

WEST AUSTRALIAN PISTOL ASSOCIATION  
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REGULATIONS

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## **1 DEFINITIONS:**

Unless otherwise stated in these Regulations the following definitions shall apply:

"Association" or "WAPA" shall mean the West Australian Pistol Association Inc.

"Hon. Secretary" shall mean the Honorary Secretary of the West Australian Pistol Association Inc.

"Pistol" or "Handgun" shall mean and include any firearm which falls within the definitions of a "handgun" as defined in the West Australian Firearms Act 1973 and Firearms Regulations 1974, hereinafter referred to as the Act.

"Club" shall mean a Club affiliated with this Association.

"Member" shall mean an Individual Member as defined in the Constitution of this Association.

"Club Pistols" shall mean those pistols owned by a Club and held on the Licence of one or more Club Members in accordance with these Regulations.

"Named Officers" shall mean those Club Members authorised by the Club to Licence Club Pistols.

"Licence" shall mean a Licence in accordance with the West Australian Firearms Act 1973 and Firearms Regulations 1974.

"WSPS" shall mean the World Shooting Para Sport.

"ISSF" shall mean International Shooting Sport Federation.

"NRA" shall mean National Rifle Association of America.

"PA" shall mean Pistol Australia (Inc.).

"WA1500" shall mean World Association 1500

## **2 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

Prior to membership being approved a Club Committee shall require new adult applicants for membership to provide a current National Police Certificate and, if deemed necessary by the Club Committee, two written character references from persons who have known the applicant for at least two years.

An applicant who has previously been expelled from another Club or had support for pistols withdrawn must disclose that information at the time of application, and the Club Committee must give due consideration to the previous circumstances before accepting membership.

## **3 APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO LICENCE PISTOLS:**

The procurement, licensing and use of firearms by members to fulfil the Objects of the Association shall be carried out in compliance with these Regulations and the Firearms Act and Regulations 1973 & 1974 respectively and as amended, and such other Acts and Regulations as may be relevant.

A Member of a Club may make application to the Committee of his/her Club for support to Licence Handguns subject to the following conditions:

- a) The Member has been a financial member of a Club for at least 6 months.
- b) If the Member has been a member of a Club for less than 12 months the application/applications shall not exceed two Handguns being either:
  - i one 0.177 air pistol and one 0.22 calibre handgun or
  - ii one 0.177 air pistol and one centre fire handgun and
- c) If the application is for a first handgun the Member has satisfactorily completed the Firearms Safety Training Course set out in these Regulations.

d) The applicant intends to comply with Club activity requirements.

Subject to meeting the above requirements, the Club Committee may issue to the applicant a completed Form 101 or equivalent Club Support Letter signed by the Club Secretary. Applications may be rejected at the discretion of the Club Committee.

Allowable types of Handguns and calibres are set out in Table 1.

All applications for approval to Licence Handguns may only be approved by the Club Committee and must be recorded in Club meeting minutes.

**TABLE 1**

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Calibre</b>	<b>Type</b>
ISSF & Pistol Australia Disciplines	4.5mm (0.177)	Single Shot, Self Loading
	5.6mm (0.22)	Revolver, Single Shot, Self Loading
	7.62mm – 9.65mm (0.30-0.38)	Revolver, Self Loading
	Black Powder (no calibre restriction)	Revolver, Single Shot, of Modern Manufacture ONLY
Single Action	Single Action Discipline 0.40 to 0.45	Single action revolver of traditional pre 1900 design of either original or modern manufacture
IMSSU Discipline Matches (Metallic Silhouette)	Rim Fire (0.22)	Scoped or unscoped Rim fire pistol Revolver, Single Shot, Self Loading
	Centre Fire (0.30 to 0.45)	Scoped or unscoped Centre fire pistol Revolver, Single Shot, Self Loading

**Notes:**

1. Handgun not to be capable of firing more than 10 rounds from the magazine without being reloaded
2. Barrel length to be not less than 100mm for revolvers
3. Barrel length not to be less than 120mm for self loading handguns
4. Handguns specially designed for target shooting may have barrel lengths of less than the lengths nominated in notes 2 & 3 above.

**4 REGISTER OF APPROVED HANDGUNS:**

Clubs will maintain an audited register showing Member details and details of all Pistols approved for Licensing by the Association. This register will include Club Pistols held by Members in accordance with Regulation 6.

Members must notify the Club Secretary of details of disposal of any Handgun within 14 days. This register will be provided to the Police on request.

**5 SHOOTING DISCIPLINES:**

The West Australian Pistol Association recognises the following Shooting Disciplines:

- a) ISSF Discipline Matches
  - 10m Air Pistol
  - Standard Pistol
  - 25m Rapid Fire Pistol
  - 25m Pistol
  - 25m Centre Fire Pistol
  - 50m Pistol
  - WSPS Pistol Matches
- b) Pistol Australia Discipline Matches
  - Service Pistol (service/unrestricted/25yd)
  - World Association 1500 Matches
  - NRA Action Pistol
  - Black Powder Matches (50m/25m/International)

- c) Single Action Discipline Matches
  - Centre Fire Match
  - Black Powder Aggregate Match (shot to BP25m rules)
  - 25 Yard Match (Shot to modified service 25 yd rules)
- d) IMSSU Discipline Matches
  - Big Bore Pistol
  - Small Bore Pistol
  - Field Pistol

Additional matches, which may be recognised from time to time, will be allocated to one of the four Disciplines above.

## **6 CLUB PISTOLS:**

Clubs may grant permission to not more than five Members to have charge of Club Pistols and hold them on their Licence in accordance with the following conditions:

- a) The Club Secretary shall give a letter to each officer selected, stating that they are Named Officers to hold Club Pistols and include details of the Pistols concerned.
- b) The Named Officers shall apply for licences under the Act (if they do not already possess one) or apply to their local Police Station to have the specific Pistols entered on their Licences in the normal manner, submitting with their application the letter referred to in paragraph (a) above.
- c) The Club shall immediately notify the WA Police Licensing Services of the Named Officers and the pistols concerned. Any changes of the Named Officers, including details of the pistols concerned, must be notified to WA Police Licensing Services.
- d) Club Pistols are only granted to the duly elected "Named Officers" individually and are "Not Transferable".
- e) Club Pistols can only be held by a Named Officer while that person is a financial Member of the Association and is not under suspension under the rules.
- f) Club Pistols can only be used on Club ranges or at officially organised and supervised shoots and practices in accordance with the rules.
- g) The Association has authority to vary permission for a Club to have Club Pistols and Named Officers.

## **7 JUNIOR SHOOTERS:**

The Committee of a Club may accept application for Junior Membership from any person providing the following conditions are fulfilled:

- a) The applicant must be under the age of eighteen years.
- b) The applicant must satisfy the Club Committee of their physical capability of holding and handling the Pistol in the required safe manner.
- c) The applicant shall submit with the application the full name and address of a consenting person who shall be a Member of the Club and who shall supervise the applicant at the firing point for the duration of the match. If the consenting person is not the parent or guardian of the applicant, the applicant's parent or guardian must provide written permission for the consenting person to supervise the applicant and the consenting person must possess a current Working with Children card.
- d) The applicant may not use any pistol designed to discharge a projectile unless he/she has attained the age of 12 years and has satisfactorily completed the Firearms Safety Training Course set out in these Regulations.

Subject to the adult referred to in sub paragraph (d) being acceptable, the Club Committee may issue an approval for the applicant to be admitted to the Club for the purpose of shooting when supervised on the range by the adult person referred to in sub paragraph (d) above.

The Junior shall remain supervised on the range by the supervising adult until the Club Committee is satisfied that the Junior is competent to be left under the direct control of the Range Officer.

Providing the Junior Shooter is physically capable of handling the firearm required for the specific match in a safe manner, a junior shooter who has attained the age of 12 years may shoot any matches conducted by this Association.

The Junior Shooter cannot make application to purchase a Pistol until attaining the age of eighteen years.

## **8 ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS:**

### **8.1 Minimum Activity:**

Members who have Licensed Handguns through this Association shall meet the following minimum activity requirements:

- a) If the Licence relates to one or more Handguns in a single Discipline, the Member must use one of those Handguns in at least 6 scheduled matches organised by the Club or Association on different days in each year.
- b) If the Licence relates to at least one handgun in 2 or more Disciplines, the Member must use a Handgun from each Discipline in at least 4 scheduled matches organised by the Club or Association for the Discipline on different days in each year.

A Club may impose within its rules activity requirements over and above these minimum activity requirements, and associated penalties. This section 8 specifies only the minimum requirements of WAPA.

### **8.2 Activity Requirements for Junior Shooters:**

Where a Member of a Club Licences a Pistol on behalf of a Junior Shooter, the licence holder is required to meet the minimum activity requirements set out in these Regulations.

### **8.3 Activity Requirements for Members With Cross-Licensed Pistols:**

Where a Pistol is licensed by two or more Members, the minimum activity requirements set out in these regulations must be met by all.

### **8.4 Activity Register:**

Clubs will maintain a register of all Member participation in scheduled matches. The register will record the date of each shoot, discipline and match as well as score achieved.

For the purpose of recording Member activity, the calendar year of 1 January to 31 December will be adopted.

Clubs will provide a summary of each Member's annual shooting activity to the Hon. Secretary by 31 January each year for submission to the WA Police Licensing Services.

The Activity Summary will be submitted on Form 102 (or similar) appended to these Regulations.

Club records in relation to Member attendance and activity will be subject to audit by both the Association and WA Police Licensing Services Division.

### **8.5 Waiver of Activity Requirements:**

A Club may waive activity requirements for a Member for continuous absence in excess of 6 months in any year provided:

- a) for the period of non activity the Member deposits any Licenced handguns with the WA Police Services, licensed firearms dealer or other approved body (authorised by the WA Police Services) for safe keeping;

- b) the Member provides proof of safekeeping in the form of a receipt from the WA Police Services or other body; and
- c) all applications and approvals are in writing.

Where a Member is granted a waiver of activity requirements, the required number of attendances at organised Club competitions will be reduced in accordance with Table 2.

Where a Member obtains a Licence part way through the year, the activity requirement shall be reduced in proportion to period the Licence has been held.

**TABLE 2**

Leave Duration	Activity Requirement			
	1 Discipline	2 Disciplines	3 Disciplines	4 Disciplines
Less than 6 Months	6	4 + 4	4 + 4 + 4	4 + 4 + 4 + 4
6 to 8 Months	3	2 + 2	2 + 2 + 2	2 + 2 + 2 + 2
8 to 10 Months	2	3	3	4
10 to 12 Months	1	2	2	3
Full 12 Months	0	0	0	0

**8.6 Default and Penalty:**

A Member who defaults in complying with minimum attendance requirements must be issued a letter by the Club requiring the Member attend a meeting of the Club’s Committee of Management and provide reasons for the non compliance.

The following actions are available to Clubs in relation to defaulting Members:

- a) Accept explanation for the non compliance without penalty to the Member (acceptance will only apply in cases where it was not possible for the Member to attend as a result of unforeseen ill health or relocation);
- b) Penalise the Member by imposing additional attendance requirements within a set time frame;
- c) Expulsion from the Club for failure to meet minimum activity requirements; or
- d) Withdraw the Club’s support for their pistols.

The Hon. Secretary must be notified of all actions in relation to defaulting Members.

Failure by the Member to attend the meeting as requested or to complete additional attendance requirements (b) must result in expulsion from the Club.

The Club shall advise the WA Police Licensing Services of all expulsions or withdrawal of support.

**9 HOLSTERS:**

To be eligible to shoot Service Pistol, Action Pistol or WA1500 matches from the holster, the Member must hold an appropriate holster Proficiency Card issued by the National Referee Council.

The Association Safety Rules set out in Regulation 17 define the use of holsters on the Range.

Shoulder holsters and cross draw holsters are not allowed.

Infringement of this Regulation will render the Member liable to be penalised in accordance with the WAPA Constitution.

## **10 TRIAL SHOTS AND USE OF MEMBERS' PISTOLS:**

### **10.1 Trial Shoots:**

Clubs are permitted to allow prospective Members trial shoots under the following conditions:

- a) That there is no known medical, mental health or legal reason that they should not handle or use a firearm and
- b) At any organised Club practice or coaching session on their approved range and
- c) Under the direct personal supervision of an experienced Club Member and
- d) Only after careful and specific instructions of the Association Safety Rules, range procedure and correct Pistol handling by an experienced Member.

### **10.2 Use of Members Pistols:**

Members and prospective members may not only use Club Pistols as specified in these Regulations but may also use privately owned Pistols, with the owner's expressed consent and in his/her presence on the range, but will not be allowed custody of the Pistol away from the range.

## **11 VOLUNTARY RECESS FOR INACTIVE MEMBERS:**

- a) A Member of a Club who has been a Member for not less than twelve months and who possesses a Licence for Handguns for use in Club competition may, if he/she has sold his/her Pistols, make application to the Club in writing for voluntary recess. In the event of the Club granting the Member's application it shall inform the Member by letter of its having approved the application for voluntary recess. The letter shall state the date upon which approval was granted and a copy of such letter shall be forwarded to the Association.
- b) In the event of a Member rejoining a Club within a period of 24 months from the date of approval of voluntary recess being granted in respect of such Member, the Member may apply immediately to purchase or take possession of Pistols by attaching the letter of approval referred to in subparagraph (a) hereof to the application to purchase.
- c) In the event of a Member rejoining a Club after a period of 24 months from the date of approval of voluntary recess being granted such person shall be deemed a new Member.

## **12 SHOOTERS FROM OUTSIDE THIS ASSOCIATION:**

A person who is a financial member of any Pistol shooting organisation within Australia may, upon becoming a Member of a Club in Western Australia, apply to such Club for an immediate Club support letter for Pistols in accordance with these Regulations, providing all the following conditions are fulfilled:

- a) The application shall be in writing.
- b) The applicant has a current Licence for Pistols for use in competition and the Pistols conform with these Regulations.
- c) The applicant has a clearance from the previous organisation, verified in writing by the Secretary of such organisation.
- d) The applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Club competence in range safety and Pistol handling.

Should the applicant fail to comply with all of the above-mentioned conditions, that person shall be deemed a new Member and be required to comply with Regulation 3.

## **13 WORKING WITH CHILDREN:**

- a) Club Committees must ensure their Members comply with the provisions of the *Working with Children Check (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004*.
- b) Range Officers and Members undertaking the coaching or instruction of juniors must have a current Working with Children Card unless:



- the Club has no junior Members,
  - it is expected that the Member will undertake these duties with juniors less than five times per year, or
  - the Member has a child who is also a Member of the Club.
- c) The Club must maintain a register of Members with a Working with Children Card. The register must include card numbers and expiry dates. The Club Secretary must provide a copy of the register to the WAPA Secretary on request.
- d) The Club must maintain confidential records of interim negative notices and negative notices and the corresponding action taken by the Club.
- e) The Club must ensure that any Member who:
- has a Negative Notice or Interim Negative notice,
  - has withdrawn an application for a Working with Children Check, or
  - has a conviction or pending charge for a Class 1 or Class 2 offence as defined by the Act, does not supervise, coach or instruct any junior.
- f) A condition of recognition as a WAPA accredited Club Coach or Range Officer shall be the possession of a current Working with Children Card.

#### **14 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS:**

No person, whether a member of the Association or not, shall:

- a) consume alcohol on any Club premises or environs unless in accordance with the provisions of the Liquor Licensing Act of 1998 and as amended, or the Liquor Licensing Regulations 1989 and as amended.
- b) be admitted to any range to shoot, if suspected by an Association or Club official to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

#### **15 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

- a) No Club may promote, conduct or advertise any competition as a 'State Championship' without the sanction of the Association.
- b) A Club which has been authorized to conduct a State Championships event shall comply with the terms and conditions set out in the application form provided by the Association and any further directives provided in writing to the Club.

#### **16 OPEN COMPETITIONS:**

- a) An Open Competition is one that is open to all members of affiliated Clubs and to members of Pistol Australia Incorporated.
- b) An Open Competition shall not be conducted without the prior sanction of the Association.
- c) A Club which has been authorized to conduct an Open Competition shall comply with the terms and conditions set out in the application form provided by the Association and any further directives provided in writing to the Club.

#### **17 ASSOCIATION SAFETY RULES:**

##### **17.1 GENERAL RULES:**

- a) A copy of these rules shall be prominently displayed on all WAPA ranges.
- b) All new shooters, prospective members, or visitors will be given instructions on handling, sighting and firing of a Pistol and instructions on Safety Rules 17.1 (d) to (k) inclusive.
- c) An experienced shooter shall stand with or close behind each novice shooter, until the Club Captain or his delegate considers that the novice is safe to be left under the control of a Range Officer during normal Club competition.

- d) Any person seeing anything relating to shooting that they consider unsafe shall immediately report same to the Range Officer, Club Captain or some person holding official Club or WAPA positions.
- e) Eye protection must be worn during shooting on all ranges.
- f) Ear protection must be worn during shooting on all ranges except for Air Pistol matches.
- g) No pistol shall be pointed at any person. The only exception shall be at any WAPA sanctioned coaching seminar and under the immediate supervision of a member of the State Coaching Council. The pistol shall be clearly demonstrated to be "safe" to all those in attendance.
- h) When at the firing line, the pistol must at all times point down the range towards the butts. At no time shall the pistol point to the rear, to the side or above the butts.
- i) No pistol shall be removed from the firing line until it has been checked and cleared by the Range Officer.

No pistol may be uncased unless:

- In a safe area
  - Under the control of a Range Officer or Jury member
  - Under the control of a Coach, Club Instructor or Club Trainer during a coaching session
  - On a range during practice or in competition
- j) Any person has the right to call "CEASE FIRE" or "STOP" if in their opinion a dangerous situation is imminent.
  - k) At the "CEASE FIRE" or "STOP" command all shooters shall immediately cease fire, unload and open the action of the pistol.
  - l) Any person creating a dangerous situation or handling Pistols in a dangerous manner either on or off the firing line shall be liable to be penalised.
  - m) Any ammunition used must be loaded within safe limitations for the handgun used and approved for use on the range.
  - n) All pistols and magazines, when not on the firing line, shall not be loaded with: live ammunition, blanks, dummies, empty cartridge case or any other device that could be seen to be live ammunition. This does not preclude the use of safety plugs.
  - o) When three or more persons are shooting together a Range Officer who is not shooting must supervise them.
  - p) ISSF/NRA/WA1500 /Pistol Australia Regulations as adopted by PA shall read as part of these rules, but where these rules are at variance with the Match Regulations the WAPA. Rules shall be the accepted rule at Club level.

## **17.2 ISSF MATCHES:**

- a) No pistol or magazine shall be loaded until the Range Officer gives the "LOAD" command.
- b) On the command "UNLOAD" or "CEASE FIRE"
  - all pistols must be unloaded with magazines removed and action open
  - all magazines unloaded
  - flag inserted into the breach
  - pistol and magazine are then placed on the bench.
- c) No person unless under the immediate supervision of the Range Officer and /or Referee shall be within one metre of the firing line while any persons are forward of the firing line.

- d) A pistol may only be put down only after all cartridge(s) and/or magazine is removed and action open. Air or gas pistols must be made safe by opening the cocking handle and/or loading port.
- e) Any shooter who touches a pistol or magazine except to unload them without the permission of the Range Officer, after the command "STOP" or "UNLOAD" may be disqualified.

### **17.3 SERVICE, WA1500, ACTION PISTOL MATCHES:**

- a) Suitable eye protection must be worn by all persons in the vicinity of the firing line during the conduct of the match.
- b) No pistol shall be loaded until the appropriate "LOAD" command is given by the Range Officer.

#### **During competition for WA1500 Match:**

Only after the command "6 ROUNDS LOAD AND HOLSTER" may a competitor load and holster the pistol.

During the match after the command "UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR" the pistol must be unloaded and once cleared by the Range Officer the competitor must holster the pistol. It must not be removed until the next command "~~ LOAD ~~".

At the completion of the match after being cleared, the pistol must be placed in a case or bag.

#### **During competition for Action Pistol Match:**

Once the command "LOAD AND MAKE READY" is given a competitor may load and continue to reload after each series.

On the command CEASE FIRING - UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR the pistol must be unload and cleared by the Range Officer before being placed in a case or bag.

At the end of competition all magazines must be emptied.

#### **During competition for Service:**

Once the command "LOAD" has been given a competitor may load and assume the appropriate start position.

On the command "UNLOAD" at the end of each series the pistol must be unloaded with the action open and magazine removed.

After the last series of the competition all magazines must also be emptied. Once cleared by the Range Officer the pistol must be cased or bagged before moving from the last position.

- c) No pistol may be handled while any person is forward of the firing line.
- d) During preparation time loading of magazines/ speed loaders is permitted. Only with permission and under the supervision of the Range Officer may magazines/ speed loaders be loaded whilst persons are forward of the shooting line.
- e) During the course of the competition unloaded pistols may be carried in a holster only while under the control of the Range Officer or Chief Range Officer.
- f) Loaded Pistols may be holstered only during and in accordance with the course of fire and under the direct command of the Range Officer.
- g) Competitors must have successfully completed an approved PA safe handling holster course and have possession of a current PA holster proficiency card prior to holstering a loaded pistol for either practice or in competition.
- h) Cross draw and shoulder holsters are not permitted.

### **17.4 BLACK POWDER MATCHES:**

- a) After a misfire the pistol must be pointed in a safe direction for at least 5 seconds for a revolver and 15 seconds for a single shot pistol.
- b) On the command "STOP" or "CEASE FIRE" pistols must be placed in either a half cock or other safe position and then discharged in safe direction under the direction of the Range Officer.

- c) All competitors, officials and spectators must wear safety glasses or other approved eye protection during loading and shooting.
- d) No smoking or naked flames are permitted within 10 metres of the firing line.
- e) During shooting, caps and powder must be covered.
- f) Special rules permit loading on a rear bench while people are forward of the shooting line. This is only permitted for the Rapid Fire Stage of 25m match and only when supervised by a qualified Range Officer.

#### **17.5 SINGLE ACTION DISCIPLINE:**

An experienced Black Powder Range Officer must supervise Single Action Discipline matches where participants are using cartridges loaded with black powder.

#### **17.6 METALLIC SILHOUETTE MATCHES:**

- a) It is mandatory that appropriate eye and ear protection be worn by all competitors, spotters, line officers and any other personnel on the designated firing line.
- b) During the course of fire, the firearm must be visible at all times so that its safe condition can be verified by a line officer, a referee or any other person.
- c) All actions must be open on the firing line except after the "Load" command is given.
- d) Firearms shall not be handled between stages.
- e) Upon the command "Make your firearms safe" shooters shall immediately put their firearms in a safe condition (unloaded, action open).
- f) When on the firing point, until it is removed, the muzzle shall point down range in a safe direction.

#### **17.7 SAFE HANDLING AREA:**

- a) No live ammunition may be taken into a Safe Handling Area.
- b) Pistols may not be loaded with dummy rounds or empty cases.

#### **18 INFRINGEMENT OF ANY OF THE SAFETY RULES:**

Infringement of any of these rules may render the offender liable to penalties being imposed by the Committee in accordance with the WAPA Constitution.

#### **19 ORGANISED COMPETITION:**

Clubs shall provide sufficient organised shooting competitions/events to allow Members to comply with the Minimum Activity Requirements set out in Regulation 8.

#### **20 REPORTING TO POLICE:**

Clubs shall provide a written report to Police of any serious concerns relating to a Member's fitness to hold a Firearm Licence.

Reports are to be provided to the Manager, WA Police Licensing Services with a copy provided to the Hon. Secretary.

#### **21 REVOKED OR SUSPENDED LICENCES:**

When a Club becomes aware that a Member's firearms licence has been revoked or suspended as a result of the improper use of a firearm, a violent offence or the issue of a Violent Restraining Order (VRO), the Club must refuse the Member from using any firearm at the Club.

The Hon. Secretary is to be notified in writing of Members who have had their Firearms Licence revoked or suspended.

## **22 INCIDENT REPORTS:**

Any shooting incident, such as:

- a) injuries to any person from any projectile discharged from any firearm,
- b) injuries to any person due to a firearm disintegrating or parts blown off when firing a shot,
- c) any firearm which disintegrates as in (b) above but no person is injured, or
- d) any discharge of a firearm in circumstances that had the potential to cause injury to a person or property,

occurring on any Club range and/or involving any Member, Member of another association, visitor, or member of the public shall be reported to the Hon. Secretary as follows:

The Club President or his authorised deputy shall:

- a) immediately notify the WAPA President, Hon. Secretary or Director of the State Referee Council, and
- b) within fourteen days of the accident submit a written report to the Hon. Secretary stating the date and nature of the incident/occurrence, names and addresses of persons involved, firearms involved; and any other relevant information.

## **23 FIREARM SAFETY TRAINING COURSE:**

New Members must satisfactorily complete a WAPA approved Firearms Safety Training Course prior to making application to the Committee of his/her Club for approval to licence first Pistols.

### **23.1 Scope of Course:**

Topics included in the course will, as a minimum include:

- a) Safe handling of pistols both on and off the range
- b) Knowledge of the operation of the types of handgun used in matches shot by the Association
  - i Air Pistols
  - ii Self Loading Pistols
  - iii Revolvers
  - iv Single Shot Pistols
- c) Knowledge of WAPA and Club specific Safety Rules
- d) Instruction on safe carriage of firearms
- e) Understanding of Match procedures and Rules
  - i Air Pistol
  - ii 25M Standard Pistol
  - iii 25M Centre Fire/Sport Pistol
- f) Minimum of 2 sessions of live fire training on a one on one basis with a nominated experienced Club Member
- g) Participation in at least 4 organised Club shooting competitions
- h) Completion of a multiple choice examination paper in relation to items (a) to (d) inclusive

### **23.2 Club Trainers:**

Persons qualified to carry out training of new Members will be either:

- a) Qualified Range Officer
- b) Accredited Club Instructor (or Coach with higher qualification)
- c) Where qualified Club Instructors, Coaches or Range Offices are not available, the Club Committee may appoint Club Trainers who must have at least 2 years shooting experience.

### **23.3 Training Register:**

New Members training shall be recorded on the training register "Form 103" setting out their training activities. The register must be signed off by the Range Officer or nominated Club Trainer at each stage as proof of attainment.

Members applying to Licence a first Pistol must have a completed training register with the application to the Committee of his/her Club.

### **ADOPTION:**

These Regulations were adopted at the West Australian Pistol Association Management Committee meeting 218 held on 31 October 2003 and amended at the following West Australian Pistol Association Management Committee meetings:

- Meeting 251 held on 11 May 2007;
- Meeting 280 held on 13 August 2010;
- Meeting 280 held on 13 August 2010;
- Meeting 364 held on 11 June 2018.