



PISTOL NEW ZEALAND

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New Members

Rationale / Legislative requirements

Arms Amendment Regulations 1992 version 15 December 2022 28GK

Legislation

Club guidelines

28GK Conditions relating to participation in shooting activities of pistol shooting club by persons aged 16 years or over who do not hold firearms licence with pistol endorsement

(1) Any person aged 16 years or over who is not a member of a pistol shooting club and who does not hold a firearms licence bearing an endorsement (A) may be allowed to participate in no more than 3 shooting activities organised by the pistol shooting club on a certified range over any 6-month period (an **initial period**) if, at all times when A is on the certified range participating in the shooting activities and in possession of a pistol, A is under the immediate supervision of a club member who holds a firearms licence bearing an endorsement.

(2) A may be permitted to continue to participate in further shooting activities organised by the pistol shooting club on a certified range without a firearms licence bearing an endorsement for a period of 12 months after expiry of the initial period (a **further period**) if A—

(a) becomes and remains a member of the club; and

(b) at all times when A is on the certified range participating in the shooting activities and in possession of a pistol, A is under the immediate supervision of a club member who holds a firearms licence bearing an endorsement.

(3) A may be permitted to continue to participate in further shooting activities organised by the pistol shooting club on a certified range without a firearms licence bearing an endorsement after expiry of the further period if A—

(a) remains a club member; and

(b) at all times when A is on the certified range participating in the shooting activities and in possession of a pistol, A is under the immediate supervision of a club member who holds a firearms licence bearing an endorsement; and

(c) has passed an examination conducted by a member of the Police, or a person approved for the purpose by a member of the Police, that is designed to demonstrate knowledge of—

(i) the safe possession and use of a pistol; and

(ii) the obligations of a licence holder whose licence bears an endorsement; and

(d) is awaiting the outcome of an application for—

(i) an endorsement on their firearms licence; or

(ii) a firearms licence and an endorsement on the licence.

In summary:

New member who wants to become a pistol shooter:

1) no more than 3 shooting activities within 6-month period under immediate supervision

UNLESS

2) they become a member, in which case they can continue to shoot under immediate supervision for a further 12 months

THEN THEY MUST GIVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE

3) applied for the firearms licence / endorsement
AND

have passed the examination (PNZ new members safety and range officers test)

AND

is awaiting the outcome of their firearms licence / endorsement application

in which case they may be permitted to continue to participate in further shooting activities under immediate supervision under the determination of their application.

This does allow for a person to be shooting at your club under immediate supervision for up to 30 months without any firearms licence. However, it is recommended that clubs continue with the criteria that a person has their Firearms Licence prior to becoming a member, because then you know that they have passed the initial Police 'Fit and proper' assessment.

If the person is only wanting to shoot rifles at your club (for the composite clubs) they could shoot under immediate supervision.

