



Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Inc

Postal Competition Rules

(Effective 1st January 2023)

1. All competitions will be shot under the International governing body or Pistol Australia rules, as accepted by the VAPA for those matches.
2. Teams shall be as follows:
 - ISSF men's events, Service & ICORE – 3 members
 - ISSF women's events, Black Powder (all matches) - 3 members
 - Practical – 3 members.
 - Action Pistol – Open 3 members
 - Action Pistol - Metallic Sights – 2 members
 - ISSF junior events – 1 member
 - WA1500 match rev – 3 members
 - WA1500 match pistol - 2 members
 - All other 1500 matches - 2 members (see 15)
3. Team Membership: The following matches have restricted Team membership:
 - Ladies Sport Pistol: Senior and Junior Females and Junior Males.
 - Ladies Air Pistol: Senior and/or Junior Females only.
 - Junior Air Pistol: Junior Males and Junior Females only.
4. Juniors: Must be less than 21 years of age on 31st December of the year prior to the competition.
5. Clubs are allowed to select their own teams by whatever method they see fit to use. Scores of team members competing in Open Competition on a scheduled postal Competition date will be accepted.
6. All scoring will be done ONLINE by 5.00 pm on the Thursday following the scheduled date of the event for that round, (Except in the case that a club does not have WEB access. Special arrangements will be made with Postal controller to have them entered)
7. Late scores will not be accepted, nor will telephone scores. (See attached for special consideration in the case of an extreme weather event or inability to score on line).
8. If there is any query regarding a problem with online scoring. The Postal Controller must be notified before 5:00 pm on the closing Thursday.
9. In case of any disruption to the online scoring system special arrangements will be made between the Competition Controller and Club Captains.
10. Match dates may be brought forward at the club's convenience. All matches may be shot and scores entered at any time during the Postal cycle (typically 6 weeks. Practical, ICORE and 1500 are not explicitly mentioned on the calendar as they have always been shot at any time in the round.). Delays may be requested on the following grounds only:
 - vandalism,
 - breakdown of equipment,
 - Act of God.



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11. Members are eligible to represent and compete for any Club, provided their principal club (through which they are capitated to VAPA) does not have a team in the event in the Postal Competition. However, the member may not compete for more than one club in any one event.
12. The competition shall be conducted by the Competition Controller who shall, after approval by the Committee of Management of the VAPA, set the team entry fee for the ensuing competition at a level deemed to be appropriate for the viable conduct of the competition.
13. ACTON MATCH: will consist of Practical, Barricade, Falling plates and Modified Mover events. Score sheets must show each shooters score in each of the events as well as the total and the Team total.
14. PRACTICAL and ICORE: Clubs may enter both Open and Standard Divisions.
NOTE – a team member may NOT compete in both divisions in the same competition (i.e. in the same round or in the final (even if eligible for both). Match packages will be distributed before the start of each round.
15. WA1500 matches see page 5 for summary of new match rules, these are all holstered matches
16. Awarding of Division Pennants is based on a points system whilst the Premiership is based on the results of the Finals competition. Eligibility for the Finals competition is based on aggregate off-gun scores.



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Division Pennants.

1. Teams in each event will be graded into divisions depending on previous performances. New teams will be graded by the Competition Controller. The divisions will be selected by the Competition Controller. New teams are advised to send a list of proposed competitors and their grades in the events they will be competing in, to assist in grading. As a general rule there will be a maximum of 6 teams in any one division.
2. A “Grade allowance” will be made for lower grade teams in order to even out the level of competition. Allowances will be as follows: M and A – 0 points, B – 1 point, C – 3 points, D – 5 points.
The “team” grade will be decided by the competition controller- whose decision will be final - and will be based on the grades of the team members in each round.
If a team member’s grade is not advised on results sheets the grade will be assumed to be A.
3. Match points will be awarded based on the total team score, as follows
1st – 6 points, 2nd – 5 points, 3rd – 4 points, 4th – 3pts and so on.
The team grade will be added to give the total Match points for the round. team grade will be added regardless of the team placing. The team with the highest aggregate Match points at the end of the competition will be awarded the Division Pennant.
4. TIES: In the event of a tie for a pennant (2 or more teams having equal match points) then the team with the highest aggregate Match Points at the end of the competition excluding any points due to grade allowance in the last round will be awarded the Division Pennant. Aggregate points will be counted back in this way, round by round, until the tie is broken.



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Premierships.

1. The four teams with the highest aggregate scores in each event will compete in a Final match under VAPA supervision, competing shoulder to shoulder at a venue to be decided.
2. Clubs may opt out of the Finals at any time before or during the season.
3. If one of the top four teams cannot field a team in the finals, and so advise the competition controller, the teams placed 5th and /or 6th may be invited in rank order to take their place. (The intention is to have four teams at the finals in each event.). If less than 3 teams willing to take part in the Postal Final competitions, then a final in that event will not be held and trophies will not be presented.
4. A list of team members (according to Rules 2, 3 & 4) must be handed to the Competition Controller at least one week prior to the start of the final competition.
5. Finals Team Members may comprise only members who have competed at least once in that team, in the event/s for which they have been nominated, during the preceding Inter Club Postal Competition rounds.
6. Shooters nominated as team members for Postal Finals must shoot each event for which they have been nominated. Where a club has more than one team in any one finals event a team member may only be nominated for one of the teams in that event.
7. The Team posting the highest score in each event at the Final Match will be the Premiers for the year in that event. The Premier Team will in each event receive a Gold medallion for each team member, with a Silver medallion for 2nd place team members and a Bronze medallion for 3rd place team members. VAPA also awards the VAPA shield and a Premiership Pennant to the first place team in each event.
8. In computing the premiership average for each team, scores submitted for the 4 rounds will be totalled.
9. **TIES:** In the event of a tie for 4th place in a premiership final the team with the highest score in Round 4 will be invited to attend the finals.
10. **FINALS:** In the event of a tied score in any event by teams in the Finals Match, the International governing body or Pistol Australia rules and regulations, as accepted by VAPA, will apply.



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WA1500 Matches – recent changes.

There have been some changes to WA1500 as we know it in Australia. To ensure we all stay informed here is a summary:

A. There are now eight WA1500 matches:

- WA1500 Revolver (no changes)
- WA1500 Pistol (no changes)
- WA1500 Optical. This involves your regular Pistol or Revolver with the addition of a scope or dot. You cannot modify or remove sights to add dot or scope.
- WA60 Open Match is a 60-shot match using any legal gun (within the rules)
- WA60 Distinguished Revolver. Another new one – uses a standard 6-inch revolver with factored ammunition, adjustable sights allowed. You must use a 158g projectile with a minimum of 110,000 power factor.
- WA60 Distinguished Pistol. 5-inch pistol with adjustable sights. Any projectile can be used but must make a minimum power factor of 120,000.
- WA48 Standard Revolver 4inch. This is a 48-shot match with a stock standard gun and factored ammunition. You must use a 158g projectile with a minimum power factor of 80,000. Adjustable sights allowed as per manufacturer with no external modifications.
- WA48 Standard Semi Auto. 5 1/2inch semi auto, fixed sights, minimum power factor of 120,000. Any projectile can be used.

B. The 1500 match uses 6 targets – the last 2 targets are the same as the 60-shot match. That means when competitors start shooting the 150-shot match, at the end of the 4th stage (35-second series), those shooting the 60-shot match can join in.

C. It is common overseas for matches to include revolver and pistol shooting in the one match – they don't have to have separate matches. Club choice.

D. VAPA approved all these additional matches in 2021 and they were contested this years State Championships at Outtrim.

E. Pistol Australia have approved all eight matches to be contested at Nationals from 2024.

F. Grades. The grades stay as they are but there are now three categories.

- a. Revolver: whatever your grade in 1500 Revolver is, that's your grade for all revolver matches.
- b. Pistol; as above for all pistol matches.
- c. Optical. This is a new category and is graded independently.

G. Warm-up shots are allowed in 150 shot matches as usual, with 60-shot matches warm-ups allowed at 50 yards only at the discretion of the Match Director / Club, there is no warm-up for 48-shot matches.