



CANBERRA NATIONAL PISTOL CLUB INC.

Affiliated through the A.C.T. Pistol Association with Target Pistol Australia

RANGE LOCATION

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CAMPBELL ACT

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- Secretary's Phone 0419 497 218
- Website and email contact form: www.cnpc.org.au

Canberra National Pistol Club is an Approved Club under A.C.T. and N.S.W. Firearms legislation.

CLUB FEES

NOMINATION FEE

A nomination fee of \$100 (covers one or more family members) is payable by new members/families and must be paid prior to commencing instruction as a probationer to accord with the Club's insurance requirements. The full membership subscription due must be paid at the time of submission of membership application form.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

Annual Subscription	\$450.00
Spouse/Partner	\$246.00
Junior family member	\$170.00
Independent Junior member	\$278.00

JOINING A PISTOL CLUB

The following describes the steps required by Law and the Canberra National Pistol Club (CNPC) for joining the Club and progressing to application for a Category H (Pistol) Firearms licence.

1. Complete a form to apply for a to be carried out for a Firearms Licence/Permit. The National Police Check online application form is available at <https://afpnationalpolicechecks.converga.com.au/>

More Information on National Police Checks can be found at:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services/criminal-records/national-police-checks>

2. After you receive the result of the *National Police Check Certificate*, come to the club on the second Sunday of any month at 11:00am to attend an induction session and submit the following completed documents:

- a. Club Membership Application (available from www.cnpc.org.au or at the Club)
- b. Two written Character References (from adult persons who have known you for more than two years and are not family members), and
- c. National Police Check Certificate documentation.

Note: You are welcome to visit the range to meet the members and observe the club activities while waiting for the necessary police clearance.

3. Pay a one-off nomination fee of \$100 (covers an individual or a family).
4. You will be introduced to an accredited club instructor who will take you through an initial mandatory three instructions sessions after which if assessed/deemed safe you will be able to apply for a Category H Firearms Licence and complete the twelve (12) probationary attendances which are designed to make you proficient with a handgun and conversant with the Police & Club Firearms and Safety requirements. At the stage of having had a Category H Firearms Licence for six (6) months and satisfactorily completed the twelve (12) probationary attendances with CNPC you will be eligible to for CNPC to endorse an application for Permit to Acquire a Category H Firearm.
5. The instructor will provide you with use of a club pistol and ammunition for a fee of \$20.00 per person/per attendance.
6. You will then need to attend an ACT Government Shopfront or pay through Canberra Connect and obtain a receipt for a **Category H** Firearms Licence application or if applicable, to have an existing licence upgraded. The current fee structure is published on the Police Firearms Registry website <https://police.act.gov.au/safety-and-security/firearms/exchange-fees-and-renewals>
7. Take the Club endorsed documents and receipt to the AFP Firearms Registry who will process your application (minimum 28 days). The ACT Firearms Registry is located at:

86 Vicars Street, Mitchell, ACT

Email: ACTFirearmsRegistry@afp.gov.au

Ph: (02) 5126 9076

Opening Hours: 8am – 1pm and 2pm – 3pm weekdays

(Closed the last Friday of each month and Public Holidays)

8. Once you receive your licence, you are encouraged to obtain your own pistol as soon as is reasonably possible. A Permit to Acquire is required for each pistol you wish to obtain, and the Club Registrar can assist you with the application and process needed to take possession of a category H firearm. For at least the first 12 months the Club recommends you continue to use a .22 calibre and/or .177 calibre pistol.
9. For the first six months of the license term, the licensee may acquire no more than—
 - (a) 1 pistol of not more than 5.6mm calibre and 1 air pistol of not more than 4.5mm calibre; or
 - (b) 1 centre-fire pistol and 1 air pistol of not more than 4.5mm calibre
10. There is an ongoing annual responsibility each financial year in that you will be required to compete in a minimum of six (6) club competitions with at least one pistol type that you own and an additional four (4) club competitions for each additional different pistol type that you own.

BUYING A PISTOL

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS FROM THE PISTOL REGISTRAR

The following steps are required for members to purchase and/or dispose of a pistol. All sales/purchases, including those from interstate, must be made through an ACT Firearms Dealer or Armourer. The CNPC Registrar is a licensed Armourer and CNPC has an ACT licensed Dealer for fee-free interstate pistol transactions for CNPC members. A 28-day waiting period for the first and for all subsequent firearms applies in the ACT.

STEPS

1. Apply for a **Permit to Acquire (PTA)** by completing the **AFP "Firearm Permit Application" and "Approved Club Endorsement"** forms, available from CNPC Registrar or online through the AFP/ACT Policing/Firearms/ACT Policing Forms website <https://www.police.act.gov.au/report-and-register/online-forms>. Buyers and sellers must be **Category H licensed**. The **"Approved Club Endorsement"** form will need to be signed and stamped by the CNPC Registrar.
2. Pay the Permit and Registration fees at an ACT Government shop front or online through Access Canberra and take the receipt and your completed "Firearm Permit Application" and "Approved Club Endorsement" forms to the Firearms Registry. Applicable fees are posted on the AFP website. You will be provided with a **Permit to Acquire** after a 28-day period.
3. Collect your Permit to Acquire on the 29th day, or the Firearms Registry may elect to

mail it to you. Organise with the seller and the dealer/armourer to meet and complete the handover and paperwork. The seller will be given a **Notice of Disposal** by the Dealer/Armourer as proof that the firearm is no longer in their possession.

4. The purchaser has 7 days to return the original of the **Permit to Acquire** to the Firearms Registry. The seller must complete an **Application for Disposal** form and return it, along with the **Notice of Disposal** from the dealer/armourer, within 7 days to the Firearms Registry.

5. Purchaser and seller will then be issued with **updated printouts** of the registered firearms on their licenses by the ACT Firearms Registry that should reflect their current firearm holdings. **Errors can and do occur – PLEASE check your printouts!**

IMPORTANT: Please make a scan and email your updated printout to the Club Registrar.

WEEKEND CLUB CALENDAR

Each **Saturday and Sunday** a *Match of the Day* is scheduled, **set up at 9.15am for a 9.30am start**. Designated match of the day has priority regarding allocation of range space and club resources. Members are welcome to participate in the Match of the Day, or if space is available, in any other event of their choice. The Club has quite extensive shooting range facilities and there are usually two or three other events in progress each weekend in addition to the programmed Match of the Day.

The program is as follows:

ISSF EVENTS

1st Sunday	25m Centre Fire and 25m Pistol (Women, Men, Junior)
2nd Sunday	Black Powder, 50m Free Pistol
3rd Sunday	25m Rapid Fire and 10m Air (Men, Women, Junior)
4th Sunday	25m Standard Pistol
5th Sunday	Working Bee followed by shooting if desired.

TARGET PISTOL AUSTRALIA SERVICE PISTOL & WA1500 EVENTS

1st Saturday	WA1500 Revolver and Pistol / WA1500 Optic Sight
2nd Saturday	Service 25 Yards
3rd Saturday	Service Pistol and Service Pistol Unrestricted (Service in odd months/UR in even months)
4th Saturday	Distinguished Revolver and Pistol
5th Saturday	(when preceding a 5th Sunday) Working Bee followed by shooting if desired.

ACTION PISTOL EVENTS

1st Saturday	Falling Plate Event
2nd Saturday	Barricade Event
3rd Saturday	Mover (modified) Event
4th Saturday	Practical Event
5th Saturday	(when preceding a 5th Sunday) Working Bee followed by shooting if desired.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Aligned with Club Match of the Day times from approx. December to May, Club Championships are conducted in all events; dates are published in the Club Newsletters. The Club's Annual General Meeting is held in July each year and at this time presentation of Club Championship awards takes place.

Other events such as social, relations, open competitions, coaching and training courses and so on are scheduled regularly and communicated to members via email.

WORKING BEES

WORKING BEES ARE HELD ON THE 5TH SATURDAY and SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF KEEPING THE CLUBHOUSE AND RANGES CLEAN AND TIDY, PRIOR TO THE CONDUCT OF OPEN SHOTS AT THE CLUB AND AT OTHER TIMES AS REQUIRED AND ARE ADVERTISED VIA EMAIL. MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSIST AT AS MANY WORKING BEES AS POSSIBLE. SHOOTING MAY COMMENCE FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF WORK AT WORKING BEES.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DRESS

Neat casual dress is suitable for shooting. Closed footwear is mandatory for safety reasons, and for safety reasons it is recommended that a neat-fitting neckline as in round necked T-shirt or jersey is worn to prevent a hot ejected case being trapped next to the skin.

HEARING AND EYE PROTECTION

Good quality earmuffs will prevent hearing damage and should be worn at all times when shooting is in progress in the shooting ranges. Eye protection is recommended in all cases and is mandatory for competitors AND SPECTATORS on Black Powder, Service Pistol/WA1500 and Action Pistol ranges.

NO SMOKING AREAS

Smoking is not permitted in the Clubhouse or in the shooting sheds at any time.

AMMUNITION RULES

Similar to many pistol clubs throughout Australia, Canberra National Pistol Club permits the use of lead or similar soft material only. Jacketed or semi-jacketed ammunition (i.e. ammunition wholly or partly washed, copper coated/washed or jacketed with another harder metal) is **PROHIBITED**.

Magnum or similar heavily charged loads are also **PROHIBITED**.

FIREARMS IN THE CLUBHOUSE

The handling of uncased pistols or other firearms in the Clubhouse is not permitted.

OPEN / INVITATION SHOOTS

The Club conducts Open Shoots / State Championships each year and it is these activities which help fund the Club and keep the annual subscriptions at a very low level compared with other clubs with similar facilities.

Club members are encouraged to compete and are expected to assist in the conduct of these events.

STANDARD SAFETY AND CONDUCT RULES

STRICT ATTENTION MUST BE PAID TO SAFE HANDLING OF PISTOLS AT ALL TIMES

Every person entering the range (whether member or visitor) places themselves under the control of the Range Officer or their assistants and must always comply with their lawful directions and instructions and the rules for safety and conduct.

All pistols must arrive at the range unloaded and cased.

Always carry an uncased pistol in such a manner that everyone can see that it is open and unloaded (barrel pointed upwards, magazine or cylinder out, breech open and empty and safety indicator flag inserted and visible).

If you are handing a pistol to someone, always show it is open and unloaded. If you are receiving a pistol from someone, always check that it is open and unloaded.

Never handle a pistol without the permission of the owner. Never try the trigger without the permission of the owner.

ON THE FIRING LINE

The safety of competitors, range personnel and spectators require continual attention by all to the careful handling of pistols, and caution in moving about the range.

Self-discipline is necessary on the part of all, and where this is lacking it is the duty of Range Officials to enforce it.

Never load a magazine or cylinder except when on the firing line and under the control of the Range Officer.

Never begin the process of loading until you are **READY** to begin and instructed to do so

- earmuffs and shooting glasses on, timer and telescope adjusted, and so on. There is nothing **MORE DANGEROUS** than someone holding a loaded pistol when that someone's attention is not solely directed to the continuing safe use of that pistol.

Always keep the pistol pointed down range and below the top of the mound behind the targets. This is absolutely necessary with a loaded pistol.

Careless or less careful handling of an unloaded pistol is also to be avoided.

If you must leave the line for any reason, **unload** and put a safety flag in the breech and put the gun down on the bench. Inform the Range Officer of your intention to leave the range and request permission to leave the pistol on the bench under their control.

After firing a series, check that the breech is empty, remove the magazine and lock the slide open, or swing out the cylinder, insert the safety indicator flag and then place the pistol safely on the bench with the muzzle pointing downrange.

When moving forward to the target line, care must be taken so that the tables on which the pistols and equipment are placed are not disturbed.

Also read and be familiar with the Club Range Safety Course of Instruction.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR

Liquor is not permitted in the shooting sheds at any time.

Shooters and range crew and officials may consume liquor in Club rooms only after they have finished shooting for the day and have deposited their guns and ammunition in their cars.

No shooter or other person, having consumed liquor, may return to the firing line.

RANGE SECURITY

The two access gates must always be locked when there is no one in attendance. It follows that if you are the last to leave, ***YOU must lock the gates.***

Members when licensed and having handguns registered on their licence may have a key which gives access to the gate locks, the compressor switch box, the timer boxes and the air pistol range. Committee members have keys giving access to all other areas of the Club. A deposit of \$30 is required on Club keys, which are available from the Treasurer.

SECURITY OF YOUR PISTOLS

Members are required by law and by Club rules to ensure the safekeeping and safe transportation and storage of their pistols.

Don't advertise to the public that you have pistols stored at your home.

Ensure that pistols are stored in a safe which meets the AFP guidelines under the legislation for the safe storage of pistols. Ammunition should be stored in a separate locked metal container.

Don't leave pistols exposed to view in the car - at the Club or anywhere else.

The ACT Police provide Guidelines for the Storage of Firearms and Ammunition and Transport in Vehicles.

The regulation relating to pistols is as follows:

1. In a lockable container secured to the vehicle by min. 3mm stainless steel cable; or
2. Polycarbonate theft-proof draw safe; or
3. Lockable steel container bolted to the vehicle.

Individuals are responsible for the safekeeping of their pistols and are encouraged to take every possible precaution to ensure that no other person can gain unauthorised access to them.

Your pistol licence, issued by virtue of your membership of the Club, entitles you to keep your pistols at home (securely stored as described above), to carry them to and from home to an approved pistol range and to use them at such range, or to carry them to and from a gunsmith for repair or modification. MEMBERS ARE NOT permitted to use their pistols for any other purpose such as security (home or business) or hunting and indeed the penalties for such misuse are quite harsh.

Canberra National Pistol Club always encourages all members to be scrupulous with respect to meeting all aspects of legislated firearms control measures and act to safeguard the right of all members to own and use pistols for target competition.

Members are encouraged to download a copy of the A.C.T. Firearms Act and other relevant information from the AFP website www.afp.gov.au/act/firearms.

CARE OF CLUB PROPERTY

Our time, money and effort go into maintaining our facilities to a very high standard. Members are entitled to use and enjoy the facilities and equally have a responsibility to help care for and maintain the facilities. The Club clean-up days (5th Saturdays and Sundays) and working bees (prior to competitions) are an important part of the overall maintenance plan.

BEYOND THE CLUB

Target pistol shooting is organised similarly to most other sports in Australia in that the base unit is a member who belongs to a Club. Each Club is then affiliated with a state body (in our case with the ACT Pistol Association) which is in turn affiliated with a national body (in our case, Target Pistol Australia).

Target Pistol Australia is affiliated with Shooting Australia which is the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) for all competition target shooting in Australia, recognized by the

Australian Sports Commission. Our Club has delegates to the ACTPA which in turn is represented by its Executive Officer at Target Pistol Australia. Part of each member's annual subscription (called the capitation fee) is paid to ACTPA and through it to Target Pistol Australia to assist in the overall organisation and conduct of the sport and such matters as selection of State and Australian teams, provision of coaching and refereeing training and personnel, and representing pistol shooters in various forums. As per above Target Pistol Australia in turn is an affiliate of Shooting Australia that is affiliated with international bodies (the International Shooting Sport Federation, and the Olympic and Commonwealth Games bodies).

The Club Committee and members welcome new members and beginners in our sport. We hope you will enjoy the process of becoming a full member and that you will go on to become a regular competitor at Club level. From this base, those who are interested can progress to compete in Open competitions, State and National Championships and beyond.

USEFUL LINKS

- **Canberra National Pistol Club**
<https://www.cnpc.org.au>

- **Target Pistol Australia (TPA)**
<https://pistol.org.au>

- **Shooting Australia (SA)**
<http://www.shootingaustralia.org>

- **National Sporting Organisation (NSO)**
<https://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/nso>

- **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)**
<http://www.issf-sports.org>

- **World Association / Precision Pistol Competition 1500 (WA1500)**
<http://www.wa1500.org>