

SSAA Wodonga Rifle Range, Klings Road, West Wodonga, Victoria

## 2025 SSAA National Junior Challenge

Thursday 10th of July to Sunday 13th of July 2025

All SSAA Junior Members (ages 12 to 18) are encouraged to participate in the SSAA Junior National Challenge. This event consists of three core RIMFIRE disciplines – Field Rifle, Rifle Metallic Silhouette (RMS), and 3 Positional. In addition to these three core events, Biathlon will also be held as a fourth supplementary event.

### Program of Events

**Thursday 10th of July** (from 10am): Registration and practice across all competition events.

**Friday 11th of July** (Start time tbc): Rimfire Field Rifle (42 shots).

**Saturday 12th of July** (Start time tbc): Rimfire 3 Position (60 shots).

**Sunday 13th of July** (Start time tbc): Biathlon (25 shots).

**Rifle Metallic Silhouette:** Will be held across Friday, Saturday and Sunday (80 shots).

**Biathlon:** Biathlon is a winter sport that combines the thrill of cross country skiing with the skill of rifle shooting. Biathletes carry a small-bore .22 rifle on their back and shoot at five targets 50 metres away. The skiing is around a set course and the rifle shooting occurs at a rifle range within that course. Each miss is recorded rather than each hit, and a penalty loop is skied for each target that is missed. Alternatively, a time penalty could be imposed for each target missed, pending the event category.

For the Junior National Challenge we will be completing a modified version of the biathlon course. Juniors will begin by shooting five targets in an unsupported off hand position. They will then complete a short course of exercise, leaving their cleared rifles at the firing line, before returning to shoot their next set of targets. This is repeated for a total of five sets of five targets for a total possible score of twenty five. The challenge lies within the ability to control your breathing and heart rate as you shoot. Scoring will be based on the highest number of targets hit, combined with the fastest time to complete their exercise course, as recorded by the scorer.

**Come and Try Events:** Throughout the course of the weekend SSAA Wodonga will be hosting a “come and try” shotgun event. This is a free event for both competitors and families to try their hand at new skills. Firearms and ammunition will be supplied, you are welcome to try a few clays and enjoy discovering a new side of our sport. If you are not licensed, you will be required to fill out a P650 form prior to participating.

A Parent / Guardian **MUST** be present while juniors are on range premises. As per Victorian state requirements, all junior license holders must always be supervised by an adult with a full shooter’s license whenever they handle firearms. Any juniors without a license are required to complete additional forms. All persons on the firing line are required to wear enclosed footwear, hearing and eye protection at all times.

**Fees:** \$70.00 for four competition events or \$20 per event. The “Come and Try” Shotgun event is free for both competitors and non competitors.

**Presentations:** Prizes for the three core events are separated into two age groups, twelve to fourteen, and fifteen to seventeen. There are medals to be won for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placings across all events, as well as a prize for the highest combined score across all three core events in both age categories. There will also be awards for the Biathlon rifle event, divided by both age, and by those that have shot / have not competed in biathlon previously.

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**Accommodation:** In support of the event, The Blazing Stump Motel Wodonga have coordinated with us to provide a discounted rate for attendees. The price list below will only apply if bookings are made directly with their friendly reception team, please ensure to quote "Sporting Shooters 2025" to secure this event pricing. You can contact The Blazing Stump Motel via;

**The Blazing Stump Motel & Suites:** 4327 Anzac Parade, Wodonga, VIC 3690

**Phone:** 02 6056 3433 **Email:** [bookings@blazingstump.com.au](mailto:bookings@blazingstump.com.au)

- Junior Suite – \$169.00 per night - 1 King sized bed, kitchenette with microwave, kettle, toaster, bar fridge, desk, couch, bathroom and parking in front of room.
- Twin Queen – \$179.00 per night - 2 x Queen Beds, kitchenette with microwave, kettle, toaster, bar fridge, desk, bathroom and parking in front of room.
- Executive King – \$189.00 per night- 1 King sized bed, kitchenette with microwave, kettle, toaster, bar fridge, desk, bathroom and parking in front of room. These also feature a sliding door leading to an outside green area. Parking in front of the room.
- Envy Suite - \$209 per night – 1 King sized bed, kitchen facilities, separate lounge with dining, bathroom featuring double corner spa and oversized shower.
- 2 Bedroom Courtyard Apartment – \$239.00 per night - 2 Separate bedrooms, BDRM 1: 1 x Queen Bed, BDRM 2: 1 x Queen bed and 1 x King single Bed. Full kitchen with cooking facilities, full size fridge, lounge, dining table and chairs, bathroom and a small fenced courtyard with grass. Parking in front of the room.
- 2 Bedroom Executive Spa Apartment - \$249.00 per night - 2 Separate bedrooms, BDRM 1: 1 x King Bed, BDRM 2: 2 x King single beds. Full kitchen with cooking facilities, full size fridge, lounge, dining table and chairs, bathroom with spa bath and parking in front of room.
- Cabins - \$129.00 per night. One double bed. These are basic, budget friendly self-contained accommodation with cooking facilities, bar fridge, bathroom and carport. Located adjacent to the motel rooms within our gardens. Please note, Room service dinner and breakfast is NOT available to the cabins

**Meals:** A simple BBQ dinner and soft drink will be supplied for competitors on both Thursday and Friday night, or \$5 per night for non competitors. Dinner and a trivia night will be hosted on Saturday evening at The Blazing Stump for all to enjoy. Please advise on your nomination form if you will be joining us for either or both of these meals.

For any queries or further information please contact Arwen Casley-Porter on 0456 127 000