

Big Sky Practical Shooting Club Fred Jacobi Junior Shooter Program

For our young shooters out there (and we really mean “young”), have we got a deal for you: be selected for the **Fred Jacobi Junior Shooter Program**. Fred Jacobi was a longtime club member who served on our Board of Directors until he passed away in 2011. Fred was a strong advocate of bringing new shooters to the range and to our sport. He gently exposed them to the safety and fun of shooting, then allowed them to choose their future participation armed with their newfound knowledge. Recognizing the need to attract young shooters to competitive shooting, the Big Sky Practical Shooting Club established a memorial fund in Fred’s honor and created this program.



To participate in the program, a shooter must be between the ages of 12 and 18 at the beginning of their first match season (younger shooters may be considered on an individual basis), have a parent, grandparent or guardian that is a member of BSPSC, and have continuing permission from his or her parents/guardians to stay in the program. BSPSC will provide a mentor, access to our New Competitor Clinic, a competition rig (holster and mag pouches), and a competition belt. We will also provide 150 rounds of ammo for each match, and no-cost match registration. Participation will be for one shooting season, after which the Junior Shooter may be eligible to continue in the mentorship and training program.

Requests to participate in the program should include:

- Junior shooter’s name, age, address, phone number and email.
- Name of the parent, grandparent or guardian who is/will be a BSPSC member. Note: Participation of the parent or guardian member is encouraged but not required, but they must be present during activities for Junior Shooters under the age of 18.
- Some background information on the junior shooter. [For example: “This fall, I will be a sophomore at Big Sky High School. My hobbies and interests are hunting, fishing, and soccer.”]
- A description of any prior shooting experience, such as when she or he first started shooting; firearm safety classes taken (if any); types of firearms shot; and firearm to be used under this program. Inexperienced but eager participants are encouraged to apply!
- A statement or short essay as to why the junior shooter would like to be chosen for this program. [For example: “I’m a B+ student and active in my high school sports programs. My dad is a competitive shooter and has brought me to several of his matches and practices and is teaching me to shoot, which I love.”]

Participation in the program is limited, so if you know someone who would like to apply and is, literally, “young at heart,” please contact Shawn Stinton at Shawn@BSPSC.org