



AUSTRALIAN RIFLE TEAM PALMA MATCH SOUTH AFRICA, 2023



Hi Everyone,

It is with great honour that I have been appointed Captain of the 2023 Australian Palma Team to be held at Bloemfontein, South Africa. Nominations have been called for coaches and shooters.

The closing date for nominations is 30 June 2021.

As we are all aware, we are in very different and somewhat trying times with the effects of COVID-19 being felt all over the World. We are very mindful of this and can assure you that your safety and wellbeing is at the forefront of our minds.

After numerous discussions, the Management group have concluded that a standalone trial for the first selection process would be the best option, this is to alleviate the pressures of extended stays and employment constraints that are more prevalent during this time.

The intention is to hold a trial over a weekend in October at a suitable venue and date to be confirmed later in the year once we have confirmation from State Governments on freedom of movement and Health and safety advise.

From this selection trial an initial Palma squad of 24 shooters, five coaches and a master coach will form the Palma Development Squad. It is my ambition to have this development squad which is not too large to manage to build a high performance mentality/ability within the group as hopefully the group will be a mix of experienced international shooters and some new talent.

The Palma Development Squad will then be required to attend a further trial, the date and location for this will be advised at the end of 2021 once we have more information.

The Palma Team will be selected after this event; however, I intend to have the "fifth squad" (coach and shooters) continue to train and have full barrel and tech. support in order to allow a larger developed pool of High Performance members to draw on as first replacements in necessary and for the benefit of future Australian Teams.

In view of the above I feel that regional training weekends would assist in helping keep the cost and time off work to a minimum, however full team training weekends will be scheduled.

Sincerely
Darren Enslin
Captain
Australian Rifle Team 2023