



# Mpumalanga Practical Shooting Association

03 JUNE 2021

Hello all SAPSA members

It has become evident that the present economic situation has impacted our shooting sport and the impact is specifically noticeable with the Long Gun (Shotgun and Rifle) leagues which have fewer shooters in general.

We have also lost several Long Gun shooters from our province which further impacts our long gun events.

We also have several top-level shotgun and rifle shooters in our province and we actively encourage members in our province to enter our Level 2 Long Gun leagues, as this gives good exposure for our club level shooters to interact with our national level shooters.

Unfortunately these present circumstances have caused a drop in entries in our level 2 Long Gun league matches.

We usually encourage shooters from other provinces to join these level 2 league matches, but sometimes a clash in match dates prevents this from being a realistic option.

We now face a dilemma with insufficient entries for the upcoming level 2 shotgun league match, and the postponement of the upcoming level 2 league rifle match, as the host club for that rifle match no longer has sufficient membership to host the match.

We do not want our long gun leagues to disappear and we are hopeful that in time circumstances will change and we will again see sufficient long gun shooters in our province to ensure that scheduled long gun league matches are sufficiently supported and are successful.

The Long Gun shooters have proposed that, where it is evident that an MPSA Long Gun league match will not be well supported, MPSA consider shifting the league match to “piggy back” on an equivalent Level 2 match hosted by either Eastern Gauteng or Northern Gauteng.

In this instance MPSA members would register for the selected match as an out of province visitor, and MPSA would compile the results and use the MPSA members results for the MPSA Shotgun or Rifle League log.

## **ANTICIPATED BENEFITS**

We see the following benefits to doing this.

1. The MPSA Long Gun Leagues for Rifle and Shotgun will continue to run, even with reduced long gun shooters in the province.

2. The MPSA clubs will have a lighter burden as they cannot host matches with low entry levels, this is not economically viable and is de-motivating for everyone involved with setting up the match.
3. The MPSA League shooters get exposure to a larger number of competitors and more national level shooters and this should assist in improving the level of competitiveness of our long gun shooters.
4. The NGPSA or EGPSA hosting clubs will have the benefit of larger number of entries, thereby making their matches more successful.
5. The travel distance will generally be lower for most clubs as TEKS, Ermelo, Witbank and Middelburg clubs are closer to NGPSA and EGPSA ranges than our provincial home ranges in White River and Ngodwana. Piet Retief, White River and Ngodwana members may have a slightly longer distance to travel.

### **MPSA SHOTGUN LEVEL 2 LEAGUE MATCH 2 – SCHEDULED FOR WHITE RIVER 12 JUNE 2021**

With the above in mind, it has been determined that the White River Shotgun league match scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> June will not have sufficient entries to justify hosting the match in province.

Entries for that match have been open for the past 2 weeks and so far only 6 shotgun shooters from White River have entered. From what the hosting club can ascertain, there will be only 4 more entries from Teks and no out of province entries from Gauteng or Limpopo as EGPSA and LPPSA are both hosting level 2 matches on the same date.

The MPSA Shotgun league match of 12<sup>th</sup> June will therefore be diverted from White River and MPSA will “Piggy Back” the League onto the EGPSA Shotgun Level 2 match, which is to be hosted by Spartan Arms at the Guns@work Shooting Range in Germiston on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Address : Guns @ Work, 1 Homestead Rd, Driefontein, Germiston, Gauteng 1401

PractiScore registration Link: <https://practiscore.com/egpsa-shotgun-league-2/register>

### **MPSA RIFLE LEVEL 2 LEAGUE MATCH 2 – SCHEDULED FOR NGODWANA 13 JUNE 2021**

With the Ngodwana rifle match already having been deferred to a later date, a new date and venue for the MPSA Level 2 Rifle league match 2 is required.

The MPSA rifle League match 2 of 13<sup>th</sup> June will therefore be diverted from Ngodwana and MPSA will “Piggy Back” the League onto the NGPSA Rifle Level 2 match, which is to be hosted by the NGPSA PMPSC club at the Eufees range on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

Entries for this match are not yet registered on Practiscore and MPSA will notify all shooters once entries open.

Below is a listing of long gun match dates for MPSA and potential “piggy back” dates for corresponding EGPSA and NGPSA matches which could be used for the MPSA Long Gun League matches.

12 June	Mpumalanga	White River	Shotgun League	II	White River	1* Cancel the WR match and shoot the Eastern Gauteng Match, same date
13 June	Mpumalanga	Ngodwana	Rifle League	II	Ngodwana	2* This match is already cancelled / postponed.

12 June	Eastern Gauteng	Spartan Arms	Shotgun League	II	Spartan Arms	1* Use this match to replace the MPSA – White River SG league of 12 June
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<b>19-20 June</b>	<b>Central Gauteng</b>	<b>Golden City</b>	<b>SHOTGUN LEVEL III CHAMPS</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Golden City</b>	
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21 Aug	Northern Gauteng	PMPSC	Rifle League	II	Euufees	2* Use this match to replace the MPSA – Ngodwana Rifle league of 12 June
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<b>28-29 Aug</b>	<b>Eastern Gauteng</b>	<b>Spartan/Stilfontein</b>	<b>PCC LEVEL III</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>Stilfontein</b>	
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04 Sept	Mpumalanga	White River	Shotgun League	II	White River	3* Use this match as a combined MPSA Level 2, and a Shotgun Extreme. We have good scope for visitors preparing for the SH Nationals 02 and 03 October.
05 Sept	Mpumalanga	Ngodwana	Rifle League	II	Ngodwana	4* Ask Teks to host this match, the date is good to attract visiting rifle shooters as the rifle nationals are 18-19 September.

18-19 Sept	Northern Gauteng	Premier	RIFLE LEVEL III CHAMPS	III	Premier
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02-03 Oct	Boland	Kraaifontein	SHOTGUN LEVEL III CHAMPS	III	Kraaifontein
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16 Oct	Northern Gauteng	TBA	Rifle League	II	TBA	4* This match could be added to the MPSA Rifle League Calendar, if Teks cannot hose on 05 <sup>th</sup> September.
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23 Oct	Eastern Gauteng	Spartan Arms	Shotgun League	II	Wattlesprings	5* This match could be added to the MPSA SG League Calendar.
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30-31 Oct	Northern Gauteng	Euufees	3rd Round S.A. Championships Handgun	III	Euufees
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01 Nov	Northern Gauteng	Euufees	PCC LEVEL III CHAMPS	III	Euufees
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20 Nov	Eastern Gauteng	Spartan Arms	Shotgun League	II	Wattlesprings	6* This match could be added to the MPSA SG League Calendar.
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Please contact the Chairperson for additional information.

Kind regards,

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MPSA Chairperson  
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