 days of the changes.
- (d) A Busy Bee levy as set by the committee will be added to the annual membership fees unless the member has attended at least 2 busy bee events per year for at least 3 hours per event. The Committee may accept as a Busy Bee attendance, a service to the Club performed by a member on other than a calendar Busy Bee day. A levy that is included in the annual membership subscription invoices to members shall be subject to the same payment timelines as stated in the annual subscription invoice. If any portion of the total amount of the membership subscription invoice payable by a member is unpaid by 30 September after the date of issue, that member is deemed to be in arrears and shall cease to enjoy the privileges of membership. If any portion of the invoice remains unpaid by 30 October their membership shall be terminated.
- (e) Members who have resigned in good standing shall have a 24 month period of grace, from date of resignation, in which they may rejoin the club without the requirement of a nomination fee.
- (f) The Management Committee has the discretion to vary the nomination fee for a past member of good standing, applying to rejoin the club after an absence of longer than 24 months.
- (g) Eye protection for all shooters, visitors and guests is mandatory on all ranges at the club while any firing is in progress. within the confines of the shooting ranges, For safety purposes covered footwear shall be worn by all shooters whilst shooting. Thongs, scuffs, sandals or bare feet are not permitted while shooting.
- (h) The RED range flag at the entrance must be raised and displayed at all times while live fire shooting is being conducted. The flag must be lowered at the end of all live fire shooting for the day.
- (i) All members, unless otherwise engaged in shooting, must carry and display their annually issued, Club Personal Identification Badge at all times while anywhere on the Club premises. Members who do not display or produce their badge when requested to do so shall be required to leave the Club premises.
- (j) Upon arriving at the Club premises, all members must complete and sign the member attendance register located in the Club room. Visitors and guests shall also comply as detailed in "Section 8. Visitors", in this document.
- (k) CFPC provides a welcoming competitive Club environment for its financial members and encourages new membership. The Club supports and encourages Club members to supervise any potential new members. ALL potential new members, visitors and CFPC member guests are ONLY permitted to

shoot a maximum of three (3) supervised shoots on separate days in a 12 month period. Membership application and nomination is required to be presented to the Club committee after this introductory period. If a membership application has NOT been submitted to the Secretary no later than the fourth (4th) appearance of the prospective member, as recorded in the Visitor Book, it is mandatory that they shall not shoot on any of the Club ranges

- (l) Live fire shooting from the prone, sitting on the floor and kneeling positions is prohibited on Ranges C, D, E, and F and is ONLY permitted on Ranges G and H due to the configuration of the overhead protection baffle system.
- (m) Prospective members from shooting clubs not affiliated with WAPA, who hold a current handgun licence and intend seeking membership of Cockburn Fremantle Pistol Club (the Club) are not permitted to use their handguns at the Club until (1) they are approved financial members of the Club, (2) have been assessed for safe handgun handling and match experience by an authorised Club instructor and (3) are granted Club support for their handguns.

2 CLUB PROPERTY

- (a) All Club property is to be listed in a Register. The Secretary is to maintain the Register in the secure Club data base.

3 CLUB KEY APPLICATIONS

- (a) A member wishing to hire a Range key may apply to the Secretary on the prescribed form and on payment of a set fee shall receive a key, which remains the property of the Club and is to be returned at the cessation of Membership at which time the hire fee will be refunded.
- (b) No key applications will be accepted or considered unless the applicant has been a fully active financial member of the club for at least the preceding 6 months.

4 SHOOTING ACTIVITY

- (a) The Management Committee shall provide an annual shooting program calendar. Member shooting participation shall comply with the shooting program provided in the Cockburn Fremantle Pistol Club Calendar, which also includes important information on operational and minimum activity requirements.
- (b) It is a Club member's personal responsibility to comply with their WAPOL minimum activity requirements in accordance with their Firearm licence conditions. It is recommended that members record their personal match scores to manage their activity requirements.
- (c) There must be at least two competitors for an official shoot to take place so that scores can be officially recorded for activity purposes. If more than two shooters there must be a dedicated Range Officer.
- (d) All members are responsible for completing their Club score card (e.g. full name, match, date, calibre, total score) at the conclusion of a match and depositing the completed score card in the Score mail box located on the front wall of the Club office. No activity will be recorded if the score card is incomplete or not submitted.
- (e) All Club matches and championship shoots will be conducted in accordance with WAPA and Pistol Australia regulations.
- (f) Club records can only be set by Club members whose affiliation to WAPA is through Cockburn Fremantle Pistol Club. The match must be on the Club calendar, shot at the Club, conducted according to WAPA and PA rules and regulations and have at least three competitors competing **except for the ISSF Rapid Fire match where there must be a minimum of two (2) competitors and one (1) supervising range officer in attendance.** The score card **in all cases** must be signed by the Range Officer and other competitors and forwarded to the scorer who will present it to the next committee meeting for ratification.

5 Membership Application

- (a) A membership application shall be given to the Secretary and must include a current Police National Clearance certificate, one passport sized photograph and one head and shoulders digital format formal or "selfie" photograph with plain background as well as the current Nomination fee. All information must be provided before membership will be considered by the Management Committee.
- (b) An application to the Management Committee for Couple Membership by persons 18 years of age and greater may be allowed a reduction in their combined annual Club subscription providing they are two adult persons who are legally married and living together or they 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.
- (c) An existing junior member or a new member having attained the age of 18 years of age may, upon producing a full time student identification card acceptable to the Committee, be permitted to pay the Junior Membership fee until the age of 21 years, but after which full adult membership applies.
- (d) New members must pay their Club Fees within 60 days from the date of committee approval. Membership fees unpaid after 60 days will result in the membership approval expiring with the loss of any fees paid.

6 FIREARMS

- (a) Prospective members who have become financial Full Members in accordance with the rules of the Club and who intend to continue Full Membership MUST apply to purchase their own handgun(s) within six months of successfully completing the mandatory WAPOL six month probation and training period as recorded in their Club Shooting Training Diary. Club handguns are available for hire solely as an introduction for visitors and the new member probation/training period, plus the six month grace period as stated above. A member requesting an extension to or exemption from the six month grace period may apply in writing to the Committee explaining the reasons for the extension or exemption and the granting of any extension or exemption shall be at the discretion of the Committee. Any member who has not complied with the provisions of Clause 6(a) to the satisfaction of the Committee shall no longer be permitted the use of Club handguns and will be denied renewal of their Full Membership as provided by Rule 16(3)(a) in the Constitution.
- (b) All members wishing to purchase pistols must make an application on an approved Pistol Application Form, and submitting the application form to the Secretary (**ONLY SUITABLE PISTOLS WILL BE APPROVED**). The application will then be considered at the next regular monthly Committee of Management meeting, and be subject to scrutiny by the Committee as to the applicant's ability to safely use the firearm applied for and their suitability for the matches being shot. If the applicant is not able to use, or is not experienced in ammunition reloading for the firearm applied for, they will be required to undergo instruction in its use and how to reload before being allowed to use the firearm unsupervised or in a Club Competition. The applicant will be notified in writing of such conditions and the instructor will be appointed by the Committee.
- (c) All members with centre fire pistols shall have their centre fire ammunition, both commercial and hand reloads chronographed and recorded as directed by the Club Captain or his authorized representative to show that the ammunition does not exceed the Power Factors specified in the Noise Management Plan.
- (d) Only cased firearms are allowed in the Club rooms, except as per safety regulations for coaching purposes and or with committee member permission. During Opens, State and National Championships, no cased or un-cased firearms are permitted in the Club rooms.
- (e) No holstered firearm is to be worn anywhere outside the confines of the live fire shooting ranges unless for training purposes under the direct control of a nominated Coach or Trainer, or unless from an officially designated "Safe Area" or "Gear Up Area" to a nominated range while under the direct control of the presiding Range Officer in accordance with the requirements of the particular match. (Example-WA1500 Match). No ammunition permitted in a "Safe Area" under any circumstances.

- (f) All firearms are to remain cased (within a gun box or gun bag) on the range except when under the **direct control** of the appointed range officer.
- (g) For ISSF events, shooters may approach their shooting bay, uncase and handle their firearm with barrel flag inserted and do aiming exercises **ONLY AFTER** the Range Officer calls "ATHLETES TO THE LINE" in accordance with ISSF rules. Barrel flags must remain in the firearm until "PREPARATION TIME" is called.
- (h) For PA and Single Action (SA) events, all firearms are to be taken to the firing line cased (within a gun box or gun bag) and can **ONLY** be removed at the firing line and placed in a safe condition pointing down range (towards the target) when so directed by the Range Officer. Firearms can only be holstered while under the direct control of the Range officer and when the match permits the use of a holster.
- (i) Any repairs, adjustments or sight blackening etc., before the firearm is on the firing line can only be carried out in a **designated "Safe Area"**. **No ammunition is permitted in a designated "Safe Area"**.

7 NOISE ABATEMENT

- (a) All members and visiting shooters be conversant with, and comply with, the current noise abatement conditions governing the shooting activities of the Cockburn-Fremantle Pistol Club, as stipulated in the "Noise Management Plan" contained in the current Lease Documents approved by the City of Cockburn. Any person or person's found to be in-breach of the said conditions as set out and summarized in Clauses 7(b) to 7(m) inclusive, in whole or in part, will, as a result of their actions, be in breach of the Club By-Laws and Constitution and render themselves responsible for any financial loss, restrictions, and or loss of amenities ordinarily enjoyed by Club Members.
- (b) These Noise Abatement conditions do not apply to any air/gas powered pistols of .177 calibre fired within the confines of Range A or any other Committee approved Air Pistol training area.
- (c) Range B is closed to all live firing.
- (d) Ranges C, D, E, F, G and H are approved for calibres 0.22LR to 0.45 inclusive for live fire shooting, within the Power Factor limits given below. All live firing shall be carried out from the marked positions within all insulated booths on all ranges. The discharge of any firearm in the open or outside of an insulated booth on the Club premises is prohibited.
- (e) No metal jacketed, semi jacketed or Magnum load ammunition are allowed to be fired on any Range at the Club.
- (f) Factory loaded ammunition with lead projectiles only may be used on the Club ranges provided the Power Factor of the ammunition does not exceed the limits specified under Clauses 7(g) and 7(h). Power Factor (PF) shall be calculated as follows:- $PF = M \times V$, where M = projectile weight in grains and V = projectile velocity in feet per second, measured within three metres from the muzzle.
- (g) The maximum power factor of any hand-loaded or factory loaded ammunition used on Ranges G and H shall not exceed 140,000.
- (h) The maximum power factor of any hand-loaded or factory loaded ammunition used on Ranges C, D, E, and F shall not exceed 130,000.
- (i) Black Powder pistols shall be restricted to a maximum powder load of 20 grains.
- (j) On Range G, 22.85m, 13.7m, 9.15m and 6.4 positions are open to all calibres between and including .22 rimfire to .45 calibre, provided shooting is carried out within and to the rear of the mobile acoustic booths. Parking positions for the booths shall be as marked on the booths and rails at the respective shooting positions.
- (k) No firearms, other than pistols between the calibre of .177 to .45 calibres inclusive, shall be discharged on the club premises.

- (l) Live fire shooting is only permitted from 8.30am to 7pm on Monday to Saturday and 9.30am to 7pm on Sundays and Public Holidays. Live fire shooting outside these hours is totally prohibited. Air pistol on Range A is permitted at all hours.
- (m) Live fire shooting is totally prohibited all day on Christmas Day and Easter Friday and no shooting on ANZAC day before 1pm. Air Pistol on Range A can be shot on any day.

8 VISITORS

- (a) The Club policy regarding visitors, guests and prospective members is to encourage members of the public to participate in the sport of Club pistol shooting in the Club environment of the Cockburn Fremantle Pistol Club. It is NOT the role of this Club to promote or operate as a public shooting range. Club premises and facilities are for the members, visitors and guests only. There are ample commercial public shooting ranges within the Perth region for non Club shooting.
- (b) Any visitor or guest who does not have a valid firearms licence and wishes to shoot on Club premises shall first complete and sign the visitor book and a CFPC Visitor Declaration Form, be instructed in firearms safety and be under the direct control of an experienced licensed shooter at all times while handling a handgun. **A visitor or guest subject to a Violence Restraining Order and/or a Firearm Prohibition Order shall not be permitted access to any firearms..** The completed form must be submitted to the Secretary.
- (c) All guests of financial Full Members of CFPC (the host member) must be signed into the Visitors' Book by their host member on every occasion they attend the Club. The guest and host member shall legibly print and sign their respective full names and enter all other details requested in the Visitor Book. All guests shall visibly wear a visitor identification badge (provided by the Club) before entering the ranges. The host member shall ensure that the payment of the prescribed visitor fee is made using the envelopes provided for this purpose. Print the guest name, amount paid and the date on the envelope prior depositing it in the Honour Box located adjacent to the Club office. All host members and their guests must wear identification badges at all times while on the ranges. Refer to Clause 1(j) for the number of shoots permitted.
- (d) All visiting shooters from other WAPA or Pistol Australia affiliated clubs must sign into the Visitors Book by printing, dating and signing their name and stating their affiliated Club. They shall visibly wear a visitor identification badge (provided by the Club) in addition to their own Club identification badge, if they have one, before entering the ranges. They must print their full name, their affiliated Club, their Firearm Licence number, include the prescribed visitor fee and note the amount paid and date on the range fee envelope before depositing it in the Honour Box adjacent to the Club office.

Adopted by CFPC Management Committee/...../.....
(Replaces Bylaws dated 2020)