



PISTOL SHOOTING QUEENSLAND (QUEENSLAND AMATEUR PISTOL SHOOTING ASSOCIATION LTD)

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PATRON:

Kevin Rudd MP
Member for Griffith

AFFILIATIONS:

Pistol Australia
Queensland Olympic Council
Queensland Shooting Association
Australian International Shooting Ltd

PRESIDENT:

Michele Sandstrom

ADMINISTRATOR:

Sharyn Petersen

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS TO QAPSA MEMBERS

NATIONAL AND STATE HEADQUARTERS LIAISON AND COMMUNICATION

- **State Administrator.** QAPSA employs one part time paid staff member, the State Administrator, to provide advice, liaise, coordinate and promulgate information between:
 - Members, Clubs and Zones;
 - Team Managers and discipline Coordinators;
 - Qld Referee Committee and Qld Coaching Committee;
 - Executive and Management Committees;
 - Other state pistol associations;
 - Pistol Australia and national discipline coordinators;
 - Australian International Shooting Limited (AISL);
 - National Referee Council and National Coaching Council;
 - Queensland Olympic Committee;
 - Department of Communities: Sport and Recreation Qld, State and Regional Offices;
 - Regional Councils;
 - Queensland Police Service;
 - Weapons Licensing Branch,
 - Ranges and Galleries Section,
 - Legislation Development Unit,
 - Queensland Shooting Association
 - Commission for Children and Young People;
 - Dept Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRM & E);
 - Qld Events Corporation;
 - Premiers Department and Office of the State Governor;
 - Australian Sports Commission (ASC);
 - Dept of Education and Training (DETA);
 - Australian Securities and Industry Commission;
 - Australian Tax Office;
 - Womensport Queensland;
 - Sports Connect; and
 - International Paralympic Committee (IPC)
- **Liaison and Representation on behalf of all Members and Clubs.** Board members voluntarily represent QAPSA at regular meetings and conduct direct liaison with other organisations involved in issues affecting the sport of pistol shooting.
 - **Pistol Australia.** QAPSA is the only recognised State Sporting Organisation (SSO) which is consulted by PA as the peak state body for the sport of pistol shooting. PA is a member of the AISL, which has links to international shooting organisations such as ISSF, IMSSU, NRA, CGA and the IOC.
 - **AISL (Australian International Shooting Ltd)** QAPSA is affiliated with AISL, through its affiliation with Pistol Australia. AISL is funded by and linked to the Australian Sports Commission, and is the body with which the government consults regarding the shooting sports.

- **Department of Communities.** QAPSA is a recognised State Sporting Organisation (SSO) which is consulted by the Queensland Government Department of Communities as the peak state body for the sport of pistol shooting. Funding through the State Development Program is only available to recognised SSOs.
- **Q Sport.** QAPSA is a member of Q Sport and is recognised as the peak state body for the sport of pistol shooting. Q Sport represents all sports directly to the Qld State Government.
- **Qld Shooting Association.** QAPSA is a member of QSA which is a consultative group made up of delegates from all state shooting associations, except SSAA (Qld). QSA is the main contact avenue for direct liaison with Queensland Police Service.
- **Qld Police Service (QPS).** QAPSA is in regular consultation with several departments of the QPS:
 - **Weapons Licensing Branch (WLB).** QAPSA consults directly to WLB through bi monthly meetings.
 - **Ranges and Galleries Section.** QAPSA consults directly through bi monthly meetings.
 - **Legislation Development Unit (LDU).** QAPSA is consulted directly by QPS LDU as it is one of only three SSOs to which it refers all matters concerning Category H firearms.
- **Weapons Act Review Panel.** QAPSA Ltd has a representative on the panel for 2009 - 2010, to review the Weapons Act. This Review occurs every five years.

FUNDING FOR CLUBS

- **QAPSA Support to All Clubs.** The State Administrator provides individual letters of support and advice to clubs for funding applications through the Gambling Community Benefit Funds and the SRQ Club Development Programme.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- **Public and Product Liability and Personal Accident Insurance for every member.** Insurance from the time you leave home to attend pistol competitions or club activities, and return to your home, both within Australia and overseas, whether shooting, officiating, coaching or attending working bees.
Discount on domestic insurance currently available through our insurers for AISL (ie QAPSA Ltd/PA members) affiliates.
- **Directors and Office Bearers Insurance for Committee Members (Association Liability).** Insurance for volunteers in the conduct of official business on behalf of their club and QAPSA where all members are affiliated. This is provided by Pistol Australia.
- **Documentary Evidence in Support of Lease Arrangements for every Club.** QAPSA annually provides copies of insurance policies/certificates of currency to all clubs to assist with compliance requirements for incorporated bodies. Specific inclusions for Lessors and Lessees are negotiated with the Insurer on behalf of clubs.

- **Risk Management Policy for every Club.** QAPSA has sent an extensive Risk Management Policy template to all clubs as a model for development. A Government requirement, to be reviewed and adopted by the club annually.
- **Member Protection Policy for every affiliated member:** QAPSA Ltd has adopted the AISL Member Protection Policy which can, in turn, be adopted by individual clubs as their Member Protection Policy. Registered Member Protection Information Officers for QAPSA are Michele Sandstrom (President) and Sharyn Petersen (Administrator). A Government requirement, to be adopted formally each year.

COMMUNICATION

- **Pistol Australia Bulletin.** Every member receives four issues of the national magazine.
- **Qld Pistol News (QPN) to every household.** The QPN is QAPSA's regular quarterly magazine with news on all the happenings from around the state, competition entry forms, shooting calendar, rule changes, for sale ads, reports, club news and results, Top Shots, etc which is posted to every household.
- **QAPSA Newsletters and Minutes to every Club.** Regular monthly QAPSA newsletters, minutes of meetings and financial reports are sent by email and post and are available on the website, to clubs through a login process.
- **Official News sent to every Club.** Access to Weapons Licensing Branch newsletters, Qld Shooting Association minutes, Pistol Australia minutes, and promotional material from Sport and Recreation Qld and other Government Agencies that deal directly with recognised State Sporting Organisations is sent to clubs by email and post.
- **Member Participation Cards/Booklets.** Booklets are available through the Qld State Development Squad at a nominal cost to the club.
- **Membership Affiliation cards:** Cards are issued annually at renewal time, and on a daily basis throughout the year as clubs advise of new members. New members are sent a welcome letter outlining what the Association can do for them.
- **Club Visits by Board Members:** These visits began in 2006 and will continue on a regular basis, to promote a closer relationship between clubs and QAPSA Management.
- **Promotional brochures** have been issued to each club, to be used for new members and/or promotional days conducted by the club. More are available on request.
- **Promotional DVD:** QAPSA Ltd is developing a promotional DVD to be given to each club, for use as a promotional and educational tool in the wider community and for prospective members: available mid 2010. Sections will be available on the website.
- **State-wide advertising:** State-wide advertising began with a half page ad in the April 30 2009 Queensland Country Life 'Shoot' supplement. Media coverage of selected events around the state began in mid 2010 and will rotate around the clubs conducting major events.
- **QAPSA merchandise:** New Pistol Shooting Queensland shirts and caps now available.

PATHWAY TO STATE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

- **Sanctioned Competitions.** QAPSA supports all clubs to conduct sanctioned pistol competitions and provides accredited referees/judges or designated officials to ensure match results are recognised by QAPSA and Pistol Australia for State and National Top Ten, State and National Development Squads, Talent Identification and Team Selection.
- **Top Shot Records.** QAPSA supports the State Classification Officer to maintain and publish the Top Shot results (to top 15 places) for members via the QPN.
- **Qld State Development Squad – QSDS.** QAPSA supports the Team Managers and Coordinators to conduct development camps for all disciplines, team selection trials and provide logistic support to team training and representative competitions.
- **IPC events:** QAPSA/Pistol Australia and AISL give IPC (International Paralympic Committee) athletes the opportunity to compete at all levels of competition – from club events through to the Olympic Games. No other pistol association can give this pathway.

COMPETITIONS

- **Qld State Championships.** QAPSA conducts State Championships in:
 - ISSF 10m Air Pistol, 50m Pistol, 25m Pistol (Women, Junior, ISCD), 25m Rapid Fire, 25m Standard Pistol, 25m Centre Fire
 - PA Black Powder, Service Pistol, Service Pistol Unrestricted, 25 Yard Service and WA 1500 Match events
 - Metallic Silhouette Rimfire and Centrefire
 - International 1920 Match

All these events cater for men, women, junior and ISCD competitors

- **Australian Shooting Games, Masters Games, Oceania, Commonwealth and Olympic Games.** QAPSA supports state, national and international events when hosted in Queensland.
QAPSA Ltd is the host association for the 2010 Pistol Australia ISSF, Black Powder, Services and WA 1500 National Championships.
- **Access to RIKA Scoring Machine.** The Office has two RIKA target scoring machines available on loan to assist clubs to conduct their competitions. It is provided free of charge with the borrower responsible for transport costs.

TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION

- **Registered Training Organisation.** QAPSA is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) under the Dept of Education and Training (DET): Course Approval # 30655.
 - QAPSA is one of only three SSOs authorised to conduct the Weapon Safety Course through its network of accredited Trainers across the state.
 - The provision of training provides new members with a statement of attainment to obtain their Category H licence.
 - QAPSA financially supports its Trainers to upgrade or gain qualification.
 - QAPSA members doing the WSC are given a discount rate.

- **Qld Referee Coordinator.** QAPSA supports the QRC to:
 - Maintain a stock of rule books in all disciplines for sale to members.
 - Provide sanction numbers for Club Open Competitions.
 - Coordinate the provision of accredited officials to attend sanctioned matches.
 - Forward scores to Pistol Australia for all sanctioned matches.
 - Represent Qld at National Referee Council Meetings.
 - Provide Range Officer training material and practical assistance in conduct of Range Officer and Referee courses and seminars in all areas of the state.
 - Range Officer and Judge courses are free to affiliates.
- **Qld Shooting Association – Range Operator Courses.** As a member of QSA, all members and clubs are eligible to attend the Range Operator courses conducted by QSA at no cost.
- **Range Officers.** QAPSA is the only State Sporting Organisation sanctioned to train Range Officers and Referees who can then progress to gain Pistol Australia (national) accreditation and ISSF/MS/NRA (international) accreditation.
Updated Range Officer Guides for all ISSF and Pistol Australia events are sent as laminated copies to all clubs when the rules are reviewed and changed.
- **Holster Accreditation.** QAPSA Ltd has Holster Accreditation trainers who can test and issue QAPSA/Pistol Australia holster accreditation.
- **Accredited Officials.** The pathway to recognised accreditation in Officiating is only available through State Sporting Organisations to National Sporting Organisations to the Australian Sports Commission.
- **Blue Card for Working with Children.** QAPSA is recognised as an accredited State Sporting Organisation with the Qld Commission for Children and Young People. QAPSA processes applications for criminal history checks, free of charge for members, to enable them to obtain the Blue Card which is legally required when working with children under 18 years of age, both officiating and coaching.
QAPSA maintains a database of all Blue Card holders working within our sport.

COACHING

- **Recognised State Sporting Organisation.** QAPSA is the only state sporting organisation sanctioned to train Pistol Coaches under the Australian Sports Commission National Accreditation Scheme (NCAS).
- **Qld Coaching Coordinator.** QAPSA supports the QCC to:
 - Coordinate the provision of accredited officials to attend coaching camps.
 - Represent Qld at National Coaching Council Meetings.
 - Provide coaching material and practical assistance in conduct of coaching courses and seminars in all areas of the state.
 - Coaching is provided to all clubs, on request, free of charge to affiliated members.
- **Coaching Accreditation.** The pathway to recognised accreditation in Coaching is only available through State Sporting Organisations to National Sporting Organisations to the Australian Sports Commission.

- **Junior Development.** QAPSA supports the:
 - Conduct of annual junior development camps: PA and AISL level.
 - Financial assistance for selected juniors to attend interstate development camps and the PA and AISL camps.
 - Coordination of the Junior Rookie Squad.
 - Conduct and organisation of QAPSA Junior Camps.
 - Conduct of junior events, at all levels of competition, throughout the state.
 - Funding of a QAPSA Junior Team to the annual Youth Nationals in Sydney.
 - Funding of a QAPSA Junior Team to all National Championships, where the junior/s have met selection criteria requirements.

- **Access to SCATT Computer Analysis Training System.** The State Coaching Director has two SCATT machines available on loan to assist members to improve their skills. These are provided free of charge with the borrower responsible for transport costs.

ANNUAL AGM CONFERENCE

- Held each year in Brisbane: in 2010 November 20 - 21.
- Two delegates from each Full Member club are fully funded to attend. One vote at the AGM.
- One delegate from each Partial Member is fully funded to attend. No vote at AGM, but can attend and speak at the meeting.
- Sections by: Queensland Police Service; Insurers, Department of Communities; grant writers; legal advisers; promotional advice; Range Operators; Open Forum, and more.

AWARDS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Volunteer Awards:** Quarterly award – nominations to come from clubs for their special volunteers.
- **Veteran Awards:** Awarded at the ISSF State Championships each year: initiated in 2008.
- **50 000 Shot Week:** Fundraiser for the Cancer Council of Queensland