



2017-2018 Official Match Program (OMP)

The American Legion presents its 28th Junior 3-Position Air Rifle Tournament, which provides competitors an opportunity to test their marksmanship ability in competition with other junior competitors throughout the nation.

- A. **The Individual Tournament** has three phases of competition:
 1. First Round - State Championships
 2. Second Round - Qualifications
 3. National Championships

- B. **The Team Tournament** has two phases of competition:
 1. First Round - State Championships
 2. Second Round - National Championships
 - **All team members must be entered on the same team per class. To determine rankings, the team score will be comprised of the top four scores fired in each class. Teams will be broken down into multiple teams of four shooters. This will continue until there are less than four shooters remaining per team.**

- C. **The First Round** and **Second Round** of the Individual Tournament are **postal matches** whereas the **National Championship** of the Individual Tournament is a **shoulder-to-shoulder competition**.

D. **The First Round** and the **Second Round** phases of the Team Tournament are postal matches.

- A Postal Match is a match in which competitor's fire on their home ranges using targets which have been marked for identification. The fired targets are then returned for scoring and ranking for awards.
- The Individual and Team Tournaments will be conducted in accordance with this Official Match Program (OMP) and the 2016-2018 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rule Book 11TH Edition.

1. Who May Compete:

a. Sponsorship:

- Entry into the Individual and Team tournaments is limited to competitors who are **active members** of a **Junior Shooting Club AFFILIATED** (Completed affiliation form on file with The American Legion National Headquarters) with **American Legion Post**. Affiliation form can be downloaded here http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/jss_affiliate_form.pdf

b. Age Limits:

- Competitors who have reached their 18th birthday or are a graduate of high school class of 2018 and those younger are eligible.

c. Teams:

- A team is comprised of four competitors who represent the same Junior Shooting Club.
- More than one team may represent a club; however, **only one competitor may represent a club/team**.
- The First Round of the team tournament is a postal match and will be comprised of the top four competitor's individual tournament scores.

d. Other Limitations:

- Each competitor may fire on only one set of "official match targets" during the State Championship phase of either tournament.
- **A SPORTER COMPETITOR IS INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN CONSECUTIVE INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS UNLESS HE/SHE IS MOVING FROM THE SPORTER CATEGORY TO THE PRECISION CATEGORY (CAN ONLY COMPETE AS A SPORTER ONCE).**
- **A PRECISION COMPETITOR IS INEGLIBLE TO COMPETE IN CONSECUTIVE INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (MUST WAIT ONE YEAR BEFORE RETURNING).**

2. Categories of Air Rifle:

- a. Competitors may enter one of two categories in the tournament based on the type of air rifle they wish to use.
- b. **Precision Air Rifle Category:** as described in the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rule 4.4.
- c. **Sporter Air Rifle Category:** as described in National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rule 4.2 with the following limitations:
- d. Sights: As described in National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rule 4.2.8 (Sporter) and 4.5 (Precision). The sight must be factory issue for the Sporter air rifle being used. Telescopic sights are not permitted.
- e. A Precision air rifle **CANNOT** be modified in any way in order for it to comply as a Sporter Air Rifle.
- f. **A competitor may compete in only one category.**

3. Course of Fire:

- a. The First Round - State Championship level (Individual and Team Tournament) of this air rifle match will consist of 60 rounds for record (3 x 20), fired at ten (10) meters.
 - **Twenty shots** from the **prone position**.
 - **Twenty shots** from the **standing position**.
 - **Twenty shots** from the **kneeling position**.
- b. The Second Round - Qualifications (Individual) and the Second Round - National Championship (Team Tournament) of competition will also consist of 20 rounds in each of the three positions.
- c. The 10-meter **Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)** Three Position Air Rifle Target AR 5/10 (designed for use with the Visual Image Scoring technology) will be used at all stages of the tournament.

4. Clothing:

- a. **Precision Air Rifle:** As specified in the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rule 4.6.
- b. **Sporter Air Rifle:** As specified in the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rule 4.3. All shooting clothing must be made of soft, flexible, pliable material, which does not give artificial support to the competitor. No special shooting jackets or pants are allowed.

5. How to Order Official Targets:

- a. To order targets, go to: http://www.legion.org/shooting_forms/target_set_order .
 - There is a **match entry fee of \$12.50** per target set (6 targets).
- b. Clubs/teams **must be affiliated** with The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program.
 - There is no cost to affiliate. Information regarding affiliation is available from The American Legion, 317.630.1204 or legion.org/shooting/resources.
 - Target sets will be distributed and scored by the CMP.
 - 2016-2018 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rule Book and scoring inquiries/disputes should be directed to the CMP.

6. Return of Targets OR Self-Scoring on Orion:

- a. All “Official Target Sets” (both fired and unfired) must be returned to the CMP, **in accordance with the instructions and schedule provided online by the CMP and included in target sets.**
- b. Damaged or questionable fired target sets may result in re-firing and/or disqualification. This decision will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- c. **Only CMP provided competitor targets will be accepted.**

7. Tournament Results Bulletins:

- a. Tournament results can be monitored at http://www.legion.org/shooting/postal_match .
- b. Results will be updated daily.
- c. A **FINAL** results bulletin will be posted on The American Legion website, www.legion.org/shooting at the conclusion of the First and Second Rounds (Individual and Team Tournament).
- d. A final Tournament Results Bulletin will be posted after completion of the National Championship (Individual Tournament shoulder-to-shoulder match).

8. Recognition and Awards:

a. First Round - State Championships (Individual and Team Tournament):

- The State Champion in each category (Precision Air Rifle and Sporter Air Rifle) will each receive distinctive awards.
- Based on the First Round scores, the **overall top ten (10)** teams and **overall top twenty-five (25)** individuals (to include tie scores) in each category, will receive a distinctive Shooting Sports embroidered sew-on patches from The American Legion and entry into the Second Round (Team and Individual Tournaments respectively).
- Target sets will be distributed by the CMP to all Second Round (Individual) and (Team Tournament) qualifiers.
- **STATE CHAMPIONS DO NOT RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC ENTRY INTO THE SECOND ROUND.**

b. Second Round - Qualifications (Individual Tournament):

- No trophies or recognition awards are presented for the Second Round.
- Based on Second Round scores, the **top fifteen (15) competitors in each category** will be **invited to compete** at the **National Championship**.
- Those who accept will receive a financial grant to help cover travel and living expenses.

c. National Championship (Individual Tournament):

- Awards will be presented in each of the three position matches comprising the National Championship Tournament.
- The overall Three Position Championship awards, determined by the aggregate score of the tournament matches plus a 10-round shoot-off from the standing position by the top eight competitors in each category, will recognize the top competitors in the tournament.

d. Scholarships:

- The champion in both the Precision and Sporter category will receive a **\$5,000.00 college scholarship**, provided by The American Legion and The Sons of The American Legion. The overall second place finisher in each category will each receive **\$1,000.00 college scholarship**, provided by The American Legion Auxiliary.

e. Second Round - National Championship (Team Tournament):

- Distinctive trophies will be presented to both the top **five (5)** place overall team and team members in the Precision and Sporter category.

9. Match Conduct:

- a. All phases of the Individual and Team Tournaments will be conducted in accordance with this Official Match Program and the 2016-2018 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rule Book 11TH Edition.
- b. A separate match program will be published for the National Championship Individual shoulder-to-shoulder match.

10. Integrity:

- a. Postal tournaments are conducted with the expectation that each competitor will have the integrity to fire the match according to the rules.
- b. Within each state, The American Legion's Shooting Sports Chairman or in his/her absence, the individual designated by the state commander, is responsible for investigating suspected cheating.
- c. Any individual or team discovered taking advantage of tournament rules would be disqualified.

11. Phases of the Tournament:

- a. **First Round - State Championships (Individual and Team Tournament) — Ends February 1, 2018**
 - The First Round is a postal match to determine the individual state champions (one per category) in each state.
 - To order and purchase targets, visit: http://www.legion.org/shooting_forms/target_set_order the **"Target Sets must be purchased no later than January 15, 2018.**
 - The American Legion will authorize **mailing** of Target Sets by the CMP following verification of **American Legion Post affiliation** and physical receipt of The American Legion payment (checks only). Those paying with credit cards will be authorized following verification of American Legion Post affiliation.
 - **ALL returned fired postal Target Sets must be received by the CMP and/or postmarked no later than February 1, 2018.**

b. Second Round - Qualifications (Individual Tournament) — Ends April 2, 2018

- The Second Round is a postal match to determine the order of precedence for inviting competitors for the National Championship.
- **These targets will be mailed by the CMP to the club's adult leader of record by February 15, 2018. Returned fired postal Target Sets must be postmarked no later than April 2, 2018.**
- Second Round postal targets **must** be fired under the **observation** of an "Official Match Witness" who will be an **officer** in the local **American Legion Post** that has **affiliated** the Junior Shooting Club.

c. Second Round - National Championship (Team Tournament) — Ends April 2, 2018

- The Second Round is a postal match to determine the National Championship team in each category.
- **These targets will be mailed by the CMP to the club's adult leader of record by February 15, 2018.**
- **All returned fired postal Target Sets must be postmarked no later than April 2, 2018.**
- **Second Round** postal targets **must** be fired under the **observation** of an "Official Match Witness" who will be an **officer** in the local **American Legion Post** that has **affiliated** the Junior Shooting Club.
- **NOTE: Substitutions to the original team that fired in the Preliminary Round are permitted; however please remember that a team member may only fire with one team/club.**

d. 28th Annual National Championship (Individual Tournament), July 24 – July 29, 2018, USA Shooting Facility, United States Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

- The National Championship will be fired at the USA Shooting Facility range, Olympic Training Center, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Fifteen (15) competitors in each category will be invited based on their scores in the Qualification Round.
- The competition will be conducted in accordance with a separate Official Match Program.
- A financial support grant for travel and living expenses will be provided to competitors who compete at the Championships.
- The grant may not cover all expenses.

12. National Championship Timeline at a Glance:

2017-2018 American Legion Junior Three Position Air Rifle National Championships	
November 1, 2017	First Round postal match competition target sales and registration opens.
January 15, 2018	First Round postal match competition target set sales and registration closes.
February 1, 2018	Targets due to the CMP - must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2018 to be eligible for scoring.
February 15, 2018	Second Round postal match competition targets mailed out by the CMP.
April 2, 2018	Second Round postal match competition ends. Targets due to the CMP - must be postmarked on or before April 2, 2018 to be eligible for scoring.
July 24-29, 2018	28 th Annual National Championship (Individual Tournament), USA Shooting Facility, United States Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado.