



ENDORSED EVENT SERIES

2025 Handbook

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1. WHAT IS THE 2025 SHOOTING AUSTRALIA ENDORSED EVENT SERIES?

Shooting Australia (SA) will endorse a number of domestic events during 2025. These events shall form the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**.

SA will partner with Event Hosts (typically a Club, State Association or National Member Organisation) and will include International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) and World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) equivalent events across the Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun disciplines.

All competitions that form part of the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** will provide a platform to encourage greater competitive participation across the ISSF and the WSPS equivalent disciplines/events.

The **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** offers athletes a unique and all-inclusive opportunity to participate in a national domestic series of Endorsed Events. SA equally supports both ISSF and WSPS pathways, encouraging the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** to be fully integrated, welcoming and supportive of all athletes with eligible impairments (who are provisionally classified for competition).

Throughout the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**, athletes will have the opportunity to compete in high-quality domestic competitions. This can mean different things for different competitors including a training platform for National Team members, an opportunity to show progression in results that supports consideration for selection into the National Squad and/or Teams, or a pathway into ISSF or WSPS equivalent competitions from a non-ISSF target shooting sport discipline.

2. 2025 ENDORSED EVENTS TIERS

There will be a number of events across each of the disciplines between January and December 2025. These Events will be categorised into two tiers:

Tier 1: Endorsed Events – Benchmark Event Selection

Endorsed Events delivered by Event Hosts, the results from which may be used towards the selection of an athlete to a National Team for an ISSF or WSPS international competition.

Tier 2: Endorsed Events – Performance

Additional competitive opportunities, the results from which may contribute to an athlete's Average Performance Score (APS) as well as providing increased competition opportunities for the purposes of athlete development. These events will **not** form part of any National Team selection as detailed above for Tier 1 events.

3. WHO CAN COMPETE IN THE 2025 SHOOTING AUSTRALIA ENDORSED EVENT SERIES?

Any able-bodied athlete or para-athlete (who is provisionally classified) who competes in an ISSF or WSPS equivalent discipline can compete in the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**.

Athletes must:

- be a current financial member of an SA Member Organisation; or
- be a member of an ISSF or WSPS-recognised National Federation outside of Australia; and
- hold a current firearms licence; and
- not be involved in any disciplinary matters (i.e. with SA or its Member Organisations) that restricts their eligibility to compete.

4. WHAT WILL THE 2025 SHOOTING AUSTRALIA ENDORSED EVENT SERIES BE USED FOR?

The **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** aims to achieve five primary objectives:

a) National Team Selection

Some of the events within the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** will be identified as events that will be used for National Team selection. When multiple events are used for the selection of a National Team, these events will be referred to collectively as a **Selection Series**. In 2025, there will be Selection Series for international competitions including the:

- 2025 ISSF Junior World Cup (Suhl, Germany)
- 2025 ISSF Senior World Championships Shotgun (Malakasa, Greece)
- 2025 ISSF Senior World Championships Pistol/Rifle (Cairo, Egypt)
- 2025 ISSF Junior World Championships (To be confirmed by ISSF)

Performance in the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** events may also form a component of National Team selection for World Cups, Grands Prix and other international competition opportunities in 2025.

The National Team selection criteria will be available [here](#).

b) 2026 National Squad and Athlete Categorisation

Results achieved within the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** may be considered to support the selection of an athlete to the National Squad and categorisation of an athlete by the Australian Institute of Sport in 2026.

For 2025, SA's current Athlete Categorisation Policy (2021-2024) can be found [here](#) and the current National Squad criteria (2024) can be found [here](#). For 2026, there may be changes to SA's Athlete Categorisation Policy and National Squad criteria, which will be communicated in the second half of 2025.

c) Average Performance Score

The Tier 1 and Tier 2 events that comprise the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** will provide domestic opportunities for athletes to record a performance score that will contribute to their APS.

SA uses the APS to monitor athlete development and progression and the APS may be used to determine eligibility for selection to the National Squad and/or Teams.

More information on the APS can be found [here](#).

d) Officials and Volunteers

The **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** will provide an opportunity to:

- Remain active in Officiating at domestic events;
- Become active in Officiating;
- Receive mentoring and experience as part of SA's Officiating Scholarship Program;
- Become active in mentoring those less experienced; and
- A pathway to international officiating.

Information on ISSF officiating can be found [here](#).

e) Para Integration

The **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** will provide greater opportunity and support for the integration of Para-Shooting in domestic events for athletes, Event Hosts, officials and volunteers.

5. DETERMINING AN ENDORSED EVENT

In the assessment of which events will be Endorsed Events as part of the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**, SA called for Expressions of Interest from prospective Event Hosts to host an Endorsed Event in 2025.

Upon receipt of Expressions of Interest, SA worked with its High Performance Team, Member Organisations and the prospective Event Hosts to determine the 2025 Endorsed Event program. Consideration was given to the following:

- The number of events required in 2025 to provide National Team selection opportunities;
- An adequate number of competition opportunities for the purposes of developing athletes;
- A spread of events in most States across Australia to ensure a fair allocation of Endorsed Events nationally;
- The events that already exist in the annual calendar that SA can endorse, including National Championship events delivered by Member Organisations and State Championship events delivered by State Associations; and
- Ranges that can facilitate the delivery of competitions to ISSF/WSPS standards and/or that the endorsement of an event can assist the range/facility development to reach these standards.

The Event Hosts maintain responsibility for their own events as captured within the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**. SA plays a supporting role to Event Hosts in the delivery of their events if required as a 'value-add'.

National Events

National Championship events that are delivered by SA's Member Organisations will receive automatic endorsement, provided they meet minimum event delivery standards. These National events include:

- Target Rifle Australia (TRA) ISSF National Championships;
- Target Pistol Australia (TPA) ISSF National Championships; and
- Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) ISSF National Championships.

Paper Targets vs. Electronic Targets

A Pistol or Rifle event can receive endorsement from SA if it is shot using either paper or electronic targets. However, for a Pistol or Rifle event to receive endorsement and also be considered part of a Selection Series (i.e. a Tier 1 event), electronic targets **must** be used.

Event Delivery Requirements

The requirements for delivering an Endorsed Event can be found in the SA Domestic Event Handbook.

[Click here for the 2025 Domestic Event Handbook](#)

6. RULES

All athletes will be expected to adhere to their National Member Organisation rules, in conjunction with ISSF and/or WSPS rules as applicable.

[The ISSF Rules can be found here.](#)
[The WSPS Rules can be found here.](#)

Juniors

For the purposes of National Team selection (e.g. 2025 Junior World Cup), a junior athlete will be defined in accordance with ISSF rule 3.7.4.12 (updated April, 2023) as follows:

“Athletes will remain as Juniors until the 31st December of the year in which they become 21 years of age. Any athlete born between the 1st January and the 31st December, will cease to be a Junior on the 31st December of that year.”

For the purposes of prize giving to junior athletes at any event in the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**, junior athletes will be defined in accordance with the relevant National Member Organisation rules.

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

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

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

7. ENDORSED EVENT RESULTS

Although there will be no allocation of Endorsed Event series points during the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**, all event results will be displayed on the SA website [here](#).

8. ISSF AND WSPS EVENTS

ISSF Events

Events in each discipline that will form part of the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** will include:

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

WSPS Events

Event Hosts may choose to schedule separate WSPS events as part of the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**. These will be advertised and may be subject to minimum entries. 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 also be opportunities during the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** for WSPS athlete classification, and this will be communicated accordingly.

Greater participation from WSPS athletes (classified or otherwise) will be encouraged at all endorsed events during 2025.

Non-ISSF and/or WSPS Events

Event Hosts may schedule additional non-ISSF and/or WSPS events as part of their competition program. These events will not be endorsed by SA and therefore results will not form part of an athlete’s APS or eligibility for National Team selection.

10. EVENT ENTRIES

Event entry deadlines will be advertised for each event in the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**. Event entry caps for maximum entries in any event may also be advertised.

The acceptance of late entries will be at the discretion of Event Hosts. Event Hosts are under no obligation to accept late entries. Event entry capacity may be taken into account and SA may be consulted to determine the suitability of the acceptance of a late entry. A late entry fee may be payable by an athlete, at the amount and discretion of the Event Host.

11. 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

You can find the full calendar of endorsed events here [2025 Endorsed Event Series](#).

JWC = Junior World Cup

WCH = Senior World Championships

PISTOL

Pistol			Tier 1	Tier 2
Sydney Cup	SISC	21-23 February	JWC 1&2	
VIC State Titles	Mid Murray Pistol Club, Nyah	8-10 March		Tier 2
BISC Cup	BISC	21-23 March	JWC 3, WCH 1	
ISSF Open	Whiteman Park	25-27 April		Tier 2
Vintage Open	Cessnock	2-4 May		Tier 2
ISSF Nationals	SISC	18-24 May	WCH 2	
BISC Open	BISC	4-6 July	WCH 3	
QLD State Titles	BISC	1-3 August		
MISC GP	MISC	15-17 August		Tier 2
NSW State Titles	TBC	4-6 October		Tier 2
WA State Titles	Cockburn Fremantle	29-31 August		Tier 2
SA State Titles	Berri Pistol Club	4-6 October		Tier 2
Yackandandah Open	Yackandandah Pistol Club	24-26 October		Tier 2

RIFLE

Rifle			Tier 1	Tier 2
Sydney Cup	SISC	21-23 February	JWC 1	
SA State Titles	Wingfield Rifle Range	7-10 March	JWC 2&3, WCH 1&2 (Prone 1)	
Nationals	Wingfield Rifle Range	31 March-6 April	WCH Prone 2	Tier 2
VIC State Titles	MISC	2-4 May		Tier 2
BISC Open	BISC	4-6 July	WCH 3	
MISC GP	MISC	15-17 August		Tier 2
Adelaide Cup	Wingfield Rifle Range	5-7 September		Tier 2
QLD State Titles	BISC	4-6 October		Tier 2
SASA Junior Championships	Wingfield Rifle Range	14 December		Tier 2

SHOTGUN

Shotgun			Tier 1	Tier 2
ACTA Nationals	SISC	14-19 January	JWC 1&2	
Yarra Valley Grand Prix	Melbourne Gun Club	7-9 March	JWC 3	
NSW State Titles	SISC	21-23 March	WCH 1	
VIC State Titles	Echuca	2-4 May		Tier 2
WAGC WA Selection	WAGC	24-25 May		Tier 2
QLD State Titles	Brisbane Gun Club	12-15 June	WCH 2	
Jean & Peter Wray Championships	Melbourne Gun Club	22-24 August	WCH 3	
SA State Titles	State Grounds, Buckman Park, ADL	27-28 September		Tier 2
WA State Titles	WAGC	18-19 October		Tier 2

12. EVENT DELIVERY INTERRUPTION

SA, in partnership with Event Hosts, will endeavour to deliver a complete domestic series of Endorsed Events in 2025. However, issues may arise outside of the control of the event delivery and consequently may require the event to be altered, rescheduled or cancelled.

13. HEAT AND ADVERSE WEATHER

SA and Event Hosts have a duty of care to monitor environmental conditions and to take action to minimise the risk of heat stress to athletes, officials, volunteers and spectators attending any events in the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**.

In addition to any heat risk, SA and Event Hosts also have a duty of care to monitor/examine weather forecasts prior to the commencement of competition to determine any possible adverse weather conditions that may impact the event and result in a delay, postponement, rescheduling or abandonment.

Visit the Heat and Adverse Weather Policy [here](#).

14. RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOURS

It is expected that all participants in the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** (athletes, officials, volunteers, hosts and spectators) will show respect and act responsibly, professionally and with integrity at all times. Participants should not engage in any activity that may bring the sport of shooting into disrepute or damage its reputation or standing in the community.

15. SPORTS INTEGRITY AND NATIONAL INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK

SA has adopted the National Integrity Framework (NIF) through Sport Integrity Australia (SIA). The NIF is a suite of policies that sets out the broad expectations for the conduct of all participants in sports. It is designed to mitigate integrity threats to sports and provide a safe, fair and healthy environment for participants at all levels of sport.

It is important that all athletes, volunteers and Event Hosts are familiar with the policies within the NIF as this will be important during the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**.

The policies in the NIF include:

- Improper use of drugs and medicine policy
- Safeguarding children and young people policy
- Member protection policy
- Competition manipulation and sports gambling policy and
- Complaints, disputes and discipline policy.

The SA NIF can be found at [Sport Integrity - Shooting Australia](#).



For the avoidance of doubt, the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series** Event Hosts maintain responsibility for their own events and are delivered by States, Clubs and people affiliated with the respective Member Organisation. SA is clear that these endorsed events operate under the jurisdiction of the Member Organisations National Integrity Framework and policies.

Additional resources can be found at [Resources | Sport Integrity Australia](#).

SA's Integrity Officer and Complaints Manager is Sports Advisory Partners Australia (SAPA). They can be contacted by emailing integrity@shootingaustralia.org.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the **2025 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series**, including individual event details and how to register to participate, please visit [here](#).

[Click here for the Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series Results](#)

[Click here for Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Click here for the National Team Selection Criteria](#)

17. ENQUIRIES

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