



Pistol Australia members use semi automatic pistols for the following events:

President:

David Jones

In the ISSF matches (Olympics, Commonwealth Games and World Championships):

1. Sport pistol;
2. Rapid Fire;
3. Centre Fire; and
4. Standard Pistol.

Secretary:

Robert Boutcher

Other matches Pistol Australia shoots (World championships):

1. Service Match;
2. Metallic Silhouette;
3. Action Pistol; and
4. All other revolver matches.

Affiliations:

As per our meeting, Pistol Australia would support the following changes to legislation:

Australian Shooting Association (ASA)

- The introduction of a six (6) month minimum probation period (approval period) before first pistol can be purchased. This first pistol should only be a .22 calibre pistol or air pistol. This would allow the member time to prove themselves as an appropriate club member, and become known to their fellow club members and executive. This also ensures they are familiar with the styles of events in which they can participate. By implementing this change, Clubs have an appropriate amount of time to review each member, before full membership is granted.

Australian Olympic Committee (AOC)

Australian Commonwealth Games Association (ACGA)

- The introduction of a twelve (12) months (*inclusive of the above mentioned six month probation*) waiting period before a centre fire pistol can be bought. Shooters need to justify the purchase of such a pistol by reference to a particular series of matches. If there is no suitable match then there is no reason to have that pistol. The very nature of target shooting is such that you aim to do well in a particular discipline or disciplines.

Oceania Shooting Federation (OSF)

- The introduction of a limit to membership of one club only for pistol ownership (*you could use your pistols at, and belong to other clubs, but application to buy, would be to one club only*). That club must be affiliated with a national body that shoots pistol matches. The rationale for this is that it would stop people joining multiple clubs with the intention of acquiring excessive amounts of pistols. Club permission would have to be given to the shooter for each and every pistol they intend to buy. The permission would be only given if it could be demonstrated that this type of pistol is suitable for their chosen event.

Sport Industry Australia (SIA)

- The introduction of a limit to 10-shot magazine capacity.
- The extension of the attendance requirements to six (6) attendances in any one (1) calendar year. This takes into consideration the rural nature of some clubs.
- At the end of the twelve (12) month probationary period for any new member, the club is to give the Firearms Registry a written (*simple*) report detailing the probationary member's attendance record and other information that may be relevant to that member's application.
- Authorise registries to supply handgun ownership details on club members to club officials, where concerns about a member exist.
- Mandatory reporting to authorities by health workers of any professional concerns regarding patients with firearms.
- Those people disadvantaged by a change to legislation that acts to restrict or eliminate an event for which they legally possess a handgun should be financially compensated for any loss of that firearm or associated components.

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