



The American Legion of Iowa Junior Shooting Sports Program Department Championship Tournament

March 14, 2026 – Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa

The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) encourages marksmanship and gun safety education for junior high and high school age youth. The American Legion Department of Iowa will conduct an Air Rifle Championship Tournament providing competitors an opportunity to test their marksmanship with other shooters throughout Iowa. The current National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules will govern the match.

BACKGROUND CHECKS AND ABUSE TRAINING

As a result of Public Law 115-126, Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, The American Legion now mandates that anyone 18 years of age or older who is coaching, volunteering or otherwise participating in the Junior Shooting Sports program, must annually pass a criminal background check and sexual abuse awareness training for the national tournament. Detailed information and guidance are provided in "The American Legion Risk Management Guidebook for the Junior Shooting Sports National Tournament" which can be found on the department website: www.ialegion.org/jssp.

The American Legion national organization mandates that criminal background checks for national youth programs must be conducted by an exclusive commercial vendor engaged by the national organization. This use of a single provider for background checks ensures screening consistency and enhanced confidentiality. The mandated exclusive provider is "Protect Youth Sports."

As a result, the department match will require a background check and abuse training to be on file annually for anyone 18 years of age or older who is coaching, volunteering or otherwise participating in the Junior Shooting Sports program. The department process and pay for the background check. A link to the abuse training will be provided in an email once the background check is completed. The cost is free.

Any tournaments or matches not designated as The American Legion of Iowa Junior Shooting Sports Program Department Championship Tournament are the responsibility of the posts and clubs to conduct background checks and/or abuse training if so desired.

ELIGIBILITY

Shooters must be affiliated with an American Legion post club in Iowa. If the shooter is not an Iowa resident, a non-compete statement will be required. Clarification: A shooter that is a member of an Iowa American Legion shooting team, cannot compete in another state under The American Legion JSSP. For all other competitions, see the current National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules.

Posts wishing to sponsor a new shooting club for this competition must have a completed [official affiliation form](#) returned to Department Headquarters no later than December 31 of the prior year of the tournament. Any applications received after will not be accepted for the current tournament.

The Department Match will be a Best-Four-Count Team (top 4 scores count) as outlined in the current National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules. Shooters will be accepted up to range capacity (52). If range capacity is exceeded, coaches will be contacted, and requested their teams limit to 5 competitors.

Coaches are responsible for ensuring their shooters are knowledgeable of the rules and standards of The American Legion of Iowa JSSP Championship Tournament.

COVID-19: In the event government guidelines and mandates are still in effect by the department match, the number of shooters will be limited to 7 per relay therefore limiting the total number of tournament participants. Teams will be required

to limit the number of shooters participating. To maintain a safer environment, social distancing practices will be in effect. Anyone not on the firing lines will need to wear a mask during the duration of the match. Any additional regulations in place by Camp Dodge will also need to be followed.

LOCATION: Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center
Miller Armory
7105 NW 70th St.
Johnston, IA 50131

Everyone entering Camp Dodge, a military installation, will be required to show valid identification when entering through the main (south) gate.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Twelve (12) to fourteen (14) firing points with 12 to 14 box target traps and backdrop will be provided by Department. Targets will be provided for each shooter with their name and CMP number at check-in.

- * All equipment required for firing, including safety glasses, will be the responsibility of the shooter/team. All competitor clothing items must meet inspection standards for the class of rifle.

ENTRIES

Registration, Medical & Waiver, Team & Housing Forms must be received by March 1 to Department Headquarters, of the current tournament year. Emailed (programs@ialegion.org) or faxed (515-282-7583) forms are acceptable. **Save time & stamps by registering online:** www.ialegion.org/jssp.

Code of Conduct Forms will be collected the day of the tournament.

Preregistration will be taken up to the match capacity of 52 registrants. If range capacity is exceeded, coaches will be contacted, and requested their teams limit to 5 competitors.

If mailed, forms need to be sent to:

The American Legion of Iowa
ATTN: JSSP Match
720 Lyon Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Incomplete forms or missing information will be returned and not accepted until complete.

AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

For purposes of awards, shooters will be divided into three categories based on their age during the tournament's calendar year. For clarification see National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules.

- **Age Group 1:** Competitors who reach their 17th or 18th birthday in the calendar year of the competition or who are older than 18 and still meet the eligibility criteria for school age competitors.
- **Age Group 2:** Competitors who reach their 15th or 16th birthday in the calendar year of the competition.
- **Age Group 3:** Competitors who have not reached their 15th birthday in the calendar year of competition.

COURSE OF FIRE (Sporter)

3 x 20 Match: 20 shots each in Prone, Standing, and Kneeling.

RULES

The current National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules will govern the match.

Trigger pull weights (1.5 lbs.) will be tested and all equipment and clothing will be inspected at check-in. Safety glasses are strongly recommended. Please see waiver in the event of an accident. Once inspected and cleared, each rifle will display the

inspection sticker of the match. The equipment/rifle will not leave the holding area until ready to fire and then only when instructed to proceed directly to the firing line.

Target card #1 in each stage of fire must be posted on the left side of the target box. All sighters will be fired on the left target card during each stage of fire.

RELAY START-TIMES

All shooters are required to report not later than 1 hour prior to start time of their assigned relay. Relay assignment requests should be submitted when registering by the March 1, deadline. Unless requested where there is no guarantee, shooters will be randomly assigned to relays.

Relay #1: 8:30 AM Relay #2: 10:30 AM Relay #3: 12:30 PM Relay #4 (If needed): 2:30 PM

SCORING AND CHALLENGES

The American Legion of Iowa utilizes the Orion Scoring System, a very accurate computerized scanner, at the Department Match. Manual scoring with plugs is not necessary, therefore not implemented. A panel of judges will be available if necessary.

Note: The Orion Scoring system uses the latest in scoring technology. Coaches/managers/trainers should be aware that the Orion Scanner will produce a clear picture of each shot if the pellet is expelled through a clean and properly maintained rifle bore. Equipment inspectors will conduct a visual inspection of the bore and advise the shooter or coach accordingly.

AWARDS

First Place Team Sporter Trophy: Awarded to the top combined score of four shooters from a sponsored shooting club.

First Place Trophy in Age Category 1: Awarded to the top score in three positions.

First Place Trophy in Age Category 2: Awarded to the top score in three positions.

First Place Trophy in Age Category 3: Awarded to the top score in three positions.

Second and Third Place Medals will be awarded also to each Age Category

SCHOLARSHIPS

First Place Sporter: \$2,000 Scholarship (Department of Iowa Foundation Rules Apply).

Second Place Sporter: \$1,500 Scholarship (Department of Iowa Foundation Rules Apply).

Third Place Sporter: \$1,000 Scholarship (Department of Iowa Foundation Rules Apply).

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM (CMP)

For scoring and posting scores, all shooters are required to register with The Civilian Marksmanship Program if they, a coach or parent have not already done so. The cost is free. If a shooter has registered once, there is no need to register again as the registration number remains with the shooter for life. If the shooter is unsure of their CMP Number, see step 3 below.

How to register:

1. Go to www.thecmp.org in a browser.
2. Select *Competition Tracker* in the menu tab towards the top of The CMP homepage.
3. First check to see if the shooter already has a CMP Number by selecting Quick Competitor Number Lookup in the Dashboard (Under the *Welcome to Competition and Club Tracker!* heading)
4. Input *Last Name, First Name, and Date of Birth*
 - a. If no results found, then select the Login/Register tab at the top of the page
5. Under the Login Area, select the link *Don't have a login? Register for one today!*
6. Select I don't have a competitor number, or I can't remember it
7. Step 1: Input *First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth* (mm/dd/yyyy), then select next
8. Step 2: The search result should have come up blank (if it did return with the correct shooter's name and information, select that person)
 - a. Select *I'm a new member. Create a new registration for me.*
9. Fill in the appropriate required fields (anything stating option is optional) on the form
 - a. Create a *User Login* no more than 10 characters
 - b. Create a *Password* a least 8 characters long and contains at least 1 non-alpha (number or special character)
 - c. The shooter's *First* and *Last Name* should have been pulled in from the Step 2 (any changes or additions can be made here from the drop down including the addition of a Middle Name)
 - d. The *Date of Birth* format will most likely be needing correction. It may list the DOB as *yyyymmdd*. Please correct to *mmddyyyy*.
 - e. A *Primary Email address* is required.
 - f. *Gender* is not required but you may select the appropriate field for the shooter.
 - g. A *Primary Mailing Address* is required. Fill out appropriately.
 - h. Every other field, with the exception of *Email Opt In* and *Mail Opt In* are optional.
 - i. If you wish to receive emails or mail from The CMP, leave the fields *Yes*. If not, select *No* for both.
 - i. When the form is filled with the minimum required fields, select *Register* on the bottom of the form. If the Username has not been taken, you will receive a *Registration Complete* message with *Congratulations*.
 - i. If you receive an error message, correct the necessary field (s).
 - j. In the upper right-hand corner will read *Welcome (name of the shooter), Comp #xxxxxx*.
 - i. The number will be the shooter's number for their lifetime for any CMP sanctioned match.
10. Remember the Login information because Account Information can be changed or added to through the *My Account* portal in the Dashboard.



**The American Legion of Iowa
Junior Shooting Sports Program
2022 Department Championship Tournament Match
Save Time & Register Online: www.ialegion.org/jssp**

THIS FORM REQUIRED IS FOR EACH SHOOTER

Shooter Registration Form – Due March 1 of Tournament Year

Last Name		First Name	Middle Initial
Mailing Address		Gender	Left or Right-Hand Shooter
City		State	Zip
Phone (mobile preferably)		Email Address (used for tournament purposes only)	
Date of Birth	Age (during year of tournament)	Current Grade	High School Graduation Year

Select One (Precision will shoot only if 10 or more precision shooters register):

Sporter	Precision	*CMP #
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*Civilian Marksmanship Program – If you do not have one, see page 3 of this program match.

Sponsoring Post (Name & Post number)
Shooting Club affiliated with the sponsoring American Legion post

Please read, print, sign and date if you understand: I do not compete in any additional American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Programs or Teams outside the state of Iowa, and I am sponsored by an affiliated Department of Iowa American Legion Post.

Shooter's Printed Name	Shooter's Signature & Date
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Shooter Medical & Waiver Form – Due March 1 of Tournament Year

CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT & HOSPITAL SERVICES

This will certify that we (I), the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of _____ do, in the event that our (my) son/daughter becomes a participating member of The American Legion Department of Iowa Junior Shooting Sports Program Championship Tournament Match to be held in Des Moines, Iowa on **March 19, 2022**, hereby consent and grant permission, should the necessity of medical care arise, to the furnishing of medical treatment and hospital services as ordered or recommended by a qualified attending physician, including the administration of an anesthetic, laboratory procedures, medical or surgical treatment, x-ray examination, or other hospital services.

WAIVER OF CLAIM

This will further certify that we (I), the undersigned, in consideration of the benefits to be derived by our (my) son/daughter in the event that he/she is a member of an American Legion Department of Iowa affiliated shooting team in the Junior Shooting Sports Program Championship Tournament Match do hereby release and discharge The American Legion Department of Iowa, its officers, agents, instructors, and employees from any and all claims, demands, damages, suits, actions or causes of action which we (I) may, can or shall have by reason of any illness, injury or accident incurred or suffered by said son/daughter while traveling to, attendance at or participation in the above named tournament, from the time of his/her departure home until his/her return thereto.

MEDIA

In accordance with The American Legion Department of Iowa Americanism Commission policy, adopted October 18, 2015, all participants in American Legion programs are subject to publication for promotional purposes of the program in all print, televised, radio, and social media outlets including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Name of parent(s) group medical insurance carrier _____

Policy or certificate no. _____ Parent to whom policy is issued _____

Employer to whom policy is issued _____ Dated: _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Phone and Email Address

Shooting Club Affiliation

THIS FORM REQUIRED IS FOR EACH SHOOTER

Code of Conduct Form – Due Day of the Tournament During Check In

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I represent a school/club shooting activity, which has supported my interest in competitive shooting. I will conduct myself during this tournament to bring only credit to myself and to my school/club.
2. I understand that the Tournament Staff is responsible for the health, safety, and the proper conduct of the competitors in their charge. I accept their leadership.
3. I will operate a motor vehicle only with the permission of my adult leader and/or tournament officials.
4. I will always keep my adult leader/chaperone informed of my whereabouts while traveling to and from the tournament and while at the tournament.
5. I understand that competitors in this tournament will not consume alcoholic beverages while traveling to, participating in, or returning home from this tournament.
6. I understand the legal prohibition and severe punishment associated with the possession, distribution, and use of controlled substances. I will not involve myself with such substances at any time during this tournament.
7. I understand that the tournament staff and The American Legion of Iowa, are not responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of my personal belongings. I will safeguard my personal property and valuables.
8. I will be respectful of other competitors, tournament officials, and other people I might encounter while competing in this tournament.
9. I understand that a violation of this Code of Conduct may result in my being ejected from further competition.
10. **I understand that should I conduct myself in an unsportsmanlike manner, that would bring discredit to The American Legion of Iowa Junior Shooting Sports Program and or Department Championship Tournament, I may be removed from further competition.**

Printed Name of Competitor

Signature of Competitor & Date

If under the age of 18, please have a parent or guardian print and sign below:

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian & Date

THIS FORM REQUIRED IS FOR EACH TEAM

Team and Housing Form – Due March 1 of Tournament Year

Save Time & Complete Online: www.ialegion.org/jssp

Name of Club/Team: _____

(Must be an affiliated team of The American Legion Department of Iowa Junior Shooting Sports Program by December 31 of the previous year of the tournament)

Attention: _____

(Name of primary point of contact/coach/manager)

Mailing Address

Email Address

City

State

Zip

Number of contestants entered from this club: _____

(Each Affiliated Club in Iowa may send five shooters per team; Shooters may participate on only one team)

Printed Name of Shooting Club Coach/Manager

Signature of Shooting Club Coach/Manager

HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS

Shooters and coaches should plan to arrive at Camp Dodge by 6 p.m. on the Friday of the Department Match. Barracks will be made available to all shooters and parents/coaches.

Our team will have: _____ who will be staying on Camp Dodge during the tournament.
Males Females

HOUSING POINT OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Mobile Phone

Alternate Phone

Email Address (used for tournament and JSSP communication only)

**Sponsoring American Legion Post Officer
Name**

Officer Signature

For Department Use Only

Date Received

Number of Participants

Relay Assigned