

Pistol Shoots

This list shows the pistol shoots as they appear in the calendar with some shoots usually shot one after the other on the same day. However the rules on the following pages are shown separately. Most pistol shoots are on the pistol range although there is one that is always on the rifle range.

Below is a list of shoots and a few comments where necessary. Full details are on the following pages.

Pistol Range

Air Pistol

Black Powder Pistol

Combined Service Discipline Pistol (Used to be called Military Pistol)

Midweek Pistol

Participants may shoot either Mayleigh, Sport Pistol, Centre Fire Pistol or Air Pistol.

Mayleigh

This is a 50m slow fire match (30 rounds in three strings of 10 rounds each in 10 minutes). It may be shot with a .22 or a centrefire pistol and optical sights can be used.

Bullseye Target Pistol (Used to be called NRA)

Practical Shooting (Pistol)

Rapid Fire Pistol

Standard Pistol

Sport or Centre Fire Pistol

This is two shoots usually shot together. You can shoot either but usually not both. See below for details.

RF Iron Sight ½ Size Silhouette / 10 Pin Match

This is two shoots usually shot together in that order. You can shoot either or both shoots. See below for details.

Rifle Range

Pistol Metallic Silhouette

There are actually eleven matches in this discipline, based on the pistols used, the type of sights, and whether it is shot standing only or freestyle.

This pistol shoot is shot on the rifle range so that it can be shot out to 200m.

Pistol Shoot Details

Air Pistol

This is a precision match which comprises 60 rounds fired over 10 metres at 6 targets. The time allowed is 1.75 hours including sighting shots. Optical sights are not allowed. It is shot on our indoor pistol range and some shoots may take place at night. The shooter also has a 7th target for practice and as many shots as desired may be shot on this target before starting on the scoring targets. There can be 5 shooters per detail.

Black Powder Pistol

This is shot under the SSAA muzzle loading rules, although it covers both single shot muzzle loading pistols and black powder cap and ball revolvers. Each event allows 13 rounds to be fired at the target with the top 10 to count in each case. The precision events can be fired with either revolvers or single shot pistols. 30 minutes are allowed for each event, one at 25m and one at 50m. In the first timed fire event the targets are exposed for 4 seconds and away for 10. A revolver is used and it is loaded with 5 rounds, 5 rounds and 3 rounds for the usual total of 13 rounds in 3 details. This is shot at 25m. In the second timed fire event the targets are also exposed for 4 seconds but time for reloading is allowed so that single shot muzzle loading pistols can be used. This is also at 25m and 13 shots are fired. A normal club shoot will not necessarily include all four events. There can be up to 20 shooters per detail.

Combined Service Discipline Pistol

This is shot under the combined services rule book for class 1 and class 2 service pistols. It is a centre fire pistol match for pistols that are either an original or faithful reproduction of a pistol which is or has been on regular issue to a defence force or law enforcement. Ammunition has a power factor and details of this and a list of approved pistols are on the SSAA national website.

If you don't have a class 1 or 2 pistol you can still participate with whatever pistol you have (or a club pistol). Your scores will be separated from those who have class 1 or 2 pistols, but you can still develop your skills in this fascinating discipline.

The core event is called a 3 position event.
6 rounds standing at 25m in 30 seconds - freestyle
6 rounds sitting at 25m in 30 seconds - freestyle.
6 rounds standing at 15m in 20 seconds – strong hand only
6 rounds kneeling at 15m in 20 seconds – freestyle.
6 rounds standing at 7m in 5 seconds – freestyle
6 rounds kneeling at 7m in 10 seconds – strong hand.

This will be shot twice so that anyone wishing to shoot class 1 and class 2 can do so.

There are 12 supplementary events shot over varying distances and in various timings and positions (including prone). Some involve reloading and some involve firing from behind barricades. Some of these may be shot each day also.

There are usually 6 shooters in a detail.

Bullseye Target Pistol

This is a whole series of matches shot with 5 different pistols (or 4 if you remove the optical sites to shoot the .22 standard).

The 50m Mayleigh match is slow fire (30 rounds in three strings of 10 rounds each in 10 minutes) and has its own targets. It is shot with a .22 but can have optical sights.

The full 90 shot match consists of the following shoots, each of which is shot with 5 different pistol configurations. But the full shoot only takes place at zone/state championships or above. The 50 and 25 metre shoots have slightly different targets.

20 rounds in two strings of 10 rounds in 10 minutes each at 50m

10 rounds in one string in 10 minutes at 50m.

10 rounds in 2 strings of 5 rounds in 20 seconds each at 25m

10 rounds in 2 strings of 5 rounds in 10 seconds each at 25m

20 rounds in 4 strings of 5 rounds in 20 seconds each at 25m

20 rounds in 4 strings of 5 rounds in 10 seconds each at 25m.

Up to 18 shooters per detail.

Practical Shooting (Pistol)

This is a fairly complex shoot in which there is no set course of fire. Instead the shoot captain for the day sets up a course of fire following the practical shooting rules. Only one person shoots at a time, and moves around the range in order to engage different targets. The number of rounds fired by each contestant can vary but it usually includes reloading. The time taken to engage the targets with the set number of rounds is part of the competition.

If the contestant is qualified to do so then the pistol is drawn from a holster to commence firing.

Rapid Fire Pistol

Five separate targets are exposed for 8 seconds, 6 seconds or 4 seconds. At each exposure 5 rounds are fired – one on each target. 20 rounds (4 lots of 5) are fired in each time period, giving a total of 60 rounds. All shot at 25m. Usually 4 shooters per detail.

Standard Pistol

Standard Pistol is shot only with a rimfire .22.

Four series of 5 shots in 150 second each

Four series of 5 shots in 20 seconds

Four series of 5 shots in 10 seconds

All are shot at 25m. Up to 20 shooters per detail.

Sport and Centre Fire Pistol

Sport and Centrefire is the one competition but shot either with a rimfire .22 (sport) or a centre fire pistol. Precision and rapid have separate targets.

Precision

6 series of 5 rounds in 5 minutes each.

Rapid

6 series of 5 rounds when the target turns towards for 3 seconds and away for 7.

All are shot at 25m. Up to 20 shooters per detail

Rimfire Iron Sight ½ Size Silhouette

This has targets which are groups of 10 metal silhouette targets in the shape of animals, placed at 20m, (chickens) 30m, (pigs) 40m, (turkeys) and 50m (rams). The size of the targets gets larger the further they are from the shooter. The targets are half the size of the targets used in the rim fire Pistol Metallic Silhouette competition which is shot on the rifle range. 10 rounds are fired at each group for a total of 40 rounds. Single action (S/A) pistols can be used but semi automatic pistols are also allowed. Sights must be ordinary iron sights, not optical. 8 shooters per detail.

10 Pin Match

This shoot uses ten pins instead of metal silhouettes.

For centrefire pistols the course of fire is the same as for the rimfire iron sight ½ size silhouettes, with 10 rounds at each of the 4 sets of targets. 4 shooters per detail.

But for rimfire the ten pins are set up at 20 metres and the shooter gets 4 groups of 10 shots to knock them down. 5 shooters per detail.

Pistol Metallic Silhouette

This consists of shooting at metallic targets on stands at varying distances from the shooter and with various different pistols. The size of the targets varies also.

Full size targets are shot at:-

chickens	50m,
pigs	100m,
turkeys	150m,
rams	200m.

Then various size targets are shot with various pistols at:-

chickens	40m,
pigs	50m,
turkeys	75m
rams	100m.

There is also a rimfire match shot at 20, 30, 40 and 50m.

There are 10 of each type of target, for a total of 40 rounds per competition.

The following matches are not currently being shot at Fraser Coast

Action Pistol (NRA Action Pistol)

An extensive series of matches (17), all of which start with a holstered pistol. The participant then draws and fires. Firing may be with both or either hand, and firing from behind barricades, as laid down in the rules for that particular match

It has some similarities to military pistol except that military starts at the longer range and gets closer while NRA action pistol tends to start close and get longer.

Shoot distances are actually in yards and include 7, 10, 15, 25 and 50 yards.

Most matches are timed fire and have time limits of from 2.5 seconds to 5 or 10 seconds for a varying number of rounds. However there are also some deliberate fire matches.

Targets include falling plates, moving targets and more conventional paper targets.

The pistols used are mostly centre fire pistols from 9mm upwards with non optical sights.

However .22 rimfire pistols can also be used.

50 Metre Match (Free Pistol)

This is a precision match which comprises 60 rounds fired over 50 metres in 2 hours.

The pistol used is a .22 rim fire pistol and it may be a highly specialised pistol designed for this competition, or a standard .22 pistol. Optical sights are not allowed.