



## SOUTH AFRICAN MODERN PENTATHLON ASSOCIATION

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# Travelling with Laser Pistols

## Guidance for SAMP Athletes

**Important:** Athletes must obtain written approval from their airline before booking. A laser pistol is not a firearm and cannot discharge projectiles or pellets; however, it may resemble a firearm during security screening and may be subject to additional checks.

### 1. Before booking

- Confirm in writing that the airline permits laser pistols.
- Advise the airline that the laser pistol:
  - is not a firearm;
  - cannot discharge projectiles or pellets; and
  - is approved sporting equipment used in Modern Pentathlon.
- Provide the applicable Pentashot or EcoAims manufacturer declaration.
- Confirm whether the laser pistol:
  - must be booked as sporting equipment;
  - may travel in standard checked baggage; and
  - will attract additional baggage fees.
- Ask the airline to add a note to the booking confirming that a laser pistol will be transported in checked baggage for sporting purposes.

### 2. Documents to carry

- Written airline approval or correspondence.
- Pentashot or EcoAims manufacturer declaration.
- Competition invitation, where applicable.
- Completed Laser Pistol Information Form (Appendix 1).

### 3. Packing requirements

- Remove all batteries from the laser pistol.
- Place the laser pistol in a secure, protective case inside checked baggage.
- Do not carry the laser pistol in hand luggage.
- Ensure the equipment is adequately insured against loss or damage.



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### 4. At the airport

- Arrive early to allow sufficient time for check-in and additional security screening.
- Declare the laser pistol at the airline check-in desk and during any special or oversized baggage screening.
- Keep all supporting documents and the airline's written approval readily available.
- Follow all instructions issued by airline, airport and security personnel.
- Do not open the laser pistol case unless instructed to do so by authorised personnel.

### 5. On arrival

- Confirm with the event organiser or Local Organising Committee (LOC) whether the laser pistol must be declared on arrival.
- Check oversized or security baggage collection areas if the baggage is not delivered on the standard carousel.

### 6. Previous airline experience

*The following information is provided only as a historical reference and does not constitute current airline approval.*

**Previously reported as allowing laser pistols:** Air France, Air Baltic, British Airways, Bulgarian Air, EasyJet, EgyptAir, Eurowings, LOT, Lufthansa, Qatar Airways, Swiss Air, TAP Air Portugal, TUI, Virgin Atlantic, Vueling, Flybe, Jet2, Loganair, Aer Lingus and KLM.

**Previously reported as not allowing laser pistols:** Ryanair and Wizz Air.

**Traveller responsibility:** Airline policies and airport- and country-specific requirements may change without notice. Each athlete is responsible for confirming all applicable requirements directly with the airline and relevant authorities before departure.

### **\*Key reminder\***

**Obtain written airline approval before booking, carry all supporting documentation, pack the laser pistol securely in checked baggage and declare it during check-in.**



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### Appendix 1

#### LASER PISTOL INFORMATION

**THIS IS NOT A FIREARM AND DOES NOT EMIT A PROJECTILE**

*Prepare three copies: one for the pistol case, one for the suitcase and one for hand luggage.*

| Athlete details    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Name               |  |
| Date of birth      |  |
| Passport number    |  |
| UIPM licence ID    |  |
| Country code       |  |
| Address            |  |
| Pistol information |  |
| Manufacturer       |  |
| Model              |  |
| Serial number      |  |



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