



Purchasing ammunition and use of firearms in the NT by interstate licence holders

What is happening?

The Firearms Policy and Recording Unit and Northern Territory Police Legal Branch recently reviewed the operations of the Northern Territory *Firearms Act* 1997 ('the Act') and Northern Territory *Firearms Regulations* 1997 ('the Regulations') with respect to the sale of ammunition to persons who hold an interstate firearms licence.

The review established that the Act and Regulations does not provide any automatic ability for an NT firearms dealer or NT ammunition retail permit holder to sell ammunition to an interstate firearms licence holder, and also identified limitations in the use of firearms in the NT by interstate licence holders.

What is the problem?

Sections 68A and 69 of the Act stipulate that ammunition can only be sold to, or possessed by, the holder of a licence. The definition of a licence within the Act does not include a corresponding licence (i.e. an interstate licence). This means that interstate licence holders cannot purchase or possess ammunition under these sections.

Section 92 of the Act enables the holder of a corresponding category A / B / C or H firearms licence to attend the Northern Territory for the purpose of participating in an <u>approved shooting competition</u>. This section allows the holder to possess and use firearms in the NT for the shooting competition, and therefore allows the <u>possession</u> of ammunition. However, it does not provide an avenue for the holder to <u>purchase</u> ammunition in the NT.

Regulation 33 of the Regulations provides that the holder of a corresponding category A or B licence may **possess** firearms in the NT for up to three months. This regulation does not provide the holder with an ability to **use** a firearm or to possess or purchase ammunition. Section 58(3) of the Act permits a licence holder to use their firearms under the supervision of a NT firearms licence holder.

Section 93 of the Act provides that the holder of a corresponding category A or B licence will be taken to be a 'licence' authorising the possession and use of firearms (of those categories) for <u>3 months</u>, provided that the holder has notified the Commissioner in writing, and subject to any directions of the Commissioner.

Section 93 of the Act further provides that the holder of a corresponding category C / D or H licence will be taken to be a 'licence' authorising the possession and use of firearms (of those categories) for 2 days, provided that the holder has notified the Commissioner in writing, and subject to any directions of the Commissioner.



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What does this mean for me?

You do not need to do anything if:

- you are the holder of a firearms licence and are attending the NT to participate in an <u>approved</u> shooting competition; and
- you do not need to purchase ammunition (bringing your own); or
- you are the holder of a corresponding category A or B firearms licence and you are temporarily in the NT (less than 3 months); and
- you are in possession of your firearms only (no ammunition) and not intending to use your firearms (unless under the supervision of a NT firearms licence holder) while in the NT.

What you should do?

If you are attending an <u>approved</u> shooting competition in the NT and need to purchase ammunition in the NT, you will need to provide notification in writing to the Commissioner via the Northern Territory Firearms Policy and Recording Unit (<u>firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au</u>). You must provide information regarding your stay in the NT, including the firearms that will be in your possession. You will be provided with a notice formally recognising your corresponding licence to be an NT licence for the purposes of your stay. This will enable you to purchase ammunition for up to 3 months (category A or B licence) or 2 days (category C / D or H licence). When purchasing ammunition, you must produce the notice along with your corresponding licence.

If you are intending to be temporarily in the NT (less the 3 months) and wish to bring your category A or B firearms (and ammunition) to use for recreational hunting or shooting, you will need to provide notification in writing to the Commissioner via the Northern Territory Firearms Policy and Recording Unit (<u>firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au</u>). You must provide information regarding your stay in the NT, including the firearms that will be in your possession. You will be provided with a notice formally recognising your corresponding licence to be an NT licence for the purposes of your stay. This will enable you to also possess and purchase ammunition for up to 3 months. When purchasing ammunition, you must produce the notice along with your corresponding licence.

Any notification to the Firearms Policy and Recording Unit for either of the above purposes must be made at least 4 weeks prior to your intended travel into the NT.

Contact

firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au or 8922 3543



NORTHERN TERRITORY RIFLE - Association-Incorporated



22nd NT Prize Meeting Inaugural Kings Prize Meeting 2024

June 6 – 10, 2024 @ Micket Creek Shooting Complex

Medal, badges, cash prizes

Supported by the Northern Territory Government <u>Lots of cash Prizes to be won</u> - \$1500 TR A grade winner

<u>Cash Prizes and Trophies</u>: Prizes will only be awarded if a minimum of 5 compete in a grade or class. The NTRA Council reserves the right to alter programs in any way it may deem necessary. Cash prize values determined by entry numbers.

- Target Rifle: Embroidered Kings & Lou Hook Badges, + Grade Medals:
- F-Disciplines: Embroidered Kings & Lou Hook Badges, + Grade Medals
- Sporter PCO : Embroided Kings & Lou Hook Badges, + Grade Medals

Range and Daily Aggregate Medallions, Grand Championship Crosses + Cash

<u>Prizes</u>

NT KINGS PRIZE & THE DYER – DARWIN:

Thursday 06, JUNE 2024.	Lou Hook Memorial Stage 1 with 10 shots @ 500, 500, 600 & 700m
Friday 07,	Lou Hook Memorial Stage 2 with 10 shots @ 900, 800, DYER 800 & 700m
Saturday 08, JUNE 2024.	NT Kings Prize Stage 1 with 10 shots @ 500, 500, 600 & 600m
Sunday 09	NT Kings Prize Stage 2 with 10 shots @ 700, 800, 800 & 900m
Monday 10	NT Kings Prize Stage 3 with 10 shots @ 800, 900, & DYER 900m

On the weekend:

Saturday Night:

BBQ type to be advised <u>Competitors \$20.</u> Non-competitors \$25.00 Sunday Night:

Sunday Night:

Calcutta for King's & The Dyer if enough interest

THE DYER: Format may change from advertised dependant on interest.

NT Jack-Pot POOL \$4000: Anyone (in same discipline) who can win both the CARC OPM & the NT Kings(Pool to be shared if multiple winners , includes TR & scope disciplines)

NTRA will double the Jackpot Pool money for a shooter who can go through in the same discipline without dropping a point in both events; the CARC Alice OPM and the NT Kings in TR,FS,FO,FTR,SPCO – All Grades. (For a discipline/grade to be eligible in the pool, that discipline/grade requires a minimum of <u>10 entrants</u> completing both events)

Top Aggregate for BOTH the CARC Alice OPM and NT Kings:

Target Rifle \$150 – F Std \$150 - FO \$150 – F TR \$150 –SPCO \$150 (for each grade)

(For a grade to be eligible for the prize, that grade requires a *minimum of 5 entrants* completing both events)

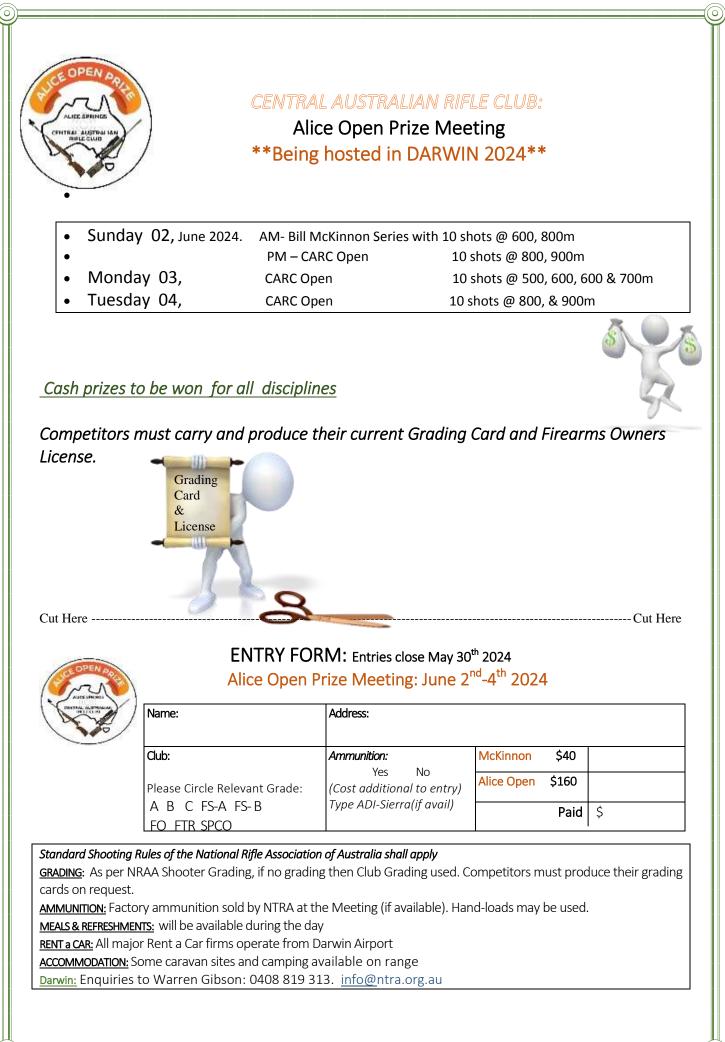
(For NT members, same as above but require 3 NT members shooting in each event to be eligible)

Combined Aggregate NQRA and NTRA 2026:

<u>The highest scoring competitor</u> for the combined Kings Aggregates for both Kings across all disciplines, based on the MCSI handicapping system, awarded Free Entry to the 2026 NTRA Kings

Email: mail@ntra.org.au Website: www.ntra.org.au

Northern Territory Rifle Association I Inaugural King's Prize Meeting June 6 – 10, 2024 ENTRY FORM: Entries close June 1 st 2024		OFFICE USE ONLY Entry No.: Receipt No.:
Entries to: The Secretary Northern Territory Rifle Association Inc. GPO Box 406, DARWIN, NT 0801, Australia Telephone/Fax: (08) 0455 111 668 Email: <u>mail@ntra.org.au</u>	Direct payments to Westp Northern Territory Rifle BSB: 735-311 A/C: 070177 Please use entrants name	e Association
Surname:	ENTRY FEES	\$
Given Name: Address:State:Code: Club:	CASH & TROPHIES: Hook Series (All Grades) King's Series (All Grades) DYER - Team of 4 1. 2. 3. 4.	
Date of Birth (Veterans/Under 25)	Alice Springs Open & Bill McK Bill McKinnon Alice Springs Open.	innon \$40 \$160
Firearms License No:		Total to Pay
NRAA SID No:		
Please Circle Relevant Grade:		Paid
A B C FS-A FS-B FO FTR SPCO Veteran U/25 Left handed	Ammunition Required Yes No (Cost additional to entry) check availability Type – 308 ADI Sierra Ammo INFORMATION	
Veterans 60 or over at 6/6/2024)		
Under 25 at 6/6/2024) I declare that I am affiliated with the NRAA through my State Association and that I am eligible for the categories as Indicated above. Signature:	Standard Shooting Rules of the National Rifle Association of Australia shall apply GRADING: As per NRAA Shooter Grading, if no grading then Club Grading used. Competitors must produce their grading cards on request. AMMUNITION: Factory ammunition sold by NTRA at the Meeting (if available). Handloads may be used. MEALS & REFRESHMENTS:	
(Competitors must sign)	will be available during the day	
Competitors must carry and produce their current Grading Card and Firearms Owners License.	RENT a CAR: All major Rent A Car firms opera ACCOMMODATION: Some caravan sites and campin Darwin: Enquiries to Warren mail@ntra.org.au	g available on range





2024 will be the 2nd running of this event contested at the Biennial NT Kings. The event is sponsored by Bob & Jan Dyer and is an initiative to promote teams shooting and give all participating shooters more shooting during the championships.

The event will be run as a Jackpot event with a fine perpetual trophy donated by Bob & Jan.



Competition: <u>2 sighters and 10 counting shots</u>

- Friday PM 700m & 800m, Monday at the conclusion of the Kings 900 m
- Each Member of the team will take their individual Kings score + their teams score for the Teams Aggregate.

Rules:

4-person team from any district in Australia

- Coach can be a shooter in the team or a coach from anywhere in Australia
- TR can be from any grade
- F-Disciplines a maximum of 2 FO per team any grade
- The competition will be conducted under SSR's

Entry & Prizes: <u>\$200 entry per team</u>

- Winning team to collect 70% + Perpetual Trophy
- Highest individual score 20%
- NTRA 10%



The Kings is now a 10-range aggregate and with the inclusion of The Dyer we will have a great chance in showcasing some great shooting.

Hope to see you there..... 7th June 2024