# WAPA Drugs Policy

**WAPA cares about drug use in three respects:**

- **The use of performance enhancing drugs that contravene the Target Pistol Australia Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy;**
- **The safety consequences of impairment of shooters who have taken recreational drugs or particular medications; and**
- **The safety consequences of the impairment of shooters who have not taken prescribed medication.**

1. Members and visitors must present themselves in a fit condition before handling and using firearms on a range. This includes not be under the influence of recreational drugs or medications which impair safe handling or judgement.
2. Target Pistol Australia and its affiliated State Associations, clubs and members are bound by the Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy, published on the Target Pistol Australia website.
3. While only top level shooters are likely to have to submit to performance enhancing drug testing, the following people are required to educate themselves on anti-doping rules:
    - Any athletes included in Registered, National or Domestic Testing Pools;
    - Any athletes and support personnel competing or involved in International or Declared events, championships or competitions;
    - Any athletes and support personnel competing or involved in leagues subject to User Pay testing
    - Any athletes and support personnel returning from an Anti-Doping Rule Violation sanction;
4. All Target Pistol Australia accredited coaches are required to undertake education on anti-doping fundamentals. Club administrators are recommended to undertake the same free education.
5. Coaches must ensure that any up-and-coming shooters become familiar with anti-doping rules well in advance of reaching the level at which they might be tested.
6. Club administrators and coaches must be aware that complicity in a doping offence (such as turning a blind eye) is itself an offence which can lead to a four year ban from involvement in any sport in any capacity.

Approved at meeting 436 on 9 May 2025