

## **TCGC Action Range Certification Class**

**Please read the following completely before signing up for the class. The class schedule is not fixed. You will receive a schedule of the next available classes when you email to register. The goal of the program is to hold at least 3 classes per month.**

**Cost - \$40.00 payable in cash or check to TCGC on the morning of the class**

### **Class objectives**

The Goal of this class is to instill in all of the students the firearm handling habits, understanding of the safety principles, and attitude to compete in an action shooting match. These are the same things which are required to use the action range.

Why? Because they are the gold standard of safety in a free-form shooting environment.

Please understand that the class is developed on the training theory of crawl, walk then run.

Many of you will be exposed to these activities for the first time. It is unrealistic to believe that everyone will grasp and apply the concepts at the same rate.

The instructors are all experienced and skilled shooters. We will make suggestions to improve your shooting skills. Some of these will be different from what you have been taught and used in the past. Action shooting is not only about accuracy. It is also about speed and movement. Very specific techniques have been developed and you should be open minded and consider the benefits they offer.

If you are not interested, we are not here to force anyone to try them and we will leave you to be. But if you are interested, the instructors will show you the correct form and remind you when we see you slip.

**All safety related techniques and practices are non-negotiable. They are the standard for using the action range and for participating in matches. If you fail to follow these, you will not continue with the class, leave the range immediately and not receive an action range certification. This is at the sole discretion of the instructors without appeal.**

After completion of the class, members will be required to successfully complete one match to receive an action range sticker. The sticker will allow you to use the action range unsupervised and to take part in matches. Please note some matches require additional classes.

### **Covered topics**

- Four laws of gun handling
- TCGC Action range rules
- Range commands
- Types of matches
- Equipment

### **Live fire skill building**

- Proper sight picture
- Trigger control
- Drawing from a holster

- Speed reload
- Target transition
- Forward and lateral movement
- Shooting on the move
- Shooting around barricades
- Strong and weak hand only shooting

All students will shoot multiple sample stages at least once. We would prefer you shoot each stage as many times as class time and ammunition allow.

## Required equipment

- A safe and reliable center- fire pistol. You will be expected to know how the safety system works and how to manipulate it. Make sure your firearm, magazines and ammunition work together reliably. If you are having constant malfunctions and disrupt the class you will be asked to leave and attend another class. Please take the time to test your equipment. Sub compact auto pistols and 5 shot compact revolvers are discouraged. Smaller pistols are simply more difficult to shoot, and as you are learning new skills the added level of difficulty is unnecessary. **Your firearm must be unloaded, without a magazine in place and in a case or gun rug when you arrive at the range. Not loose in a range bag or in the holster. No exceptions.**
- Three reliable magazines or four speed-loaders for a revolver. Marking and numbering your magazines is not a bad idea. Your magazines should have base pads which extend below the bottom of the pistol grip.
- 200 rounds of reliable ammunition, but more is preferable. Remember that we want you to be able to shoot the sample stages multiple times.
- A safe holster. The trigger and trigger guard must be fully covered. The top of the holster must remain open allowing the pistol to be holstered with one hand. The holster must have enough retention to securely hold the pistol when you jump 12 inches straight up yet not be so tight it pulls your belt up during a draw. **Holsters with thumb breaks are discouraged. No cross draw, shoulder or small of the back holsters are allowed - no exceptions.**
- Mag/speed loader pouches for at least 2 magazines.
- A sturdy belt or belt system. It must be worn through the belt loops on your pants or attached securely with keepers or Velcro to a liner belt.
- A broad brimmed hat like a baseball cap. This is to prevent brass from falling between your face and glasses.
- Eye and ear protection. Please invest in quality comfortable glasses. You will be wearing them the entire time, every time you are on the action range.
- Closed toe weather-appropriate footwear.
- Weather-appropriate clothing which does not interfere with drawing and re-holstering your pistol. Loose shirts which constantly come untucked are a safety hazard because they can be forced into the holster by your pistol as you re-holster. Loose shirts also interfere with your draw stroke. Pull-cords on jackets and vests may enter the trigger guard as you re-holster causing a negligent discharge. Tight shirts and simple jackets are the best option.
- Lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. There will not be any formal breaks for lunch. You will have time between shooters for snacks so pack appropriately. Please remember to hydrate and eat.
- Pen or pencil and note book. You are welcome to bring a camera.
- Minors must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.
- A folding chair or stool is optional but recommended.

**Please note: By contacting us to join the class you are acknowledging that:**

- **You have read the course description and equipment requirements.**
- **You agree to abide by them.**
- **If you do not have the required equipment in the specified condition on the morning of the class you may not be allowed to participate in the range portion at the sole discretion of the instructors.**

To sign up for the class email [TCGCclass@gmail.com](mailto:TCGCclass@gmail.com)