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Participation Requirements for Club Members

Persons obtaining a firearms licence with club membership to support their genuine reason must comply with the participation requirements and activities as prescribed by clause 96 of the *Firearms Regulation 2006*.

This FACT sheet provides information on participation requirements for Sport/Target Shooting, Recreational Hunting/Vermin Control and Firearms Collection.

What are the participation requirements for Sport/Target Shooting club membership for pistols?

A licence holder who is a member of an approved pistol club must participate in at least 6 club organised competitive shooting matches over each period of 12 months that the licence is in force **AND** for each type of pistol you possess for different shooting events, you must undertake at least 4 club organised shoots.

There are three types of pistols for the purpose of minimum participation requirements:

Air pistols

Centrefire pistols

Rimfire pistols

What are club organised competitive shooting matches and club organised shoots?

A club organised competitive shooting match is a competition arranged and run by the club or a visiting club where scores are kept and results recorded.

Competitive shooting matches can be counted as a club organised shoot.

Officiating in a competitive shooting match counts towards satisfying participation requirements for a competitive shooting match in that reporting year.

A club organised shoot includes any training or target practice undertaken at the club's shooting range.

EXAMPLE

A licence holder who owns three air pistols, one centrefire pistol and three rimfire pistols is required to participate in 12 club organised shoots per annum (that is 4 Club organised shoots per kind of handgun). Club organised shoots includes training and practice sessions held on the club's pistol range. However, the licence holder must still participate in at least 6 competition shooting matches. Those competition shoots may be spread across the different kinds of handguns that are licensed.

Kind of Pistol owned	No. of each type of Pistol owned	Competition Shoots undertaken	Club Organised shoots undertaken	Total
Air Pistol	3	1	3	4
Centrefire Pistol	1	3	1	4
Rimfire Pistol	3	2	2	4
Total		6	6	12

What are the participation requirements for Sport/Target Shooting club membership for longarms?

A licence holder who is a member of an approved shooting club must, over any 12 month period that the licence is in force, participate in no less than 4 shooting competitions conducted by any approved shooting club OR

Attend a shooting range where any approved shooting club conducts shooting activities, on no less than 4 occasions for shooting practice.

What are the requirements for Hunting Club membership?

A licence holder who is a member of an approved hunting club must participate in no less than 2 events in any 12 month period that the licence is in force.

The events must be approved by your own hunting club or by any other approved hunting club and involve hunting, shooting or firearms safety training.

Where a licence holder has both club membership and permission to shoot for the genuine reason of RHVC, clause 96 participation requirements do not apply.



What are the requirements for Collecting Club membership?

A licence holder who is a member of an approved collector's society or club must attend the club's annual general meeting, or at least one other meeting over any period of 12 months that the licence is in force.

What if I am a member of more than one club?

If you are a member of more than one approved club for any one discipline, you must nominate your principal club and notify the Commissioner in writing of your nominated principal club.

This may be done when you make application for your firearms licence. The genuine reason forms provide nomination of your principal club.

It is the club members responsibility to inform the principal club of activities attended at a club other than their principal club.

You must report all shooting activities to your principal club in writing within each annual return period.

Your principal club will notify the Firearms Registry of those club members who do not comply with their participation requirements within the club's 12 month reporting period (as prescribed by Clause 96 of the *Firearms Regulation 2006*).

Are there any other obligations I have as a licence holder with club membership?

Yes - You must notify the club in writing of any change in your personal details, such as name and address, within 14 days.

You must notify the Firearms Registry of your change of address within 7 days.

If you cease your club membership and can no longer support your genuine reason for holding a firearms licence, you must notify the Firearms Registry within 14 days.

What if I do not complete my required number of shoots in any 12 month period?

Persons who hold a firearms licence with club membership supporting the genuine reason for that licence must comply with the prescribed number of shooting activities as outlined in Clause 96 (1) of the *Firearms Regulation 2006*. The only exception to these annual prescribed club shooting activities is for a person who has hunting club membership AND permission to shoot on property.

It is the individual club member's responsibility to:

- * Notify the Firearms Registry of their principal club for each discipline, AND
- * Notify their principal club of club activities and shoots conducted at clubs other than the principal club.

If you have not complied with the prescribed legislative requirements for shooting activities in relation to your club membership, and you can not prove to the Commissioner of Police satisfaction that compliance was not reasonably practical in the circumstances, your firearms licence may be revoked.

Where can I find more information?

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the *Firearms Act 1996* and the *Firearms Regulation 2006*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

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