ENDORSED EVENT SERIES

2027 Handbook

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1. WHAT IS THE 2027 SHOOTING AUSTRALIA ENDORSED EVENT SERIES?

Shooting Australia (SA) will endorse a number of domestic events during 2027. These events shall form the ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series***.

SA will partner with Event Hosts (typically a Club, State Association or National Member Organisation (MO)) 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 ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** will provide a platform to encourage greater competitive participation across the ISSF and the WSPS equivalent disciplines/events.

The ***2027 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 ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** to be fully integrated, welcoming and supportive of all athletes with eligible impairments (who are at least provisionally classified for competition).

Throughout the ***2027 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 Athlete Categorisation and/or selection to National Teams, or a pathway into ISSF or WSPS equivalent competitions from a non-ISSF target shooting sport discipline.

2. 2027 ENDORSED EVENTS TIERS

There will be a number of events across each of the disciplines between January and December 2027. These Events will be categorised into two tiers:

Tier 1: Endorsed Events – National Team 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 *2027 SHOOTING AUSTRALIA ENDORSED EVENT SERIES*?

Any able-bodied athlete or para-athlete (who is at least provisionally classified) who competes in an ISSF or WSPS equivalent discipline can compete in the ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series***.

Athletes must:

- be a current financial member of an SA MO; or
- be a member of an ISSF or WSPS-recognised National Federation outside of Australia; and
- hold a current firearms licence from the location of residence and/or apply for a temporary competitors firearms permit if required in the Australian state of competition for a competitor who resides outside of Australia); and
- not be involved in any disciplinary matters (i.e. with SA or its MOs) or integrity matters that restrict their eligibility to compete.

4. WHAT WILL THE *2027 SHOOTING AUSTRALIA ENDORSED EVENT SERIES* BE USED FOR?

The ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** aims to achieve six primary objectives:

a) National Team Selection

Some of the events within the ***2027 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 2027, there will be ***Selection Series*** for international competitions including the:

- ISSF Shotgun Junior World Championships, Larnaca, CYP, MAY 2027
- WSPS World Cup Pistol/Rifle, Sydney, AUS, MAY 2027
- ISSF Junior World Cup Pistol/Rifle, Suhl, Germany, JUNE 2027
- WSPS World Championships Osijek, CRO, SEP 2027
- ISSF Shotgun World Championships, Cairo, EGY, SEP 2027
- ISSF Pistol/Rifle World Championships, Daegu, KOR, OCT 2027
- ISSF Oceania Championships Shotgun, Melbourne, AUS, NOV 2027
- ISSF Oceania Championships Pistol/Rifle, Brisbane, AUS, NOV 2027

Performance in the ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** events may also form a component of National Team selection for ISSF and/or WSPS World Cups, Grands Prix and other international competition opportunities in 2027.

The National Team Selection Criteria will be available here.

b) 2028 National Squad and Athlete Categorisation

Results achieved within the ***2027 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 and/or SA in 2028.

c) Average Performance Score (APS)

The Tier 1 and Tier 2 events that comprise the ***2027 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 National Teams.

Qualification scores from all eligible events at Tier 1 competitions, including single or double header events, will count towards an athlete's APS, excluding ineligible events such as Mixed Team events.

For Tier 2 competitions, where an Event Host schedules a double program (e.g. two 10m Air Rifle events), only the athlete's qualification score from the first event will count towards their APS.

More information on the APS can be found here.

d) Officials and Volunteers

The ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** will provide an opportunity for Officials and Volunteers to:

- Become and remain active in officiating at domestic events;
- Receive mentoring and experience as part of SA's officiating education and development initiatives;
- 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 ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** will continue to provide opportunities and support for the integration of Para-Shooting in domestic events for athletes, Event Hosts, officials and volunteers.

f) Coaching

The ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** will provide opportunities for coaches to:

- Further develop their coaching skills, knowledge and practical experience across ISSF and WSPS target shooting disciplines; and
- Strengthen their capability to support athlete development and performance through practical experience and collaboration within the domestic competition environment.

5. DETERMINING AN ENDORSED EVENT

SA has taken a targeted approach in determining the events to be included in the ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** through considering the international competitions that National Teams will be selected for and then engaging directly with Event Hosts to align the domestic competitions.

Consideration has also been given to the timing of international events SA will host in 2027 that will include the WSPS World Cup (Pistol/Rifle) in Sydney in May (quota opportunities for the LA 2028 Paralympics) and the Oceania Championships Pistol/Rifle/Shotgun, in Brisbane and Melbourne respectively, in November (quota opportunities for the LA 2028 Olympics), to ensure no clashes with the domestic Endorsed Event calendar.

SA has worked with its High-Performance Team, MOs and Event Hosts to determine the 2027 Endorsed Event program with consideration given to:

- The number of events required in 2027 to provide National Team selection opportunities;
- An adequate number of competition opportunities for the purposes of developing athletes;
- A spread of events across Australia;
- The events that already exist in the annual calendar that SA can endorse, including National Championship events delivered by MOs and State Championship events delivered by State Associations; and
- Ranges that can facilitate the delivery of competitions to ISSF/WSPS standards (with a preference for electronic targets for pistol/rifle) and/or where 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 ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series.*** SA plays a supporting role to Event Hosts in the delivery of their events if required and as a 'value-add'.

National Events

National Championship events that are delivered by SA's MOs 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, there is a preference for electronic targets to be used. 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 2027 Domestic Event Handbook.

Click here for the 2027 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. a 2027 Junior World Cup or World Championships), 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 ***2027 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

All event results from the ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** will be published on the SA website here.

8. ISSF AND WSPS EVENTS

Events in each discipline that will form part of the ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** are outlined below and include the integration of ISSF and WSPS where possible.

Event Hosts may choose to schedule separate WSPS events as part of the ***2027 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 event as detailed below.

Tier 1 - Rifle

ISSF	WSPS	Include in Tier 1	Final	How the Event is to be Conducted
10m Air Rifle Men	R1 10m Air Rifle Standing Men (SH1)	YES	YES	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event. Minimum of 4 entries to warrant a Men's Air final, including R1. If the minimum entry is not reached, an open Air final will be held for the top 8 qualifiers across Men/Women including R1 and R2. The program will accommodate a separate Men's and Women's final and will be adjusted accordingly based on entries.
10m Air Rifle Women	R2 10m Air Rifle Standing Women (SH1)	YES	YES	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event. Minimum of 4 entries to warrant a Women's Air final, including R2. If

				the minimum entry is not reached, an open Air final will be held for the top 8 qualifiers across Men/Women including R1 and R2. The program will accommodate a separate Men's and Women's final and will be adjusted accordingly based on entries.
N/A	R4 10m Air Rifle Standing Open (SH2)	YES	NO	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event where R4 to be included in the 10m Air Rifle (including R1 and R2) event. R4 athletes will not be eligible to make the final.
N/A	R3 10m Air Rifle Prone Open (SH1)	YES	YES	Stand-alone WSPS event and to be combined with R5. Minimum of 4 entries for a final that will comprise the top qualifiers for both R3 and R5. The program will accommodate a final and will be adjusted accordingly based on entries.
N/A	R5 10m Air Rifle Prone Open (SH2)	YES	YES	Stand-alone WSPS event and to be combined with R3. Minimum of 4 entries for a final that will comprise the top qualifiers for both R3 and R5. The program will accommodate a final and will be adjusted accordingly based on entries.
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team	To be included	YES	YES	An open competition therefore WSPS athletes eligible to enter. If a double up competition, only 1x 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event is required. The final can be conducted on the qualification range.
50m Rifle Prone Open	R6 50m Rifle Prone Open (SH1)	YES	YES	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event that will also include R9. Top 8 qualifiers to progress through to an open final, with a priority to WSPS competitors.
N/A	R9 50m Rifle Prone Open (SH2)	TBC	TBC	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event that will also include R6. Top 8 qualifiers to progress through to an open final.
50m Rifle 3 Positions Open	R7 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men (SH1)	YES	YES	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event that will include R7 and R8. Top 8 qualifiers to progress through to an open final.

	R8 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women (SH1)			

Tier 1 - PISTOL

ISSF	WSPS	Include in Tier 1	Final	How the Event is to be Conducted
10m Air Pistol Men	P1 10m Air Pistol Men (SH1)	YES	YES	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event including P1. If a double up competition, the first 10m Air Pistol event may include combined qualification for Men/Women, P1 and P2. The program will accommodate a separate Men's and Women's final where P1 and P2 athletes will also be eligible subject to their qualification score ranking in the top 8. If separate qualification for Men and Women, P1 athletes may be required to shoot with the Women/P2 so as to not impact their P3 event.
10m Air Pistol Women	P2 10m Air Pistol Women (SH1)	YES	YES	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event including P2. If a double up competition, the first 10m Air Pistol event may include combined qualification for Men/Women, P1 and P2. The program will accommodate a separate Men's and Women's final where P1 and P2 athletes will also be eligible subject to their qualification score ranking in the top 8.
10m Air Pistol Mixed Team	To be included	YES	YES	An open competition therefore WSPS athletes eligible to enter. If a double up competition, only 1x 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event is required. The final can be conducted on the qualification range.

25m Pistol Women	P3 25m Pistol Open (SH1)	YES	YES	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event including P3. Both stages to be shot in one day. Top 8 qualifiers to progress through to the final, with P3 athletes eligible.
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	N/A	YES	YES	Both stages to be shot in one day, plus final for top 8 qualifiers should a final be scheduled.
25m Standard Pistol	N/A	NO	NO	Not required for Tier 1 competitions, but option for Tier 2 at the discretion of the Event Host in accordance with the schedule.
50m Pistol	P4 50m Pistol Open (SH1)	YES	NO	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event including P4. Minimum 4 entries for this event to proceed.
N/A	P5 10m Air Pistol Standard Open (SH1)	NO	NO	N/A

Tier 1 - SHOTGUN

ISSF	WSPS	Include in Tier 1	Final	How the Event is to be Conducted
Women's Trap	Para Trap	YES	YES	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event including Paratrap. Top 8 qualifiers to progress through to the Women's Final.
Men's Trap	Para Trap	YES	YES	Integrated ISSF/WSPS event including Paratrap. Top 8 qualifiers to progress through to the Men's Final.
Trap Mixed Team	To be included	If schedule permits	YES	To be included if schedule permits, in consultation with Event Host.
Women's Skeet	N/A	YES	YES	Top 8 qualifiers to progress through to the Women's Final.
Men's Skeet	N/A	YES	YES	Top 8 qualifiers to progress through to the Men's Final.
Skeet Mixed Team	N/A	NO	NO	N/A

Tier 2 - GENERAL

Tier 2 events will generally be scheduled at the discretion of the Event Host. SA strongly encourages the integration of ISSF and WSPS. All finals in Tier 2 events may be conducted as open finals including Men and Women, ISSF and WSPS.

Where an Event Host schedules a double program (e.g. two 10m Air Rifle events), only the athlete's qualification score from the first event will count towards their APS.

WSPS Athlete Classification

It is a requirement that a WSPS athlete has their provisional classification (at least) prior to entering competition to ensure they are competing in the correct event. There may also be opportunities during the ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series*** for National Classification of WSPS athletes, and this will be communicated accordingly.

Greater participation from WSPS athletes (classified) will be encouraged at all endorsed events during 2027.

Non-ISSF and/or WSPS Events

Event Hosts may schedule additional non-ISSF and/or WSPS events as part of their competition program, should there be ability to do so. 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 ***2027 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.

2027 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

You can find the full calendar of endorsed events here 2027 Shooting Australia Domestic Endorsed Event Series.

JWCH = Junior World Championships
WCH = Senior World Championships
JWC = Junior World Cup
WC = Senior World Cup
OCH = Oceania Championships

PISTOL (INCLUSIVE OF ISSF AND WSPS)

PISTOL

DATES	COMPETITION	LOCATION	TIER
7-Feb	AIR PISTOL OPEN + 25m SPORT	WHITEMAN PARK, WA	TIER 2
17–21 February	SYDNEY CUP 1	SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, NSW	TIER 1
12–14 March	VINTAGE OPEN	CESSNOCK PISTOL CLUB, NSW	TIER 2
31 March - 4 April	BISC CUP PISTOL/RIFLE	BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, QLD	TIER 1
1–8 May	TPA ISSF NATIONALS	MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CLUB, VIC	TIER 2
9–13 June	SYDNEY CUP 2	SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, NSW	TIER 1
6–8 August	PSQ STATE TITLES	BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, QLD	TIER 1
17–19 September	MISC GRAND PRIX	MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CLUB, VIC	TIER 2

*October Endorsed Events to be confirmed early in 2027

RIFLE (INCLUSIVE OF ISSF AND WSPS)

RIFLE

DATES	COMPETITION	LOCATION	TIER
17–21 February	SYDNEY CUP 1	SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, NSW	TIER 1
5–7 March	TRSA STATE TITLES	WINGFIELD RIFLE RANGE, SA	TIER 2
31 March - 4 April	BISC CUP	BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, QLD	TIER 1
8–11 April	TRA ISSF NATIONALS	MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CLUB, VIC	TIER 2
29–30 May	TRV STATE TITLES	MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CLUB, VIC	TIER 2
9–13 June	SYDNEY CUP 2	SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, NSW	TIER 1
1–4 July	TRQ CUP	BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, QLD	TIER 2
5–8 August	ADELAIDE CUP	WINGFIELD RIFLE RANGE, SA	TIER 1
17–19 September	MISC GRAND PRIX	MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CLUB, VIC	TIER 2
2–4 October	QTS STATE TITLES	BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, QLD	TIER 2

*October Endorsed Events to be confirmed early in 2027

SHOTGUN

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DATES	COMPETITION	LOCATION	TIER
12–17 January	ACTA ISSF NATIONALS TRAP & SKEET	SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, NSW	TIER 1
5–7 February	YARRA VALLEY GRAND PRIX	MELBOURNE GUN CLUB, VIC	TIER 1
15–18 July	QLD ISSF STATE TITLES	BRISBANE GUN CLUB, QLD	TIER 1
6–8 August	NSW ISSF STATE TITLES	SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE, NSW	TIER 1
24–26 September	SACTA ISSF STATE TITLES	STATE SHOOTING CENTRE, BUCKLAND PARK, SA	TIER 2
22–24 October	WA ISSF STATE TITLES	WA GUN CLUB, WA	TIER 2

VIC State Titles Tier 2 endorsement to be confirmed

11. EVENT DELIVERY INTERRUPTION

SA, in partnership with Event Hosts, will endeavour to deliver a complete domestic series of Endorsed Events in 2027. However, issues may arise outside of the control of the event delivery and consequently may require the event to be altered, rescheduled or cancelled.

12. DOMESTIC ENDORSED EVENT RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY

SA and Event Hosts have a duty of care to monitor any environmental conditions or external influences that may impact the safe and uninterrupted delivery of an endorsed event. SA will work closely with Event Hosts to minimise and mitigate the risk to athletes, officials, volunteers and spectators attending any events in the ***2027 Shooting Australia Endorsed Event Series***.

SA and Event Hosts 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.

Further detail can be found in the Domestic Endorsed Event Risk Assessment Policy here.

13. RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOURS

SA maintains a zero-tolerance approach to inappropriate behaviour, abuse, harassment, bullying, discrimination and any conduct that compromises the safety, wellbeing or integrity of participants. Everyone involved in the sport is expected to uphold respectful, inclusive and safe environments, with concerns and complaints taken seriously and addressed in accordance with SA's policies and procedures.

It is expected that all participants in the ***2027 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.

Inappropriate behaviour and breaches of integrity may result in a range of consequences, proportionate to the nature and seriousness of the conduct.

14. 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 ***2027 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 ***2027 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 MO. SA recognises that integrity matters for endorsed events may fall under the jurisdiction of the relevant MO and SA. SA will work with the relevant MO under an agreed Ways of Working arrangement to determine the applicable jurisdiction and clarify responsibility for managing the process.

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.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the ***2027 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

16. ENQUIRIES

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