

Special Use Procedures for Pistol: Revised July 2020

In order to get a special use for pistol a member must:

1. Members who are requesting their FIRST special use for **Pistol** must complete a probationary period, during which time at least two visits to the range must be endorsed on your card by a Rangemaster.
2. The new member attends Range 3 during public hours and obtains the Pistol Probation card directly from the Rangemaster or at the range office.
3. The Rangemaster ensures that the member shows hands-on proficiency in several key areas during their probationary visits, signing them off on the probation card as completed. They are:
 - a. Proper firearm handling at the range, including the requirements for casing and uncasing, holster policy, ECI usage, etc.
 - b. Guidance on safe shooting skills (sight alignment, sight picture, trigger control, follow through, etc.) so the member can hit the paper consistently.
 - c. What to do if the firearm doesn't fire – handling misfires, hang fires and sqibs.
 - d. How to conduct a ceasefire.
 - e. Responding to an emergency.
 - f. Qualification shoot
4. The Pistol Special Use video, to be seen at the Rifle/Pistol Committee meetings, is required as part of this hands on training.
5. The member must also Qualify with the Pistol Rangemaster during public shooting hours and receive a signed Qualification Card. Qualifying means:
 - a. Shooting a score of 60 with 10 shots on standard B-17 target at 25 yards or a score of 80 at 15 yards. All 10 shots must strike the target. You must also display safe pistol handling while qualifying.
 - b. Shooting styles allowed are:
 - From a rest (easiest)
 - Two handed
 - One handed (aka off-hand; most difficult)
6. Once the member has completed their probationary check list over 2 documented visits, satisfactorily completed their Qualification Card, they must attend the pistol committee meeting and presentation in person where they will fill out a special use application.
7. Members must request to renew pistol special use by attending a special use meeting after 7 years. Members may upgrade their pistol special use shooting style any time by re-qualifying, as stated above, to change the shooting style.
8. When preparing your special use request, remember you will be shooting without the supervision of a Rangemaster. You must be prepared to function as the Acting Rangemaster, who will conduct the Ceasefires.

Handgun Committee meets monthly as shown on the club calendar.

Ceasefire Operations:

- The Ceasefire will be conducted with the concurrence of all members present.
- One member only will be responsible for conducting the Ceasefire from start to finish.
- Advise all shooters on the range you are calling the Ceasefire.
- Direct shooters to check handguns to insure they are unloaded. [Black powder guns must have NO powder, ball or cap loaded.]
- Personally check that all handguns on the line:
 - Have slide locked back,
 - Magazines removed,
 - Cylinders open,
 - Loading gates open,
 - Safety flags (ECI) inserted into chamber [single actions-under the hammer].
- Direct shooters to have target in hand.
- Direct shooters not to enter the Red Paint zone or handle a firearm- for any reason-while the bell is on.
- Turn on the bell to open the Ceasefire.
- When shooters are back, personally go downrange to ensure no one is at the 25 yard line, AND that no one is moving any frames or hanging targets at the 50 yard line.
- When the down ranges are absolutely verified to be clear, turn off the bell and advise the shooters the range is now clear to resume firing.