# MEMBERSHIP POLICY

## NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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| **Policy Name:** | **Membership Policy** |
| **Commencement Date:** | 5 November 2025 |
| **Policy Coverage:** | Policy outlining requirements for NRAA Membership |

## 1. General

Every person who engages in or officiates at a National Rifle Association of Australia (NRAA) activity, except for persons of paid employ and who are covered by way of their employer for Workers Compensation, or like policy, is required to hold "primary membership" of the NRAA, as defined in this policy.

(1) Every person who engages in or officiates at any level of the NRAA, affiliated State and Territory and/or affiliated Club activity, including activities governed by Standard Shooting Rules (SSR) must be a current financial member of the NRAA (*meaning having paid the required annual membership fee and being listed on the Register of Members)*, through their State or Territory Association, and a State or Territory affiliated Club.

(2) The membership status of persons who fall outside, or are not clearly defined by this Policy, shall be determined by the Board of the NRAA (in its absolute discretion).

(3) Any potential new member may participate for a probationary period of six (6) months and up to 15 shooting activities as an Authorised Visitor. During this period, these persons are not eligible to enter open competitions. Once these limits have been reached, they will be required to become a member of the NRAA, through a Club affiliated with a State or Territory Association, provided that the Club has approved their membership application.

**Rationale:** This ensures that people who engage in target shooting as defined in the SSRs or who officiate in an NRAA activity are appropriately covered by the NRAA' s insurance policy.

## 2. Primary Membership

A person's **primary membership** is defined as membership of the Club through which State or Territory and NRAA affiliation fees are paid.

Primary membership may only be obtained through a Club which is located within the State or Territory of the member's legal residence and comply with the following criteria:

(1) A person may hold "primary membership" of only one NRAA State or Territory affiliated Club.

(2) A resident of Australia with no Australian Citizenship and not registered on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll will have their state affiliation determined by their legal residence except where special reasons apply as in item (3).

(3) In reference to State Border Clubs, members must reside within a 50 km radius except in the case of a Club which, because of special reasons, is approved and recognised by State authorities to be affiliated to a State Association located in another State or Territory.

(4) NRAA Junior membership is defined as persons under the age of 25 years as at the first of July each calendar year.

(5) NRAA Senior membership is defined as persons 25 years of age or over as at the first of July each calendar year.

(6) Where a member is actively participating in shooting activities or is required to physically have contact with a firearm and/or ammunition through a role such as a range officer, trainer, mentor or wind coach then the person must hold a valid firearms licence or permit.

## 3. Secondary Club Membership

**Secondary club membership** is defined as social membership for which a Club membership fee, but no other fees are payable as the member already holds a primary membership. A person who holds “primary membership” may also hold “additional club membership” of as many NRAA and State and Territory affiliated Clubs as the member wishes whether they are located in the member’s State or Territory of legal residence or not.

## 4. Representative Status

A member is entitled to represent only the Club, the District Association to which the Club belongs (where applicable), and the State or Territory through which their “primary membership” fees are paid.

An exception is where the conditions for a match as promulgated by the promoting body clearly indicate otherwise, for example in combined teams (where two or more Clubs or Associations combine) or composite teams (comprised of multiple members having primary membership of different Clubs or Associations).

Where a member changes their State or Territory of legal residence, they may continue to represent their previous Club or District (where applicable) and State or Territory:

(1) for a period of three months: OR

(2) until their transfer or application for membership in their receiving State or Territory of legal residence is received and registered by their receiving State or Territory Association and the member has been notified in writing, whichever is the sooner.

For representative purposes, Queensland Rifle Association and North Queensland Rifle Association will be determined and defined by the Statutory Rules of those Associations.

## 5. International Membership

A person who is defined as an international visitor to Australia and who wishes to participate in activities conducted under NRAA Standard Shooting Rules must first be granted membership of NRAA to ensure that they are covered by insurance. International visitors will be granted membership of NRAA if they are deemed suitable by the appropriate State or Territory Police Force to hold a temporary/visitors firearms permit.

An international visitor is defined as a person meeting one or more of the following conditions:

(1) not a current member of an NRAA affiliated State or Territory Rifle Club
(2) not an Australian citizen
(3) not registered on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll
(4) not a resident of Australia

Process:

(1) The Visitor must apply to the NRAA through the NRAA Website and subscribe for ‘international membership’ of the NRAA.
(2) A fee will be charged to the Visitor.

(3) The NRAA will record the Visitor's details and issue a Shooter Identification number (SID). The SID will be provided to the State, Territory, District Association or Club which is conducting the competition.
(4) The 'international membership' will cease on 30th June of each year or after 6 months, either of which provides the Visitor the longest period of membership.

## 6. Event Membership

Event Membership (One-Day Pass) provides insured participation for a specified event day at Club or District Open Prize Meetings (and approved introductory formats) conducted under NRAA Standard Shooting Rules. Eligibility requires a current firearms licence/permit; the host Club/Association and the State/Territory may decline entries on safety, capacity or discipline grounds. Event Membership is event-bound and date-bound; the credential (QR + temporary SID) is valid only for the nominated event day and expires automatically after the event (administrative deactivation may occur within 30 days for audit closure). While on Event Membership, no titles, no perpetual trophies, no national records and no grading points accrue. Application and payment are completed via the NRAA portal; a single fixed fee, set by the NRAA, is payable to cover insurance and administration. No State or club levy applies to Event Membership; hosts retain event entry fees and may include a reasonable visitor administration component within their entry if required. Event Membership does not grant general range/practice access or member rates outside the named event.

## 7. Reciprocal Rights with New Zealand.

Australia and New Zealand have negotiated a reciprocal agreement. Any competitor attending an event or competition conducted under NRAA Standard Shooting Rules who holds an NRA of New Zealand membership will be exempt from the International Membership fee.

## 8. NRAA Supporter Membership

NRAA supporter membership is to encourage participation in rifle shooting sport administration by persons not holding a firearms licence.

(1) NRAA supporter membership is administered by the NRAA and the State and Territory Association of which membership is sought.
(2) Persons who hold a NRAA supporter membership are non-shooting members and are ineligible to participate in the physical act of shooting or to physically contact firearms and ammunition or to be on the firing point/mound.
(3) NRAA Supporter members are not eligible for representation in NRAA endorsed international teams.
(4) NRAA Supporter membership provides coverage to State and Territory Associations and the NRAA for insurance purpose.
(5) Fees will be determined by the NRAA and defined as per NRAA Affiliation fees.

## 9. Use of Images

Persons who are financial members of the NRAA, acknowledge and consent to the taking of photographs and electronic images at shooting events and other activities during the period of their membership.

Photographs and images may be used by the NRAA for promotional, marketing, or other purposes and to promote the sport of target rifle shooting in general. These photographs and images may continue to be used by NRAA beyond the period of membership. For more detail refer to the NRAA Social Media Policy.

## 10. Acceptance of Policies

NRAA has a range of Policies which are applicable to financial members of the NRAA. These Policies seek to protect and maintain the wellbeing of everyone involved in the sport of Target Rifle Shooting as administered by the NRAA.

Financial members of the NRAA are bound to comply with the NRAA's policies as a condition of membership. The Policies can be viewed **here** and click on About>Policies.