

# **Junior Development Section SSAA (ACT) Inc. Introduction**



The primary aim of the Junior Development Section (JDS) is to educate young people, 12 to 18 years of age, in the *safe* and *responsible* use of firearms.

JDS sessions are generally held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday mornings of each month during term time, from approximately 8:30 am until midday, at the Terry O'Brien Range at the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (ACT) Majura Range Shooting Complex, Hector McIntosh Grove, Sutton, ACT.

JDS juniors use bolt action .22 rimfire rifles with telescopic sights, which they can hire at any JDS session. If a junior has private access to a suitable rifle, it may be used by the junior at JDS sessions after inspection and approval by the coordinator. Junior shooters in the ACT cannot legally own a firearm but they may have access to a private firearm acquired on the firearms licence of a parent or guardian.

The instruction of juniors at JDS sessions is provided by SSAA (ACT) Range Officers and Authorised Instructors on a volunteer basis. All juniors attending their first sessions receive individual instruction in the basics, including the safe handling of firearms. More experienced juniors have the opportunity to compete in a number of events and competitions, such as Benchrest, Field Rifle and Rifle Metallic Silhouette. Parents are expected to supervise their juniors.

After attending three JDS sessions all juniors are required to become members of SSAA and the JDS encourage them to apply for a Junior Firearms Permit from the appropriate authorities (eg ACT Police).

JDS charges are kept as low as possible:

- Rifle hire – non-member \$6.00
- Rifle hire – SSAA member \$3.00
- Ammunition \$5.00 per box of 50 rounds (average of 1 boxes per session)
- Targets \$0.50 each
- Shooting booklet \$10

## **SSAA Membership**

Juniors are required to join the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) if they wish to continue participating with the JDS activities. Membership application forms are available from the JDS.

## **Junior Shooting Permits**

ACT Juniors between the ages of 12 and 17 years may apply for a Junior Firearms Permit. These permits remain current until the holder's eighteenth birthday. Membership of an approved club (i.e. SSAA ) and a firearm's safety certificate must accompany the application. The SSAA (ACT) Inc offers free Firearms safety certificate courses regularly to members of the JDS.

Note: NSW firearms regulations differ from the ACT. Please see the coordinator for information.

## **Clothing:**

In the interests of safety participants at JDS sessions must wear closed shoes and have their legs covered. JDS uniform t-shirts, caps and jackets are available for purchase and should be worn to all SSAA, Discipline, JDS and interstate events.

NOTE: Military style clothing, like army fatigues and camouflage gear may not be worn for JDS activities.

## **Parent Participation:**

The JDS survives through the generous donation of time and energy by parents and friends of JDS, we have no paid positions. It is our fervent hope that all parents will become involved in helping to run the various aspects of the JDS.

Historically, our most successful juniors have had parents who were prepared to participate in the sport.

**Many hands make light work.**

**Junior Development Section  
SSAA (ACT) Inc.  
2014 Awards Information  
Terry O'Brien Range**



## AWARDS

To be eligible for any award the winner must satisfy the following:

- ✚ Be a financial member of the SSAA
- ✚ Participate in a minimum of four (4) Junior Development Regular or Special Sessions during the JDS year.

### **President's Trophy 'Pee Wee Class'**

This is an encouragement award presented by the President SSAA (ACT) Inc. Criteria for selection include, but are not limited to, attendance, participation, improvement and competitiveness.

### **The Basil Mulder Memorial Trophy**

This Trophy is awarded at the discretion of the Junior Development Coordinator. Generally, the award is provided in recognition of dedicated volunteer service to the Junior Development Section. However, this award may also recognise a deserving junior who has made an outstanding contribution to the Section.

### **Senator Margaret Reid Junior Bullseye Award**

This perpetual Trophy is awarded to an outright winner who satisfies the following:

- ✚ Participate in a minimum of two (2) Junior Special Sessions nominated for this award; and
- ✚ Aggregate of bullseyes scored in the best two matches is greater than all other eligible candidates.

The Special Sessions for this award are shown in the Junior Development Calendar.

Any ties for places will require a shoot-off to be held towards the end of the JDS year.

### **Combined Services Perpetual Trophy**

This perpetual Trophy is awarded to an outright winner who satisfies the following:

- ✚ Participate in a minimum of two (2) Junior Special Sessions nominated for this award; and
- ✚ Aggregate of scores in the best two matches is greater than all other eligible candidates.

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### **MacKenzie Medal Memorial Perpetual Trophy**

This perpetual Trophy is awarded to an outright winner who satisfies the following:

- ✚ Participated in a minimum of two (2) SSAA (ACT) Field Rifle Discipline club day shoots between January and November.
- ✚ Aggregate of the best two match scores is greater than all other eligible candidates.

### **Winchester SSAA Junior Metallic Silhouette Shield**

This perpetual Trophy is awarded to an outright winner who satisfies the following:

- ✚ Participated in a minimum of two (2) SSAA (ACT) Rifle Metallic Silhouette Discipline club day shoots, between January and November.
- ✚ Aggregate of the best two match scores is greater than all other eligible candidates.

For the Winchester and MacKenzie awards scores will be verified from the records maintained by the ACT Discipline Coordinator for either Rimfire Metallic Silhouette or Field Rifle. In the event of a tie, the third highest score may be added to the aggregate, and so on until a winner is determined. Registered State or National Competition matches are excluded, with the exception of postal competitions.

## Location

**Terry O'Brien Range  
SSAA Shooting Complex  
Hector McIntosh Grove, Sutton ACT  
off Majura Rd 500m from intersection with Federal Hwy**

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