

A PROSPECTIVE NEW JUNIOR MEMBER INDICATES THEY WANT TO JOIN YOUR CLUB

A prospective new junior member indicates they want to become a member of your Club. The prospective new junior member will need to complete the "Request to Join a Firearms Club". This needs to be sent to SAPOL for them to process. They will then send back a letter confirming that the new prospective junior member is indeed a "fit and proper" person to join a Firearms Club.

BEFORE membership to your Club is offered to the prospective junior member, the prospective new junior member must provide a Criminal History Report (i.e. a National Police Certificate (NPC)). Refer to Regulation 74 (1) (b). The NPC must be dated within the previous 12 months. The prospective new junior member needs to take the SAPOL letter and the NPC to the Club and give to the Club Secretary. The parent/guardian must also produce one form of "Category A" identification.

All documents must:

- Be originals (not extracts or uncertified photocopies)
- Be current (where applicable)
- Incorporate a signature and/or photograph that can be positively matched to the applicant; and
- Include one document that contains a current residential address.

The prospective new junior member can now complete an Application for Membership to join the Club but MUST provide contact details for two (2) referees who have known the prospective member for MORE than the immediate past two years. The Secretary MUST contact BOTH referees within 2-3 weeks of receiving the References, to PERSONALLY ensure the authenticity of the references and to confirm that the referees consider them a "fit and proper person" to join a firearms club.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR JUNIOR COMPETITORS

(From the Firearms Act 2015)

8—Application of Act

(g) (**junior shooters on grounds of Shooting Club**) the possession or use of a Category A, B or H firearm by a person **10 years** of age or more but under the age of **18 years** on the grounds of a Shooting Club for the purpose of shooting in a manner authorised by the Club, provided that:

- (i) the person is a member of a Shooting Club; and
- (ii) the person is (with the consent of his or her parent or guardian) with, and is under the continuous supervision of, a recognised coach who holds a firearms licence authorising possession of the firearm for the purpose for which it is being used; or

(q) (**supervised use by 14 to 18 year olds**) the possession or use of a Category A, B or H firearm by a person 14 years of age or more but under the age of 18 years if:

- (i) the person is with, and is under the continuous supervision of, his or her parent or guardian or some other person approved by his or her parent or guardian; and
- (ii) the person providing the supervision holds a firearms licence authorising possession of the firearm for the purpose for which it is being used; or

(r) (**supervised use by 10 to 14 year olds**) the possession or use of a Category A firearm or an air handgun by a person **10 years** of age or more but under the age of **14 years** if:

- (i) the person is with, and is under the continuous supervision of, his or her parent or guardian or some other person approved by his or her parent or guardian; and
- (ii) the person providing the supervision holds a firearms licence authorising possession of the firearm for the purpose for which it is being used; or

(s) (**possession on behalf of Crown**) the possession of a firearm by a person on behalf of the Crown.

Regulations

68—Assembly of ammunition

(1) Pursuant to section 41(3)(e) of the Act, a junior licensee is excluded from the operation of section 41(3)(a) of the Act (and is not permitted to assemble ammunition) if:

- (a) the **junior licensee is not**, while assembling ammunition, under the immediate supervision of an adult who holds a firearms licence; and
- (b) the ammunition is not for the personal use of:
 - (i) the **junior licensee** in a firearm lawfully in the junior licensee's possession in circumstances in which the junior licensee is authorised under the Act to use the firearm; or
 - (ii) the adult who is supervising the junior licensee, in the course of that supervision.

(c) if the applicant holds a licence authorising the applicant to possess a Category H firearm for use as a member of a Shooting Club or the applicant intends to use a Category H firearm in the course of the applicant's membership of the Club — the applicant has, in addition, produced to the club:

Two references each of which appears to have been signed by a person within the preceding 60 days and to state that the person has known the applicant for at least the preceding 2 years and that the applicant is a person of good character and a suitable person to be a member of a Firearms Club; and

A criminal history report (such as a National Police Certificate) relating to the person provided by South Australia Police or the ACC* or an ACC* accredited agency or broker within the preceding 12 months.

Maximum penalty: \$2500. Expiation Fee: \$210.

A recognised Firearms Club that is a Collectors' Club must not grant an Application for Membership of the Club unless the applicant has produced to the Club:

A firearms licence held by the applicant; or

A notice issued by the Registrar under Regulation 28 to the applicant within the preceding 60 days; or

A notice issued by the Registrar within the preceding 60 days, stating that the Registrar is satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to be granted membership of a collectors' club.

Maximum penalty: \$2500. Expiation Fee: \$210.

* In this Regulation: ACC means the Australian Crime Commission

NOTE: You must have a Member Protection Officer who is part of the Committee, and who has done the online and face-to-face training with the Department of Recreation and Sport at Findon, for looking after juniors in their Club. These are the FOUR most asked questions - and the answers.

Q1: Once a junior has successfully passed the FASAT course, do they still need to be supervised by senior license holder while competing?

A1: The FASAT Course is an organisation/club-related training. As per the new **Firearms Act 2015** and its **Regulations 2017**, the answer is: "Yes. They must continue to be supervised by licensed member, coach or family member".

Q2: What about being in charge of a firearm for competing in a match? Does a senior license holder need to be there?

A2: "The junior is to be under supervision as per the Act".

Q3: If they have a junior license does this still apply?

A3: "The junior is supervised up to 18 years of age".

Q4: Does a junior (as a new member of a Club) need to have an NPC current in last 12 months?

A4: "Yes! They still require a National Police Check".

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Applicants under 16 years of age must provide two forms of ID, including at least one "Category A" document. The parent/guardian must also produce one form of "Category A" identification. All documents must:

Be originals (not extracts or uncertified photocopies); and

Be current (where applicable); and

Incorporate a signature and/or photograph that can be positively matched to the applicant, and include one document that contains a current residential address.

Letter of Confirmation/Approval

Once this **Letter of Confirmation/Approval** has been received by the prospective new member, together with the SAPOL brochure **Gun Laws in South Australia**, they must then give the **Letter of Confirmation/Approval** to their host Club Secretary and only then can they then commence the **FASAT** course (or the appropriate TAFE course).

Security Check NOT APPROVED

If the security check for the prospective new member is **NOT APPROVED**, that person **CANNOT** join a Firearms Club in any capacity.

Host Club Secretary appoints a Firearms and Safety Awareness Training Instructor

SARPA **Advice Note** (SARPA 101) completed to obtain the **FASAT** Pack, photocopy of **Letter of Confirmation/Approval** and appropriate fee forwarded to SARPA.

FASAT Pack and Invoice (showing paid) returned to the host Club.

Prospective new member commences the **FASAT** course under the mentorship of the appointed **FASAT** Instructor.

Prospective new Junior Member FAILS the FASAT course

FASAT Result Note must still be completed and forwarded to the SARPA Secretary and a photocopy retained by the Club.

The the prospective new Junior Member cannot re-attempt the **FASAT** course for at least another 3 (three) months.

Junior Licence

A Junior may apply for a "Junior Firearms Licence" licence if they intend to compete interstate or overseas.

The "Junior Firearms Licence" **DOES NOT** permit the Junior to purchase a firearm, nor does it permit them to have a firearm in their possession **EXCEPT** when competing. Any firearm they use **MUST** be owned by an appropriately licensed adult.

The Junior applies for the "Junior Firearms Licence" in the usual way but must inform SAPOL of the specific competitions they intend to compete in during the 12 months following the date of application.

Prospective new Junior Member PASSES the FASAT course

Prospective new member offered appropriate membership in the host Club by the Committee of Management. Some Clubs do this early in the process whilst other Clubs wait until the prospective member been around for a while. The offer of Membership should be done as a motion and recorded in the Minutes.

The prospective new member pays the Club's joining fee and subscriptions.

The prospective new member then completes an **Application for Capitation** (SARPA 100) and their signature **MUST** be witnessed by the Club Secretary or President and then the Secretary sends it on to SARPA.

After the **Application for Capitation** to SARPA is completed it should be returned to the host Club Secretary to be forwarded to the SARPA Secretary.

SECRETARIES:

File these documents for future reference

- **Certificate from Accredited Instructor** (PD 314). The top section (CFI) completed by FASAT Instructor and middle section (CFC) by host Club Secretary.
- **FASAT Result Note** (SARPA 102)

AND:

Forward the following documents to SARPA

- **Application for Capitation** (SARPA 100) - (completing BOTH sides)
- A photocopy of **Certificate from Accredited Instructor** (PD 314). The top section (CFI) completed by FASAT Instructor and the middle section (CFC) by host Club Secretary.
- Photocopy of **FASAT Result Note** (SARPA 102).

SARPA will then approve the **Application for Capitation**, allocate a SARPA Card and return the signed and stamped **Application for Capitation** together with an Invoice for the appropriate Capitation fee.

Junior Competitors

Under the Pistol Australia and the South Australian Revolver and Pistol Association, a Junior remains as a Junior until the year in which they turn 21 years of age.

Junior Competitor Licence Agreement

Additional conditions and limitations may apply. The Junior Competitor Licence Agreement can be down loaded from the SARPA website.

The Applicant is now capitated with SARPA, and a Junior Member of the host Club.

The Junior Member must continue to be supervised until 18 years of age.

For more information. See over . . .

