

## **Authorization Process for Prospective members of Practical Pistol League of Australia (PPLA).**

Members of the public interested in sport pistol shooting, in particular the discipline known as International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC), have an opportunity to try this sport through PPLA. We provide **come and try days** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month) for the uninitiated during which we provide the firearms (free use), ammunition (minimal cost) and individual supervision of the interested public. Members of the public will have to conform to the legislative requirements and fill out the appropriate documentation (which we will provide). The only other charge will be a range fee at the main gate.

Once the same individual has participated in this come and try experience at least three (3) times (over three months) they will need to decide if IPSC is the sport for them and if the PPLA is the club to do it with. PPLA cannot indefinitely support an interested individual without some commitment to the sport and our club.

At that time the individual will need to do the following to become a member of PPLA;

- a. Become a member of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Vic.); PPLA is a sub-club within the auspices of SSAA(Vic.) and all PPLA members must also be SSAA(Vic.) members. **Application forms to SSAA form part of the PPLA application pack**
- b. Become a member of PPLA; forms will be available from the instructor when you are ready to fill them in.

Membership of the PPLA will allow you to receive instruction to sit for a Handgun Safety Awareness course. Once you have passed this course you will be able to apply to the Victoria Police for your Provisional Handgun License. This license will allow you to continue receiving instruction as a member of the PPLA with PPLA equipment until you are eligible for a full Handgun License. During the course of your **initial** instruction you will be made aware of the timing of these courses so that you may book into such a course. **It is a requirement of Victorian law that a person MUST compete in 5 competitions before they can apply for a full General Category Handgun License.**

IPSC regulations require that each affiliated member of IPSC must have an IPSC accredited Holster Qualification before they can compete in IPSC competition. As you progress with your instruction you will be advised to book for a Holster Qualification course when your instructor deems it appropriate.

All of the above courses will be provided free of charge to members of PPLA and only members of PPLA. We believe that once you have made the commitment to PPLA, PPLA can make a commitment to you.

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