

PIN SHOOTING



PIN SHOOTING is becoming increasingly popular as anyone with a basic pistol and revolver can complete. Of course, should you own additional firearms you can extend your participation to an almost unlimited number of events.

For example, standard disciplines regularly featured at most of our meetings include the use of .22 Rim Fire Handguns, 9mmP pistols, .40 S&W pistols, .45 ACP pistols, .357 Magnum revolvers, 12G shotguns, .22 LR rifles, .223 light rifles, .308 and open rifles, etc.

Although a division for specialised weaponry in the “space gun” category is catered for in our Rule Book (see under our web-

site www.sapsf.co.za for a comprehensive list of firearms used in pin shooting, as well as the various disciplines on offer), the purists in our ranks allow only for moderate refinements to their firearms. This is in keeping with our creed to make the sport affordable and accessible to a larger following, as well as maintaining a level playing field.

Contrary to belief, PIN shooting is not a “macho” sport confined to men. Ladies are well represented and some of our junior members regularly trounce the seniors. Team events include a three-gun challenge as well as a combined four person team score at provincial and national events.

We are dedicated to making this a family affair and extend a welcome to participants of all ages to join our ranks. As an incentive to attracting young blood, Pee-Wee members (anyone 13 years and younger) pay no joining fees, no annual membership renewal fees and no range fees other than R295 for SAPSF and R90 towards SAGA annually.

Compliments are regularly heaped on our members who go the extra mile in making new members feel welcome. Where we can, techniques are explained to help master the art of PIN shooting.

PIN shooting in South Africa is strictly regulated by the South African Pin Shooting Federation

(SAPSF). Representative provincial clubs can easily be contacted in the Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, and Gauteng. Affiliation to SAPSF by any interested party can be sought via our website or via e-mail to the sapsfsecretary@gmail.com. SAPSF will be represented at the forthcoming HUNTEX exhibition in Johannesburg.



PIN SHOOTING—An Introduction

To clear the gun smoke in a manner of speaking, PIN shooting involves the shooting down of ten pin bowling pins off a table or other fixed stand within a limited time. Failure to clear the table results in a two second penalty added to the maximum time for each pin which does not hit the ground within the

allocated time.

In virtually all handgun disciplines, exercises are done from a distance of 7.6 metres while remaining standing throughout. A maximum time of 40 seconds is allowed per string or attempt. Participants start with a loaded firearm drawn, safety en-

gaged if applicable, the barrel of the firearm pointing over the edge of a table at 45 degrees towards the ground, and finger off the trigger.

We use single tier tables for the .22 Rimfire Handgun and the Nine Pin Tip-Over discipline. Double tier tables are used for all other handgun

disciplines as well as the Shotgun discipline.

PIN shooting is all about concentration, technique, accuracy and speed. Participants from other shooting disciplines have had a rude awakening when they realise that finding that ‘sweet spot’ is not all that easy.
