



**NORTHERN TERRITORY CLAY
TARGET ASSOCIATION INC**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SHOOTERS POLICY

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BACKGROUND

- 1.1.The Northern Territory Clay Target Association (**NTCTA**) recognizes that for individual shooters to achieve high performance they may need to travel from the NT to other parts of Australia and/or overseas.
- 1.2.There are circumstances where it is in the interests of both the sport and the individual that financial assistance is provided to enable individual shooters to achieve their goals.
- 1.3.As NTCTA is a small organization with very limited resources, in the interests of fairness and transparency it is necessary to have a clear process of evaluating and prioritizing requests, as it may not be possible to respond to all requests or at the requested levels. The following provides guidelines to the NTCTA Executive when undertaking this process and also as to where such assistance should come from.

2. OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. To provide NT clay target shooters with the best possible opportunities to advance to the elite levels of the sport; and
- 2.2. To raise the national profile of the sport and the NTCTA.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.1. The provision of support by NTCTA to individual shooters must be prior approved by the NTCTA Executive Council (**'Executive Council'**).
- 3.2. Support may not necessarily be financial but could be in kind, including but not limited to:
 - (a) assistance in seeking funds;
 - (b) provision of specialized coaching; or
 - (c) negotiation of entry into interstate or other club development programs.
- 3.3. Financial assistance may be sourced from but not limited to:
 - (a) government grants;
 - (b) private sponsorship; or
 - (c) NTCTA operating funds.
- 3.4. Assistance may be obtained for or provided to:
 - (a) teams representing the NT;
 - (b) individual shooters selected to represent Australia; and
 - (c) individual shooters seeking personal goals.
- 3.5. In all instances when assessing an application consideration should be in the following order:
 - (a) broader interest of the sport;
 - (b) broader interest of the NTCTA; and
 - (c) development of the individual shooter.

4. PROCESS

NT representative teams

- 4.1. Each year NTCTA will endeavor to select and send teams to the ACTA trap, skeet, sporting and ISSF national championships.
- 4.2. Selection of these teams is covered elsewhere in NTCTA operating procedures. Funding for teams will in the first instance be sought from the NT Government and private sponsorship.
- 4.3. Funding for NT teams will not be provided from NTCTA operational funds except under extraordinary circumstances and only after agreement from the Executive Council.
- 4.4. Clubs may be requested to contribute.
- 4.5. Funding may be provided to individual team members to offset travel, accommodation and competition entry costs but will not extend to costs of ammunition or food and drink.
- 4.6. The level and amount of assistance provided to individual team members will be determined by an equitable division of available funds and in many (if not most), cases probably will not cover the full costs borne by the individual shooters.

NT shooters selected to represent Australia

- 4.7. NT shooters who have been selected to represent Australia either from an ACTA national championship (e.g. Macintosh team, Glenn Cup etc) or development through the ACTA ISSF Development Pathway who are not receiving sufficient assistance from other sources may apply in writing to the NTCTA for financial assistance to attend a particular event (e.g. World Cup, World Championship, World DTL Championships, World Skeet Championships, Asian Championships etc).
- 4.8. The application should clearly outline:
 - (a) the event;
 - (b) the reason the shooter was selected;
 - (c) the level of assistance the shooter may already receive; and
 - (d) the benefits to the shooter.
- 4.9. The application should be accompanied by a supporting letter from the shooter's club detailing the level of assistance provided by the club. Supporting documentation from the club coach, NT Coaching Director, AISL Senior Performance Coach or the ACTA National Coaching Director will be advantageous.
- 4.10. As these cases will be "one off", funds will need to come from the NTCTA operating

account or sponsorship. If sufficient notice is received NTCTA may consider approaching government for assistance. NTCTA will only provide such funding on a \$ for \$ basis with the applicant's club and only for attendance at a recognized world class event.

NT shooters seeking assistance to achieve personal goals

4.11. Occasionally it may be in the interests of the sport and the NTCTA to provide support to individual shooters to achieve personal goals. Possible scenarios may include but not necessarily be limited to support for:

- (a) indigenous shooters to continue to attend an NT or an interstate development camp or similar;
- (b) promising junior shooters to attend an NT or interstate development camp or similar; or
- (c) recently joined mature age shooters who have exhibited good potential but need specific assistance to achieve better performance without which they may be lost to the sport.

4.12. Such requests must be in the form of a written application from the shooter, accompanied by a supporting letter from his/her coach and a supporting letter from the shooter's club detailing both the level of assistance provided by the club and the exceptional nature of the request.

4.13. Generally NTCTA will only support such requests in exceptional cases. Support will normally be in kind but may be limited financial for specified purposes.