



Gel Blaster Club Rules.

Mission Statement:

Hunters and Shooters Society of Australia's mission is to promote hunting and shooting as a safe, ethical, fun, inclusive and family friendly sport or recreation.

As part of this mission Hunters and Shooter Society of Australia promote Gel Blasting as a fun, safe, family friendly sport.

Purpose of our Rules:

To maintain responsible behaviour and the making of informed decisions by members of the society.

Code of Conduct:

Hunters and Shooters Society of Australia members must adhere with the following requirements. Any breach of these requirements may result in suspension of membership or expulsion from the Society.

Disciplinary Sanctions:

Our Society may take disciplinary action against anyone found to have breached our rules or relevant laws, regulations, guidelines or who have failed to hold hunting or shooting sports (including Gel Blasting) in good image.

Any disciplinary actions taken under our rules must be applied within any relevant state or federal laws, be fair and reasonable and be based on the evidence and information presented.

The evidence and information will be considered by a board member with the burden of proof being the balance of probabilities.

Possible sanctions that may be taken include but are not limited to:

1. A direction that the individual makes a verbal and/or written apology.
2. Counselling of the individual to address behaviour.
3. Suspension or termination of membership.
4. Any other form of discipline that our society considers reasonable and appropriate.

Appeals:

The complainant or respondent may be entitled to lodge an appeal against a sanction to the president of Hunters and Shooters Society of Australia or QCAT.

Such appeal should be made in the first instance to the president of Hunters and Shooters Society of Australia in writing within 21 days of the sanction being handed down.

Good image of hunting and shooting sports:

It is the responsibility of a society member to do all in their power to improve and preserve the good image of hunting, shooting sports, and the Hunters and Shooters Society of Australia.

Awareness of relevant legislation:

It is the responsibility of a society member to be aware of and comply with all relevant provisions of legislation relating to Gel Blasters.

Examples of laws for QLD are; the Weapons Act 1990, Weapons Regulation 2016 and Weapons Categories Regulation 1997 and the Criminal Code Act 1899.

(Note: there may be other laws and regulations relevant to particular places and Gel Blasters such as council by laws. It is the Gel Blasters responsibility to obtain awareness and understanding of such laws.)

Safe handling of firearms:

Where Gel Blasters are used, the rules for safe handling of firearms must be followed.

1. Treat a Gel Blaster as if it was a “Real” Firearm.
2. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
3. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
4. Keep your finger off the trigger unless you are intending to shoot.
5. Always wear proper protective equipment such as safety glasses, enclosed shoes and long clothing.
6. Know your target and what is beyond your target.
7. Keep firearm unloaded when not in use.
8. Only shoot the firearm where you are legally allowed to shoot the firearm.
9. Do not use a firearm whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Permission required to enter land:

You must not use a Gel Blaster on any land without the express authority of the occupier of the land.

Incident reporting:

In the event of any action that results in property damage, Injury, death or near miss whilst undertaking Gel Blaster activity under the banner of Hunters and Shooters Society of Australia the involved members or staff **MUST** fill out an incident report form (attached in Appendix) with all relevant details and submit it to the president of Hunters and Shooters Society of Australia within twenty four (24) Hours.

If it is not possible to submit the written form within twenty four (24) hours due to the remote or isolated are the incident occurred the member must make phone contact with a Hunters and Shooters Society of Australia board member within the twenty four (24) hour period providing all relevant details and submit the form as soon as reasonably possible.

The incident report form will be reviewed by Hunters and Shooters Society of Australia board members to identify if any breach of conduct, laws, regulations, guidelines etc have occurred and if a record of complaint should also be furnished.

The incident report will also be reviewed to identify and areas where safety could be improved and if possible, put in place policy and guidelines to address any areas of concern.

The incident record form will be maintained by Hunters and Shooters Society of Australia for a minimum period of seven (7) years. Incident record forms may be

maintained for longer periods in the event that any legal action arises from the incident.

Conditions of participation in a match:

A completed waiver, and a Driver's Licence/18+ card/student ID (for minors) will need to be sighted before play.

Must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the match.

You must be over the age of 13 to participate.

If you're aged between 13-18, you require a parent to sign the waiver, and an adult to accompany you for the entire duration of the session. The accompanying adult does not need to participate but must remain on site.

Closed footwear must be worn at all times.

Full coverage eye wear and/or a suitable mask must be worn at all times on the field, or when otherwise instructed. Should the field management deem your eye wear/mask unsuitable for participation, then a full face hire mask will be available at the cost of \$5 per session. Please note that this is purely in the interest of safety.

The FPS limit is 300FPS. All Blasters will be test fired into a chronograph before entry to the field, and spot checks occur.

Only Gel balls sold at venues from HSSA or operators of gel blaster fields are to be used to ensure safety.

Please note that games are strictly a booking-only, and walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

This isn't a spectator sport; no spectators will be permitted in or around the gel blaster field.