

Shooting Australia 2026 Domestic Endorsed Event Delivery Handbook

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Overview – Shooting Australia Domestic Endorsed Event Series

Shooting Australia will endorse a number of domestic events during 2026 across the ISSF and WSPS disciplines and encompassing Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun. Shooting Australia will partner with event hosts to deliver the endorsed events. Endorsed events will collectively be referred to as the ***Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series***.

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These Endorsed Events will be classified as:

- Tier 1: Endorsed Events – Benchmark Event Selection**
- Tier 2: Endorsed Events – Performance**

The ***2026 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** information, including the calendar of events, will be available by no later than 31 December 2025.

Endorsed Event information can be found [here](#).

What will the ***2026 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** be used for?

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

Some events within the Endorsed Event Series may form part of national team selection (e.g. World Championships) and in accordance with the selection criteria across Senior, Junior and/or WSPS teams. These events will be clearly identified and classified as Tier 1 events.

AVERAGE PERFORMANCE SCORE

Tier 1 and Tier 2 events (in addition to international competition opportunities) provide a domestic opportunity for Athletes to record a performance score that will go towards their Average Performance Score (APS).

In 2026, an athlete's APS will be a significant component used by Shooting Australia to review an athlete's progress and to determine their eligibility for selection to a national team and/or squad. For more information on the APS visit [APS INFORMATION](#).

OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

An opportunity for ISSF and WSPS officials to:

- Remain active in Officiating at domestic events;
- Become active in Officiating;
- Receive mentoring and experience as part of Shooting Australia's Officiating Scholarship Program; and
- Become active in mentoring those less experienced.

COACHES

An opportunity for coaches to:

- Remain active in coaching and continue their coaching development through engaging with athletes during competition; and
- Access coaching mentoring and development opportunities through Shooting Australia's Coaching Scholarship Program.

How does an event receive Shooting Australia endorsement?

Shooting Australia provides an opportunity for Event Hosts to submit an Expression of Interest to have their event endorsed and form part of the **Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**. All endorsed events must meet the minimum requirements for endorsed event delivery.

Once a list of potential events has been collated, the Shooting Australia Events Team will work closely with the High-Performance Team to determine:

- What domestic events are scheduled in the calendar year including State Titles, Grand Prixes, National Championships and other major events.
- How many events will be required in the calendar year to give the Athletes sufficient domestic performance and competition opportunities.
- What the international calendar (ISSF and WSPS) looks like and how to best avoid domestic and international calendar clashes (<https://www.issf-sports.org/calendar>) and where there might be an ability to do so.
- What National Teams will be selected and how many events will be required to form part of any National Team selection process.
- Will any additional events be required in the calendar year, outside of those already scheduled.

Following this process, Shooting Australia then works with Member Organisations and the High-Performance Team to ensure the **Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** calendar is well balanced and meets all stakeholders needs.

National Events

National Events that are delivered by the Member Organisations will receive automatic endorsement, provided they meet minimum standards. These National events include:

- Target Rifle Australia (TRA) ISSF Nationals
- Target Pistol Australia (TPA) ISSF Nationals
- Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) ISSF Nationals (Trap and Skeet)

Minimum Requirements for Endorsed Events

Overall Event Delivery

It is imperative that all events delivered as part of the **2026 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** are delivered as fair and equitable.

Event Tiers

Events within the **2026 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** will be categorised as either Tier 1 or Tier 2. The Tier of event will be relative to the overall event delivery requirements and standards.

Tier 1: Endorsed Events – Benchmark Event Selection

Pinnacle Endorsed Events delivered by event hosts that will be used to provide a selection opportunity for National Teams.

Tier 2: Endorsed Events – Performance

Endorsed Events to provide opportunities for Athletes to record a performance score to go towards their APS as well as competition opportunities for the purposes of developing athletes in National Squads.

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Minimum Event Delivery Requirements

Tier 1

Pistol	Rifle	Shotgun
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISSF accredited Technical Delegate • Electronic Targets • Must include full program of Pistol events • Separate Men's and Women's finals • Paris 2024 Qualification and Finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISSF accredited Technical Delegate • Electronic Targets • Must include full program of Rifle events • Separate Men's and Women's finals • Paris 2024 Qualification and Finals formats to be used until 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISSF accredited Technical Delegate • 3 Trap Layouts • Preferable 2 Skeet Layouts • Flash targets to be thrown in finals if available and will not cause interruption • Must include Trap and Skeet events

<p>formats to be used until any updated advice to changes is provided by ISSF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment control 	<p>any updated advice to changes is provided by ISSF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate Men's and Women's finals for Trap and Skeet MyClubsMyScores to be used 125 target + finals Competition for each event run over 2 days (day one 75 target qualifying, day two 50 target qualifying plus finals) The final day for competition can be different for both Trap and Skeet therefore creating a 3 or 4 day event Paris 2024 Qualification and Finals formats to be used until any updated advice to changes is provided by ISSF Equipment control Ammunition testing (pre-finals and random)
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Tier 2

Pistol	Rifle	Shotgun
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shooting Australia nominated representative and/or Club/range nominated representative (ISSF proficient) to oversee competition and ratify a fair and true competition Paper targets permitted Maximum two day (Saturday and Sunday) competition preferred unless otherwise agreed Shooting Australia to endorse final program and/or work through the program planning process with the event host. Finals format to be mutually agreed upon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shooting Australia nominated representative and/or Club/range nominated representative (ISSF proficient) to oversee competition and ratify a fair and true competition Paper targets permitted Maximum two day (Saturday and Sunday) competition preferred unless otherwise agreed Shooting Australia to endorse final program and/or work through the program planning process with the event host. Finals format to be mutually agreed upon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Shooting Australia nominated representative and/or Club/range nominated representative (ISSF proficient) to oversee competition and ratify a fair and true competition Minimum 1 Trap Layout Minimum 1 Skeet Layout Can include Trap and/or Skeet events Open finals recommended (Hosts can run 'off the gun' prizes from qualifying scores as deemed suitable e.g., Grades, Ladies, Juniors, Veterans) 125 target + finals Competition over 2 days MyClubsMyScores to be used Shooting Australia to endorse final program and/or work

and to be finalised before the commencement of competition	and to be finalised before the commencement of competition	through the program planning process with the event host. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum two day (Saturday and Sunday) competition preferred unless otherwise agreed
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Range Requirements

It is important that the ranges used to deliver the **Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** are ranges that can facilitate competitions to ISSF standards. There may also be the ability for ranges to further develop their facilities to reach these standards by using the official Shooting Australia event endorsement to assist the process.

Program of Events

The individual ISSF events that each Endorsed Event program should include in 2026 is as follows:

RIFLE	PISTOL	SHOTGUN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10m Air Rifle 50m Rifle 3 Position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10m Air Pistol 25m Sport Pistol 25m Rapid Fire Pistol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trap Skeet

Additional ISSF events may be included in 2026 depending on National Team selection requirements and/or fits within the competition program:

RIFLE	PISTOL	SHOTGUN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50m Rifle Prone 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team 50m Pistol 25m Standard Pistol 50m Pistol Centrefire Pistol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trap Mixed Team

Event Hosts may choose to schedule separate WSPS events as part of the **2026 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**. These must be advertised and any information around minimum entries to be included. In the event of no separate WSPS events, WSPS athletes may enter a competition that best aligns with the ISSF equivalent as detailed in the following table:

WSPS EVENT	BEST ALIGNED ISSF EVENT
R1 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Men's SH1	10m Air Rifle Open
R2 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Women's SH1	10m Air Rifle Open
R6 – 50m Rifle Prone Mixed SH1	50m Rifle Prone
P1 – 10m Air Pistol Men's SH1	10m Air Pistol Open
P2 – 10m Air Pistol Women's SH1	10m Air Pistol Open

P3 – 25m Pistol Mixed SH1	25m Pistol
P4 – 50m Pistol Mixed SH1	50m Pistol
Para Trap	Trap Open

There may be times where there is a requirement for separate WSPS events to be scheduled, and Shooting Australia will work closely with the Event Hosts to accommodate these events where possible.

Inclusivity

Any Able-Bodied Athlete or Para Athlete who competes in ISSF or WSPS disciplines is able to compete in any event within the **2026 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** and may compete in events that are most similar to the WSPS equivalent (e.g. Male WSPS Pistol Athletes to compete in Women's 25m Pistol).

These endorsed events offer Athletes an inclusive and unique opportunity to participate in a national domestic series of ISSF (and WSPS equivalent) events. The aim is to increase the opportunities for Athletes to participate in high quality domestic competitions. These opportunities can mean differing things for different Athletes including a training platform for National Team Members or a pathway into ISSF (and WSPS equivalent) competitions for those Athletes who are from a non ISSF target shooting sport discipline.

Rules and Officiating

ISSF and WSPS Rules

All Athletes will be expected to adhere to the ISSF competition rules.

[The ISSF Rules and Regulations \(last updated May 2023\) can be found here.](#)

Para Athletes will be required to adhere to both the ISSF and applicable WSPS rules. It is expected that Event Hosts will work with Shooting Australia to ensure WSPS rules are integrated into events where required (e.g. set up time differences)

[The World Shooting Para Sports rules can be found here.](#)

Should there be any changes to ISSF and/or WSPS competition rules leading into or throughout the **2026 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**, these will be communicated to the Event Hosts and the Community and a joint decision will be made as to which components, and when, will be implemented across domestic competition.

National Association Rules

It is also appropriate for the Athletes attending Endorsed Events to ensure compliance with the National Association rules to which the discipline applies.

[The Target Pistol Australia rules can be found here.](#)

[The Target Rifle Australia rules can be found here.](#)

[The Australian Clay Target Association rules can be found here.](#)

Officials and Volunteers

It is the responsibility of the Event Host to engage Officials and Volunteers as may be required to run the competition. Shooting Australia may from time to time, engage Officials to assist with an event in the instance where the event host is unable to. Shooting Australia may engage a Technical Delegate (TD), Chief Range Officer (CRO) and/or Referee/s to assist the Event Host.

In the event Shooting Australia does engage an Official/s, they will be required to familiarise themselves with the Shooting Australia Policies and Procedures Handbook for Officials and Volunteers which can be found on the [Shooting Australia website here.](#)

Although there is no expectation for all Officials/Volunteers to hold an ISSF Accreditation (Judge A, Judge B, Referee), it is preferred that at least the appointed Technical Delegate for a Tier 1 event holds such.

Equipment Control

It is the preference of Shooting Australia that equipment control is carried out as part of the Pre-Event Training process in at least the Tier 1 events. This assists both Athletes and Officials/Volunteers in familiarising and educating themselves with the process followed during international competition.

Cartridge Control (Shotgun Competition)

During a shotgun event, it is recommended that random ammunition checks will be conducted during qualifying rounds of Tier 1 competitions. The best effort should also be made to conduct ammunition checks during the athlete report and cartridge control process prior to the commencement of shotgun finals for Tier 1 competitions. Again, this assists both Athletes and Officials/Volunteers in familiarising and educating themselves with the process followed during international events.

Shooting Australia will provide, where possible, the equipment required to perform ammunition checks, including calibrated scales.

Results

Shooting Australia asks that all event results are provided at the conclusion of an event and in a timely manner. This will enable media releases to be written, website result updates and the timely updating of National Team selection leaderboards and APS information.

[Results will be available on the Shooting Australia website here.](#)



[Leaderboards will be available on the Shooting Australia website here.](#)

Rifle and Pistol Results

Although the preference is for a raw .csv file to be provided to Shooting Australia as extracted from SIUS or Meyton, we understand that at times this may not be possible. As an alternative, a PDF of both qualifying and finals results would be acceptable.

Shotgun

MyClubsMyScores is the recommended scoring platform to be used for all endorsed Shotgun events. Shooting Australia may provide support to the Event Host to set up MyClubsMyScores, incorporating the finals component. The Event Host is to either provide Shooting Australia with temporary access to their login to extract the results or alternatively provide a .csv file in Shooting Australia's preferred format.

Event Administration

Competition Entry Fees

The event host will have responsibility for setting an appropriate competition entry fee and the collection of the competition entry fee in accordance with the competition entry process. Shooting Australia will not be involved in this process and will not be entitled to any portion of the entry fee.

Prizes

The event host will determine any prizes that may be awarded during a competition which may also include a medal, sash, certificate etc.

As part of the **2026 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**, Shooting Australia gives precedence to 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall placegetters in all events, determined by the results in the final. The event host may also choose to award other prize categories such as grades, Juniors, Veterans and Para (WSPS).

Shooting Australia, at the request of the event host, can provide competition certificates where required.

Athlete Bibs

It is the preference that all Athletes wear Athlete Bibs when competing. This assists with the easy identification of Athletes during broadcast and media opportunities. The Athlete Bibs should clearly show the Athlete initial and Surname, the competition name, any Event Host logos and sponsors, and the Shooting Australia Endorsed Event logo. At the request of the Event Host, Shooting Australia can arrange the artwork for Athlete Bibs and the printing thereof upon the receipt of the



final list of entries. A minimum of five days' notice prior to the commencement of competition would be appreciated.

Competition Finals

It is Shooting Australia's preference that competition finals replicate an international competition final as closely as possible. This includes the presentation of Athletes, the playing of music and finals announcing. Due to music copyright, it may not be possible to play music when finals are being live broadcast.

Medal Ceremonies

It is Shooting Australia's preference that medal ceremonies take place soon after the conclusion of the final to ensure Athletes are suitably presented (preferably still in their competition attire) for official photographs.

Sports Integrity

Shooting Australia endorsed events may be subject to random drug testing. All Athletes, Officials and Event Hosts must ensure they are up to date with their responsibilities as it relates to Sports Integrity. There are a variety of e-learning resources available that can be accessed [here](#).

Shooting Australia will provide up to date information on the website as it relates to [Sports Integrity here](#).

Sponsorship and Commercial Opportunities

The Event Host may secure sponsorship for the event which may also contribute to the prize pool. Shooting Australia will not have any ownership over sponsorship arrangements that the event host may secure.

From time to time Shooting Australia may secure a commercial sponsorship arrangement for the benefit of the **2026 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**. This may include sponsorship to assist with broadcast and equipment to assist with the delivery of events to the benefit of event hosts. Shooting Australia will notify event hosts of any such arrangements to ensure no conflict of interest.

Shooting Australia Support

Shooting Australia will provide the Event Host with support in the lead up to and during the event. Shooting Australia will work closely with the Event Hosts to ensure they have sufficient support where required to enable the delivery of the endorsed event to the highest possible standard.

Event Promotion



In an effort to encourage participation, Shooting Australia will assist in the promotion of the event on the Shooting Australia website and social media platforms in the lead up to the event including event information and event entry details.

Officials

Shooting Australia may provide an Official/s if the Event Host feels they are unable to adequately fill any officiating role/s. This may include the provision of a TD, CRO and/or Referee.

Shooting Australia will provide food and refreshments for the Officials and Volunteers at an Endorsed Event should the Event Host deem this appropriate. This will be offered to all Officials and Volunteers, even at an event where Shooting Australia was not required to provide any officiating and/or administrative assistance.

Event Administration

Certificates – Shooting Australia will provide Certificates as requested by the Event Host and in lieu of a medal or sash.

Athlete Bibs – Shooting Australia will provide Athlete Bibs (either the artwork or the printed Bibs) as requested by the Event Host.

General Assistance – A member of the Shooting Australia Events Team may attend an Endorsed Event and may assist with range set up, recording of scores, running of results, announcing etc.

Photos and Social Media – The member of the Shooting Australia Events Team who attends the event will take photographs and capture Athlete interviews where possible. These can be provided to the Event Host if requested.

Throughout the event, Shooting Australia will report results on the Shooting Australia website and social media platforms and might include a post-event wrap including the uploading of event photos and Athlete interviews.

Media

From time to time there may be a media presence at events to capture Athlete interviews and/or report on the event. This may be for print media in a local or national newspaper, or for TV. Shooting Australia may not always receive prior notice of an intended media presence and therefore it is always extremely important that Athletes present themselves in a professional manner.

Shooting Australia will coordinate any media activities during an event and will keep the Event Host informed.

Broadcast



Shooting Australia may broadcast (live stream) events via their social media platforms, or an alternative platform, from time to time. Shooting Australia will work with Event Hosts throughout the broadcast planning process. A member of the Shooting Australia Events Team will attend the event to coordinate the broadcast process.

Shooting Australia will have ownership of the live broadcast and can work with the Event Host to include material (logos, video packages, photos etc) that both parties agree to as being suitable. Shooting Australia will be responsible for any costs incurred for live broadcast.

If live broadcast is not scheduled, Shooting Australia may arrange for footage of the event to be captured for an event recap video. Again, Shooting Australia will work with the Event Host should any filming be scheduled. Shooting Australia will cover any costs associated with this filming.

Event Host Responsibility

Shooting Australia will not have ownership over the Endorsed Events which means the delivery of the event to the highest possible standard ultimately lies with the Event Host i.e. National Association, State Association and/or Club.

The Event Host will work closely with the Shooting Australia Events Team pre-event to identify any areas or key components of the event delivery process that Shooting Australia may be required to assist with.

Event Promotion

The Event Host will promote the event on their website and social media platforms with acknowledgement given to the event being endorsed by Shooting Australia.

The Event Host may also share any content that Shooting Australia produces in the lead up to, during, or post the event.

First Aid

The Event Host will ensure at least one qualified designated First Aid Officer is available at all times and that there is access to a first aid kit and defibrillator.

Officials and Volunteers

The Event Host will take responsibility for the engagement of the necessary Officials and Volunteers required to adjudicate a fair and equitable competition.

In the event Shooting Australia is not required to do such, the Event Host will provide Officials and Volunteers with food and beverages.

Event Administration



Range Preparation – The Event Host will ensure the range is of a clean, safe, accessible and fully functional standard prior to the commencement of the event.

Equipment and Software – The Event Host will ensure all equipment and associated software and electronics is in good working order including electronic targets, software, traps, etc.

For shotgun events, the Event Host will ensure sufficient targets are available including flash targets (if required) for all individual event finals.

Sports Integrity

Event Hosts may be required to provide a suitable office/room and bathroom facilities should Sports Integrity attend the event to undertake random drug testing of Athletes. If this is required, you will be notified by Shooting Australia, however minimal notice is anticipated.

Athlete Expectation

During competition, Athletes will be expected to present themselves in a manner which is respectful and compliant with any dress codes enforced by the relevant National Associations. For example, competing in beach wear (e.g. singlet and beach shoes) would not be considered appropriate.

During medal ceremonies, Athletes are again expected to present themselves in a respectful manner, being mindful that official photographs will be taken and may be used for social media and mainstream media publications.

Event Interruption and Risk Assessment

Shooting Australia will work closely with Event Hosts to monitor any forced regulations or situations that may impact an event going ahead. It is imperative that all Athletes, Officials, Volunteers, Spectators and Stakeholders have safe access to all ranges that the **2025 6Australia Endorsed Event Series** events will be held at.

Should any possible risks be identified or forced regulations that may impact the delivery of an event, a final decision on the viability of the event will be made as soon as practicable.

There may however be situations that arise outside of the Event Host and Shooting Australia's control following the decision which is made prior to an event. This means an event may still be cancelled, or a change in the event format and delivery, with minimal notice.

Event interruption may include instances such as:

- Pandemic enforced regulations
- Flooding
- Fire
- A range deemed unsafe to conduct the event



If an event is cancelled, there may be an opportunity to postpone to a later date (this more specifically relates to an event that is a current fixture of another organisation i.e. a State or National title)

Refer to [Endorsed Events Head and Adverse Weather Policy](#).

Event Attendee Responsibility

Event attendees must familiarise themselves with any State specific restrictions, guidelines and recommendations of not only the resident State, but also the State being travelled to, especially in relation to Firearms Rules and Regulations.

Further Information

[For all events information, please visit the Shooting Australia website here.](#)

Any questions can be forwarded to the Shooting Australia Event and Communication Manager via email to jane@shootingaustralia.org.