

The United States Practical Shooting Associations (USPSA) is the premier competitive shooting organization in the world. USPSA membership is your pass to compete in any USPSA or IPSC (International Practical Shooting Confederation) match anywhere in the world.

USPSA membership does not include range or local club membership. In most cases you will be allowed to compete in local matches even if you don't belong to the local organizations. You will discover, though, that there are many advantages to belonging to a club in your area, if for no other reason than the camaraderie that exists among like-minded enthusiasts! Practical Shooting IS competition. Competition necessarily requires that there be more than one person taking part, so the first step is to locate someone near you with whom to compete. Fortunately, USPSA has nearly 400 affiliated clubs located in or near most communities in the United States so it shouldn't be difficult. Click on the "Match Schedule & Results" button on the left to find a club near you, then contact the local people and make arrangements to visit the club during a match or practice session.

To get started, you need your favorite handgun, a belt and holster, eye and ear protection, and lots of ammo. You may shoot around a barrier, through a window, with your weak hand, at a disappearing target and even from a rusted out old car! Always against the clock, you'll need to reload along the way, "run and gun" from target bank to target bank, knock down steel plates, keep from shooting "good guy" targets swinging in front of "bad guy" targets and much, much more. This fast-paced sport is dominated by semi-automatics, both factory stock and customized, but revolver shooters are also welcome and have their own shooting class.