

Modern Pentathlon – Equipment Loan Policy – 2020 / 21

It is acknowledged that for young athletes starting out in the sport of Modern Pentathlon, it can be an expensive exercise. To facilitate an introduction to the sport, Modern Pentathlon Australia (MPA) has several laser pistols and targets, (“the Equipment”), which are available for individuals to loan for an introductory duration.

The aim of this policy is to enable athletes to have usage of the Equipment to experience and become involved in the sport without the initial necessary financial outlay, before deciding whether to continue as an athlete with Modern Pentathlon. The following protocol will apply in order to best manage the process:

The MPA Pathways and High-Performance Manager, in consultation with the High Performance Advisory Committee and with delegated authority from the MPA Executive Board, approves or declines the Equipment loan requests.

Athletes wishing to loan the Equipment must complete and send a request form, using the MPA application form along with the endorsement of their state association, to the MPA Secretary during the annual request period.

The annual period for request and allocation of the Equipment will be determined by MPA. This is the only time every year that the Equipment will be allocated on a 12-month loan policy.

The MPA Secretary will administer the Equipment Register and all communications regarding the loan of the item.

The costs of freight /postage /transport of the equipment will be borne by the requesting athlete.

1. The athlete must provide their own insurance (domestically and internationally) for loaned equipment and provide MPA with a copy if requested.
2. Any faults, damage or loss of the Equipment that occurs during the period of the loan must be rectified and paid for by the athlete (or parent / guardian) with whom MPA has made the loan agreement with.
3. Costs for Loss of the Equipment (approximately \$1250AUD) will be borne by the athlete (or parent/ guardian), with whom MPA have made the Equipment loan agreement with.
4. MPA will require the replacement cost of the Equipment within one month of the stated loss (approximately \$1250AUD).
5. Failure to adhere to 2), 3) and / or 4) above will result in that athlete not being eligible to attend any MPA training camp or competition or be selected for any international event.

6. The athlete being loaned the Equipment must house it in an appropriately secure place and must demonstrate that they have the relevant licenses.
7. Loan Equipment is only for a 12 months duration. After such time the Equipment must be returned to MPA.
 - 7.1. Athletes can request an extension on their loan, however this must be done via a formal request and is only by exception
8. Any athlete with loaned Equipment must make that Equipment available for others to use if requested at domestic and international competitions should it be required.
9. MPA has the right to cancel the 12-month loan period at any time, and request that the athlete return the equipment immediately (at athlete cost).
10. After 12 months of loan, it is an assumption that if the athlete is to continue with the sport they will purchase their own pistol for training and competition use. Only under extenuating circumstances will an athlete be able to retain their loan pistol for longer than 12 months.