

New Shooters

All shooters new to IDPA or just new to TCAS:

If you are wondering if this sport is for you or you do not yet have action shooting equipment, you are welcome to just come and watch part of or the entire match. Watchers and all new shooters, whether new to IDPA or just TCAS, are required to contact our new shooter director prior to showing up at the range. Send the new shooter director an email letting them know of your prior action shooting sports experience or if you are just interested in watching an IDPA match. Based on your prior action shooting experience or tactical training, a determination will be made whether you will be able to immediately begin shooting with us at the next match or whether you will need to attend a portion of or the entire New Shooter Orientation Program before shooting with us.

There is no charge to attend the New Shooter Orientation Program or to only watch a match. When you arrive at the range on match day, look up the new shooter director. The classroom portion of the New Shooter Orientation Program for the outdoor pistol matches at Beaverbrook is held in the smaller garage sized building at the far East end of the range near the pistol bays from 7:30 am until 8:30 am but show up a little early to get situated before the orientation begins. Regular pistol matches end sometime between noon and 2:00 pm depending upon whether we have 3 or 4 bays (COF), how many shooters participate and if a side BUG match is shot. If you are on the range at all, whether shooting or just watching, we require you to sign a membership/TCAS liability waiver form that all of us signed on our first day on the range.

You must be 18 years or older to shoot with TCAS.

Children of active TCAS shooters must be 16 years or older to shoot with TCAS.

The New Shooter Orientation Program consists of:

- Listening to a one hour classroom overview of range and action shooting safety procedures, fundamental IDPA rules and club policies. This is conducted immediately before the match.
- Watching the match to gain familiarity with IDPA and TCAS procedures and rules.
- Receiving one on one hands-on range training with a safety officer immediately after the match by shooting one of the stages that was shot in the match just watched. This hands on training allows us to assist new shooters in developing the necessary skills in a safe and less stressful environment. It is preferred but not necessary to have IDPA approved equipment (firearms, holsters, concealment, etc.) to shoot in this special training session. IDPA approved equipment is required to shoot in regular club pistol matches.

New Shooter Requirements to participate in IDPA Pistol Matches:

- If you are experienced in IDPA action shooting but are new to TCAS, send the new shooter director an email so they can review safety rules and procedures specific to TCAS with you and have you complete membership and liability forms. This will allow you to shoot at the next match without the need to attend the New Shooter Orientation Program.
- If you are experienced in USPSA action shooting but are new to IDPA, you must attend the classroom portion of the New Shooter Orientation Program that is held immediately before the match. After the session, you can shoot the match that same day along with the existing club members.
- If you are new to IDPA but have had tactical pistol training, you must attend the classroom portion of the New Shooter Orientation Program that is held immediately before the match. We will make a determination at the end of the classroom session as to whether you will be allowed to shoot the match that same day along with the existing club members or whether you will first need to watch the match, receive hands on training after the match and then shoot along with the existing club members at the next match.
- If you are new to IDPA and USPSA and have not had tactical pistol training, you must attend the entire New Shooter Orientation Program before you can shoot a match with the existing club members.

New Shooter Requirements to participate in IDPA Defensive Multi Gun (DMG) Matches:

- If you are experienced in IDPA DMG action shooting but are new to TCAS, send the new shooter director an email so they can review safety rules and procedures specific to TCAS with you and have you complete membership and liability forms.
- If you are experienced in IDPA or USPSA action shooting but are new to DMG, we will have you go through the DMG new shooter orientation prior to the DMG match where we will review our safety procedures and basic DMG rules.
- If you are new to IDPA and USPSA, you will not be allowed to shoot DMG matches until you have shot at least one pistol match. The safety officers (SOs) present at that pistol match will make a determination as to whether you will be allowed to shoot at the next DMG match or if you will need to shoot additional pistol matches to further develop your skills and comfort level.