

## PCC 101

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PCC stands for pistol caliber carbine, or in other words a rifle that is chambered in a pistol caliber such as 9mm, .40, .45, .357, 10mm and so on. PCC offers a whole new type of shooting to the collector and gun enthusiast. Very few ranges in the state of Michigan offer a place for this type of shooter who owns such rifles as the HK 94, Colt 6450, Ruger PC9, MechTech, Kel-Tech, Beretta storm carbine and others. PCC combines tactical scenarios while adhering to the IDPA rule set. Shooters will find stages that mock real life situations, while adding additional threats to achieve round counts in the 30's and 40's.



Generally, sub guns have magazine capacities of 32 and above, so the stages are created accordingly, adding in the element of the mag change. Shooters not only need to know their weapons well but be able to handle mag changes in stride and transition smoothly along the stage. PCC incorporates the use of walls, doors, activated targets and steel poppers. By setting up real life scenarios, shooters feel as though they have a mission goal on each stage. Most cases the stages are such that a function is performed by the shooter while eliminating threats, such as hostage rescue, protecting life or stopping a robbery.



PCC incorporates categories that separate shooters into 2 classes. The first class is open. Open class defines the shooter by the type of optics used. If a shooter has a scope, red dot sight, or ACOG / EoTech style sighting device, they fit into the open category. The second class is stock. The stock class consists of weapons that use stock iron sights, fiber optic or non-electronic sighting devices. Competitors are not categorized by magazine capacity, so 30, 50 and drum style magazines are allowed in both classes.

Since the state has very few ranges that fully host PCC matches, you will find that the shooter following is quite dedicated. PCC matches are spread over 5 stages that challenge the shooter based on speed, accuracy, and performing the specific stage tasks if any. PCC differs from typical shooting sports in many ways. It uses and combines the best attributes of each shooting sport such as IPSC, IDPA, and tactical rifle to create a sport like no other. By incorporating the best parts of each sport, the competitor participates in a sport that exceeds all levels of safety while allowing the shooter to enjoy the match, and compete on a fair and level playing field.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank CCRC for allowing this great sport to be held each month at their range. Without the support of this club the PCC shooting discipline would be overlooked and truly missed. Thank you CCRC!

For more information regarding PCC matches at CCRC, the requirements, setup, rules and safety, please contact Ryan Carter at [info@idpashooters.com](mailto:info@idpashooters.com).