

Frequently Asked Questions

The following are answers to Frequently Asked Question to the International Police Association Pistol Club (Ireland), if your question can not be answered here - feel free to contact us on ipapistolclub@gmail.com or **087-6579413** (Neil).

Who can join the IPA Pistol Club?

Membership to the pistol club is open to both serving and retired members of An Garda Síochána who are members of the International Police Association.

It is also open to serving or retired members of another police force, who reside in Ireland and are members of the International Police Association in the country of their service.

How much does it cost to join the IPA Pistol Club?

Once you are a member of the IPA, membership to the Pistol Club is 50 Euro per annum. Membership runs from September to September.

How do I join the IPA Pistol Club?

Applicants should complete the Pistol Club application form (downloaded for website), and forward it to the address listed. The application should be accompanied by €50 and 1 passport sized photographed. This photograph will be used for the club ID card that will be issued.

Is there anything required to join the IPA Pistol Club?

Insurance is a pre-requisite to joining the club. This is mandatory before using shooting ranges around the country. There are a number of Insurance providers, the 2 insurance provider mostly used - are Country Side Alliance and the NARGC. This can cost between 50 and 60 Euro per annum and forms are downloadable form www.ipapistolclub.com.

Do I need a pistol before joining the IPA Pistol Club?

At present there is no necessity to licence a Pistol or Revolver before joining the club. It is probably better to sample some of the firearms that are available first and see what suits the shooter before buying a pistol.

Can I licence any type and calibre of pistol?

To answer this question quickly, the answer would be NO. However, if the calibre of the pistol is .22 and it appears on the list of unrestricted pistols issued by the Garda Commissioner your local Superintendent can issue a certificate for the firearm.

Is it expensive to take up the sport of pistol shooting?

The greatest expense for a new person to the sport of pistol shooting is in buying the firearm - these can range from €400 to €1000 for a new pistol. A second hand pistol will be considerable cheaper. Ammunition can be bought in bulk packs and this can range from €25 to €50 for 500 rounds of .22 calibre rounds.

Do the IPA Pistol Club run events for its members?

Yes, the pistol club run events for its members all around the country on a number of different ranges. These events are organised every 6 to 8 weeks and members are notified via text message and email.

Where will the events be held?

The pistol club have received permission from a number of different ranges to use their facility

- Lough Bo Shooting Grounds, Sligo
- Ballyhoura Shooting Club, Limerick
- Fermoy Rifle and Pistol Club, Cork
- Hilltop Shooting Grounds, Wicklow
- Harbour House Shooting Grounds, Kildare
- Mourne Shooting Grounds, Monaghan

What do events consist of?

Each event consists of 2 competitions. These are a timed event and an untimed event. Timed event competitors will be accomplished shooters and untimed will be for the newer or novice shooter. Each course of fire will be the same except for the timed element.

Do members have to pay for these events?

As each range charges the Club for the use of their facility, normally each events costs members between €15 and €25. This fee will be advertised with the information circulated to members about each event.

Can IPA Pistol Club Members use the ranges other than at events?

Permission has been granted by private ranges for IPA Pistol Club members to use their ranges. However, these will have to be booked prior to the shooter arriving at the range.

What else does membership to the IPA Pistol Club offer to members?

Apart from running events regularly for club members, the club have also joined with the National Association of Sporting Rifle and Pistol Clubs (NASRPC) and members of the IPA Pistol Club can attend events run by this national body. Members can take part in both their pistol and rifle competitions. The club has also been offered some special offers at private ranges, information available from IPA Pistol Club committee. Also, the club have sourced supplies of memorabilia that club members can purchase.

How do I find out about Events run by the Pistol Club?

The committee of the Pistol Clubs will inform club members of upcoming events run by them and the NASRPC, by the following method:

- Email to members Email address
- Text message to members mobile phone
- Article in the clubs newsletter
- Advertisements on the clubs website (www.ipapistolclub.com)

Can I contact the Pistol Club to ask a question that is not listed?

Yes, interested persons can contact the committee of the pistol club to ask any question or for more information as follows:

- Phone Neil O'Malley on 087-6579413
- Phone Pat Donnelly on 086-1080213
- Text Message to Club Number on 087-6910348
- Email ipapistolclub@gmail.com

Interested persons are invited to make contact with the pistol club and to attend any event to see how they are organised and meet with other club members. Membership is opened to the accomplished shooter and the new members that are only starting or want to take up the sport of pistol shooting.