



Regulations
of the
New London County
Pistol League, Inc.

Revised
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**Significant Policy Decisions
of Board of Directors**
Since 1955 (as extracted from minutes)

1. 2/56 The league shall affiliate with the NRA and shall follow NRA rules in all shooting except as noted.
2. 2/56 If a shoot-off is required to determine first, second, or third place team standings, it will be shot at a neutral range at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors, and supervised by same.
3. 9/57 The home team is responsible for sending in the scores.
4. 10/58 Team captains will list all shooters they expect to shoot on their team on score sheet of first match of season to make them eligible.
5. 4/64 Shooters not listed on first score sheet of year must fire three matches in that season before their scores may count for team total, individual averages notwithstanding for awards.
6. 9/65 Team dues and/or other fees to be set at organizational meeting each year along with match schedule.
7. 10/70 A five minute preparation period, with firing, will be allowed before each match.
8. 10/74 All teams shooting in the league must be able to host their share of matches: i.e.. no floating teams.
9. 9/75 Match schedule will provide a two-week break in shooting for team members who travel north for deer hunting season (normally second and third week of November). No matches will also be scheduled on or during legal holidays.
10. 3/76 Any team failing to field a team (five shooting members) for four consecutive weeks, will be dropped from league.
11. 9/76 Monday night will be the designated night for all matches, and, all teams must try to conform to this schedule.
12. 11/77 A new award schedule has been adopted (see award rules).
13. 10/78 AMENDED 4/85: Targets shall be uniform for all matches: i.e.. same brand, name of shooter written on back of target not the front, and shall be hung the same. Teams will supply their own targets.
14. 10/78 Postponements: All matches should be shot if at all possible; however, a match may be postponed by request of one team captain to another if weather conditions make travel unwise or unsafe. The schedule shall provide extra time at the end of the season for make-up matches.
15. 10/78 Disputes: All disputes will be settled by the following procedure only. A letter or phone call to the president within two days after dispute. The president will appoint an impartial referee to arbitrate dispute. His decision will be final (no appeal) and an answer will be sent to both team captains within 10 days.
16. 10/79 Revised set of safety rules adopted (see page 5).

17. 3/79 Alibi rule revised to allow one alibi in timed fire and one alibi in rapid fire per National Match Course.
18. 3/79 League scores will be sent to the NRA at the end of the season for individual classifications.
19. 9/86 A uniform method of scoring was adopted (see page 6).
20. 9/87 Shooters must register to shoot by 9 p.m., unless mutually agreed to by team captains.
21. 9/88 Shooters will be allowed to take 1 DNF per third of the season (1 in weeks 1 – 9, 1 in weeks 10 - 18, 1 in weeks 19 - 27). 3 DNFs max per season. DNFs are defined as a gun and/or ammunition malfunction.
22. 8/12 Shooters will be allowed to take a Did Not Shoot (DNS). Same rules apply as per DNFs.
23. 12/13 Shooters who appear to be impaired will not be allowed on the firing line.

Scoring Procedure

(adopted 4/14/2013)

1. Only NRA approved targets shall be used.
2. Scoring to be done by members of both teams.
3. Home team scores, opponents will check.
4. All scoring is to be done using a NRA approved overlay or magnifying device (Eagle Eye) or sight measure first. **ONLY** Team Captains may utilize a plug to resolve scoring issues. (The plug is not to be used for multiple shot holes.)
5. Scorers will record X count timed and rapid.
6. All shooters who are not directly involved in scoring targets and/or recording scores will not interfere with scoring process.
7. Shooters not agreeing with the score of a target may challenge the score by following these procedures:
 - a. Targets removed from scoring area by shooter before asking scorers to pull target for possible challenge, will not be considered for challenge.
 - b. If shooter, upon visual inspection of the target, still disagrees with the score, may request that it be rescored.
 - c. Challenged targets will be rescored by scorers, in front of shooter making challenge, using overlay.
 - d. If score is not resolved to shooter's satisfaction, he may request that it be scored by the two team captains.
 - e. Shooter in all cases should receive any benefit of doubt.
8. Top five shooters for team decided by individual high score including X count.
9. Team score will be total of top five shooters including X count:
10. Ties to be broken by total X count.
 - a. Next tiebreaker to be Highest Team Rapid score, then Team Rapid X count.
 - b. Next tie breaker to be Highest Team Timed score, then Team Timed X count.
 - c. Next tie breaker to be Highest Team Slow score.

AWARD RULES

General Rules

1. Shooters must shoot in 2/3 of the season's matches to receive an award.
2. Awards are based on a shooter's average, using their average from the previous season as stated in the banquet brochure, providing a minimum of six matches were shot. New shooters and those who shot less than six matches the previous year shall have their averages established by the first six matches they shoot in the season, including the first three matches that might not count for team score.
3. Shooters receive any award they earn, even if they have received other awards, except the Open Award Winner shall not receive individual-class awards; the next eligible shooter shall receive them.

Individual Awards

1. **Open Award** - Individual awards shall be awarded for the high League Average.
2. **Classes** - Individual awards shall be awarded for the first place shooter in each of the following classes:

Master	285 and Above
Distinguished Expert	280 to 284.99
Expert	270 to 279.99
Sharpshooter	255 to 269.99
Marksman	225 to 254.99
Pro-Marksman	Below 225

An additional place will be added for each five shooters or major part thereof (three) over 5 shooters in each class.

3. **League Achievement Award*** - Based on firing one match score during the season higher than your previous season average per the following table:

290-299.9	+ 5	250-259.9	+ 25	210-219.9	+ 45	170-179.9	+ 65	130-139.9	+ 85
280-289.9	+ 10	240-249.9	+ 30	200-209.9	+ 50	160-169.9	+ 70	120-129.9	+ 90
270-279.9	+ 15	230-239.9	+ 35	190-199.9	+ 55	150-159.9	+ 75	110-119.9	+ 95
260-269.9	+ 20	220-229.9	+ 40	180-189.9	+ 60	140-149.9	+ 80	100-109.9	+ 100

4. **Most Improved Shooter*** - This award is based on the season's average compared to previous season's average; duplicate awards will be presented in case of tie.
5. **High Match Score** - Based on highest match score fired during the season. Ties will be broken by X count.
6. **Team Achievement Award** - A team achievement award will be presented to the person who is most deserving (for any reason) as designated by his team to the scorer. The 2/3 rule does not apply.
7. **Perfect Attendance** - those who have perfect attendance will have their names listed in the banquet.
8. **Team Awards** - There will be a first place team award (keeper) for each division based on place by win-loss record. Ties to be broken by a shoot-off of tied teams.

Special Awards - The 2/3 rule is waived.

1. **President's Award** - for significant service to pistol shooting, recipient designated by the league presidents
2. **Perfect Targets** - will be framed, stamped and signed by the President; limited to one in slow, timed, and rapid per shooter per season.

* These two awards require at least one-half the matches fired the previous season

(NOTE: Statistical or other errors should be brought to the attention of the chief scorer, in writing, as soon as possible).

Revised Safety Rules for all Participating Teams (2013)

Guns are to be kept inside the gun box/case unless shooter is on the line or in a designated safe area.

No adjustments will be made to any gun while shooter is on the line after the preparation period has ended. Sight adjustments are excluded.

An empty chamber indicator (ECI) is to be inserted into the chamber of any gun out of the gun box/case and on the firing line and not within control of the shooter. (Not within control means when the shooter not within 3 feet of the firing line). Once the line goes live an ECI only need be inserted upon the command of the range officer.

The point of the muzzle shall not be raised above the backstop.

All muzzles must be pointed down range at all times while out of the gun box/case.

Guns may not be loaded until the "LOAD" command is given by the Range Officer.

Guns may not leave the shooters hand unless "made safe" meaning unloaded, slide to the rear/cylinder open, magazine out and the muzzle safely pointed down range.

If a misfire/malfunction occurs the shooter will hold the gun in the ready position with the muzzle pointed down range and raise their non-shooting hand until the Range/Block officer arrives to determine if the alibi is valid. The gun may not be handled except from instructions from the Range/Block officer, any alibi cleared by the shooter will disallow the alibi.

If a shooter is having difficulty after the command to load has been given, they will reply "Not Ready" when the "Is the Line Ready?" command is given. The Range/Block officer will assist the shooter as necessary. All other shooters will remain in the "Ready Position" until the condition is cleared and the Range Officer re-starts the commands. This shall not be considered an alibi.

If there is a gun malfunction, the shooter may choose to leave the line to repair the gun or elect to use a substitute gun, and return to the line in the current match or in another match to complete the unfired stages. A second alibi will be disallowed.

Home team will provide the Range Officer; home or visiting team will supply the Block Officer. The block officer is for safety on the line and to aid in calling early/late shots.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS MANDATORY ON THE RANGE DURING ALL LIVE FIRE.

Any non-adherence to the safety rules, range or block officer commands, the shooter will be asked to safely leave the line and their scores shall not count for the night.

It is the responsibility of all Team Captains to see that all of their team members understand the NLCPL safety rules.

Bylaws of NEW LONDON COUNTY PISTOL LEAGUE, INC.

Article One ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be NEW LONDON COUNTY PISTOL LEAGUE, INC., herein after referred to as "The League". The organization may at its pleasure by a vote of the membership change its name.

Article Two PURPOSES

The purposes of The League are as follows, to wit:

To promote the sport of competitive pistol shooting and contests of every kind and description involving the use of pistols; to promote any similar activity and to foster interest in the handling of pistols and the instructions thereof; to elevate the standard and proficiency in the use of pistols and to maintain the high plane of physical and moral excellence and enlist the cooperation of all persons to that end; to hold contests and to engage in pistol competition and exhibitions of every kind; and in general to foster, promote and sponsor other social, athletic, civic, community and general activities which the membership and its governing body may select and deem advantageous to the welfare of The League and its members.

Article Three MEMBERSHIP

An "affiliated team" of The League organization is defined as any pistol club, organized and operated in the County of New London, State of Connecticut, whose activities are conducted in accordance with the purposes set forth in these Bylaws, as may be from time to time amended, and which has in writing evidenced its adoption of the principles contained in said Bylaws.

Membership in The League shall be by invitation only. Each affiliated team may designate one of its members, to be a member of the Board of Directors. Such representative shall be the sole voice of an affiliated team. Provided however, each affiliated team may designate an alternate member who may act in the absence of his team's representative, and vote in his place in said absence or in the event said team representative becomes ineligible to vote under these Bylaws.

Continued membership shall be conditioned on the timely payment of dues and other assessments by members and/or affiliated teams and the observance of these Bylaws, as amended.

Any affiliated team shall, upon notice to The League, have the privilege of changing its designated representatives.

Article Four MEETINGS

The annual meeting of The League shall be held not less than two weeks before the start of the Indoor season each and every year on a date fixed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify all members of the Board of directors not less than 14 days in advance, telling the time and place of such annual meeting.

Regular meetings of The League shall be held as required by the Directors to carry out the purposes of The League.

Since each member is automatically a member of the Board of Directors, there shall be no distinction between "membership meetings" and meetings of the Board of Directors. All rules herein contained for meetings, however such meetings may be characterized, shall be deemed to apply to meetings of members of Directors.

The presence of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of this organization; but a lesser number may adjourn a meeting for a period of not more than 2 weeks and the Secretary shall cause a notice of such adjournment to be sent to all those members who were not present at the meeting originally called.

Special meetings may be called by the President as he deems fit in the best interest of the organization. Notices of such meeting shall be mailed to all members at their addresses as they appear in the membership roll book at least 5 but not more than 15 days prior to such special meeting. Such notice shall state the reasons that such meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meetings and by whom requested.

At the request of 3 members, the President shall cause a special meeting to be called but such request must be made in writing at least 20 days before the requested scheduled date. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting.

Article Five

VOTING

At all meetings each member (or his/her designated representative) shall be entitled to one vote, which shall be by voice vote. However that by vote of a majority of those present, a closed ballot may be required on any question. In case of a tie vote, the President (Chairman of Board of Directors) shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

Article Six

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Roll call; 2) Minutes of preceding meeting; 3) Reports of officers; 4) Reports of committees; 5) Old and unfinished business; 6) New business; 7) Good and welfare; 8) Adjournment.

Article Seven

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business of The League shall be managed by a Board of Directors. Each representative designated by an affiliated team shall be a Director. In addition, each officer shall be a Director but without vote, except as otherwise provided in Article Five.

A Director shall serve so long as he is a member and until he resigns or until the affiliated team which he represents changes its designation, as provided in Article Three.

Such Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.

The President of The League by virtue of his office shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors, provided however, he shall vote only in the event of a tie vote.

A Director (member) may be removed when sufficient cause exists, by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining members. A Director facing removal may be represented by counsel at his/her own expense. The Board shall adopt such rules as it may consider necessary for the best interest of The League.

Article Eight

OFFICERS

The League shall have as its officers a president, secretary, treasurer and scorer. Each officer must be a member in good standing of an affiliated team, and shall be elected for a term of one year at the annual meeting. Each officer shall have such powers as may reasonably be construed to belong to his office in any organization.

Article Nine

DUES

The dues and assessments of this organization shall be a reasonable sum to be determined at the annual meeting.

Article Ten

LEAGUE RULES

The League Rules shall include, but are not limited to, Range Rules, Scoring Procedures, Award Rules and Safety Rules. League Rules may be modified from time to time by the Board of Directors. Modifications shall be voted on by the Board of Directors at a meeting subsequent to the meeting at which the modifications are presented. Approval will be by majority vote.

Article Eleven

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members, present at a meeting at which such changes are considered. No such changes shall be considered by any meeting until thirty (30) days after written notice of a meeting to consider such changes.