



**PERTH LEVER ACTION
RIFLE CLUB Inc.**

**CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS
AND
OFFICAL CLUB RULES**

**INCLUDING HANDGUN,
SHOTGUN, HUNTER
CLASS BENCHREST, COWBOY LEVER
ACTION SILHOUETTE SECTIONS**

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PERTH LEVER ACTION RIFLE CLUB INCORPORATED CONSTITUTION

1 NAME OF THE CLUB

The name of the club shall be:

PERTH LEVER ACTION RIFLE CLUB INCORPORATED.

2 OBJECTS

(a) To foster a better environment for participation in Lever Action Rifle Shooting.

(b) To provide a means and a central place of meeting for the exchange of knowledge of firearms, ammunition, and Lever Action Rifle Shooting.

(c) To promote, support or oppose any action likely to affect the sport of shooting.

(d) To educate members in the art of shooting, safe handling of firearms and general knowledge of the laws relating to shooting.

(e) To raise the sporting shooter in public esteem by promotion of better understanding between the public, landowners & shooters.

(f) To encourage fellowship amongst members of this club and other shooting clubs by initiating, promoting and endorsing general social functions and the activity of responsible field use of firearms by members either as individuals or in groups formed through the aforementioned fellowships.

(g) To do all such lawful things as may be conducive to the extensions of or incidental to the attainment of the aforesaid objects, including the competitions for firearms of a kind and in a manner calculated to enhance the sport of shooting in the Perth Lever Action Rifle Club Incorporated.

3 POWERS

For the purpose of achieving or furthering these objects the club shall have power:

- (a) To purchase, sell, hold, lease or rent real or personal property.
- (b) To borrow, raise or secure the payment of money to secure the re-payment or performance of any debt, liability, contract or guarantee incurred, or to be entered into by the club.
- (c) To enter into any arrangements with any government or local government authority or instrumentality.
- (d) To employ, hire or engage managers, clerks, secretaries, workmen, curators, coaches, or other persons.
- (e) To invest the monies of the club in any authorised trustee investment.
- (f) To make gifts or give prizes.
- (g) To affiliate or associate with any other shooting clubs or other sporting associations.
- (h) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the objects of the club.

4 INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income and property of the club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the club and no member shall have claim upon any portion of the income or the property of the club, provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith or remuneration to any officer or employee of the club or to any person. Nothing in the foregoing provision of this rule prevents the payment in good faith to a servant or member of the club "remuneration in return for services actually rendered to the club by the servant or member in the ordinary course of business".

5 AFFILIATION

The club shall be affiliated to the "Sporting Shooters Association of Australia W.A. Incorporated".

6 MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the club shall be open, at the discretion of the committee, to all persons interested in shooting who are current financial members of the "Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Incorporated" and shall consist of the following classes:

- (a) Adult
- (b) Junior
- (c) Life
- (d) Honorary
- (e) Non-Shooting
- (f) Non-Financial

7 JUNIOR MEMBER

Is any member who has not yet reached the age of 18 years, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the club except the right to vote and hold office.

8 LIFE MEMBERS

(a) The committee may recommend for Life Membership any member who has rendered special service to the club. Such recommendation must be put to a General Meeting and shall be carried by a 75 percent majority of the members present.

(b) A Life Member shall pay only Range Fees BUT shall be entitled to all the other privileges of the club.

(c) No more than two members shall be eligible for recommendation as Life Members in any one financial year.

9 HONORARY MEMBERS

The committee shall have power to admit a person to Honorary Membership on a temporary basis.

10 MEMBERSHIP AWARD

A Membership Award shall be presented to any member who has been a financial member of the club for ten consecutive years and multiples thereof. This award will exclude non-shooting members.

11 MERITORIOUS AWARD

To be awarded at the discretion of the committee for outstanding services rendered.

12 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A member shall cease to be a member if:

- (a) They resign
- (b) Fails to pay any subscription within 6 months of it being due
- (c) Is suspended or expelled

13 FINANCE & SUBSCRIPTIONS

(a) The fiscal year of the club shall be from November 1 to October 31 of the following year.

(b) Entrance fee and annual subscriptions for each class of membership to increase annually to a maximum of 5%, at the Committee's discretion. An adult couple will be entitled to a discount on the annual subscription, an adult couple being husband and wife or the equivalent thereof.

(c) Applications for membership shall be submitted on a form approved by the committee, together with the entrance fee and annual subscription for the class applied for.

(d) Annual subscriptions shall be due by 1st November of each fiscal year. Any member who has not paid the annual subscription by November 1st shall be deemed to be a Non-Financial member of the club and shall be subject to a late payment fee of \$20.00. Non-Financial members will not be permitted to vote or to use any of the range facilities beyond that extended to visitors.

(e) A pro-rata annual subscription shall be paid on joining during the fiscal year.

(f) Members on leave of absence shall pay a pre-determined subscription and on return be subject to the annual subscription as in (e) above.

14 RESIGNATION

A member must give no less than one calendar month's notice in writing to the secretary of intention to resign and shall not be entitled to any refund of entrance fee, subscription or levy paid, or to make any claims on the funds of the club.

15 SUSPENSION - EXPULSION

(a) Any member of the Perth Lever Action Rifle Club Incorporated who fails to observe the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the club, or whose conduct in the opinion of the committee is prejudicial to the interests of the club or the sport of shooting, may be suspended or removed from membership of the club by a majority of at least two thirds of the full committee called for that purpose, and seven days notice shall have been given to all members of the committee and to the member whom it is proposed to be suspended or expelled.

(b) The member who is proposed to be suspended or expelled may attend such a meeting for the purpose of being heard and to offer an explanation for his or her alleged conduct, if he or she desires.

(c) An appeal shall lie to a Special General Meeting which shall be called by the committee at the request in writing of the member within seven days of the committee's decision.

(d) On appeal from a decision of the committee, the Special General Meeting of club members may make such resolution as it may see fit to allow or disallow the appeal in whole or in part or may vary the decision of the committee.

(e) Where a member has been suspended such a member shall be deemed to be not a member during that period until such time as his or her suspension is lifted.

(f) Any member who is suspended or expelled shall not be entitled to refund of any fees.

16 OFFICERS OF MANAGEMENT

(a) The club shall, at each Annual General Meeting, elect members to the following positions to form the Management Committee:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Membership/Public Relations Officer
6. Club Captain
7. Official Scorer/Trophies
8. Targets Officer
9. Running Boar Officer
10. Handgun Captain
11. CLAS Captain

(b) Any Life Member and/or Adult financial member of the Perth Lever Action Rifle Club Incorporated shall be eligible to serve on the Committee of Management.

17 COMMITTEE

(a) The administration of the club shall be the responsibility of the committee.

(b) The committee shall have power to form sub-committees.

(c) The committee may co-opt members onto the committee to fill any casual vacancy that may occur.

(d) The committee shall hold meetings once a month. Additional meetings may be called by the President or three committee members at any time.

(e) Four days notice shall be given of a committee meeting in any manner convenient to the secretary.

(f) The committee shall arrange for annual inspections of facilities for White Ant and other pests.

(g) The committee shall arrange, and renew annually, insurance of the club rooms and contents.

(h) By special resolution a ceiling of \$500.00 is put on committee on capital items before it must be submitted to the members. Expenditure above \$500.00 may be voted on at a Lever Action Rifle Sunday morning Shoot briefing provided that a minimum of twenty adult members are present and the expenditure must be passed by a seventy-five percent majority of the vote. Any expenditure and vote must be noted by the Secretary and recorded in the following month's Committee Meeting Minutes.

18 QUORUMS

(a) The quorum of a committee meeting shall be six (6).

(b) The quorum for all general meetings shall be twenty (20) financial adult members of the club.

19 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held within two months before December 31 of each year on a day and place determined by the committee.

(b) Should there be insufficient Members at the Annual General Meeting to form a quorum the Committee reserves the right to cease all Club shoots until the Annual General Meeting is held.

(c) At no time will the Annual General Meeting be held before the club's Annual Windup and Presentation Night.

(d) The business to be transacted shall be:

1. To receive the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
2. Business arising from those minutes
3. President's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Tabled notices of motion
6. Election of new committee
7. Patron
8. Appointment of Auditor/s
9. General business

20 NOTICES OF MOTION

May be transacted at any General Meeting by any member, but must be in writing and given to the secretary at least one calendar month prior to that General Meeting, and which shall appear in the Agenda Notice convening that meeting.

21 NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

The secretary shall give all members at least seven days notice in writing, with an Agenda, of all General Meetings.

22 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

May be called in any one of the following ways:

- (a) By resolution of the committee
- (b) By petition in writing by at least seven (7) financial adult members
- (c) By the President
- (d) By resolution at a previous General Meeting
- (e) Only agenda items will be discussed

23 CHAIRMAN OF MEETINGS

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings and in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside. In the absence of both the above a committee member shall be elected to preside.

(b) The Chairman at any meeting shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

(c) The Chairman of all meetings can dismiss any persons from such meeting if behaving in a disorderly and offensive manner.

24 VOTING

(a) With the exception of Committee Meetings, at all meetings each financial adult member shall have one vote and all resolutions, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of 75 percent of the members present.

- (b) All members can enter into debate, and ask questions, but all matters must be conducted through the chair.

25 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- (a) The secretary, or in their absence, another member, shall keep and record, in the Official Minute Book, the minutes of all General Meetings and Committee Meetings, and display same on notice board within fourteen (14) days.
- (b) The Minute Books shall remain in the custody of the secretary at all times, but shall be available for inspection by any member at a time and place convenient to the secretary.
- (c) No existing minutes shall be changed, altered, written on or interfered with at any time.

26 FINANCE

- (a) The Treasurer shall cause true accounts to be kept of all monies received and expended on behalf of the club.
- (b) A balance sheet containing a summary of the assets and liabilities of the club, together with a statement for the preceding year, shall be made out and submitted to the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The accounts shall be audited by an Auditor.
- (d) The committee shall conduct its financial transactions through a bank or other financial institution.
- (e) All cheques shall be signed by any two (2) of the following:
1. President 2. Secretary 3. Treasurer 4. Vice-President
- (f) In the case of family related members who hold any of these offices, cheques cannot be signed by both relatives.
- (g) The accounts shall be open to inspection by any member upon giving reasonable notice to the treasurer, at a time and place convenient to the treasurer.

27 AUDITOR

One or more auditors shall be appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting in each year to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

28 COMMON SEAL

The club shall have and use a common seal inscribed with the name of the club which shall be held in the custody of the President and it shall be used or affixed to any document after authority by resolution has been given by the committee. The affixation of the seal shall be witnessed by the President and any two (2) members of the committee.

29 VISITORS

(a) All competing visitors shall pay a range fee as determined by the committee and may compete no more than 8 times in any one year. This also applies to non-shooting members.

(b) Any member of the club may invite visitors and be responsible for their conduct.

30 ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(a) The Constitution and By-Laws of the club may be amended, added to or repealed by a Special Resolution which requires a seventy-five percent majority vote of adult members entitled to vote and present at a General Meeting called for that purpose.

(b) All members shall be issued with a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws and Official Club Rules.

31 DISSOLUTION

(a) The club may at any time be dissolved by a Special Resolution with the consent of a majority of seventy-five percent of the members present and entitled to vote at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

(b) If upon the dissolution or winding up of the club, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among the members of the club, but shall be given or transferred to some other Association or Institution

having objects similar, wholly or in part of the objects of the club, and which shall prohibit distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members. Such Association or Institution shall be determined by the members of the club at or before the time of dissolution or winding up, or in default thereof or if and in so far as effect cannot be given to such determination, then such payment or distribution shall be given to some charitable organization for charitable purposes.

PERTH LEVER ACTION RIFLE CLUB INCORORATED BY-LAWS

1 RIFLE AND EQUIPMENT

The rifle will be any lever action repeating rifle fitted with metallic sights only, having a magazine capacity of at least 4 rounds, and will be any calibre, centrefire or rimfire. The committee reserves the right to prohibit the use of any rifle and/or ammunition considered by the committee to be unsafe, illegal, or in non-compliance with the aforementioned specifications.

2 CLUB SUPPORT FIREARMS (RIFLE)

(a) Application for a restricted firearms licence may be made on a standard form of application through the secretary after a qualifying period of two (2) months of active participation in club shoots.

(b) Should any member who has obtained a firearm on licence by club support fail to attend club shoots for a period of twelve (12) consecutive weeks without written explanation, notification to the relevant authorities may follow after one caution from the committee.

(c) Upon receiving one caution, a member is obliged to attend club shoots no less than once a month for a period of six (6) months following such caution, unless exempted by the committee.

(d) The committee is required to notify the "Sporting Shooters of Australia W.A. Incorporated" State Executive of any members who fail in their obligation, or whom it is considered upon reasonable cause, no longer worthy of club support.

3 SAFETY COURSE

Persons upon applying for membership of the club shall attend at least one shoot, and their competency shall be subject to the approval of a Safety Officer before membership is approved by the committee.

4 RECORDS OF APPLICATION

The club shall keep and maintain an up to date record of all firearms applications and support forms of members.

5 REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The club shall keep and maintain a register of the names and addresses of all members.

6 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

A member of the club shall, within fourteen days, notify the committee of such change of address, **contact phone number and email address**.

7 SALE OR DISPOSAL

Members with Association support of firearms shall inform the committee of any sale or disposal within fourteen (14) days.

8 SHOTGUN SECTION

(a) There shall be a section of the club known as the Shotgun Section.

(b) Entry into the Shotgun Section shall be open to any member who possesses or has access to a Shotgun. Should you wish to compete in this section and have not shot rifle prior to this event will have until 1pm at the latest to sign the register.

(c) The committee reserves the right at all times to disallow the use of any shotgun or ammunition considered to be unsafe or illegal.

9 HANDGUN SECTION

(a) (a) There shall be a section of the club known as the Handgun Section.

(b) Entry of members in to the section shall not be automatic upon joining the club, but shall be subject to acceptance by the committee on an application for membership of the Handgun Section.

(c) SSAA (WA) Inc. By-Laws Section 24 HANDGUNS. The committee may accept an application for entry in to the Handgun Section from Members who have been regular participants of the rifle club for a twelve

(12) week probationary period. In accordance with the current COAG Agreement a probationary period of 6 months applies to new applicants prior to licensing and limits the number of firearms allowed to be licensed in the first year of membership.

- (d) Possession of a handgun is conditional upon you remaining an active participant of PLARC and SSAA.
- (e) Handguns may only be used on approved ranges.
- (f) Handguns are not to be carried or used for any other purpose other than to carry them to and from a club or to the premises of a licensed firearm repairer or dealer.
- (g) Club support is conditional on you remaining a member of PLARC and SSAA. Failure to notify a change of address, pay membership fees by the due date, or through lack of attendance as required by SSAA WA By-Laws will result in your Club Support being withdrawn. *SSAA WA By-Law Section 24 c) NON ACTIVE CAUTION AND PENALTY*

Members who have obtained a handgun (or handguns) with the support of the SSAA (WA) Inc. are obliged to participate in at least six (6) shooting competitions organized by their club on different days in each year. If the support pertains to one or more handguns supported for two or more disciplines the member must use at least one handgun from each discipline at least four (4) shooting competitions organized by their club for each discipline on different days in each year. Members who have obtained a handgun (or handguns) with the support of the SSAA (WA) Inc. must maintain a record of their club activities in a manner determined from time to time by the State Executive. Should a member who has obtained a handgun (or handguns) with the support of the SSAA (WA) Inc. fail to attend and participate in at least one (1) shooting competition organised by their club within a twelve (12) week period without tendering a satisfactory written explanation to their Secretary; notification to the relevant authorities may follow after one (1) caution from the Secretary.

- i) Upon receiving one (1) caution, a member is then obliged to attend once a month for a period of six (6) months following such caution, unless exempted by written excuse.*
- ii) In all cases, such notification will be directed through the State Executive, who will act entirely on the recommendation from the Club.*
- iii) Cancellation of membership and/or revocation of firearm license may follow.*

- (h) Once accepted as a member of the Handgun Section and having qualified for Club Supported handgun or handguns that member must continue to meet the SSAA WA By-Laws for the Club Supported Handguns and of the PLARC Inc. Handgun Section, or with approval, the Wednesday match.
- (i) A person who is already in possession of a suitable handgun may, at the discretion of the club committee, on a separate written application, be accepted as a member of the section at any time after joining the rifle club.
- (j) The Committee reserves the right at all times to disallow the use of handguns or ammunition considered to be unsafe or illegal.
- (k) No minimum age is placed on members wishing to join the Handgun Section. However regardless of age, all applicants will be subject to assessment. Applicants under the age of 12 WILL have a Minder.
- (l) Whilst you are serving your six months probationary period your help running the handgun shoot would be appreciated, thus acquainting you with all procedures.

10 REVOLVER COMPETITION

(a) Entry into a Revolver Competition shall be open to any member or licenced visitor who possesses a revolver. A Minder is available for new members and visitors where required. Should you wish to compete in this section and have not shot rifle prior to this event you will have until 1pm at the latest to sign the register.

(b) The revolvers to be used shall be single or double action with exposed hammer and shall be limited to those that are chambered for the same calibres as are available in commercial production Lever Action Rifles. Only revolvers of commercial production type, unaltered, shall be allowed. Maximum barrel length shall be 212.7mm, minimum shall be 102mm. Muzzle loading (cap & ball) revolvers & semi-automatic pistols shall not be permitted in this event.

11 FIELD PISTOL COMPETITION

(a) There shall be a competition in the club known as the Field Pistol Competition.

(b) Entry into a Field Pistol Competition shall be open to any member or visitor who possesses a suitable pistol or handgun. Should you wish to

compete in this competition and have not shot prior to this event you will have until 1pm at the latest to sign the register, if shot on the same day.

(c) The Committee reserves the right at all times to disallow the use of any pistol or ammunition considered to be unsafe or illegal.

12 MODIFIED MANDAR COMPETITION

The SSAA WA Mandar Match is shot in a modified version. There is an award for the total aggregate of a competitor's best five competitions. (This may be in each class of handgun at the Captain's discretion). Either revolvers or semi-auto pistols may be used in this competition.

13 HUNTER CLASS BENCHREST SECTION

- (a) There shall be a Section known as Hunter Class Benchrest.
- (b) Entry into the section shall be open to any member or visitor who possesses a Lever Action or Bolt Action Rifle, being either Centrefire or Rimfire. Should you wish to compete in this section and have not shot rifle prior to this event you will have until 1pm at the latest to sign the register.
- (c) Once accepted as a member of the Hunter Class Benchrest section with a club supported firearm that member must continue to be an active participant of the said Hunter Class Benchrest section. Should a member with a supported firearm fail to attend once every 3 months without written explanation a caution letter will be sent out to the said member. Failure to reply within 10 days will mean withdrawal of support.

14 SENIORS AND WEDNESDAY SHOOTERS

- (a) There shall be a section of the Club known as Senior Shooters. The Seniors Competition will be held in conjunction with the Club Wednesday match which is on the last Wednesday of each month, as per the Club shooting calendar. The Wednesday match will be a combination of Lever Action Rifle and Lever Action Revolver match. The composition of the match must be approved by Committee.
- (b) Club support may be extended to include the Wednesday match at the discretion of the Committee.
- (c) Entry into the Seniors competition shall only be open to Members upon reaching sixty (60) years of age.
- (d) The Committee reserves the right at all times to disallow the use of any rifle, handgun or ammunition considered to be unsafe or illegal.

15 SILHOUETTE

- (a) There shall be a Section of the Club known as Silhouette. This section will conduct the Cowboy Lever Action Silhouette Match.
- (b) Entry in to the section shall be open to any member or visitor who possesses a suitable rifle for the match being conducted on the day. The

section will conduct its match in accordance with the Cowboy Lever Action Silhouette Match Rules.

- (c) The competition will be held on an off-shoot Lever Action Rifle Competition day as per the Club Shooting Calendar. It is the CLAS Captain's responsibility to forward the results of each CLAS competition to the Club Scorer.
- (d) Members with Club Support for the Silhouette Section must comply with the SSAA Club Support requirements section 2 Club Supported Firearms (Rifle) of the PLARC By-Laws.

16 RANGES

Ranges shall be constructed in accordance with all aspects of safety and red flags flown at specific points before any firing commences.

17 LIQUOR

No member or person shall consume any intoxicating liquor or drugs within the immediate vicinity of the firing point or whilst participating in any competition.

18 RANGE FACILITIES

That a member using any licenced firearm is allowed to use range facilities at the Perth Lever Action Rifle Club for the purpose of practice between club competition dates and that this practice is recognised as an approved club activity.

19 RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS

It shall be the responsibility of each member of the Perth Lever Action Rifle Club Incorporated to abide by the objects of the Constitution and By-Laws of the club.

PERTH LEVER ACTION RIFLE CLUB INCORPORATED OFFICIAL CLUB RULES

1 TYPES OF COMPETITION

1.1 GRADE SHOOT

A competition in which a prize is awarded to the winners in each grade.

1.2 TROPHY SHOOT

A competition in which a trophy is awarded to the winner as decided upon PLUS each grade. The trophy shall be determined by the trophy organiser and will be awarded at the Annual Trophy Presentation evening of the P.L.A.R.C.

1.3 HANDICAP SHOOT

A competition in which a prize is awarded to the winners in each grade PLUS handicap.

2 ELIGIBILITY OF COMPETITORS

To be eligible for prizes, trophies and records, as awarded by the P.L.A.R.C. a competitor must indicate on the scoreboard any special trophy competition of the day (e.g. Bob Sparks O/S Centrefire, Cast Bullet, Junior Average of the Day, Junior Challenge, Brian Parkes Traditional and Seniors Average of the Day, or any future trophies that may be donated) This also pertains to the Traditional Class, at the time of signing the attendance register prior to the competition, and must be a financial member of:

- (a) The Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Inc. and
- (b) The Perth Lever Action Rifle Club Inc.

Failure to do so will make you ineligible for these trophies

3 SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

3.1 EAR PROTECTION

It is recommended that all competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the firing line wear ear plugs and/or ear muffs.

3.2 PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

The fitting or use of any of the following items is prohibited:

- (a) Slings
- (b) Hooked and/or adjustable butt plates
- (c) Adjustable cheek plates
- (d) Release trigger
- (e) Gloves or mittens
- (f) Palm rests
- (g) Spotting scopes
- (h) Rubber sight boot
- (i) Optical sight inserts including light filters & lenses

The committee reserves the right to examine a competitor's equipment and apparel to ascertain and disallow the use of any of the above-mentioned items or any other items which are not mentioned in these rules and deemed by the committee to be contrary to the spirit of the rules.

4 RANGE STANDARDS

4.1 FIRING LINE

The firing line is immediately in front of the numbered firing points. All ranges are measured from this firing line to the face of the targets when the targets are placed in their proper position in front of the backstop.

4.2 FIRING POINT

That part of the range provided for the competitor immediately in the rear of the firing line from which all firing takes place. Each firing point is indicated by a numbered post. Competitors shall fire from the left-hand side of their respective posts.

4.3 DISTANCES

The competition is fired at ranges of 25m, 50m and 100m. No target is to be placed closer than 25m, with the exception of the revolver section competition, and must be in direct line to the safety butts.

5 COURSE OF FIRE

5.1 COMPETITION

A competition, being a Grade, Handicap or Trophy shoot, shall consist of the following course of fire:

- (a) Two consecutive brackets of 5 shots, 100m Any Field Position, time limit 8 minutes.
- (b) Two consecutive brackets of 5 shots, 50m standing unsupported, time limit 8 mins.
- (c) Two consecutive brackets of 5 shots, 50m Timed Fire standing unsupported, 1 shot for each 3 second exposure with 7 seconds break between exposures. More than 1 shot per 3 seconds exposure may be fired if, for some reason, a shot was not fired during the previous 3 second exposure.
- (d) Two consecutive brackets of 5 shots, 50m Rapid Fire standing unsupported, 5 shots for each 15 second exposure. More than 5 shots per 15 second exposure may be fired if, for some reason, some shots were not fired during the previous 15 seconds exposure.
- (e) Two consecutive brackets of 5 shots, 50m Running Target standing unsupported, 1 shot only for each 3.5 second exposure. More than 1 shot per 3.5 second exposure may be fired if, for some reason, a shot was not fired during the previous 3.5 second exposure.

6 TARGETS AND POSITIONS

With the exception of the 100m Any Field Position and the 50m standing unsupported (State and National Precision Medal Awards) a competition shall consist of a composite of targets and positions which may be varied from one shoot to another, as per Shooting Calendar, to maintain the interest of competitors.

7 RANGE PROCEDURES

7.1 FLAGS

Red flags shall be flown at specific points before any firing commences.

7.2 RANGE FEES

All competitors will sign the attendance register prior to 8.50am and pay the following fees:

(a) Financial & Life Members	\$6.00 per shoot
(b) Visitors	\$25.00 per shoot
(c) Non-Financial Members	\$6.00 per shoot
(d) Juniors	\$3.00 per shoot

Club rifles are available. Visitors will be charged \$25.00 (\$35.00 for a family of visitors) this includes range fees, use of club rifle, targets and ammunition. The above fees may be amended at any time by proposal of the committee to club members.

7.3 RANGE OFFICERS

- (a) The Club Captain shall appoint two (2) Range Officers for each detail. The range officers are responsible for the safety and discipline of competitors and other personnel in the sector of the range to which they have been assigned. All competitors must obey all instructions given by the respective range officer. Any person failing to comply with an instruction given by a range officer will be expelled from the firing line for a period deemed necessary by the committee.
- (b) All adult Members after joining the Club should undertake the official SSAA WA Lever Action Range Officers Course. This would be after a suitable period of attendance at the Club; that is 6 – 12 months during which time they would have become familiar with the normal running of the shoots.

All members of P.L.A.R.C will, from time to time, be called upon for range and club duties

7.4 ACTIONS OPEN

Unless the firearm is cased the action must remain open at all times, except when competitors are at their firing points and the command 'LOAD' has been given.

7.5 PRESENCE ON THE FIRING LINE

No person shall be on the firing line unless called up by the range officer as part of a detail. Once on the firing line all firearms will remain pointing down range (i.e. towards the targets) at all times until cleared by the range officers. Any person failing to shoot their specified detail, unless for a valid reason approved by the club captain and any two committee persons, will forfeit that detail and will not shoot in a later detail. This includes the running target event which must be shot by the completion of the main rifle shoot.

7.6 LOADING FIREARMS

No person shall load a firearm until given the command 'LOAD' by the range officer.

7.7 FIRING

No person shall commence firing until given the command to do so by the Range Officer.

7.8 CEASE FIRE

All firing shall cease and all firearms will be unloaded on the command "CEASE FIRE". Actions will remain open.

7.9 CLEARING FIREARMS

At the completion of each detail the range officers will check each firearm to ensure that it is unloaded. No person shall leave the firing line with a firearm until the range officer has 'CLEARED' that firearm.

7.10 MALFUNCTIONS

In the event of a firearm not being able to function properly, the shooter involved must raise a hand to attract the attention of the range officer who

will then either clear the firearm for removal from the firing point or supervise the correction of the malfunction. If a shooter cannot rectify the malfunction before the end of the detail then those shots not fired are forfeited. In the case of running targets, each run of five (5) must be completed. The competitor may clear malfunctions only between the two (2) runs.

7.11 CHANGING FIREARMS

No shooter can change a firearm unless it has malfunctioned and that malfunction cannot be rectified. Following a malfunction the firearm may only be changed at the completion of the detail and at the discretion of the club captain and two committee persons and shall be RIMFIRE for RIMFIRE and CENTREFIRE for CENTREFIRE.

7.12 TARGET INTERFERENCE

Should a target tear or shift and the shooter desires to replace it, the shooter should attract the attention of a range officer who will, at the completion of the detail, clear all firearms and then nominate a person to move down to the target area and correct the target involved. The competitor will then complete the detail.

7.13 AMMUNITION

No shooter shall fire more than the prescribed number of rounds for a detail.

7.14 WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION

Shooters not completing the competition must inform the Scorer and Targets Officer of their withdrawal from the competition.

7.15 MISFIRES

In the event of a presumed misfire with either rimfire or centrefire ammunition due to faulty ignition of the cartridge, while keeping the action closed, the competitor shall notify the Range Officer. After 30 seconds the round shall be ejected and inspected by the Range Officer. If it shows a firing pin indentation, or the chamber was empty due to a round failing to feed into the chamber, then another round shall be allowed. The course of fire shall be completed by the competitor.

7.16 MINDERS

Members allocated a minder's job for the shoot should ensure that unlicensed visitors/new members are told not to leave the range with any live or spent rounds in their possession.

7.17 SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Prior to the shoot commencing, all visitors/new members will be assessed by a qualified safety officer to ensure they can physically handle the firearm unassisted.

8 SCORING

8.1 SCORERS

All scoring of targets will be done by the Official Scorer and members nominated on the day.

8.2 EQUALISING

There shall be no equalising of targets.

8.3 GRADING

To be decided by the committee as and when required. The only exception being when a person is downgraded at the Annual Review they may nominate to stay in the higher grade for the following year. If they are unable to maintain the higher grade then they cannot re-nominate the following year.

8.4 SCORING OF TARGETS

Each bullet hole in a target shall be given its appropriate score. In the event of a bullet breaking into a dividing line the higher score shall be awarded. X rings to be recorded.

8.5 EXTRA HOLES

(a) In the case of there being additional bullet holes of an obviously different calibre, the target will be scored normally, that is the alien holes

will be disregarded. However, if there are holes of more than one calibre on the target and the competitor has less than the required number of holes the competitor is given the highest scoring alien holes. The exception to this is that a large calibre can remove a small calibre, but not vice versa.

(b) In the event of there being more than the required number of bullet holes of the same calibre the higher scoring holes to be discounted unless proved a cross fire by stationary backing boards or another competitor's admission.

8.6 SCORING

Should a competitor fail to change a target and that target is not presented for scoring along with the remainder of that detail's targets, then that competitor's score will be forfeited. In the event of a target not being changed and the following competitor fires the prescribed number of rounds into the preceding competitor's target then the second competitor will reshoot that particular target.

8.7 RESHOOTS

No reshoots will be permitted for any competitor except under Rule 8.6.

8.8 DISPUTES

(a) Any disputes over scoring shall be settled by the official scorer and the nominated scorers of the day, in the presence of the competitor concerned.

(b) Shooters have thirty (30) minutes, from their scores being displayed on the score board in which to query their scores.

9 GENERAL

9.1 LIQUOR

No person shall be allowed to shoot or handle a firearm if they have consumed any intoxicating liquor or drugs.

9.2 CONDUCT

All persons shall conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times whilst within the confines of the P.L.A.R.C. range. Swearing or offensive behaviour will not be tolerated at any time.

9.3 PENALTIES

Any member in breach of any of the P.L.A.R.C. Club Rules shall be subject to penalties or expulsion as deemed necessary by the committee.

9.4 CHILDREN

All children must be under the direct strict supervision of a parent or guardian. (Refer to Constitution Law 29(b)).

9.5 FIREARMS IN THE CLUBHOUSE

With the exception of handguns, which must be holstered and worn at all times, no other firearms shall at any time be taken into the clubhouse, other than for approved training procedures and trophy presentations.

9.6 CLUB LOGO

The club acknowledges the original badge as that struck in 1977 as the Official Club Logo. That logo now includes the R for rifle and the words Inc.

9.7 SHOOTING COMPLEX GATE KEY

Non-shooting members should not have gate keys. Those with gate keys should be requested to return them.

9.8 CAPITAL WORKS & MAINTENANCE

A 'busy bee' levy of \$30.00 is payable by all members with the exception of non-shooting, life and junior members, and one levy be charged on husband and wife membership. Members attending a busy bee will receive a credit equal to one third the value of the levy against the following years charge to a maximum of three credits.

10 OFFICIAL HANDGUN RULES

TARGETS

The handgun section uses the same targets and events as are used in the rifle shooting I.e. State precision targets, Rabbit, Buffalo, Bear, Duck, Crow, Feral Cat, Running Boar, Running Goat, Cluster targets, and Pistol slow fire.

DISTANCES

50, 25, 12.5, 10 Metres and 10 yards

10.1 EVENTS

50m Any Field Position at the State 100m Precision target, 4 mins
25m standing unsupported at the State 100m Precision target 4 mins 5 rounds per target.

10.1A STATE AWARDS

For joint above events state awards are GOLD - 90 points, SILVER - 80 points, BRONZE - 70 points.

10.2 RAPID FIRE AND TIMED FIRE EVENTS

Shot at 25m, 12.5m or 10m distance standing unsupported position, 10 rounds per target. Timing varies according to distance, 10 to 15 seconds per five (5) rounds.

10.3 5 TARGET SHOOT

Shot at a distance of 12.5m or 10m. 10 seconds per 5 shots using 5 identical targets. 2 lots of 5 rounds, one shot at each target per 5 rounds.

10.4 CLUSTER

Shot at a distance of 12.5m, 10m or 10yds. 10 or 12 seconds exposure per 5 rounds. 2 lots of 5 rounds.

10.5 RUNNING BOAR (FAST OR SLOW)

Fast - 1 shot per 3.5 second run 10 rounds

Slow - 5 shots per 15.5 second run 10 rounds

Shot at a distance of 50m, 25m or 12.5m, one or two handed.

10.6 CLUB AWARDS (Lever Action Events Only)

POSSIBLE PENDANT - 50 or 100 points on any target

CLUB CHEVRONS - 250 - 500

TOP GUN - To the highest score on any days shoot

10.7 TROPHIES

The "Champions" of the Handgun Section are based on the highest aggregate over their best eight (8) shoots or less during the competition season.

11 HANDGUN SAFETY RULES

11.1 No handgun shall be pointed at any person.

11.2 No handgun shall be loaded until the command 'LOAD' is given by the Range Officer.

11.3 No handgun shall be removed from the firing line until it has been checked and cleared by the Range Officer.

11.4 All handguns, when not in use on the firing line, must be holstered.

11.5 When at the firing line, the handguns **MUST, AT ALL TIMES,** point down the range. **AT NO TIME** shall the handgun point to the rear or side, nor above the butts.

11.6 **NO PERSON** shall handle handguns at the firing line whilst any person is forward of the firing line.

11.7 All new shooters, intending members, or visitors, will be given instruction on handling and instructions on Safety Rules 11.1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 before being allowed to load or fire a handgun.

11.8 An 'EXPERIENCED' shooter will stand with, or close behind, each person shooting for the first time or until the Revolver Captain or his delegate considers the novice safe to leave unattended.

11.9 ANY PERSON SEEING anything relating to handgun shooting that they consider unsafe shall immediately report it to the Range Officer, Revolver Captain or any person holding an Official Club position.

11.10 Any person has a right to call 'CEASE FIRE' if, in their opinion, a dangerous situation is imminent.

(a) At the command 'CEASE FIRE', handguns are to stop firing and be held at 45 degrees to the ground until the condition is cleared by the Range Officer.

11.11 Infringement of any of these rules or any person creating a dangerous situation and/or handling handguns in a dangerous manner on or off the firing line, shall be liable to penalisation or penalties being imposed by the committee.

11.12 EAR AND EYE PROTECTION - It is recommended that all competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the firing line wear **EAR PLUGS OR EAR MUFFS** and suitable **EYE PROTECTION**.

AMENDMENTS/ALTERATIONS TO THE P.L.A.R.C. CONSTITUTION,
BY-LAWS AND OFFICIAL CLUB RULES SHALL ONLY TAKE
EFFECT WHEN SUCH AMENDMENTS/ALTERATIONS HAVE BEEN
PRINTED AND AVAILABLE IN THE CLUBROOMS.

RECORD OF AMENDMENTS