



20 May 2020

NSWRA affiliated Rifle Clubs and members can now train subject to compliance with rules set by the NSW Government and guidance provided by Sport NSW, the NRAA and the AIS.

Our objective is safe operation. It is important that all members act responsibly in the conduct of our sport. Choosing to ignore protocols or not taking them seriously could place our sport at risk of restrictions. We have summarised the rules and guidelines below.

Detailed additional guidance will apply to operations on Malabar and Hornsby ranges.

These guidelines will likely change in coming months and will be subject to change.

To minimise the risk of contracting or transmitting COVID-19, at all times:

- Do not attend any sport if you are unwell and experiencing symptoms (no matter how mild) such as a cough, sore throat, fever, fatigue or shortness of breath;
- Do not attend sport if, in the last 14 days, you have been unwell or had close contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19;
- Anyone who is unwell should see a doctor in accordance with NSW Public Health Authority guidelines.

In NSW, government restrictions from Friday, 15 May 2020 include:

- A total of ten (10) people may gather outdoors;
- A maximum of 500 people in any single venue at one time;
- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times (i.e. 1.5m apart);
- Change rooms to remain closed – toilets may be available for use. If a toilet is accessed via a change room, the toilet may be used, the change room may not;
- Indoor gatherings (unless exempted, such as supermarkets, schools, or workplaces) are not permitted.
- Outdoor sport only - no indoor sport at any time.

Sport NSW guidance is:

- A basic rule of “arrive, play sport, leave”
- All participants are strongly encouraged to download the Government’s CovidSafe app;
- Gathering as a group before or after sport is not possible;
- No close contact or tackling is allowed as it is within 1.5m;
- An area of 4m² is required per person (i.e. a minimum of 40m² for 10 people);

- There may be more than one group of 10 people at the same time at the same outdoor venue providing that clearly defined and separated areas of more than 40m² for each group are allocated;
- No 'mixing' of people between separate groups of 10 people;
- Coaches, referees and spectators are included with participants in the total number attending (i.e. a maximum total of 10 people);
- Spectators or people providing transport should remain in their vehicle or leave the venue where possible.

Applying these to our sport, and including NRAA guidance:

In addition to complying with the above rules and guidelines:

- Until June 1, attend your own/local range only. After that, as agreed with the destination club.
- **Only NSWRA or SSAA members (if SSAA is operating on the site) should be permitted access to ranges.**
- Operate with only one shooter per firing bay/lane (ie 3 - 4 metres separation and 6-8m²). Only shooters are to be on firing point.
- At least 1.5 metres is kept between all attendees (and at least 4m² per person) in all areas.
- The following activities are not to occur:
 - close coaching on the firing point (whether skills or teams)
 - sharing of gear
 - instruction of new shooters/Come and Try activities/P650 supervision
 - Firearms Safety Training
 - assisting other members with their equipment (unless it is a critical safety issue)
 - erection of shade structures
- Manage employee safety in accordance with the Safe Work Australia COVID-19 guidelines.
- Personal protective measures are to be observed.
 - Wash hands and/or use sanitise before and after each activity.
 - Regular use of sanitiser on shared equipment between each use.
 - Bring your own hand sanitiser.
 - Range hardware (including monitors) disinfected between handling.
- No congregation in clubhouses.
- Payment of any fees in cash should be done by providing the correct amount (no change) – electronic payment is encouraged.
- Maintain compliance with all safety aspects of standard shooting rules.
- Each club is responsible for risk assessing its operation and applying additional measures if necessary.

Further guidance

- Communicate this guidance to all members before they attend.
- Set up bookings or pre-agreed timeblocks for attendance if you expect more than 10 attendees.
- Give absolute priority to the safety and well-being of participants, especially for those over 60-years of age. People at a higher risk of severe illness (aged over 70 and/or with chronic medical conditions or compromised immune systems) are should consider remaining at home.
- Contact local Police, providing these guidelines before you commence activities.

Resources

SportNSW guidance <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/sportnsw/files/frylnqfj4fvgwe5p.pdf>

NRAA Guidelines <https://nraa.com.au/uncategorised/nraa-covid-19-update-11th-may-2020/>

National principles for the resumption of sport

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-national-principles-for-the-resumption-of-sport-and-recreation-activities>