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TSNZ Target Sprint 2021

Target Sprint is a multi-sport event where competitors combine running with target shooting. A typical event will start with a 400m run, followed by 6 targets being shot from the standing position at a distance of 10m with an Air Rifle, then a further round of run then shoot, finishing up with a final 400m run.

For youngsters Target Sprint is the perfect way to introduce them to shooting sports, and to ensure that essential firearms safety messages are well learnt in a controlled environment. Target Sprint can be introduced very safely to young shooters by using replacement equipment such as laser or nerf guns before moving on to Air Rifles.



It is also a great way to encourage more youngsters to become physically active and take up running by adding in the new and exciting aspect of shooting.

Target Sprint is becoming very popular world-wide, especially in the UK, and is introducing a new range of sportsmen and women to shooting as a competitive discipline. Internationally it is administered

by the International Sport Shooting Federation (ISSF), and at the local level overseas this event is now being run by many shooting clubs and schools. Further information on the sport in the UK can be found at www.targetsprint.com

Target Shooting NZ Inc (TSNZ) is the governing body for ISSF 10m Air Rifle in New Zealand and has Clubs and ranges NZ-wide. Introducing and managing Target Sprint is a logical addition to TSNZ's current line-up of events which are Smallbore (.22 calibre) 20yd and 25yd Indoor, 50m Outdoor and 50m 3-Position shooting, plus 10m Air Rifle (shot indoors). Further information on TSNZ can be found at www.tsnz.nz



As a new event to TSNZ, Target Sprint fits well into the framework by being a gateway into the other areas of target shooting as well as being a stand-alone discipline. And as an outdoor sport it would be focussed on the summer months when many of TSNZ's Indoor shooters (who shoot only over winter) are available to assist.

The Internationally-established Age Groups for Target Sprint participation are:

- YOUTH Women 11 - 15 years old
- YOUTH Men 11 - 15 years old
- JUNIOR Women 16 – 20 years old
- JUNIOR Men 16 – 20 years old
- WOMEN 21 – 44 years old
- MEN 21 – 44 years old
- MASTERS Women 45+ years old
- MASTERS Men 45+ years old

The **TSNZ Target Sprint 2021** project aims to focus on the YOUTH and JUNIOR age brackets by setting up a process to introduce this event to Secondary School students.