



8.2.4 SSAA Para General Rifle Section Training

PROBATIONER TRAINING COURSE - RIFLES

1. AIM

Introduce the novice or experienced shooter to the unique style of rifle shooting and to train the person in the safety precautions and considerations associated with the use of this form of shooting.

As you are conducting the orientation, the one question you have to answer, is this shooter a safe shooter?

2. WHEN IS THIS FORMAL PRACTICAL TRAINING REQUIRED?

- A Person who has a current firearms licence, without Class A or B
- A person who has no firearms licences and wants to obtain POU1 A and or B
- The full training process is not required for a member who already has Class A or B on their licence. Or, has completed the TAFE training course. In these cases, the section trainer should monitor the shooter for the first couple of shoots to ensure they are a safe shooter.

3. PREREQUISITES PRIOR TO TRAINING – POU1 A and or B

- Letter from SAPOL approving the Training;
- Current membership of SSAA Para Branch or is having their membership processed (interim membership);
- Current SSAA National Membership;
- Completion of SSAA Para Branch Safety course or the member has contacted safety trainer to complete the next theory course.

4. PRACTICAL TRAINING OVERVIEW

SESSION 1 & 2	Theory / Supervised practice (modified shoot) with a firearm suitable to their category of licence training
SESSION 3	Supervised practice under competition conditions

Followed by nomination for **Purpose of Use 1** Class A&B long arms licence (PD314 completed)

The section trainer fills out the internal chit stating the practical training has been completed successfully and leaves in the tray of the canteen. The Secretary will then sign off the PD314.



TRAINING OBJECTIVES – THEORY SESSION SESSION 1

At the completion of this session the probationer will be familiar with and be able to describe the following;

- a. Range safety and the use of ear and eye protection, fields of fire, range conditions and range rules;
- b. The new member can identify the various types of firearms used for this competition and the various competition categories.
- c. Handling the firearm safely, and understands the care required for muzzle control.
- d. Storage of ammunition and rifles for safe use;
- e. Loading the different rifles in the following steps;
 - Pre-inspection
 - Loading magazines / chambers
 - Discharging the rifle
 - Handling Misfires
 - Carrying and packing away the rifle
 - Unloading the rifle and getting it checked to ensure it is empty and safe
- e. Demonstrate the correct stance for accurate shooting, correct feet and body posture in relation to the target. Correct hand position on the grips;
- f. Aim the rifle correctly using correct breathing techniques and concentration.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES - PRACTICAL

SESSION 2.

The shooter is then shown how to load the rifle suitable to their competition and is encouraged to participate in the match for their first shoot. Depending on the skill of the shooter this might require some modifications to target distances, or being able to use a rest. This is done under strict, one to one supervision by qualified sections safety trainer.

In this session, the time requirements of the competition are not enforced to ensure that the new member is not put under any pressure which may potentially causing a safety problem.

At the end of the detail, the member is shown how to unload the rifle and how to show the Range Officer that the firearm is clear. The rifle is then placed into either a gun bag / box, on the bench or in a rack before the range is declared "clear " by the Range Officer.

After the range has been reset, the shooter is called back to the line to continue shooting' again under strict, one to one supervision.

During the match, the shooter is encouraged to ask questions or request help. At the end of the match, the member is further encouraged to express any concerns or request any other information which may be required.

The supervisor is to observe how they handle, use, clear and carry a firearm. They are also to observe what the new member does during a cease fire, and how they enter and leave the range.

At the completion of this session the probationary shooter will be able to perform (under supervision) the following;



- a. Supply and wear appropriate ear and eye protection;
- b. Prepare and use effectively the appropriate materials for the safe loading and firing of the rifle;
- c. Prepare and inspect the rifle prior to loading;
- d. Correctly load a rifle;
- e. Demonstrate the correct stance for safe and accurate firing of the rifle;
- f. Identify the fields of fire allocated to the shooter;
- g. Discharge the rifle;
- h. Demonstrate that they can place 5 or 10 shots (depending on the match) on the target at the required match distances;
- i. On completion of firing, ensure the rifle is left in a safe condition and available for inspection by the range officer.

SESSION 3.

At the completion of sessions 3, the probationer will be able to perform (under supervision) the objectives of session 2 under competition conditions.

During these shoots, the basic procedure is followed under strict, one to one supervision. Later shoots will also include the use of other types of rifles and other calibres and information on safe reloading practices.

4. ASSESSMENT

At the end of these attendances, the section trainer will decide whether the member is a safe and reliable shooter.

If no, the trainer should inform the council to determine what possible problems might be restricting the person in achieving a satisfactory pass.

If yes, an internal chit is filled out and left in the Canteen. The secretary will then complete the PD314 for A and or B Class.