



CITIZENS' RIFLE AND REVOLVER CLUB JUNIOR PISTOL PROGRAM

The CRRC Junior Pistol Program offers children aged 12 to 20 the opportunity to learn pistol shooting. No shooting experience is necessary, but participants must be able to follow all safety rules and instructions from the coaches. This program is open to the public; *CRRC membership is not required*. All shooting is with 22 caliber pistols. Gun ownership is encouraged, but not required; the Junior Pistol Program provides pistols, ammunition, and targets. Coaches are CRRC members, including NRA certified instructors, competitive shooters, and qualified senior members.

Started in 2015, the CRRC Junior Pistol Program teaches basic gun safety, gun handling, and marksmanship ranging from basic to advanced. We use the NRA/Winchester Marksmanship Qualification Program, which is a merit-based skill development program, to assess skill in conventional “Bullseye” or “Precision Pistol” one-handed courses of fire. Participants are prepared for, and encouraged to participate in sanctioned National Rifle Association (NRA) and Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) matches throughout New Jersey, and at the national level. CRRC provides each junior with an NRA membership and insurance.

Classes are divided into a Spring Season (Feb – Jun) and a Fall Season (late Aug – Jan) each year. Each season consists of a Safety Class (mandatory for first-time participants), 6 to 10 classes (depending on skill level), and an awards day and fun shoot. Cost depends on the current price of ammo, but is typically around \$100 per season. Classes are held on Sunday afternoons, typically once every two weeks. Each class consists of 1 hour of range time, including instruction, drills, and shooting, followed by ~20 minutes for scoring. Participants are divided by skill level into one of five groups, with a maximum of 8 juniors shooting at once.

There are more than 30 NCAA coed college shooting teams in the U.S., and the universities in the Southern Conference have their own teams as well. The NRA, CMP, and some universities provide monetary scholarships for competitive shooters. Additionally, there are 110+ college/university intramural shooting teams which have over 1,000 members.

To register, or for more information, email Dave Sutter, the CRRC Junior Pistol Chairman, at juniorpistol@crrc.org