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The NRAA Position on Non-Affiliated Clubs Using the NRAA's Standard Shooting Rules (SSR) and the Potential Impact to members

The NRAA has recently been made aware that some clubs/associations have elected to not associate with the NRAA and that there are non-affiliated clubs/associations conducting competitions using the SSRs. The NRAA Board wishes to highlight the risk that clubs/associations and individuals may expose themselves to in deciding to not affiliate with the NRAA and to either conduct / or attend competitions being run by non-affiliated organisations using the SSRs.

The following points are made in relation to this matter:

- The SSRs is a Copyright document, the intellectual property being owned by the NRAA. Clubs/associations may not use the SSRs unless they are affiliated with the NRAA. The NRAA may seek legal action for the use of these rules by non-affiliated clubs/associations.
 - There is a subsequent implication to range approvals. Many State and Territory Police Forces will stipulate the use of SSRs as part of the range approval and as such it forms a key risk mitigation strategy for the Police. The NRAA Board will inform respective S&T Police Forces that the club/association is not permitted to use SSR and this could jeopardise range approvals.
- In terms of conducting or attending a Competition run by a non-affiliated club or association:
 - The scores will not count towards any grading.
 - Non-Affiliated Clubs/individuals may not nominate/participate in District, S&T or Australian Team.
 - You may not use NRAA provided targets.
- The NRAA provides significant individual and Committee indemnity and medical insurance.
- If you run or participate in a shoot organised by a non-affiliated club/association:
 - As a non-affiliated Member you are not covered by our insurance. You therefore place yourself at great risk if you cause an accident/incident or are exposed to an accident or incident. This could culminate in you (the individual) being personally liable or not covered for medical costs/loss of work earnings.
 - As a Committee Member, you will not be protected by the NRAA Indemnity insurance policy. Should legal action be taken against you, you will find that you are not covered and that you may still be personally liable.
 - As a Range Officer, Butts Officer or visitor – you are not covered by the NRAA insurance policy.

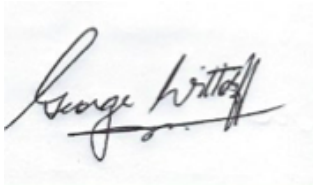
- The NRAA has a range of other insurance policies that will no longer cover you.
- Access to NRAA projectiles, powder, targets and other items will be at full cost recovery price and not the NRAA subsidised price. The NRAA or respective S&T Association can, in its discretion, chose not to sell you products.

In summary:

- NRAA Members should be aware that are not protected when they attend a shoot that is not run by an affiliated Club. For those Clubs who have elected to not affiliate with the NRAA, we believe you have exposed yourself to great personal and collective risk.
- Should NRAA members choose to attend a competition that is run by a non-affiliated Club - it is our Duty of Care to inform you that you will not be covered by NRAA insurance and that you attend at your own risk.

In addition, the Board of the NRAA urges S&T Associations to bring the above to the attention of all clubs under their jurisdiction, especially when noting that under Section 7.4 (a) of the NRAA Constitution, the annual subscription for each State or Territory (Member), is determined by multiplying the annual fee as set at the AGM by the number of ordinary members of that S&T (Member) registered at the commencement of that Financial Year.

In other words, S&Ts are liable for the NRAA affiliation fee for all their registered members, whether those registered members/clubs believe they can opt out or not.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Wittorff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

George Wittorff
Chairman - NRAA
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