



Linea de Fuego USPSA Junior Program

Objective

The Junior Program will provide juniors, under the age of 18, who possess basic pistol fundamental shooting and firearm manipulation skills, an opportunity to receive education and additional skills required to safely compete in a USPSA match in a positive and fun environment. This program isn't intended for juniors who have no firearms experience. The club can provide recommendations for other venues, methods, programs, or instructors who can provide training for juniors new to firearms.

Junior Pre-Requisites

Juniors must possess knowledge of basic firearm safety rules such as:

- Treat every gun as if it is loaded
- Never point the firearm at anything you don't intend to shoot
- Keep your finger straight and off the trigger until you are ready to shoot
- Keep the firearm on safe until you intend to shoot

Juniors must be familiar with his/her handgun and safely demonstrate the following operations:

- Load / Unload the firearm
- Clear basic malfunctions
- Properly operate safety mechanisms
- How to properly align sights

Education and Training

All training will emphasize safety as a priority. Junior participants will receive education and training of USPSA rules per the most recent published version of the USPSA Rulebook. Instruction can consist of dry fire and live fire drills including a USPSA style practice stage.

Instructors will be chosen from pool of volunteer LDF club members with a minimum of 2 years and 20 matches of USPSA competition experience. NROI RO certification is preferred but not required. The fee will be \$30 for up to a 4 hour session to cover range fees and supplies. Training schedule will be dependent on participation, range availability and instructor availability.

Each new junior will be evaluated for basic safety and handgun manipulation prior to receiving instruction. If a junior doesn't possess basic handgun fundamentals, safety practices, or the maturity level to listen / respond to instruction, they may be prohibited from training.

Training must be done with the parent or guardian present unless agreed to by the instructor(s) in advance and the parent / guardian provides a signed legal consent form. This program isn't intended to be a substitute for childcare.



USPSA Matches

For a junior's first USPSA match, they will be assigned an experienced volunteer coach. The coach will provide one-on-one instruction that will include the following:

- Review of basic range rules such as the 180 rule, safety areas, and when it is appropriate to handle firearms.
- Teach range etiquette such as resetting stages, scoring targets, and appropriate time for stage walk-throughs.
- Provide assistance with loading ammunition into magazines (as needed).
- Teach stage strategy, assist with stage walk-throughs, and point out 180 traps, reloading points, etc.
- RO the junior and provide coaching during the course of fire.

Similar assistance can be provided for subsequent matches but will become less hands-on as the junior gains new skills and becomes self-sufficient.

Equipment Requirements

Each junior is required to have the necessary safety and shooting gear comprised of the following:

- A pistol in good working condition with 6 magazines. The pistol must allow magazines to drop freely when the magazine release is depressed. Alternately, a revolver can be used along with moon clips for the ammunition.
- Belt with a minimum of 5 magazine pouches and holster. Holster must prevent access to or activation of the trigger while the firearm is holstered and not be a shoulder or tie-down type.
- Ammunition in quantities appropriate to satisfy round count for matches or training.
- Proper safety equipment such as eye and ear protection, comfortable closed toed shoes, and hat such as a baseball cap. Avoid loose fitting shirts around the neck area to prevent hot brass from falling inside the shirt. Sunscreen as required.
- Drinks for hydration (water, Gatorade, etc.) and snacks / lunch as required.

Additional gear recommended but not required:

- A range bag to carry firearm, magazines, ammunition and supplies.
- A video recording device such as a video camera or smart phone. This is helpful to review performance, support continuous skill improvements, and to brag about the skills of your kid.

Match Fees / Membership Fees

Match fees for USPSA matches are \$20 for a first time competitor and \$40 for the general public. If a junior is an LDF member, match fees are free until the age of 16 and \$20 until the age of 18.

Memberships are \$125 annually and a junior could be added to an existing membership for \$65. Refer to the current New Membership Application to confirm pricing and membership details.



Program Funds

Program funds will be allocated by the Board of Directors be used for the following purposes.

- Trophy Chase for Top High Junior per current Trophy Chase rules
- LDF Junior Program T-Shirt provided to juniors who attend their 3rd LDF match.

Alternate uses for the funds towards the Junior Program will be approved by LDF Board of Directors.