



2009 CANADIAN AIRGUN GRAND PRIX

Special Notice for Non-Canadian Competitors

On January 1, 2001, legislation took effect in Canada that requires all firearms owners to be licensed and all firearms to be registered. Visitors to Canada are required to declare their firearms at the border and obtain a temporary firearms license at a cost of \$25 (Canadian funds).

A firearm, as defined in this legislation, includes all airguns with a muzzle velocity over 500 feet per second using a standard weight pellet. If the stated manufacturers specifications indicate a velocity under 500 fps, then the airgun is not considered a firearm and no licensing is required.

Air Rifle Competitors - As most of the high level competition air rifles are over the 500 fps limit, most of the rifle competitors will have to obtain a temporary license. The process is as follows:

- 1 - Download the application for a temporary license from the CFC website www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca (click 'visitor to Canada' and download form CAFC 909)
- 2 - fill out the form as accurately as possible but do not sign it
- 3 - present the form to Canada Customs at the point of entry

Air Pistol Competitors – Quite a number of air pistols are under the 500 fps limitation and are therefore not subject to regulation. However, at least 9 models of popular air pistols (listed below) have been identified by the Canadian government as capable of achieving velocities over the limit and have placed them in a 'restricted' category. That means that not only are they subject to licensing and registration, an additional application is required to obtain an 'Authorization to Transport (ATT)' (no fee required). This permit applies to all handguns legally registered in Canada.

The following air pistols have been classified as 'restricted firearms' by the Canadian Firearms Centre (CFC):

- Feinwerkbau 65
- Feinwerkbau 80
- Feinwerkbau P30
- Morini CM162E
- Morini CM162E1
- Pardini K2
- Pardini K2s
- Steyr LP1
- Steyr LP10

Some of these air pistols have been modified to fire under 500 fps and if accompanied by a letter from the manufacturer stating such, then the gun does not have to be registered. Otherwise, it will be up to the owner to prove that the pistol does not fire over 500 fps through documentation from the manufacturer or from the qualified individual who tested or modified the gun. Any modifications must be done in such a way as not to be easily converted back.

Otherwise, any non-resident competitor with one of the above air pistols will have to obtain a temporary license and also an Authorization to Transport (ATT) to transport the pistol to the competition.

With the cooperation of the Chief Firearms Office in Ontario (CFO), special arrangements have been made to facilitate this process. Following is the process:

1 - Download the application for a temporary license from the CFC website www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca (click 'visitor to Canada' and download form CAFC 909)

2 - fill out the form as accurately as possible

3 - fax or email a copy of the license form to the attention of Jeff Hale (fax: 705-330-4298, jeff.hale@ontario.ca) which indicates your border point of entry, exit and the dates you will be entering and leaving Canada - also forward a fax number if available

Note: please also include the model of the air pistol (make and serial number are already on the license application form)

4 - the CFO will then process the ATT and send it to you by fax or mail - note that it will only be valid when accompanied by the visitors firearms licence you obtain at the border entry point

4 - Take the completed forms (and ATT) with you and present them at Canada Customs at the border crossing for their processing

5 - Canada Customs will assign a license number to the application which will also validate your ATT and you will be on your way.

Just another note: for those transporting junior shooters to the match. An ATT cannot be issued to anyone under the age of 18 therefore the accompanying adult will have to apply and be responsible for the airgun.

For those traveling in groups or with Junior teams, we suggest that all the airguns be registered under one name. This reduces the paperwork and costs for all concerned.

Please be advised: All restricted firearms (air pistols) must have trigger locks and be locked in a case at all times during transport. All rifles must be enclosed in a case and out of sight.

I hope this is clear enough for everyone involved. If you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you at the match.

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