



# KALAMUNDA PISTOL CLUB INC.

## INTRODUCTION TO PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

The Kalamunda Pistol Club, Incorporated in March 1970, is an affiliate of the West Australian Pistol Association (WAPA) and Pistol Australia (PA).

Club ranges are located on Lawnbrook Road, Walliston. Shoots are held on a regular schedule with Sunday at 9am being the most popular time. Air Pistol matches also takes place on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.00pm.

Whilst the Club strictly adheres to WAPA Safety Rules, matches are shot in a friendly relaxed atmosphere. The Club owns a small number of .22 calibre Pistols, .177 calibre Air Pistols and a .38 revolver for use by prospective and new members. Use of Club Pistols should be booked in advance by contacting one of the Clubs, Approved Persons shown on the notice board in the club room.

### JOINING PROCEDURE

New members are welcome to come along at any time to see a match shot and meet some Members. After the match, you may, under the supervision of an experienced pistol shooter, try your hand with an introductory safety shoot. You are entitled to three such safety shoots free of charge, which must be taken over three weekends, before you decide whether you wish to become a member.

If you decide to join, a Membership Application Form, proposed and seconded by financial Club Members who know you, together with nomination fee (\$200.00) should be handed to the Secretary (or posted to PO Box 146 Kalamunda 6076) for consideration at the next Committee Meeting. Committee meetings are held on the first Monday of each month except on public holidays, in which case the meeting is held on the following Monday.

*Note: (You will be invited along to the meeting when your Membership Application is considered. This will give both you and the Committee the opportunity to meet each other).*

New members should also provide the Secretary with a photocopy of a current Firearms Licence if hand guns are already held, or a current National Police Clearance.

If accepted, you become a probationary member for a period of three months. All fees should be paid within 21 days of acceptance.

### CURRENT FEES - FULL YEAR (2020/21)

	ADULT	JUNIOR
Nomination Fee	\$200.00	\$200.00
Club Fees	\$181.00	\$ 90.50 (under 18yrs)
Busy Bee Levy	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00 (18yrs or under)
West Australian Pistol Association Capitation fee	\$118.35	\$ 59.50 (18yrs or under)
TOTAL:	<u>\$549.35</u>	<u>\$380.00</u>

*New members joining between October 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> pay pro rata Club, Range and WAPA Capitation Fees.* You will be advised of fees applicable at the time you make your Membership Application.

The Nomination Fee is payable once only, and includes any dependant family member who may wish to join the Club at a later date and resides at the same address as the Principal Member. The Spouse or Partner of the Principal Member, who resides at the same address of the Principal Member, will receive a discount of 50% off Club fees only.

Dependant children of the Principal Member, under the age of 18 will pay only 50% of the Club and Range fees.

Membership fees are renewable on the 1st of August each year.

## **WHAT IS REQUIRED OF MEMBERS?**

Members are expected to familiarise themselves with, and adhere to, the Club Constitution, WAPA, ISSF and PA rules. The Club Captains and Range Officers have charge of all ranges and are responsible for the safe conduct of matches. They have the authority to instruct and direct you regarding Match Rules and Range Protocol and general safety. You must comply with their instructions and directions.

If you don't understand any rules or match procedures, ask, you will find other members happy to explain.

Members are encouraged to actively participate in competitive shooting on a regular basis (there are minimum participation requirements by law). The more often you compete the more competitive you will become and the greater your satisfaction in competing and justification to own a handgun.

"Busy Bees" are held throughout the year to carry out Range maintenance or improvements; you will be expected to take part or pay a levy for non-attendance.

The active participation in two busy bees through the year will exempt you from the \$50.00 Levy for the following year.

Everyone is expected to assist with keeping the Clubhouse, Toilets and Ranges clean and tidy as a matter of routine; you shouldn't need to be asked to do these tasks.

Do not dig in the sand on the butts for projectiles. Any sand disturbed has to be replaced to maintain range safety standards.

Range Keys are available once you are licensed, to facilitate practice sessions. If you use the range during the week remember to put the flags up before shooting, take them down on completion of your practice session and lock up when you leave.

**N.B. Shooting on the outdoor ranges is permitted only between 8am and 6pm.**

## **HOW TO LICENCE YOUR FIRST PISTOL**

All new members are required to complete a training course and be accredited in individual matches **before being allowed to compete in those matches.**

The Club has appointed trainers who are recognised for their expertise in the sport of Pistol Shooting. The trainer will take you through a course of practical and theory sessions.

Once you have successfully completed your training and have gained experience in competition matches and you have been a financial member for a minimum of six months, you may apply to the Club Committee to endorse your application for a licence for your first pistol.

During this training period you hopefully will be able to decide what matches you would prefer to compete in and what type of firearm you will require for those matches. Seek advice from as many members as you can as to what type of firearm to buy. Look at as many firearms as possible, as not all will suit you, your needs or circumstances. Do your homework before you commit yourself so you can purchase exactly what firearm you need and will be competitive with.

You will need to locate and purchase that firearm before you make your application for a licence. The licensed owner who you purchased that firearm from must supply you with a Serviceability Certificate which will accompany your application to the Police. That firearm will be held by the current owner for you, until your licence is approved and issued.

Details of your training and match competitions should be entered on the Club's Training Record Form by your Trainer and on completion forwarded to the Club Secretary together with a completed Pistol Application Form, for consideration by the Committee. Successful applications will result in a Club Application Support Form being issued by the Secretary.

In addition to your training, first time applicants will also have to sit a Firearms Awareness Test. This is a written test that can be done in house by the Secretary or appointed Club Member and if successful a Firearms Awareness Certificate will be issued. More information can be found on [www.police.wa.gov.au](http://www.police.wa.gov.au)

The Club Application Support Form together with the Serviceability Certificate, Firearms Awareness Certificate, proof of WAPA membership and your Licensing Application Forms downloaded from the WA Police web site, should then be taken to your nearest authorized Post Office where the appropriate licence application can be made.

For the first twelve months of Membership of the Club you are restricted to owning

- one .22 calibre pistol and one .177 air pistol or
- one centre fire pistol and one .177 air pistol.

**It is a condition of a Pistol Licence that the holder attends and competes in a Club Match on a regular basis not less than the minimum annual activity requirements as set out in the WAPA Regulations, typically 6 or 8 matches per year depending on the discipline selected. Failure to comply will result in the Member being expelled from the Club and WAPA, loss of pistol licence and CONFISCATION of pistol(s) by the W.A. Police.**

After 12 months of Membership, subsequent applications to purchase further pistols require only a completed Pistol Application Form forwarded to the Secretary for consideration by the Committee and if approved a Club Application Support Form will be issued. You will still need to obtain all other Forms as required by the WA Police to lodge your application at the Post Office.

The Firearms Act requires that an applicant for an **initial** Firearms Licence undergo a 28 day waiting period before the licence is issued.

Members owning pistols must comply with the storage requirements prescribed in Firearms Regulations. Information regarding this and the licensing of firearms in WA can be found on the official WA Police website [www.police.wa.gov.au](http://www.police.wa.gov.au)