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FIREARMS REGISTRY

Participation Requirements for Club Members

Persons obtaining a firearms licence with club membership to support their genuine reason must comply with the participation requirements and activities as prescribed by Part 10 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*.

This FACT sheet provides information on participation requirements for Sport/Target Shooting, Recreational Hunting/Vermin Control and Firearms Collection.

Definitions

Competitive shooting match means a shooting activity in which scores are kept and results recorded.

Shooting activity means a shooting activity that is conducted by the club at the club's shooting range, including a competitive shooting match, shooting training, target practice, firearm safety training or a competitive shooting match endorsed by the club that is held at another shooting range.

Compliance period means each consecutive 12 month period that starts on the day of the year that the club has determined to be the start of its compliance period.

Hunting club event means any event approved by any approved hunting club involving hunting, shooting or firearms safety training.

Sport/Target Shooting Club Members

Participation requirements for Pistol Sport/Target Shooters

A category H licence holder must be a member of at least one approved pistol club and must, during each compliance period, participate in a minimum number of shooting activities of an approved pistol club. Note, the person must participate in at least 6 competitive shooting matches as part of the required minimum shooting activities - refer table below.

There are three kinds of pistols for the purpose of minimum participation requirements:

- * Air pistols
- * Centrefire pistols
- * Rimfire pistols

The number of different kinds of pistol a person has during a compliance period is the number of different kinds of pistol registered in their name during the compliance period. For example, if a person has 3 x air pistols, 1 x centrefire pistol and 2 x rimfire pistols registered during the compliance period, the person has 3 kinds of pistol for the purposes of determining their participation requirements.

The following table provides the participation requirements for pistol sport/target shooters, taking into consideration the kinds of pistols owned:

Amount of Pistol Kinds Owned (Air, Centrefire, Rimfire)	Minimum No. of Shooting Activities for each pistol kind per Compliance Period	Total Minimum No. of Shooting Activities per Compliance Period
1	6	6 (at least 6 must be competitive shooting matches)
2	4	8 (at least 6 must be competitive shooting matches)
3	4	12 (at least 6 must be competitive shooting matches)

NOTE: The holder of a Large Calibre Pistol Permit must, during each compliance period that the permit is in force, participate in at least 4 club organised competitive shooting matches or related organised training sessions held at a shooting range approved for such activities and using the pistol to which the permit relates.

Probationary Pistol Licence (PPL) holders are required to complete 3 club organised competitive shooting matches during the first 6 months of the term of their PPL to successfully complete the Pistol Safety Training Course.

Participation requirements for Sport/Target Shooters (other than pistol shooters)

The holder of a licence issued for the genuine reason of sport/target shooting (not being category H) must be a member of at least one approved shooting club (other than a pistol club) and must, during each compliance period for the club, participate in not less than 4 shooting activities by an approved shooting club (other than a pistol club).

Participation requirements for category C licences issued for clay target shooting purposes

The holder of a category C firearms licence issued for the genuine reason of clay target shooting must participate in a minimum of 4 clay target shooting competitions during each compliance period for the club.

Hunting Club Members

Participation requirements for members of an approved Hunting Club

The holder of a licence issued for the genuine reason of recreational hunting/vermin control supported by hunting club membership must be a member of at least one approved hunting club and must, during each compliance period, participate in no less than 2 hunting club events.

Note: This participation requirement only applies if membership of an approved hunting club is the sole reason for which the licensee has established the genuine reason of recreational hunting/vermin control.

Collectors Society or Club Members

Participation requirements for members of an approved collectors' society or club

The holder of a firearms collector licence must be a member of at least one approved collectors' society or club and must, during each compliance period for the club, attend at least one meeting of an approved collectors' society or club of which the licensee is a member.

What if I am a member of more than one club?

If you are a member of more than one approved club for any one discipline, you must nominate your [principal club](#) and notify the Commissioner in writing of your nominated principal club.

This may be done when you make application for your firearms licence. The genuine reason forms provide for nomination of your principal club.

If you participate in any compliance activity at a club that is not your nominated principal club, you must notify your nominated principal club in writing of the details of any such activity within the nominated principal club's compliance period.

Your principal club will notify the Firearms Registry of those club members who do not comply with their participation requirements within the club's 12 month reporting period (as prescribed by Part 10 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*).

Are there any other obligations I have as a licence holder with club membership?

Yes - You must notify the club in writing of any change in your personal details, such as name and address, within 14 days.

You must notify the Firearms Registry of your change of address within 7 days.

If you cease your club membership and can no longer support your genuine reason for holding a firearms licence, you must notify the Firearms Registry within 14 days.

What if I do not complete my required number of shoots in any 12 month period?

Persons who hold a firearms licence with club membership supporting the genuine reason for that licence must comply with the participation requirements as outlined in Part 10 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*. The only exception to the participation requirements is for a person who is a member of a hunting club and has established another reason for recreational hunting/vermin control (ie. permission to shoot on property).

If you have not complied with the prescribed legislative requirements for shooting activities in relation to your club membership, and you can not prove to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Police that compliance was not reasonably practicable in the circumstances, your firearms licence [may be revoked](#).

Where can I find more information?

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the *Firearms Act 1996* and the associated Regulation, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

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