



# Membership Policy

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## Membership

### General

Every person who engages in or officiates at any NRAA activity, except for persons of paid employment and who are covered by way of their employer for Workers Compensation, or like policy, will hold “primary membership” as defined in this policy.

1. Every person who is a member of an Australian Rifle Club and who engages in or officiates at any level of Fullbore and other disciplines competition as governed by Standard Shooting Rules (**SSR**) and promoted by any of NRAA’s entities must be a financial member of both NRAA and their State Association.
2. The membership status of persons who fall outside, or are not clearly defined by this Policy, shall be determined by the Board of 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 NRAA and their State 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 NRAA’s insurance policy.

### Primary Membership

A person’s “primary membership” is defined as membership of the Club through which State 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:

1. A person may hold “primary membership” of one Australian Rifle Club only.
2. The legal residence of a person under the age of 18 will determine their State affiliation except where special reasons apply as in item (5).
3. 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 (5).
4. 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.
5. NRAA Junior membership is defined as persons under the age of 25 years as at the first of July each calendar year.
6. NRAA Senior membership is defined as persons 25 years of age or over as at the first of July each calendar year.

**Rationale:** This encourages junior shooters to remain within the sport when they are typically finishing tertiary or trade education and are now in their first year of employment and are not necessarily financially stable.



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## 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 Australian Rifle Clubs as the member wishes whether they are located in the member’s State or Territory of legal residence or not.

## Representative Status

A member is entitled to represent only the Club, the District Association to which the Club belongs, and the State through which their “primary membership” fees and affiliation fees are paid.

Except where the conditions for a match as promulgated by the promoting body clearly indicate otherwise. For the purposes of National Competition (eg the Merrett Match) this rule will be enforced.

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

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 Association office and the member has been notified whichever is the sooner.

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

## International Membership

A person who is defined as an international visitor to Australia (i.e., not an Australian Citizen) and who wishes to participate in NRAA sanctioned activities must 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.

Process:

1. The Visitor must apply to NRAA through the NRAA Website and subscribe for ‘international membership’ of the NRAA.
2. A fee as determined by the Board, will be charged to the Visitor.
3. NRAA will record the Visitor’s details and issue an SID. The SID will be provided to the S&T who are conducting the competition.
4. The ‘international membership’ will cease at 30 June of each year or after 6 months, either of which provides the Visitor the longest period of membership.

## Reciprocal

### Rights with New Zealand.

Australia and New Zealand have negotiated a reciprocal agreement. Any competitor attending an NRAA Sanctioned event that holds an NRA of New Zealand membership will be exempt from the international fee.



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## **NRAA Supporter Membership**

The introduction of the NRAA supporter membership is to encourage participation in Coaching, Officiating and Administration by non-shooting members.

1. NRAA supporter membership is administered by 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.
3. NRAA Supporter membership provides coverage to State and Territory Associations and NRAA for insurance purpose.
4. Fees will be determined by the NRAA Board and defined as per NRAA Affiliation fees.