



Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Para Branch) Inc.

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SSAA (Para Branch) Inc New Membership Cards

With new and changing training requirements the council has needed a better way to communicate this information between the club and its members on what training has been completed and when does certain training for each member expires.

In 2016, SSAA Para upgraded the membership database and membership cards to help communicate better between the club, volunteers and the members. An example and layout of each section is shown and described below.

SSAA (PARA)	
NAME	
Para Membership Number:	2
Para Membership Expiry:	31/03/2018
Para Member Since:	31/03/1996
SSAA Membership Number:	90968
SSAA Membership Expiry:	31/03/2018
SSAA Branch Number:	S06
SSAA Para Safety Course	YES
SSAA Para RO Course	YES RO Expiry: 01/04/2017

TRAINING			
Signatory (Club Chits)		YES	
SSAA Para Safety Instructor		YES (ABH)	
National Police Check (WWC and Handgun)		30/09/2012	
Holster Proficient			

RANGE ACCESS		EQUIPMENT ACCESS	
Main Range	YES	Quad Bike	YES
Air Pavilion	YES	IPSC/SA	
50m Range	YES	Running Target	YES
Shotgun Range		Shotgun Trap	
Top Range	YES	Rim Silhouettes	YES
25m Pistol Ranges 2	YES	Cent Silhouettes	YES
25m Pistol Ranges 1&3	YES	Turning Targets	
IPSC/ Single Action			

Front Top Section of Card:

This section includes your name and membership details for the club and the SSAA. The key part to look at is your SSAA Branch Number. SSAA Para is S06. If you have a different number then it limits your ability to vote at the SSAA Para AGM and impacts SSAA Para's voting at the State SSAA AGM. If you would like to change it, then please fill out the branch change form and leave it in the tray of the canteen. Forms can be found on the club web site: <http://www.ssaapara.org.au/about-us/membership-forms.html> or in the canteen.

Front Lower Section of Card:

The front lower section of the card shows the training checks for the club safety course and range officer course. If these are blank then the training has not been completed or has expired.

Safety Course: The safety course is held every 4 to 6 weeks and is compulsory for all members to complete within 6 months of joining. This is also a great opportunity to put purpose of use 1 on your licence, which is compulsory under the Firearms Act for all club members when using their own firearms in club activities. Club activities include sighting-in and competitions. The next safety course date can be found on the club website or in the canteen.

Range Officer Course: The Range Officer (RO) training expires after three years. Two range officers courses are held each year for an existing RO to undertake a refresher course or for members to add RO training to their skill set. The dates of the range officer courses can be found in the range program and on the club website. If you are a RO, then big red R.O. letters should appear on the front of your card.

Back Top Section of Card (Training):

The training section lists the additional training courses that a member can undertake. These include, signatories, safety instructors, national police clearances, holster proficiency.

Signatories: These are club members who are authorized by SAPOL to sign external club chits for licence renewals, club chits for the purchase a firearm or can witness the transfer of a firearm. Currently SAPOL have authorized five members at Para to do this. A list of names can be found on the club notice board.

Safety Instructors: These are club members who are qualified to train members for the theory and or practical training for club use (POU1).

National Police Clearance: This is used for two purposes. First, under the firearms act, as of July 1st 2017, any new member wanting to shoot in handgun competition needs to complete a national police clearance. The date that the certificate was sited by the club secretary will be added to the membership card.

Secondly, under Families SA requirements, members who work with children (for example coaches, club captians) require a national police clearance background check. The date shown on the card is when the check was recorded at the club. This **date expires three years** after this date and requires to be refreshed if the member continues to work with children.

Holster Proficiency: Some pistol sections have additional training to draw from a holster in a club match. This requires specific training by the section. The date of the training completed is recorded in this part of the card, plus the initials of the section that the training was completed with.

[Back Section Bottom Left of Card \(Range Access\):](#)

With limited free fall around the ranges, it is important to ensure that all ranges are used correctly. This includes the correct positioning of targets and the use of correct calibers as every range is different.

This section of the card identifies to canteen staff, which members have been trained by a section captains to use the smaller ranges for practice outside of competitions. A **YES** indicates that the section has approved that member for that range and the council has ratified it at the council meeting. If it is blank then range use outside of competition is currently not approved. If you would like to obtain a **YES** for the smaller ranges please contact the section captain you shoot with. The captain will then go through the training requirements for the smaller ranges with you and put forward your name to the next council meeting.

Note: General practice at the shotgun range outside of competition requires a minimum of two people and the use of the members own traps in a down the line format between the yellow posts.

[Back Section Bottom Right of Card \(Equipment Access\):](#)

Some ranges have specialized equipment, which can be a risk to the user if not used correctly. A **YES** shows which members who have been trained to operate the piece of equipment correctly. If you would like to obtain a **YES** for a certain piece of equipment, please contact the section captain you shoot with. The captain will then go through the training requirements for that piece of equipment and put forward your name to the next council meeting.

If you have any questions or recommendations regarding the new card please contact the club secretary.

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Regards

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