

For many years, Australian men and women in the sport have achieved success in international competition, winning many team and individual medals in such major world events as the Commonwealth Games, World Championships and Olympic & Paralympic Games.

The sport is supported by the Australian Government through Australian International Shooting Limited and the Australian Sports Commission.

Please contact your local club or State Association for further details on how you can get involved, and start to enjoy the sport of Smallbore, Air Rifle and Benchrest shooting.

Make it a family day and have the time of your life experiencing this challenging and most enjoyable sport.

Whether you are interested in the sport purely as a social activity or whether you want to meet all the challenges and pursue a goal to represent your state or country, Smallbore and Air Rifle Shooting has something for you.

Are **YOU** up to the Challenge?

SMALLBORE & AIR RIFLE SHOOTING

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Smallbore and Air Rifle shooting is an Olympic and Paralympic sport enjoyed by thousands of people throughout the world. Age or gender are not dominating factors for success in this sport. Target shooting is the ideal sport for everyone

Throughout Australia men, women and juniors all participate together in a variety of competitions. This means the whole family can enjoy a sport together. As in many other sports, a grading or handicap system usually exists.

There are clubs in both metropolitan and country areas and most have club rifles and all the other necessary equipment for loan to help visitors and new members get started in the sport.

For advice on visitor regulations and licensing requirements, contact your local club or Police Weapons Licensing branch as regulations vary between states.

SAFETY IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE
Club shooting always takes place under the watchful eye of a qualified Range Official. All new members are coached individually in range safety procedures and firearm proficiency until they are considered competent.

Our clubs have very high safety standards, and safe firearms handling becomes a habit for every member.

SMALLBORE RIFLE

Events can be either indoors or outdoors depending on the club range and the match.

The most popular event in Australia is the Prone event which is 60 shots at the 50 metre range in the lying down or prone position. Many clubs also shoot events at 20 metres and these are often indoors during the cooler winter months.



The Kneeling Position

By far the most challenging event is the Three Position match which is shot in the kneeling, prone & standing positions.

Men shoot 40 shots in each position while women shoot 20 shots.

Coaching by qualified and experienced coaches is readily available for visitors and members.

AIR-RIFLE

Air-rifle is also an Olympic event and is shot indoors, standing, at a distance of 10 metres with a .177 calibre target air-rifle.

Air-rifle is a very challenging sport and an excellent and cost-effective way of introducing beginners and juniors to the sport of shooting.



Air Rifle

BENCH REST

Smallbore bench rest is quickly becoming a very popular event throughout Australia.



Bench Rest

It is shot seated at a bench with the rifle fully supported by rests - hence the name 'bench rest'.

Many shooters use specialised bench rest rifles but any .22 rim-fire rifle with a scope is suitable. Bench is enjoyed by shooters of all ages but as it is much less physically demanding than other disciplines, it is particularly popular with more senior shooters.

SHOOTING FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

Smallbore and Air Rifle shooting are also enjoyed by disabled shooters. Shooters are classified according to their level of disability.

The rifles used are the same as those used by able-bodied shooters. Allowances are then made with regard to extra equipment needed to enable shooters to compete.

Paralympic events shot by disabled shooters are 50 metre Prone and 50 metre 3 Position (.22 rim-fire) and 10 metre Prone and 10 metre Standing air-rifle. (.177 calibre).

