

# AUSTRALIA CUP MATCH

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This competition is deemed essential training for Australian competitors for international events. Australia Cups (AC) conducted each year will also be used for selection into the Commonwealth Games, the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championship events and Oceania Shooting Federation Championships.

Australia Cups will be conducted as scheduled by the NRAA to provide an appropriate selection path for the relevant upcoming event. Each Australia Cup shall be conducted immediately following the relevant NRAA Annual Championship or State/Territory Championships as scheduled.

### **Competitor Eligibility:**

Competitors must nominate in advance to the NRAA on the required entry form for each Australia Cup. Each event is limited to a maximum of 30 places, so therefore the eligibility requirement is as follows in order of importance:

1. Represented Australia in a Commonwealth Games (Fullbore TR) in the period of seven years prior to the AC being nominated for.
2. Represented Australia in a CSF (Fullbore TR) team in the period of five years prior to the AC being nominated for (includes third shooter in team if applicable).
3. Represented Australia in an Oceania (Fullbore TR) team in the period of five years prior to the AC being nominated for.
4. Finished in the top 15 of any of the previous three Australia Cups.
5. Finished in the top 50 of the World Individual Long Range Championships (Fullbore TR) at the WILRC immediately preceding the AC being nominated for.
6. Won a National or State Champion of Champions event in the period of one year prior to the AC being nominated for.
7. In any state or country, won a Queens Prize or Grand or equivalent (Fullbore TR – 'A' Grade) in the period of three years prior to the AC being nominated for.
8. Represented Australia in an Under 25 or Under 21 Team in the period of five years prior to the AC being nominated for – limited to a maximum of four per AC if each of these competitors does not satisfy any other higher eligibility criteria.
9. By order of ranking on the most current NRAA National A-Grade Target Rifle Rankings as shown on the NRAA web-site. Ranking should not be greater than 100.
10. Currently graded A grade and competed in a State/Territory championships in previous 18 months.

In the circumstances where the number of nominations is in excess of the places available, the above eligibility criteria will be applied by the NRAA to determine the makeup of the field for each Australia Cup. Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to apply for subsequent Australia Cup events as not all competitors are expected to compete at all events.

**Selection Criteria and Process:** Selection for the Commonwealth Games, the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championship and Oceania events will be based on rankings determined by aggregate scores achieved on the scheduled Australia Cup event program. Rankings will be compiled from the following:

- The best four Australia Cup Match results to include at least one result achieved at Belmont following an NRAA Queens.
- The best four Pairs Match results to include at least one result achieved at Belmont following an NRAA Queens.
- The best four Queens results to include at least one NRAA Queens result
- Points accrued in events preceding the last Commonwealth Games will NOT count for future Commonwealth Games Selection.

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In circumstances where no Australia Cups have been conducted within a period of twelve months prior to the requirement to select a team, then the NRAA may revert to a selection process with a revised order of criteria to that shown above in the 'Eligibility' section. All selections are subject to endorsement by AISL.

### Australia Cup Course of Fire:

- Individual Bisley Style - 10 shots at 300, 500, and 600 yards/metres
- Individual Bisley Style - 15 shots at 900 and 1000 yards/800 and 900 metres
- Coached Pairs - 15 shots at 1000 yards/900 metres

### Points Allocation:

Points will be accrued and retained for the best four of the **scheduled** Australia Cup Individual, Australia Cup Coached Pairs and Queens Events as follows:

Position	Australia Cup - Individual	Australia Cup – Coached Pairs		Queens Event
		Total	Each	
1 <sup>st</sup>	50	20	10	36
2 <sup>nd</sup>	47	18	9	33
3 <sup>rd</sup>	44	16	8	30
4 <sup>th</sup>	41	14	7	27
5 <sup>th</sup>	38	12	6	24
6 <sup>th</sup>	35	10	5	21
7 <sup>th</sup>	32	8	4	18
8 <sup>th</sup>	29	6	3	15
9 <sup>th</sup>	26	4	2	12
10 <sup>th</sup>	23	2	1	9
11 <sup>th</sup>	20	0	0	6
12 <sup>th</sup>	17	0	0	3
13 <sup>th</sup>	14	0	0	0
14 <sup>th</sup>	11	0	0	0
15 <sup>th</sup>	8	0	0	0
16 <sup>th</sup>	5	0	0	0
17 <sup>th</sup>	2	0	0	0
18 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0

Points in Queens Events will be awarded based on the number of the 'A' Grade Queens Badge, not the finishing order of those entered to compete in the Australia Cup on the following day. Based upon the table above the maximum ranking points that a shooter can accrue is 384. Where competitors are tied on total points accrued, the count back shall be by the total number of points achieved in the four qualifying Australia Cup Individual Matches. If still tied, the count back shall revert to the highest Australia Cup Individual points scored in one of the qualifying NRAA events. If still tied, then the same count back process shall be applied to the Pairs Matches. Also note comments below regarding adjustments to points allocated due to weather interruptions.

### Match Criteria:

- The event must be shot Bisley style, preferably two to a target or three to a target where the range has insufficient targets at 1000 yards/900m.
- SSR's will apply (refer to clause 4.1.5 of SSR's for 'Bisley Style' Shooting rules).
- Maximum 30 competitors, but may be restricted to less depending on target availability.

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- Substitute shooters, to make up even numbers, are permitted but must be A grade and deemed to be National standard.
- Competitors must supply their own ammunition.
- A nominal entry fee will be charged to offset range costs. This must be paid to the NRAA with the nomination form. In the event that there are more nominations than places available, the unsuccessful nominees will have their money refunded.
- Sighters are convertible.
- Pairs shall be comprised from the results of that day's prior individual Australia Cup competition, with 1<sup>st</sup> place teaming with 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place teaming with 4<sup>th</sup> place, etc. If there are an odd number of competitors, then the last place does not compete in the Pairs Match and is awarded no points. Each pair shall determine their order of fire and the method of wind-coaching. Each Pair will keep their own score, but check-scorers should be provided. Only the aggregate score of each Pair counts for award of points.
- The Pairs Match shall be shot in one detail with a total of 45 minutes allocated.

## Match Format:

The approved format is as follows:

Two to a Target	Item	Shots	Three to a target
08:00 am	Assemble/Briefing/Draw		08:00 am
08:30 am	300 yards/metres	2 optional + 10	08:30 am
09:30 am	500 yards/metres	2 optional + 10	09:45 am
10:30 am	600 yards/metres	2 optional + 10	11:00 am
	Break		
12:00 pm	900 yards/800 metres	2 optional + 15	12:30 pm
01:15 pm	1000 yards/900 metres	2 optional + 15	2:15 pm
3:00 pm	1000 yards/900 metres – Pairs Match	2 optional + 15 each	4 pm
4:30 pm	Presentation of Medals		5:30pm

The format may be modified by the NRAA to suit local circumstances, eg earlier starting time or two to a target at the short ranges and three to a target at the long ranges. In the event of weather, preference shall be given to completing at least one of the Individual Match long ranges. If ranges are lost due to weather, then the NRAA may allocate points proportionate to the number of ranges completed in the Australia Cup event. [Note: Points as listed will be awarded in the Queens regardless of the number of ranges completed, provided it is not a total washout.]

## Awards:

- AISL Gold, Silver, Bronze medals to Individual Aggregate winners
- Two Gold NRAA Medals to the Pairs Match winners

If the Australia Cups are being held for elimination events for the Oceania Championships where Women and Intermediate (Under 25) Teams will participate, then the NRAA may at their discretion also award the following:

- Gold NRAA medal to Top Woman
- Gold NRAA medal to Top Under 25 (as at the day of the AC match)

## Ranking List:

The current ranking list will be maintained at the NRAA Office and will be published in each Australian Target Rifle magazine and on the NRAA web-site shortly after each Australia Cup.