



## GEL BLASTERS AND THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LAW

- Gel Blasters that resemble firearms are classified as “**Controlled Weapons**” (i.e. imitation firearms) under the Weapons Act 1999.
- Gel Blasters are **not** classified as firearms under the Firearms Act 1973. A firearms licence is not required to own a Gel Blaster.

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- A “**lawful excuse**” is required in all cases to possess or carry a Gel Blaster.
  - ▶ Being a member of a Gel Ball club generally satisfies this requirement if Gel Blasters are lawfully used and for the practice of the sport of Gel Ball.
- A Gel Blaster must not be used to injure / disable someone or cause fear of injury / disablement.

Such examples include:

- ▶ Carrying a Gel Blaster in public;
- ▶ Pointing and / or shooting a Gel

Blaster at another person without their permission.

- ▶ Shooting a Gel Blaster in your backyard without your neighbour’s permission.
- Sale and/or supply of Gel Blasters to persons under the age of 18 is not allowed.
  - ▶ Persons under the age of 18 are however allowed to use Gel Blasters for sporting or recreational activities, such as engaging in the sport of Gel Ball at designated, purpose-built venues.
  - ▶ Parents / guardians purchasing a Gel Blaster for persons under the age of 18, without having themselves a “**lawful excuse**” (e.g. sport participant, collector, etc.) are committing an offence.

## OFFENCES

- Breaches to the above legal requirements carry penalties under the Weapons Act 1999 of imprisonment for 2 years and a fine of \$24,000.
- Depending on the offence, other penalties under the Criminal Code may also apply.



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## The Western Australia Airsoft and Gel Ball Club, Inc.

The Western Australia Airsoft and Gel Ball Club, Inc. (WAAGBC) is the only not-for-profit organisation in Western Australia lobbying for the sport of Airsoft and Gel Ball.

We work hard to advance, promote and safeguard these awesome sports so you can enjoy them with your friends.

**Established in 2017**, as an Incorporated Association in conformance with all Government regulations, WAAGBC has had the greatest success over the past 24 years in lobbying for the legalisation of Airsoft, including a Bill introduced to the WA Parliament supported by the majority of political parties.

Government and the wider community expects an organisation such as ours to govern, educate and regulate the sport in order to permit its future presence.

We are here to prevent the South Australian case where Gel Blasters were effectively banned overnight and business and hobbies ruined, as well as to expand the sport of Gel Ball.

## BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

By becoming a Club Member, you:

- Are able to demonstrate the “**lawful excuse**” legal requirement needed to own a Gel Blaster;
- Can access exclusive member discounts with specialised vendors and Gel Ball fields;
- Become part of a great community;
- Support us in achieving our objectives to advance, promote and safeguard the sport of Gel Ball and Airsoft in Western Australia.



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