



CLAIRTON SPORTSMENS' CLUB Sponsored INDOOR YOUTH: .22 PROGRAM RESUMES

Clairton Sportsmen's Club will resume the Indoor .22 rifle program for area youth. The program will begin on Thursday January 16, 2025 and run until March 13, 2025. Location is the Clairton Sportsmen's Club Indoor Archery Building. Start time is 6:30 PM with an anticipated ending time of 8:30 PM. *

*(Depending on the number of shooters and weather conditions)

General Information:

These sessions are for: new and novice shooters aged 10 and up. New this year: Intro to High Power (HP). Shooters will be given a safety briefing covering range rules prior to each meeting/shooting session. (The first night a more detailed safety briefing approx. 30 minutes will be given).

Youth shooters: will fire from the prone position and possibly work to sitting and standing.

Intro to High Power: will fire following the usual across the course positions: Slow Prone, Sitting and Off-Hand. (Sitting will be fired slow-fire as opposed to rapid-fire).

Equipment and ammunition will be provided for a nominal fee. **Eye and hearing protection is required** and is the shooters responsibility, to obtain a proper fit. However the club does have ear plugs and loaner safety glasses as needed. We have .22 caliber rifles available for use (bolt actions for Youth and two (2) AR conversions for Intro to HP) Shooting mats and rests will also be provided. Shooters may bring personal .22 cal. firearms (no pistols); however ammunition **MUST** be standard velocity or you may shoot club issued ammo.

Shooting times will be approximately 30 minutes per relay. Firing assignments will begin approximately 6:45. First rely will begin at 7:00. Second relay will begin approximately

7:40. If a third relay is required, it will begin as soon as possible after the second relay. Shooters may fire a second relay IF there is an open point. Everyone will shoot before a second assignment.

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On the club web site: [www.clairtonsc.org/Rifle/Indoor .22](http://www.clairtonsc.org/Rifle/Indoor_.22)

Additional Information Indoor .22 Program

Shooting Format:

New shooters will shoot lying on a shooting mat (prone position) with the rifle resting on sand bags or similar rest. More experienced shooters will use a shooting sling from the prone position if desired. As the shooters progress they will move to advanced positions such as sitting and standing.

All targets will be at a distance of 50 feet from the assigned position.

Shooters will receive their rifle, equipment and ammunition from one of the adults at the session. The youth are NOT to enter the vault for any reason.

Shooters will fire one relay consisting of three sighter shots and two targets of ten bullseyes for a total of 23 shots. Upon completion of all firing, targets will be removed and scored.

When firing is completed at the end of the evening, a general clean-up will be done, floor swept, archery bails returned to position and all brass swept up, lastly equipment will be stored. Everyone is encouraged to help clean up. DO NOT take empty brass cases!

Cost of each session/relay is: \$ 4.00. You may shoot a second relay once all shooters have had the opportunity to shoot. A second relay will be \$3.00.

Some thoughts and considerations:

[Please note that the first two sessions are the basis of the program. Safe firearm handling will be covered. Sight alignment and trigger control will be taught and demonstrated. Basic shooting positions: Prone, Sitting and Off-hand will be covered. Not all will progress to these shooting positions, but they will be covered. Finally, safety briefings and reminders will be given prior to each evenings shooting session. The first two weeks are heavily geared to the beginning shooters].

The indoor program is held during the late fall and early winter. Weather is a concern. If the roads are bad, please use your best judgment as to attending.

Please do not 'drop off' you child. We require one adult parent per child, unless same siblings shooting.

If you have any special considerations, please let us know.

Although this program is run thru the winter months, it is a very good starting point for other shooting activities supported by the club. Clairton Sportsmen's Club has a high-power rifle league and is participating in the Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League. Some of these members travel to other local clubs and participate in their rifle matches. Annually a number of the high-power rifle shooters travel to shoot at Camp Perry Ohio in late July. The .22 rifle team competes by a postal match system with clubs in the area with similar teams. Both of these programs use the fundamental shooting skills and safety taught in the winter program. It is not uncommon for a youth to transition from indoor to outdoor high-power or the .22 league. Hope to see you there.