


VICTORIA FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION			
FIGSOP #	321		
Title:	PPC Discipline		
Board Ratified:	7 December 2020		
Responsible:	PPC Director		

Scope

1. This FIGSOP pertains to the conduct of activities by the VFGPA Police Pistol Combat (PPC) Discipline.

Appointment

2. The PPC Director is a volunteer Board position drawn from the membership of the Colwood PPC Club, and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. He/she is to attend board and general meetings to represent the members and interests of the PPC discipline

PPC Governance Structure

3. The local club responsible for the conduct and oversight of Police Pistol Combat competitions in the lower Vancouver Island area is the COLWOOD PPC Club. This club is a nationally sanctioned member of the Canadian Police Combat Association (CPCA) and monthly matches are conducted under the oversight of the Vancouver Island Shooting Association (VISA).

Range Locations

4. The Island PPC clubs utilize 3 ranges on Vancouver Island for the conduct of its VISA monthly PPC matches. The monthly competitions rotate between the North Saanich Rod and Gun Club, the Nanaimo Fish and Game Association, and the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association. When conducting matches at VFGPA, the club utilizes the RP range, and the RP clubhouse. Specific dates and details of both the location to be utilized and the specific CPCA matches to be fired can be found under the 'match schedule' tab on the clubs website at www.colwoodppc.com

Scheduling and Major Events

5. With the caveat that some modification may be necessary from time to time, the VISA monthly PPC matches typically follow a predictable rotation through each of their supporting ranges. Matches typically occur on the 3rd Saturday of the month in Nanaimo in January, March, July, and December. Similarly, matches occur on the first or second Saturday of the month at VFGPA during the months of February, May, August and November. Finally matches occur at the North Saanich facility on the second or third Sunday of the months during the months of April, June and September. The Penultimate event of each season is held at VFGPA during the Thanksgiving long weekend, where competitors will compete in a series of Championship matches. This Championship weekend can consist of a regional Vancouver Island Combat Championship, a Provincial Championship, or a CPCA National Championship event, depending on what level of event the Colwood PPC Club has agreed to host for the year in question. This Championship weekend is typically preceded on the Saturday prior by a Committee Match Shoot, where the Colwood club members shoot a number of their Championship matches freeing them up during the actual Championship event to act as range safety staff for the event. This Committee match is normally preceded by a work party that will ensure the range and associated facilities are fully prepared and maintained to host the Championship event that will occur the following weekend.

6. In addition to these regular sanctioned events, the Club will from time to time host organized practice sessions for its members utilizing the RP range or bays at the MP range of VFGPA. These are not regularly scheduled events and occur when and as required as organized by the Club. The Colwood PPC club also hosts its annual Christmas shoot and AGM at VFGPA, which typically occurs on the second Saturday in December, utilizing the RP range and the RP Clubhouse. This is an internally organized event that serves as a year-end wrap up for the Colwood PPC Clubs annual shooting calendar.

Range Setup

7. When conducting monthly VISA PPC matches at VFGPA, the Colwood PPC Club uses the RP range. During the conduct of these matches, the RP range is closed for the day to non-PPC shooters, however guests and spectators are welcome provided they have appropriate ear and eye protection. The RP is dedicated solely for PPC use during the conduct of the match with no other firing taking place. Clear signage indicating the RP range closure will be displayed at the entrance gate to the RP alongside the red firing flag, as well as on the VFGPA website on the Association master calendar of events. The PPC Rep is responsible for scheduling with the VFGPA Scheduler the dates required for RP usage when the VFGPA calls for those submissions to be made from each of the disciplines as the annual calendar for the next competition year is produced.

8. Targets utilized for PPC matches consist of the B27 target, affixed to a 7/16 inch OSB plywood backer. Target frames are stored in the PPC locker adjacent to firing point #1, and are not available for general membership use. All targets and frames utilized by the club stored in the locked range locker, and are accessible solely by PPC club members. Keys for the locker are controlled by the PPC rep.

9. During the conduct of the match, firing will take place at the 3yd, 5yd, 7yd, 15yd, 25yd and 50yd firing points, with target frames secured in either the 25 yard or 50 yard berm. Match conduct is detailed in the CPCA rulebook available at www.cPCA-ppc.org.

10. A number of matches using both semi-automatic handguns and revolvers will be conducted during the course of fire, with competitors firing from the standing, kneeling, sitting and prone positions, with and without support. Competitors will also fire from behind barricade poles, using both strong and weak hands as dictated by the match rules. Barricade poles are also stored in the PPC locker adjacent to firing point 1 and are typically removed at the end of a match on the RP range and safely stored away. Barricade lines are also painted in white along the firing line corresponding to the location of each of the barricade poles. The maintenance of these barricade poles and the painting of the lines is a Colwood PPC responsibility.

11. Provided no reshoots are required, matches are typically conducted with range setup beginning at 9am, first round down range no later than 10am, and the range is ready to be handed back to the general membership for use by 3pm.

12. During the conduct of PPC matches, a Match Director will be in control of the firing line, and will be responsible for issuance of the words of command to execute the matches as well as overall range safety. He/she will be typically be supported in this task by firing point officers who will supervise the shooters on the line. The match director is the sole authority responsible for safe conduct of the PPC range while it is being used for a sanctioned PPC event. She/He assumes the role of RSO IAW VFGPA FIGSOPS.

PPC Training and Club Memberships/Fees

13. VFGPA members wishing to begin competition in PPC competition can attain the necessary training in one of two methods:

- a. Attend one of the two Introduction to PPC and Handguns training courses that are run typically in June and November each year. These courses are conducted over a Friday (classroom) and Saturday (live range) and upon completion of the training, individuals can then begin competing in the monthly matches under supervision. The fee for these courses and the specific dates are advertised on the Colwood PPC Club website at www.ColwoodPPC.com.

- b. Undertake a training and mentorship program under the guidance of one of the Colwood PPC Clubs advanced members, who will work with the individual to familiarize them with the safe handling of the various firearms utilized and the conduct of our matches and courses of fire. This support can also be arranged by engaging the club through its website.

14. Once training and mentoring is complete, the shooter must join the Colwood PPC Club, the Vancouver Island Shooting Association and the Canadian Police Combat Association. Each of these memberships is extremely inexpensive, and will permit the newly certified PPC shooter to compete in all sanctioned PPC events both regionally and across Canada. Details on these memberships and the necessary enrollment forms are available on the club website, www.colwoodppc.com . Members must also hold a valid membership at one of the Island ranges such as North Saanich, Nanaimo, VFGPA, Courtenay or Campbell River. In addition to the annual membership fees, each shooter is required to pay match fees on the day of an event. These nominal fees are collected at sign in for the event, and cover the cost of targets, backers and other supplies required for the conduct of the matches. Once these fees are paid the competitors will be issued their official CPCA scorecards for each match they are firing. Following each match these scores are tabulated and posted on both the VISA Facebook page and the CPCA website allowing members to track their progress in relation to other competitors across the country. Competitors remain responsible for provision of their own firearms and ammunition IAW the CPCA rulebook for each of the matches they register to shoot.

Reports, Records, Responsibilities

15. The PPC Director is responsible to carry out the duties listed in section 2.4.10 of the Board of Directors Handbook (DRAFT) dated April 2019. A summary of these duties is included in the articles below.

16. Produce a monthly report to the Board of Directors and to the Members at the General Meeting to be submitted electronically to the board no later than the last day of each month for the Board meeting that will occur on the first Monday of each month. Records are to be retained for a two year period unless otherwise stated by the VFGPA's Executive Board.

This report is to consist of the following items:

- a. Major Events taken place and results;
- b. Scheduled practices completed;
- c. Any courses completed; and
- d. Status of completed projects and proposed future projects;
- e. any additional planned events, courses etc

17. Attend all Association meetings and board of Director meetings;
18. Organize and administer handgun target shooting programs or courses at the Club in accordance with the expressed interests of members. Be available to assist any club member or group of members in advancing or learning handgun skills. The PPC Director will ensure a qualified Match Director is appointed for each match to act as the Range Safety Officer for all scheduled events and practices shoots;
19. Monitor or restrict access as necessary to PPC storage locker;
20. For PPC matches, ensure collection of match fees and follow up post match to ensure that after expenses are addressed, that any contribution of funds is forwarded to the Association Treasurer;
21. Administer PPC Targets and equipment;
22. Coordinate, Plan and Publish PPC match and course schedules in coordination with Association Scheduler, Caretaker and 1st VP based on PPC Club requirements;
23. Organize any work parties required to conduct maintenance, preparation and repair of range facilities in advance of any major PPC event as required, coordinated with Range Caretaker;
24. Ensure cleanup is effectively conducted following any PPC event;
25. Keep members advised of any upcoming PPC matches, courses, or programs offered by utilizing the Association Newsletter, website and through the monthly General Members meetings;
26. The PPC Director is to carry out the above duties and act in the best interest of the members of the Colwood PPC Club. Nonetheless, the PPC Director shall carry out the directions of the Executive and the Board of Directors for the betterment of the VFGPA. Considerable consideration is to be given in support of all disciplines equally whilst contributing to the VFGPA Board of Directors on behalf of the Associations membership.
27. The PPC Director shall ensure all PPC competitors are aware that it is the responsibility of all members to help maintain the VFGPA's facilities. Picking up spent your casings and placing them in the proper containers, disposing of empty ammunition boxes, coffee cups, wiping up any spills, etc are expected of all participants. Smoking in any form is not permitted on the RP range or within 3 meters of a doorway. Ash cans for tobacco product residue are located at the RP Range hut and signs have been posted to designate these areas. Indulging in cannabis products or any other intoxicant is never permitted on any active VFGPA Range, for any reason.