



Pine Rivers Shooting Club

Registered Shooting Club Approval No: 80000352

Respectful and Responsible Members of the
Pine Rivers Community

2021-2022

OUR ONGOING OBJECTIVES AS PART OF THE PINE RIVERS COMMUNITY

As an active and valued member of the Moreton Bay Region, Pine Rivers Shooting Club Inc. shall strive to:

Represent the sport of shooting responsibly, respectfully and professionally at all times.

Provide and maintain an Olympic Standard Indoor Shooting Complex capable of facilitating shooting events of local, state, national and international level competition.

Provide and maintain an Olympic Standard Indoor Shooting Complex capable of facilitating training for varied sporting disciplines of shooting; firearms safety and handling; security training; law enforcement training; community programs and shooting as part of school sports programs.

Provide and maintain an Olympic Standard Indoor Shooting Complex capable of facilitating other community based programs and indoor activities such as archery, self defence/martial arts, dance/floor activities, educational programs, demonstrations/displays etc.

Involve the club and its members in community based programs within the Shire; such as Real Adventure Women, Older and Bolder, inter-club sporting activities and charity events.

Invite, involve and welcome all members of the community in varied family and friendship oriented activities to demonstrate the value of the Sport of Shooting and the quality of people who involve themselves with it.

INFORMATION ABOUT PINE RIVERS SHOOTING CLUB INC.

Pine Rivers Shooting Club is a relatively new sporting club whose members have been working with the Moreton Bay Regional Council to establish a shooting facility within the Pine Rivers Community. We have recognised a need for sporting shooters on the north side of Brisbane to be provided a facility to conduct both longarm and handgun disciplines safely and responsibly. Our immediate focus is an indoor facility. Our aim is to be able to provide our members and visitors with the broadest scope of shooting as possible.

Our long term goal is an Olympic Standard Complex with the capacity to host the broadest range of shooting events possible. With a complex of this standard, we would also attract the international circuit of competitions which will allow international visitors to experience the beauty of the Moreton Bay Region.

Another of our Aims is to acquaint ourselves with other community groups and events. Therefore we plan to construct a complex that is capable of hosting, as well as the sport of shooting, a number of other different community events/sports.

We also wish to invite the community to experience, what we believe to be, one of the safest and most responsible sports on offer. The sport of shooting is one which can be enjoyed by the vast majority of people. This enables entire families to be able to enjoy the same sport at the same time in a safe and comfortable environment, and with an indoor facility, in all weather.

Although we are relatively new to the Moreton Bay Region, (we established in February 2005) we, in the past have been actively involved in Community Programs such as the Real Adventure Women Program. The ladies in attendance all offered favourable feedback to their introduction to the sport and seemed genuinely excited at the prospect of us joining their community.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

As Pine Rivers Shooting Club is in its formative stages we are currently conducting our club competitions at Madden Range, Mt Petrie Road, Belmont. We have been conducting the majority of our competition events at Madden Range, Belmont. These arrangements will remain in place until such time as we are able to provide our own range within the Moreton Bay Region.

We are an Approved Shooting Club and our events are conducted in accordance with legislative requirements.

We are an incorporated club and currently conduct our monthly meetings at our office at 18 Hinkler Court, Brendale. These meetings are always scheduled to commence at 6.00pm on the fourth Monday evening of each month.

Should you wish to attend any of the meetings or competitions please feel welcome to. Please refer to the attached Pine Rivers Shooting Club Events Schedule/Calendar for specific dates and times.

If you are choosing to attend a competition please email to register your interest, as there are some specific information we will need to provide you with details of such as eye/ear protection and footwear.

In the following pages you will find contact details, as well as information regarding applying for membership with Pine Rivers Shooting Club should you wish to become involved.

Until we have our new range built we are restricted in what we can shoot in the way of longarms. At the moment we are predominantly a pistol club but you are able to use your .22 rifles and shot guns at our events.

Please be aware that the only legal reason for possessing a hand gun in Australia is for the purpose of Sports Target Shooting at an Approved Pistol Range.

IMPORTANT HANDGUN OWNERSHIP AND LICENCING INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE PINE RIVERS SHOOTING CLUB MEMBERS

GENUINE REASON FOR HANDGUN OWNERSHIP

As a prospective member of the Pine Rivers Shooting Club, it is important for you to acknowledge that the only genuine reason for owning a handgun in Queensland (outside of specially licenced primary producer or other occupational requirements) is to participate in *Accredited Handgun Shooting Events at Accredited Pistol Ranges*, or put simply, organised Sports Target Shooting

Handgun possession is not permitted for the purpose of recreational shooting, emergency/disaster preparedness or home defence.

REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A CATEGORY H LICENCE IN QUEENSLAND

Obtaining your Concealable Firearms Licence (also called a Category H Licence, or Cat H Licence) can seem like a daunting task, especially if you have no previous firearms licencing experience. The full process can take up to 12 months but is usually completed in around 9 months. In order to be eligible to apply for a Cat H Licence you must complete all of the following pre-requisites;

1. **Obtain a 'Statement of Eligibility' from Queensland Police Weapons Licencing Branch (WLB).** This is essentially a police check to ensure that you are a 'Fit and Proper' person to hold a firearms licence. An application for the Statement of Eligibility can be made using form QP 0515 available from the WLB website; the completed form must be lodged in person at a QPS station (*a Statement of Eligibility is not required if you already hold a current Queensland Firearms Licence of a different category, i.e. you have a Category A/B Licence*). There is no cost for lodging an application for Statement of Eligibility.
2. **Join an Approved Queensland Pistol Club.** Once you have received your Statement of Eligibility (*or have a current Cat A/B Licence*), you may apply for membership with the Pine Rivers Shooting Club. It is a WLB mandatory requirement that you hold financial membership with an approved Queensland Pistol Club such as Pine Rivers Shooting Club for at least 6 months prior to being eligible to make an application for your Cat H Licence.
3. **Demonstrate your competence in safe firearms handling practices.** During the mandated minimum 6 month period of financial membership with Pine Rivers Shooting Club you are required to complete the following actions;
 - a. **Participate in as many club events as possible.** This will serve to provide you with significant familiarization in safe firearms handling practices within a directly supervised environment. It is a WLB requirement that you participate in an absolute minimum of 3 accredited handgun shooting events in the 6 months

directly preceding your application for a Cat H Licence. These events will be documented on a “Participation Record” and will need to be submitted to WLB with your licence application. *(There are further ongoing participation requirements to maintain your Cat H licence once it has been approved; these are discussed later in the ‘Ongoing Participation Requirements’ section).*

- b. **Complete a Course in Firearms Safety** (for Cat H firearms) with a registered training organization. You will be required to provide a copy of your statement of attainment to WLB when applying for your Cat H licence. Please note that Pine Rivers Shooting Club recommends this course is conducted towards the latter stages of your 6 month familiarization period. This allows you to have received sufficient exposure to safe firearms handling within the club environment, therefore arming you with a greater contextual understanding of the course contents and confidence to successfully complete the course. The course is 1 day in duration and costs around \$120 - \$160 depending on the provider.
 - c. **Successfully pass a Pine Rivers Shooting Club Safe Firearms Handling Assessment.** This is a club requirement and assists the Firearms Safety and Compliance Officer in making a determination on whether your application for a Cat H Licence will be endorsed by the club or whether remedial instruction may be required.
 - d. **Arrange access to secure storage** in accordance with Section 94 of the QLD Weapons Regulation 2016.
4. **Apply for your Cat H Licence.** Once all of the steps above are complete you may apply for a Cat H Licence with WLB (applying online through the WLB website is recommended). Amongst the other requirements for the application, you will need to submit a Form QP 0518A (Approved Club Declaration for Queensland Applicant). Please note that this declaration will only be endorsed by the club representative if the applicant has demonstrated proficiency in safe firearms handling and behaviors consistent with the Pine Rivers Shooting Club constitution. Be assured though that your progress towards achieving the required proficiency will be monitored during the 6 month familiarization period and remedial instruction will be provided at no cost if any doubt exists as to the applicant’s competence.

Section 10 of the QLD Weapons Regulation 2016 stipulates a 28 day waiting period before the WLB Authorised Officer can make a decision on your licence application; after this period has elapsed your licence application will be processed..... *well done, you’ve made it this far; not long to go now, hang in there; it’s worth it, I promise!!!*

ACQUIRING A HANDGUN

In order for a Category H Licence holder to acquire a handgun, the applicant must lodge a ‘Permit to Acquire’ (PTA) with WLB. In order to verify that the applicant has a “Genuine Reason” to own a handgun, a ‘Club Approval Letter’ needs to be provided when lodging the PTA.

The Club Approval Letter is supplied on request by the Pine Rivers Shooting Club Firearms Safety & Compliance Officer, after the intended acquisition has passed a club approval process.

It is also the applicant's responsibility to ensure that they comply with the safe storage, transport and other ownership requirements in accordance with the QLD Weapons Act 1990 and QLD Weapons Regulation 2016.

CLUB APPROVAL PROCESS FOR HANDGUN PURCHASES

The process is simple and is intended to identify whether or not the handgun can be safely used in any of the Pine Rivers Shooting Club accredited shooting events. If the handgun can be used safely within the rules for the particular event and the applicant is approved to possess the calibre requested, a Club Approval Letter will be issued.

If it is deemed that the handgun does not meet the Pine Rivers Shooting Club safety requirements, a member of the safety team will contact you to discuss alternatives. If you do not agree with the reason for refusal of a Club Approval Letter, you may appeal the decision in person at the monthly committee meeting (please provide advanced notification to the Pine Rivers Shooting Club Club Secretary if this is your intention so it can be included in the agenda items).

Although refusals for Club Approval Letters are rare, it is prudent to ensure you have discussed your intended acquisition with the Pine Rivers Shooting Club Firearms Safety & Compliance Team prior to purchasing the handgun. This may save you from any financial impacts should your purchase be deemed unsafe for Pine Rivers Shooting Club Accredited Shooting Events.

Please note that the club will not issue an approval letter unless the applicant holds a current Category H licence (inclusive of any special conditions required for particular handgun calibres). For example, approval letters will not be issued if;

- X** If you are not a current financial member of the Pine Rivers Shooting Club
- X** An applicant has lodged their Cat H licence application but hasn't yet received their licence; or
- X** An applicant's licence has expired; or
- X** An applicant has requested club approval for a high caliber handgun but does not have the correct conditions noted on their licence to possess the caliber.

Please note also that the club cannot issue an approval letter for firearms that are not capable of being used in current Pine Rivers Shooting Club Accredited Shooting Events; i.e. the club cannot issue an approval letter for the purchase of an air pistol as the Pine Rivers Shooting Club does not currently hold any air pistol competitions.

Please be aware that 'non-active' Pine Rivers Shooting Club members will be required to demonstrate their safe firearms handling proficiency again prior to participating in Pine Rivers Shooting Club organised shooting events or being issued with a Club Approval Letter for a handgun purchase.

ONGOING HANDGUN OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To continue with on-going handgun ownership, you must;

- Remain a financial member of an approved Queensland Pistol Club; and
- Meet the minimum participation requirement for each class of handgun owned; and
- Maintain a current Category H Licence in Queensland; and
- Observe all personal eligibility requirements in accordance with the QLD Weapons Act 1990.

ONGOING PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

There is an ongoing requirement to demonstrate your "Genuine Reason" for holding a Cat H Licence and possessing Cat H Firearms. This substantiation is in the form of Participation Records which are required to be submitted to the Pine Rivers Shooting Club each year during membership renewal and also at the time of your Cat H licence renewal with WLB.

Participation requirements vary depending on how many different classes of Cat H firearms you own. Category H firearms are divided into 4 classes;

- a) Air pistol;
- b) Centre fire pistol – caliber of not more than .38" or black powder pistol;
- c) Centre fire pistol – caliber of more than .38" but not more than .45";
- d) Rimfire pistol.

If you are the registered owner of only 1 class of Cat H firearms (for example you have 2 handguns but both are D Class – Rimfire), you are required to participate in a minimum of 6 handgun shooting competitions on different days in each financial year.

If you are the registered owner of multiple classes of Cat H firearms, you are required to participate in a minimum of 4 club organised shoots **for each class** in each financial year. 6 of the club organised shoots must be handgun shooting competitions. If one of the handguns owned is C Class, then at least 4 of the club organised shoots must be accredited events.

EXAMPLE – A person own 3 firearms in 2 different classes, there is a minimum participation requirement each financial year of;

- 8 club organised shoots (4 for each of the two different class of handgun);
and

- These shoots must be conducted on separate days; and
- At least 6 of those shoots must be handgun shooting competitions.

For Cat H licence holders that have no Cat H firearms registered to their licence, there is no minimum participation requirement. You are still required to maintain financial membership with an approved Queensland Pistol Club in order to meet your pre-requisite for holding a Cat H Licence.

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- A member will be considered 'non-active' if they do not participate in the required number of club events as if they held at least 1 class of handgun; i.e. if they do not attend 6 club events in a financial year.
- Demonstration of safe firearms handling will be conducted through observation by a Range Officer when the member returns to active participation.

DECLARATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I declare that my only Genuine Reason for membership with the Pine Rivers Shooting Club inc. is to participate in *Accredited Pine Rivers Shooting Club Handgun Shooting Events at Accredited Pine Rivers Shooting Club Pistol Ranges*; and

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information presented on this document with regards to the requirements for acquiring a Category H Licence and Firearm/s; and

I acknowledge that this document is not part of any legislative tool. For the complete requirements of firearms ownership/possession I can refer to the Queensland Weapons Act 1990 and the Queensland Weapons Regulation 2016.

This needs to be read, understood and accepted as a condition of joining the Pine Rivers Shooting Club.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership of Pine Rivers Shooting Club is currently per financial year with the following subscription types:

Club Member	\$150.00	
Associate Member	\$100.00	
Junior Member (under 18):	\$80.00	
Pensioner Member:	\$100.00	Supply a copy of Your Pension Card

The membership year runs from 01 July to 30 June the following year regardless of the actual date of joining.

The Pine Rivers Shooting Club club shirts are also available for \$55.00 and caps are \$20.00.

As Pine Rivers Shooting Club is still in its formative stages, and our shoots are conducted at Madden Range, Belmont we have maintained a low membership fee. The Pine Rivers Shooting Club membership fee will be reviewed as development of our own facility progresses.

Should you wish to join Pine Rivers Shooting Club please:

1. Lodge the Application for a Statement of Eligibility with your Local Police Station.
(This form is free to lodge & is applicable if you **ARE NOT** a current Firearms Licence Holder)
2. Complete and sign the attached Application for Membership Form and Handgun Ownership and Licencing Information Form. (Feel free to photocopy this form if required)
3. Attach 2 written references per Application. (Refer: Application Section 2)
(Applicable if you are not a current financial member of any other shooting club.)
(Blank templates of the reference are on the reverse side of the Application Form.)
4. Once you have received your Statement of Eligibility attach it to your Application.
(This Statement **MUST** be obtained prior to membership with a shooting club being approved.)
- 5a. Attach a cheque/money order for your membership. Or
- 5b. Direct Deposit into Suncorp Bank Account using relevant reference code.

(Sorry credit card facilities are not available at this stage)
6. Post Application, References, Statement of Eligibility, Payment and Details to:

Pine River Shooting Club Inc.
P.O. Box 5587
BRENDALE QLD 4500

Should you have any queries or require any further information please feel free to contact our Membership Officer, via email prsci.info@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS FOR NEW SHOOTERS

1. OBTAIN A **FORM 33** FROM THE DESK OR FROM OUR WEBSITE AND COMPLETE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.
2. PRESENT THE COMPLETED FORM 33 AND YOUR **PHOTO ID** TO THE REGISTRATION DESK AND PAY YOUR FEES.
3. FILL IN THE **RANGE VISITORS ATTENDANCE SHEET**. THIS IS ON THE SECOND DESK.
4. OBTAIN A **PARTICIPATION FORM** FROM THE DESK. KEEP THIS AND BRING IT WITH YOU EACH TIME YOU COME.
5. YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A **RANGE OFFICER (RO)** WHO WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH A **BRIEFING** IN THE **SAFE ZONE** ON GUN HANDLING.
6. READ THE **RANGE RULES** AND ASK ANY RO ABOUT ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT SURE OF. RO'S WILL BE AT THE DESK OR ARE MEMBERS WEARING YELLOW SHIRTS WITH RANGE OFFICER WRITTEN ON THEM.
7. YOU WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SHOOT .22'S UNDER THE DIRECTION OF YOUR ASSIGNED RO UNTIL YOU ARE DEEMED COMPETENT.

YOUR RO WILL HAVE TO SIGN YOUR PARTICIPATION CARD TO SHOW THIS.

YOU WILL THEN BE ABLE TO SHOOT A LARGER CALIBRE BUT STILL UNDER AN RO'S SUPERVISION UNTIL YOU HAVE ONCE AGAIN BEEN SIGNED OFF.

YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO SHOOT ON YOUR OWN WHEN YOU HAVE A CATEGORY H FIREARM LICENCE.

8. LISTEN TO THE GROUP **SAFETY BRIEFING** AND ASK ABOUT ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT SURE ABOUT. **SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN.**

THESE STEPS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO PLACE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF YOUR FELLOW SHOOTERS.

ENJOY YOUR SHOOT.