

KARKOO PISTOL CLUB Inc.

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR NEW MEMBERS

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1/ The club conducts a variety of matches from purely target to practical events, it also includes black powder firearms some shotgun and rifle events.

2/ Interested persons are welcome to attend 3 times as a visitor, they are then required to decide if they wish to apply for membership.

3/ They should contact the Secretary who will provide an applicant with:-
an application form a copy of the range rules details of the fees a programme

4/ The application form must be :-

- Supported by two financial members of the club to whom the applicant is known. Or:-
- If the applicant is not known to members of the club, supported by two prominent members of the community such as :- Police Officers, School Principals, Ministers of Religion or Justice of the Peace etc and be accompanied by the applicants current SA Firearms Licence.

5/ Types of Membership :-

Probationary	A transitional period during which an applicant undergoes initial training and during which is assessed by the committee for full membership.
Full	have their licence renewed by the club. have full voting rights. can stand for committee positions.
Family	are the members of the immediate family of a full member and have the same rights as full members at a reduced fee.
Associate or	are persons with an interest in firearms are active and financial members of another pistol club. have full use of all club facilities. have no voting rights. can not stand for committee positions.
Junior	are not eligible to compete for club championship trophies. are members under the age of 18 years of age. (Members under the age of 21 are able to compete in the junior category in club matches and in open competition). have the same rights as associate members.
Life	are members granted this status in recognition of service to the club. affiliated life members have the same rights as full members.
Honorary or	are persons granted this status in recognition of service or assistance given to the club. the non competing spouse of a full member who does not become a family member is automatically granted honorary membership.

6/ Fee Structure for 2001/2002:-

Application Fee	\$40.00	Full Membership	\$90.00	Junior	\$40.00
Family Member	\$60.00	Associate	\$60.00		

7/ Upon receipt of the Application Fee and the necessary forms a person may be granted Probationary Membership.

To attain full membership a person must :-

- Serve a probation period.
- Attend range practices on a regular basis during that time.
- Successfully complete a safety training programme conducted by one of the Club Instructors.
- Demonstrate a satisfactory level of firearms safety and handling skills.
- Demonstrate an attitude towards shooting that will allow the committee to endorse the applicant for membership.

8/ The first attendance by a probationary member must be under the supervision of an experienced member. It is recommended that initial introduction should be an ISSF Precision event using a .22 calibre firearm or an Air Pistol.

9/ Club competitions are held every second Sunday commencing at 1.00 pm. Saturday competitions are held once a month and start at 1.00 pm.

- 10/ Committee meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. All members are welcome.
- 11/ The club has a limited number of firearms available at a reasonable charge. Probationary members may be able to make an arrangement with one of the club members for the use of a pistol while on the range. This is generally not a problem. As a rule club members are only too willing to help. It is the responsibility of the probationary member to provide their own ammunition. The .22 rimfire Standard Pistol uses Standard Velocity or Target grade ammunition **NOT** High Velocity ammunition. This can damage some guns. Some members are very particular about the type of ammunition that is used in their guns. Most of the members use their own reloads in their centre fire guns and these cost about 20¢ a shot.
- 12/ Probationary members and new members are invited to compete in the full range of events conducted by the club after they have satisfied the Instructors, Range Officer or Club Captain that they have the ability to cope with the demands of the matches.
- 13/ Once the Probationary period has been satisfactorily completed the member may be considered for full membership. When membership has been granted the member will receive an approval slip to apply for a pistol licence. This can be done at any Police Station. The South Australian Police Department will conduct a background check prior to the issue of a "H" class licence.
- 14/ When the member receives their "H" class licence they may then apply to purchase their first firearm.
- The secretary will issue a Permission to Purchase Slip for the pistol in question. The pistol must be of a type that can be used for club competition.
 - This slip is taken to a Police Station with the shooters licence, details of the firearm and details of the seller and an approval to purchase is applied for. This will be mailed to the member. It will bear the stamp of the Police Firearms Section and will be valid for 14 days.
 - Upon receipt of this approval the pistol may now be purchased. It must then be registered at a Police Station within 14 days of purchase.
- 15/ It is recommended that the most versatile first pistol would be a semi automatic in .22 calibre or a .177 calibre air pistol. This teaches basic skills such as hold, stance and sight alignment at reasonable cost.
- 16/ Eye and Ear protection is compulsory for all competitors and spectators within the observation area.
- 17/ Members are expected to wear name badges when on the range.
- 18/ Smoking is not permitted inside any of the range sheds or the clubhouse.
- 19/ Members are required to actively attend a minimum of 10 competitions per year. It is necessary to obtain a signed Active and Financial Certificate from the secretary each year when your licence is due. These certificates will not be issued unless you are active and financial.
- 20/ As you gain experience and skill, proficiency badges can be earned in most matches. The club has championships in all matches. We have regular social competitions with other Eyre Peninsula clubs and members are encouraged to attend state level and invitation competitions at other clubs.
- 21/ The club offers a range of training courses in :-
Advanced Shooter Training Range Officer Firearms Instructor Coach

The secretary has details of these courses.

This information sheet is produced as a guide only and some of the information therein may have been updated. Please check with the secretary for any amendments.

The committee hopes that you find Pistol Shooting to be an enjoyable sport.