

Information for probationary Levin Pistol Club Inc. (LPC) members

Welcome to the LPC and thank you for showing interest in the pistol shooting sport

Before you can become a member you will need to:

1. Attend 3 shoots to ensure you enjoy the sport.
2. You will need to bring hearing protection, eye protection and 50 shots of .22 LR standard velocity ammunition preferably CCI ammunition if you have a firearm licence (FAL).
3. Please advise one of the trainers if you do not have a FAL.
4. Familiarise yourself with the range standing orders and safety requirements.
5. Familiarise yourself with the LPC handguns, this is done with one of the LPC trainers.
6. PLEASE NOTE: You are only allowed to shoot under the direct supervision of one of the LPC trainers.

Safety

Handguns are relatively small and it is easy to move their direction. This increases the potential risks of people getting hurt during the sport, for this reason following the safety rules and regulations to the letter is imperative. You are only allowed to handle and shoot pistols under the direct supervision of one of the LPC trainers.

Basic handgun shooting safety rules

1. Treat every pistol as loaded.
2. Always point pistols in a safe direction. (Down range).
3. Load your pistol only when you are given the instruction to do so by the Range Officer.
4. Identify your target.
5. Check your firing zone.
6. Do not touch somebody else's handgun without their permission.
7. Avoid alcohol and drugs when handling firearms.

Role of the Range Officer

The Range Officer is ultimately in charge of the shooting range and his commands are to be obeyed to the letter. The reason behind this is that the Range Officer is ultimately responsible for anything that goes wrong on the shooting range.

You are not allowed to argue with the Range Officer, if there is an issue you can always address this in the club rooms after you finish at the shooting range.

LPC Inc. Range Commands

1. The range is open

Shooter's Action: Remove your pistol from its receptacle, place it on the shooting bench with the barrel down range, chamber open. Clear chamber flag inserted and empty magazine against the pistol with the loading side up. (Revolvers with cylinders open. **Please note:** Ensure you use a device to keep the pistol's chamber open for pistols that cannot be latched).

Ammunition can be opened and placed on the shooting bench.

2. You may load 5 rounds and make ready

Shooter's actions: Put on eyes and ears protection. Remove your clear chamber flag. Load your magazine, chamber or cylinder. Cock your pistol, ensure your finger is off the trigger while maintaining your shooting arm in a 45 degrees safety angle with the barrel facing down range. **You may not** place a loaded gun on the shooting bench or raise your loaded pistol for any reason i.e. sighting your target and positioning your body.

3. Are you ready, fire

Shooters action: Commence firing until you have completed your series, then unload and place your pistol on the shooting bench with the barrel down range, the chamber open and empty magazine against the pistol with the loading side up.

4. You may load 5 rounds for your next series

Shooter's action: Load your magazine, chamber or cylinder. Cock your pistol, ensure your finger is off the trigger while maintaining your shooting arm in a 45 degrees safety angle with the barrel facing down range. **You may not** place a loaded gun on the shooting bench or raise your pistol for any reason i.e. sighting your target and positioning your body.

5. Cease fire and unload, Shooters step back from the line

Shooters actions: Unload your pistols and magazines. Insert your clear chamber flag. Pistols are placed on the shooting bench with the barrel down range, the chamber open, clear chamber flag inserted and empty magazine against the pistol with the loading side up. (Revolvers with cylinders open). Shooters may remove eye and ear protection and must step back from the firing line.

Range officers actions: Check all weapons/magazines are empty and safe prior to proceeding.

6. The range is closed, you may wind back and patch

Shooter's actions: Wind back targets to the firing line and score as required. Patch and return targets to the shooting position. **You may not** touch any weapons or magazines.

How to operate a pistol

The training officer will explain to you how to operate a pistol. This will entail:

1. The basic components of a pistol.
2. How to load a magazine or cylinder.
3. How to load a pistol.
4. How to fire a pistol.
5. How to unload a pistol.

Basic shooting skills

1. Address the target(s) in the best possible stance and body posture. Your feet should be slightly apart and your right leg should be further forward than your left. This will achieve a steady, balanced and relaxed stance.
2. Take a deep breath in, breathe 75% of the air out and hold your breath.
3. Grip the pistol firmly, mainly between your thumb and your middle finger but not to the point of a tremble.



4. Acquire the correct sight picture.
5. Maintain and hold this sight picture.
6. Place the middle of the first digit of your index finger on the trigger while you apply gentle, steady pressure on the trigger pulling it straight back until the shot breaks. For the best results you should fire the shot within about 8 seconds of bringing your pistol up to fire.
7. Keep watching the sights before, during and after you fire the shot.

We hope you find the pistol shooting sport enjoyable.

Please note, to become a probationary member you need to:

Complete the LPC Inc. application form, upon acceptance you are required to meet the following criteria:

1. You must obtain a FAL if you don't have one. This process is outside the processes involved in becoming a member of the LPC. Please visit <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/firearms-and-safety/licences-permits-and-endorsements/apply-new-zealand-firearms> for more information. (Legal requirement)
2. You must pay LPC subscription fees to be able to shoot after your 3 shoots as a guest. (Legal requirement).
3. You must become a member of the New Zealand Pistol Association. (Legal requirement)
4. You must attend a MINIMUM of 12 shoots within a minimum of 6 month probationary period.(Legal requirement).
5. During your probationary period you must complete and pass the LPC training and safety courses.
6. PLEASE NOTE: During your probationary period you are only allowed to shoot on the LPC indoor range under the direct supervision of one of the appointed LPC full members who are in the possession of their "B" category FAL.

7. Once you have completed and passed the LPC training and safety courses you can apply for transition from probationary member to a full member of the LPC. Your behaviour on and off the range is going to be assessed for this and you can find more information on this process in the LPC indoor range standing orders document.
8. After you have fully passed all these requirements you are ready to apply for your "B" category FAL endorsement. This process is fully explained in the attached link:
https://www.pistolnz.org.nz/files/Club_Services_Page/CESS_OF_OBTAINING_A_B_ENDORSEMENT_December_2020_V1.pdf