

COVID-19

Impact on the attendance requirements for Pistol shooters.

The response form FAS regarding attendances:

"We acknowledge that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and directions around social isolation mean that participation rates should be reviewed for the year 2020.

Because this is a national requirement established under the National Firearms Agreement, it is important that any changes be agreed by States and Territories and the Commonwealth.

A national position is expected to be formed in the coming weeks, which is anticipated to be either:

- Pro rata reduction of pistol participation rates based on the impacts of social isolation policy in Tasmania and Nationally (likely to be around a 50% reduction); or
- b. Complete removal of pistol participation rate requirements for the year 2020.

For the time being Category H licence holders can determine their participation knowing that there will be a sensible reduction in requirements based on the health risks to the community.

Of course this situation is fluid and continues to evolve, so decision made in March or April may be reviewed as the year progresses based on the information available at the time.

Despite the above information this does not remove the requirement to submit participation rate record cards for the calendar year of 2019."

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