



Pistols & Pearls Society

PO Box 1119, Bastrop TX 78602

Thank you for your interest in Pistols and Pearls Society, a women's gun club.

We are a great group of ladies who come together about one or two times a month to learn and improve our skills, knowledge, and safety of firearms.

To help expedite your application, use the checklist below to ensure you have signed and are returning all materials needed for us to approve your application.

CHECKLIST:

- Completed & Signed - **Application For Membership**
- Signed - **Release and Hold Harmless Agreement**
- Signed - **Photo Release**
- Signed - **Range Rules**
- \$60.00 Check for Annual Membership in January - prorated \$5 less a month for New Members starting later in the year**
- Background Check***

*Background checks, go to: <https://securite.dps.texas.gov/DpsWebsite/Login.aspx>

We hope to meet you on the range soon!

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Application For Membership

- MISSION- To provide an environment and resources for women interested in firearms.
- VISION- To have a shooting club in Bastrop County for women of all skill levels.
- PURPOSE- Provide the opportunity for women shooters to increase their knowledge of firearms.
- CULTURE- Women of all skill levels interested in recreational or competitive shooting.

There are 6 things we need to get your membership started:

- A completed application
- A completed Range Rules form
- A completed Photo Release form
- A completed Release and Hold Harmless form
- A background check from Texas Dept of Public Safety OR a copy of a current valid Texas LTC license OR a copy of a valid Texas law enforcement agency ID card (local, county or State of Texas) *See Below
- A check in the amount of \$60 for New membership, prorated \$5 less per month after January. There will be a yearly \$60 membership renewal fee due between January 1st to January 31st of each year. Please put a reminder in your calendar!

Last Name	_____	First Name	_____
Address	_____		
City, State, Zip	_____		
Home Phone	_____	Cell Phone	_____
Date of Birth	___/___/___	Cell Phone Provider	_____
Email	_____		
Facebook ID	_____		
Employer	_____	Position	_____
Are you a member of the NRA? Please provide photocopy of card with expiration date.	Yes	No	
Do you hold any NRA Instructor or Range Safety Officer Licenses?	Yes	No	
Are you a member of another gun club	Yes	No	
Name of club:	_____		

Conditions of Membership -I agree the following:

- To observe all safety rules and procedures at all times
- To obey directives of range officers and staff in the course of any live fire event
- To be supportive of the club, club members and staff
- To clear all public and media related statements concerning the club with current Board of Directors.
- Pay Annual Membership Dues each year \$60.00 Per Member (Due January 1 of Each Year)

*A copy of the DPS criminal background check or listed exemption must be submitted at the time of application. Go to <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us> then click on criminal history conviction search. Print the report and include it with your application. Exemptions to the DPS criminal check are as follows: TCLEOSE, Jailer License, Bodyguard, and Security Officer Level 3, BCSO Employee or current LTC.

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Do you have any special skills that could benefit the gun club? Describe:

In a brief statement why do you wish to become a member of "PPS":

How did you hear about us:

Club Activity Experience:

_____ Pistol – beginner _____, advanced _____

_____ Rifle – beginner _____, advanced _____

_____ Shotgun – beginner _____, advanced _____

All members will be expected to assist the club in cleaning up the classrooms and private ranges after participation.

****ALL members must be a minimum of 21 years old.**

Upon approval of application, each member must complete the orientation and range safety class wherein rules and procedures for membership will be explained.

I agree to hold harmless "Pistols and Pearls Society" and their management, staff, and resource advisors from and against any loss, liability expense, claim, cost, suits, or damages of every kind, nature, or description, resulting directly and/or indirectly from my use of the club's selected classroom and/or shooting facilities.

Signed _____ Date _____

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Check # _____ Cash _____ Money Order # _____ Date Received ____/____/____

Amount Received _____ Documentation Received by _____

Bastrop County sheriff's Office Employee _____ Jailer License _____

Bodyguard, _____ Security Officer Level 3. _____

License to Carry License _____ TCLEOSE, _____

DPS Criminal Background Check _____



Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

Pistols and Pearls Society Release of Liability Form

I (print your full name) _____ presently residing at

(Street Address) _____

(City) _____ (zip code) _____, being 21 years of age or older, on behalf of myself, in consideration of the rates charge and the right to enter and use the facilities and services of the Pistols & Pearls Society, do hereby enter into this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement (the "Agreement") on this ____ day of _____, 20 __, and consent and agree that:

Initial here

_____ **1. Acknowledgement of Danger.** I acknowledge that engaging in sport shooting is dangerous. I further acknowledge that no matter what precautions I may take, including but not limited to the wearing of various types of protective gear (including hearing and eye protection), that I could experience injury of a very serious nature and/or die as a result of an accident or incident. I therefore engage in such activities voluntarily and at my own risk. I also understand and acknowledge that the ranges are kept as natural as the shooting events allow and that wildlife may pose additional hazards including but not limited to: poisonous plants, ticks, poisonous snakes, and other wild animals.

_____ **2. Assumption of Risks.** I acknowledge and represent that I am familiar with the significant risks and dangerous nature, including but not limited to causing death or serious bodily injury to myself and others, and causing damage(s) to property, which originate from participating and otherwise engaging in sport shooting. I hereby assume any and all responsibilities and liabilities pertaining to such risks, whether to myself or to others and without limitation or qualification. I also understand and acknowledge that others will be using the range, including but not limited to uses taking place during private member activities and club sponsored events, and I will be aware of their actions whenever I am at any Pistols & Pearls Society Events. There have not been any express or implied representations to you on behalf of the Pistols & Pearls Society, except as set forth in this Agreement.

_____ **3. Physical and Mental Condition.** I acknowledge that at the time of signing this Agreement I am in sufficient physical and mental condition to engage in sport shooting on any range.

_____ **4. Condition of Equipment.** I have, prior to engaging in any sport shooting, determined that, by professional standards, my shooting equipment, ammunition and all corresponding items are in good condition and suitable for the shooting contemplated by this Agreement.



_____ **5. Comprehensive Release.** I do hereby, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal and personal representatives, unconditionally and irrevocably release and discharge the Pistols & Pearls Society, the Pistols & Pearls Society's successors, assigns, owners, shareholders, directors, officers, employees, club officers, range masters, match directors, appointed safety officers, agents, representatives, attorneys, independent contractors, subsidiaries, and affiliates and each, every and all persons acting by, through, under or in concert with any of them (collectively, "Released Parties"). I further do hereby on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal and personal representatives agree not to sue, or otherwise initiate legal, equitable or similar action or to otherwise file a complaint or other action for controversy resolution or otherwise seek losses, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or contingent, including without limitation, wrongful death, and any and all personal injuries, known or unknown, and death and/or personal injuries to third parties, and injuries to property, real or personal, known or unknown, against any of the Released Parties, caused by any reason whatsoever related to Pistols & Pearls Society and my sport shooting on or about the Pistols & Pearls Society's premises and/or facilities. I also agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against all claims, losses, damages, and costs caused by, arising out of, or related to the actions of myself and those guests for whose conduct I am responsible. This Release shall pertain to any claims which were known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated at the time of the execution of this Agreement, including any information of any nature which, if known by me on the date of execution of this Agreement, may have materially affected my decision to execute this Agreement and specifically this Release.

_____ **6. Indemnity.** I hereby indemnify, without qualification or limitation, the Released Parties and defend and hold the Released Parties harmless from and against any and all claims, causes of action, demands or charges of every kind and nature, which any third party or person may claim to have or to hold for property damage or personal injuries or any other damages including death, arising from any cause or reason, of every kind and nature pertaining to this Agreement originating from my relationship with any of the Released Parties and any activity directly or indirectly arising from or contemplated by this Agreement.

_____ **7. Additional Regulations.** I understand that hearing and eye protection (even while using a scope) are mandatory at all Pistols and Pearls Society shooting areas for all persons at all times. I agree that I will not fire or discharge any firearm or gun except in areas so designated by Pistols and Pearls Society or designated instructor.



_____ 8. **Firearms Eligibility.** I certify that I may lawfully own, possess, and operate firearms within the State of Texas pursuant to all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations.

_____ 9. **Governing Law; Disputes; Arbitration.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas. Should I find myself in a disagreement with Pistols and Pearls Society policies, rules or regulations and I am unable to resolve such issues in accordance with the By-laws of the Pistols and Pearls Society I agree that I shall bring no cause of action against the Pistols and Pearls Society or any of the aforementioned Released Parties, and further agree to binding arbitration of those disputes. Should any party hereto institute any action or proceeding against the other party at law or in equity, or in connection with an arbitration in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party from such action shall be entitled to recover from the losing party or parties all attorneys' fees and costs for service rendered to the prevailing party in such action or proceeding.

_____ 10. **Force of Law.** If any part of this contract is held to be invalid by a court of law all other parts shall remain in full effect.

Where my initials appear above, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agreed to the provision beside those initials. In addition, my signature below indicates that I have read this entire Agreement, understand it completely, and agree to be bound by its terms. If this Agreement is being executed by me as a legal guardian on behalf of a person under the age of 18 years, then all provisions of this Agreement shall pertain to the undersigned and the Minor.

Member Signature

Printed name

Date



PISTOLS AND PEARLS SOCIETY

PHOTO RELEASE

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, _____, hereby authorize Pistols and Pearls Society permission to use by likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications, including but not limited to all Pistols and Pearls Society's printed and digital publications. I understand and agree that any photograph using my likeness will become property of Pistols and Pearls Society and will not be returned.

I acknowledge that since my participation with Pistols and Pearls Society is voluntary, I will receive no financial compensation.

I hereby irrevocably authorize Pistols and Pearls Society to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing Pistols and Pearls Society's programs or for any other related, lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge Pistols and Pearls Society from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____



PISTOLS AND PEARLS SOCIETY RANGE RULES

Shooting Firearms is an inherently dangerous sport. Because of the dangers involved in shooting firearms, we must follow safety rules while handling any firearm, at all times. These range rules are for the safety of yourself and all participants at any event sponsored by Pistols and Pearls.

Pistols and Pearls has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy on violations of range rules. Any violation of a range rule could result in the removal of the violator from the firing line and possibly dismissal from the event.

Everyone at a Pistols and Pearls Society shooting event has the responsibility to follow these range rules. Everyone attending a Pistols and Pearls Society shooting event also has the responsibility to bring any observed violations of any of these rules to the attention of the instructor or the range officer.

We are guests at the ranges used by Pistols and Pearls Society for these shooting events; it is everyone's individual responsibility to clean up after themselves. We always want to leave the range cleaner and better than when we arrived.

Range Rules:

1. Treat all firearms as if they were loaded at all times.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are on target and have decided to shoot.
3. Do not point the muzzle at anyone or anything you are not willing to shoot.
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
5. A hat with brim, ear and eye protection are required to be worn at all times while shooting at the range.
6. When you pick up a firearm, keep your finger off the trigger, point the muzzle in a safe direction, open the action and check both visually and physically to see that it is unloaded.
7. Never give or take a firearm from anyone unless the action is open for inspection.
8. Always inspect all firearms both visually and physically when receiving from anyone, even if you just saw them unload it.
9. Only load, reload or unload your firearm after taking a position on the firing line and commanded to do so by the instructor.
10. Keep all firearms pointed down range at all times.
11. Never draw a handgun from a holster on the range unless instructed to do so.

12. Never draw or re-holster a handgun with your finger in the trigger guard or on the trigger.
13. Always wash hands and face in cold water after leaving the range and shower and change clothing at the end of a shooting day to reduce the possibility of lead contamination. Wash range clothes separate from family clothes.
14. Never go forward from the firing line unless your handgun is safely holstered, and the instructor directs you to do so.
15. Never step back from the firing line unless your handgun is safely holstered, and the instructor directs you to do so.
16. While on the firing line, never bend over to retrieve dropped articles until instructed to do so.
17. No talking on the firing line unless to or with the instructor.
18. Pay strict attention to the instructor and the range safety officer.
19. Never anticipate a command. When in doubt, raise your non-shooting hand.
20. Never permit the muzzle of a firearm to touch the ground.
21. Conduct proper safety inspection of all weapons before and after all training sessions.
22. Never dry fire a firearm on the range unless instructed to do so.
23. You are expected to use good judgment and to refrain from attempting any exercise which you may not be able to perform safely, based on your own ability, equipment, prior training or physical condition.
24. Eye protection must be worn while cleaning any firearm.
25. No alcohol or mentally or physically altering drugs will be used at the range.
26. Anyone can call for a cease fire on the firing line at any time for any reason.
27. If the range class has already started, any member who arrives late and has not notified the President, in advance, may observe but may not participate on range for the duration of that class.
28. In addition to these range rules, all range rules for the private range we use will be followed.
29. REMEMBER: Everyone has the responsibility for range safety.

Signed: _____ Date: _____