

Fullbore Indoor Training 2025

Hi

Here are the dates for the Indoor Training sessions for Shooting Skills training that was in the training plan that I outlined in the Jan 2025 planning document that was published.

The training sessions open to all who wish to learn and improve

We have selected 4 regions so that individuals have an opportunity to go to a session locally:

24/25 May Auckland (@Waitakere)

5/6 July Palmerston North (@Colyton)

12/13 July Marlborough

23/24 August Rangiora

The fee to participate in each training weekend is \$60. To join the training squad.

Register at:

www.nzrifleteam.co.nz/squad

The first full-bore training weekend will then be a Shooting and Wind Coaching Session held at Cheltenham 20 & 21 September 2025 (finishing at 3pm on the Sunday). Again, this is open to all those who wish to improve the shooting and coaching skills. This will be an opportunity for individuals and me to see where you are, set a benchmark for yourselves and create/update plans to improve individual skills.

I am looking at dates for a second two-day camp at Trentham in November. This will be open to all interested in selection for the Australia (2026) and Palma (2028) matches (Open and U25).

The Australia Match Team will be selected and named at the 2026 Nationals.

So, what do you need to do:

Come along with a willingness to learn and improve

Select one of the indoor training venues and learn as much as you can

Plan to be at Cheltenham in September and at Trentham in November

If your goal is to be selected in the Australia Match Team don't forget about the following:

A barrel with less than 750 rounds upon departure to Brisbane; A Centra Rear Sight or equivalent (1/4-minute movement in elevation and windage); The team will be using the Berger 155.5gr projectile for all the teams matches.

Please put some thought and planning into things that may take time to arrive or source (eg a barrel) and other things like components etc. so that you have them on hand when you need

them. I have already reached out to Berger (Capstone) with regards to possible sponsorship for projectiles and brass (there is more to come on this when we know more).

Plan to be available for the Team Training weekends over Waitangi Weekend and Kings Birthday Weekend

And note that team will need to be in Brisbane from Tuesday 6th October 2026 through to Monday 19 October 2026. This includes two team training days (8 and 9 October) on the range in Brisbane before the individual matches start.

Further details like budgets and other planning for the Australia Match will come out during 2025.

After the Australia Match planning and training for the Palma will then kick in. Details on that will become available in due course

There is a lot of work to happen over the next 3 years culminating in the 2028 Palma Match and we are just at the start

If you have any questions, I will endeavor to answer them

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Cheers

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Australia Match 2026 & Palma Match 2028