

NRA Classes at WWCCA

Class Location and Facilities

WWCCA is located at 6700 Napier Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170. This is between 5-Mile and N. Territorial Rd, approximately 2.3 miles west of Beck Rd. The direct club phone number is 734-453-9843 and our website can be found at WWCCA.com.

Whenever possible, weekday classes are held in the clubhouse. This is the large building just ahead as you enter the property and proceed down the long driveway. When this is not available, classes are held in the 100yd blockhouse. You can find this by turning left at the end of the driveway, proceeding in front of the clubhouse through the gates at the end of the parking lot and into the gravel parking area. This is the two-story block building on your right. Your location will be noted in your class schedule.

Range time is generally on our outdoor 50yd range, which is just beyond the 100yd blockhouse. This range is designed to provide safe shooting from any distance and we will generally shoot from 7-10 yards for most exercises. Please note that this is an outdoor range and we will shoot in all weather conditions with the exception of lightning. Whenever possible during inclement weather we will shoot from the covered shooting positions. Since you cannot predict the weather or circumstances should you be required to use this training in the "real" world we feel this is an advantage that helps you to prepare for whatever conditions you may encounter.

Class Cost and Registration

All classes are \$75 for members of WWCCA and \$100 for non-members. This includes all course materials as specified below and does not include firearms, ammunition, eye and ear protection, etc. If you are looking for a good family oriented club to join please let us know. Signing-up for membership at the class entitles you to the discounted member rate.

Registration

The preferred registration method is to use the NRA training website. We will make sure all classes are posted there and available. You can find our classes at training.nra.org. From there select "Training", then select "Find a local NRA Training Course". On the screen that now pops up select the classes you are interested in and enter the club zip code (48170) to narrow it down. (It's easier than this makes it look.)

All payments and membership validation will be made at class using either check or cash. If paying by cash please bring the exact amount as we are not able to make change when the office is closed.

There is a minimum of 4 students required to hold any class. If we do not reach this number we will contact you 5 – 7 days before the scheduled start and work with you to reschedule into one of our other classes. We do not require prepayment for classes. This becomes a problem when the class has a waitlist and a registered student does not cancel in time to allow someone else in. If this happens your name will be placed on a prepay list. You will be required to prepay for any additional class before you can register, and this will generally be non-refundable.

Equipment Needed

Manuals

You will be provided with the NRA prepared manuals pertinent to the class you are taking. We recommend that you bring along notepaper and a pen/pencil to take additional notes.

On Range Protection

All students are required to have and use eye and ear protection at all times on the range. Most polycarbonate prescription eyewear qualifies as safety glasses. You should verify this with your eyewear provider and ensure that they provide enough coverage as some styles use a minimal lens area. If you have prescription eyewear you may wish to use safety glasses or “cover glasses” that fit over your prescription pair to keep them from getting scratched. Hearing protection can consist of the simple foam plugs, over the head ear cup type, or electronic versions. The electronic hearing protection has the advantage of allowing you to hear range commands clearly while instantaneously blocking loud noises. Electronic hearing protection can be purchased from \$30 – \$200, depending on features and protection level.

Firearms and Ammunition

Neither WWCCA nor its instructors provide firearms or ammunition for any class. We have specified a recommended minimum amount of ammunition for each class. You should note that these recommendations are higher than the minimum requirement of the NRA which is published by most training providers. The NRA specifies that all shooting exercises are to be repeated until a specified level of proficiency, not just shoot them once and say you did it. The minimum specified by the NRA assumes you complete all exercises perfectly on the first attempt. We understand the current situation with pricing and availability of ammo and will strive to accomplish the class goals with a minimum expenditure.

For most of the NRA handgun classes you may use a .22 caliber handgun, though a handgun in a defensive caliber you would normally use is preferred. We emphatically do not encourage using a .22 for the PPOTH class unless that will be your primary defensive handgun. We recommend using a handgun that you will consider as a primary carry

firearm. Doing this will better prepare you for dealing with a situation using the equipment you will likely have when you are required to use it.

As a general rule, please do not bring your handgun and ammunition to the classroom. If you have a question about your handgun you can bring it to the class and we will attempt to address it, but at no time may live ammunition enter the classroom. This is for everyone's safety.

Holsters may be used for the PPITH and are required for the PPOTH courses. All holsters must be strong side, outside the waistband (OWB) belt/paddle hip holsters properly fitted to the firearm being used and in good condition. Old worn leather holsters are generally not a good choice as you must be able to re-holster your firearm without looking or using your other hand to hold it open. Drop Leg holsters are not allowed. You may also choose to use a purse or carry bag for the PPOTH class if that is more appropriate to your carry style. During the PPITH class the holster may be used to carry your firearm but at no time may you holster a loaded firearm, and, in accordance with NRA class guidelines there will be no draw and fire from the holster drills in this class.

You should have a minimum of three magazines for a semi-automatic handgun or three speed loaders for a revolver, along with appropriate belt attached magazine holders for two magazines/speed loaders. Make sure that you know how to load them and that they are appropriate for your firearm. Bring all magazines to class unloaded. A magazine loader appropriate to your magazines, such as an upLula or HKS loader is highly recommended. You should also consider bringing a "backup" handgun with appropriate ammunition and magazines. If you encounter a problem that cannot be quickly cleared there is not a lot of time in the schedule to allow you to deal with it. Also, sharing handguns between two students is generally not practical as it will greatly slow down the class for all of the other students by having to repeat the exercises for one student.

5-shot revolvers can be used in class. However, the NRA has structured most of the exercises to use 6 shots for each session. This will require users of 5-shot revolvers to unload after firing the 5 shots, reload with one round and then complete the exercise.

Clothing

As we will be outdoors during the shooting exercises we recommend clothing appropriate to the weather. We will shoot in all weather conditions except lightning. This mimics real-world situations you may be in if you are forced into a defensive situation. Also, it is the nature of semiautomatic firearms to eject the expended shell casings forcefully for quite a distance. This means that there may be hot shell casings raining down around you. For this reason we recommend a hat with a bill and clothing with a

high neckline that will discourage funneling the casings to any sensitive areas. Open-toed shoes are not allowed for any class.

Students in the PPOTH class should also bring a lightweight jacket regardless of the weather. This is used in the training routines and is extremely beneficial. If the weather is such that you are going to be wearing a jacket anyway then you do not necessarily need an extra one.

Food and Drink

For any of the sessions in the clubhouse or blockhouse you are welcome to bring any snacks or non-alcoholic drinks you may desire. We do not recommend eating or drinking on the range except from something like a closed mouth water bottle.

Class Hours

Evening classes in the clubhouse or blockhouse are held from 6:15 pm – 10:00 pm, unless the class is specified as a daytime class. Daytime class hours will be stipulated in the registration information. Weekend range times on a Saturday or Sunday generally begin at 8:00 am on Saturday and 9:00 am on Sunday. See your instructor for specific times. Classes are generally run with 50 minutes of instruction followed by a 10 minute break. Please try to arrive 10-15 minutes before class to fill out paperwork, get your materials and find a comfy chair. (You may want to bring your own seat cushion.) We try to make sure we schedule enough time to cover the required material with a bit extra to handle any questions or additional drills. Missing a portion of the class will require it to be made up at another regularly scheduled class time in order to receive your completion certificate. All students must satisfactorily complete the entire classroom and range portions of the PPITH class in order to receive the certificate qualifying you for a Michigan CPL (Concealed Pistol License). No exceptions will be made.