

GENERAL RULES OF COMPETITION.

These following rules shall apply to all OPEN competitions endorsed by the NSWMLA, with the exception that if a host Club considers a variation of these rules is essential to an event, such variation is to be advertised on the shooting programme.

1. A minimum of four (4) contestants will be required to form a competition in any event.
2. No person shall handle a firearm without the owner's permission.
3. No person shall unnecessarily disturb other shooters while loading or firing.
4. Coaching is not permitted, except for tyro juniors.
5. All firearms used in the competition are to be legal, registered, approved for use on the particular range and be of a type permitted for the event.
6. All persons competing in firearms events shall hold a current New South Wales shooter's licence or its legal equivalent, endorsed for the appropriate category of firearm and the genuine reason of Target Shooting.
7. Shooters intending to use firelocks (match locks, wheel locks or flint locks), shall have the firearm fitted with a functioning flash guard.
8. Shooting mitts or jackets of "small-bore" or "full-bore" competition type, designed to give the shooter steadiness in aiming, are not permitted.
9. No firearm will be loaded, primed or caps snapped until the command "RANGE OPEN" is given.
10. Firearms will be carried with the muzzle pointing upwards and above the shooters head when proceeding to or from the firing line.
11. Capping/flashing off may only be carried out on the firing line during the "RANGE OPEN" condition, or as directed by the R O.
12. Muzzles must be pointed down range or at the ground immediately to the front of the firing line during capping or flashing off.
13. No competitor will change firearms during a match unless it has been disabled and the R O has authorized a substitution. All shots fired up to the time that a disabled claim is made will stand as part of the official score.
14. No firearm shall be used in any competition if it is ruled to be unsafe by the RO.- Any firearm that continues to malfunction despite three (3) efforts being made to fix it, shall be deemed unsafe.
15. Any physically handicapped shooter who cannot fire from the prescribed shooting positions outlined in these rules, or who must use special equipment when firing, may seek permission from the R O to assume a special position or to use modified equipment.
16. Slings may be used in any open (Class 3),category event. Slings are expressly prohibited in Traditional (Class 2) or Military (Class 1) rifle events, except for the Military Application match held at Hill End during Easter.
17. Artificial support is only permitted during a 'cross stick', "moses stick" , "bench rest" or "over the log" match.
18. Match specifications must be available to all shooters prior to the event.