

Information for All Shooters in the North vs South Match 2021

1. **When selected for the team** - please return your travel details to the Hosts as soon as possible, even if you are arriving by your own transport and don't need to be met. The more information the Host Association has, the easier the job will be. **Make sure you state whether you are left or right handed. You must book your own accommodation whether you use one of the host locations or not.**
2. **The team introduction and opening on the Friday night** is an integral part of the whole weekend. Please make sure that your travel arrangements allow you to attend. If there is a genuine reason why you can't attend the introduction, you must let your Team Manager know in advance so he/she can put in your apology.

3. Team Managers:

NORTH ISLAND	SOUTH ISLAND
Junior Ross Mason	Junior Malcolm Garland
Veterans & Men Peter Neilson	Veterans & Women Peter Boerlage
Women & Open Alison Fursdon	Men & Open Peter Webster

4. **A black blazer or jacket** and tie will be needed for the photographs on the Sunday night. You may be able to borrow from another shooter on the night but you can't borrow a blazer with the NZ emblem on it unless you have been in the New Zealand team at some stage. **Attendance at the photograph session is compulsory.** Please do not be late. **Dress code for the dinner** is semi formal; tie and light coloured shirt expected for men (no jeans); for women any skirts/dresses worn are expected to be of a length that is suitable when seated in photographs.
5. **Shooting** – Practice will be available on the Friday from 5pm. Practice will be available Saturday morning from 7am. Please read the timetable you are given and make sure you allow plenty of time to prepare. The mound draw will be done before you arrive so you can practice on the mound you will shoot on.
6. **The Inter Island competition** is 10, 20, 10 shot on our standard targets. Make yourself aware of any special range conditions that could be announced at the Friday night briefing (another reason to attend). The range calls could be different to what you are used to, so be prepared. Check your targets for marking or adding errors when you have shot. (Remember a shot that has already been tested can't be retested.) Any queries on the marking should be brought to the attention of your Manager, who will forward your protest to the Chief Marker. **The official protest time ends 20 minutes after the final team score for your match has been posted.**
7. **On the Sunday** match conditions may vary. All matches on the Sunday will be shot on TSNZ cards. The shooters who did not make the NZ teams will have a separate **Derby Team** competition in which all are expected to participate. The match conditions may vary from year to year, and will be notified by the TSNZ Executive before the North vs South weekend.
8. **Flying with firearms/ammunition** - **When you book your flights** make sure that the airline you choose can take firearms and ammunition to your destination. This is generally no problem with Air NZ.

You must advise the airline well in advance of the flight that you will be carrying a firearm and ammunition – you can do this by phone after you’ve booked. They will register your info on your ticket and may record firearm make, model and serial number, also sometimes the weight of your ammunition. Ammunition weight must be under 5kg – but as 5kg is about 1200 rounds of .22 ammo, this shouldn’t be a problem.

Remember to take your **NZ Firearms Licence with you when you travel.**

Pack your rifle in a rifle case and put locks (keyed or combination) on it. It’s a good idea to cover the locks with tape so they won’t catch on things in the cargo hold.

Pack your ammunition in a separate checked-in bag. It can go into a locked box but it must be in its original packaging (i.e. the Eley / RWS packets etc). Make sure you haven't left ANY loose ammunition in your bullet block. Ammunition weight needs to be less than 5kg.

Your mat will need to be inside a bag, it can no longer be strapped to the outside of any luggage.

You can take a scope in carry-on luggage if you want to, but no firearms parts.

Check in - as you have firearms you can’t check in online in advance or use the kiosks. You must speak to airline staff when you arrive at the airport for this.

Check in early (at least an hour earlier than the normal final check-in time), and expect that some airport staff do not deal with firearms very often so may take some time to process you.

When you check in tell them that you have a firearm and ammunition. You will have to sign a red/white tag that is attached to the luggage. Keep the other copy of this safe as you will need to present this when you pick up your luggage on arrival. Rifles (and sometimes gear bags) are put through the “Oversize Luggage” sections after check-in.

On arrival - collect your gear bags from the luggage conveyor as usual, then go to the Baggage Claim office for your rifle – **in the Plan of Christchurch Airport this is shown by the red arrow:**

Show the staff the red/white tag you were given when you checked in to claim your rifle.

