

Civilian Marksmanship Program

2001 CMP COMPETITION RULES

5th Edition

CMP Competition Rules govern the National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches, Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Matches, Garand Matches and other competition programs established by the CMP



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About the CMP and CPRPFS

The Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice (CPRPRS) was established in 1996 to conduct the Civilian Marksmanship Program or CMP. The CMP promotes firearms safety training and rifle practice for all qualified U.S. citizens with a special emphasis on youth. The CMP operates through a network of affiliated shooting clubs and associations that covers every state in the U.S. CMP clubs and associations offer firearms safety training and marksmanship courses as well as the opportunity for continued practice and competition.

Federal legislation approved by the U.S. Congress and President created the CMP. The original purpose of the CMP was to provide civilians with opportunities to learn and practice marksmanship skills so they would be skilled marksmen if later called on to serve in the U.S. armed services. Over the years the emphasis of the CMP shifted so that today it focuses on youth development through marksmanship. From 1916 until 1996, the Department of the Army administered the CMP. In 1996, the U.S. Congress created the new CPRPFS to administer and promote the CMP. The CPRPFS is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) charity that derives its mission from public law.

The National Matches, Excellence-In-Competition Matches and other competition programs have been important components of the CMP legacy since the early 1900s. The CMP promotes these competitions as important ways to test and celebrate marksmanship skills at their finest. They are also a vital means of fostering the development of shooting sports leaders who can instruct youth in target shooting and promote the growth of marksmanship activities among citizens of the United States.

Introduction

This 5th Edition of the **2001 CMP Competition Rules** provides information about CMP competition programs and the rules that govern CMP National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches, Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) matches and other competition programs. These rules remain in effect from the date they are issued until they are replaced by a successor edition of the rules.

History of the CMP Rules. The first edition of the **CMP Competition Rules** began as a rewrite of Army Regulation 920-30 that governed the National Trophy Matches through 1996. This is the fifth edition of the **CMP Competition Rules**. Rule changes from the fourth edition and any new rules are shown in underlined type.

Applicability. The **CMP Competition Rules** govern all CMP competitions in the National Matches, all CMP EIC matches as well as any other competitions established or sanctioned by the CMP. The rules exist to provide fair and equitable competition for all participants.

Interpretation and Modification. To obtain a clarification or interpretation of any CMP rule, contact the CMP Competitions Office at CMP Headquarters. Recommendations to improve these rules also should be directed to this office. The Programs Committee of the CPRPFS Board of Directors has the sole authority to modify the **CMP Competition Rules**.

Availability. Copies of the **CMP Competition Rules** are provided to all CMP affiliated clubs and state associations and to National Match Competitors. Copies of the Rules may be seen at or downloaded from the CMP web site, www.civilianmarksmanshipprogram.com. Additional printed copies are available at a cost of \$3.00 each. Contact:

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1.0 THE NATIONAL MATCHES

1.1 Purpose

The CMP National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches were established to provide an annual benchmark of excellence for all individuals and teams participating in Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) training and competition activities. The best shooters in the U.S., both civilian and military, test their skills and compete for honors at these matches. The CMP National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches are open to all shooters regardless of skill level. Beginners can compete and learn while shooting side by side with champions. Most importantly, the tradition of the matches and the competitions for prestigious national trophies provide incentives to develop both equipment and marksmanship skills.

1.2 NRA Partnership

The CMP National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches are conducted in conjunction with the National Rifle Association (NRA) National Rifle and Pistol Championships. This partnership enables both organizations to conduct their championships more efficiently. Through this partnership, the NRA provides the personnel to operate the ranges and conduct the competitions while the CMP prepares the Camp Perry ranges for the competitions and provides logistical and facility support. The CMP National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches and the NRA National Rifle and Pistol Championships are collectively referred to as the National Matches. Both the CMP and the NRA also offer many unique training opportunities during the National Matches.

1.3 Uniformed Services Partnership

A third partner in the conduct of the National Matches is the U.S. Armed Services. The Ohio National Guard allows the use of its ranges, housing and administrative facilities. The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and the U.S. Marine Corps Weapons Training Battalion support the conduct of schools and clinics, with assistance from other military rifle and pistol team personnel. The U.S. Army Reserves and National Guard provide personnel, equipment and supplies to support the National Matches in accordance with Title 36, U.S. Code.

1.4 Place and Date

The National Matches are held annually, in July and August, at Camp Perry, Ohio.

1.5 National Matches Competitions

The National Matches encompass both the CMP National Trophy Pistol and Rifle Matches and the NRA National Rifle and Pistol Championships. The National Matches include the following events or championships.

1.5.1 CMP National Trophy Matches

- (1) President's Pistol Match
- (2) National Trophy Individual Pistol Match
- (3) National Trophy Pistol Team Match
- (4) President's Rifle Match
- (5) National Trophy Individual Rifle Match
- (6) National Trophy Rifle Team Match
- (7) National Trophy Infantry Team Match
- (8) National John C. Garand Rifle Match

1.5.2 NRA National Rifle and Pistol Championships

- (1) National Muzzle Loading Championship
- (2) National Pistol Championship
- (3) National Smallbore Rifle Position Championship
- (4) National Smallbore Rifle Prone Championship
- (5) National High Power Rifle Championship
- (6) National Long Range Rifle Championship

1.6 National Matches Schools.

During the National Matches, both the CMP and NRA offer several traditional and new training opportunities for shooters and coaches.

1.6.1 CMP Small Arms Firing Schools

The Small Arms Firing Schools (SAFS) stress safe firearms handling and provide familiarization and marksmanship instruction with service pistols and rifles. The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) conducts the schools with assistance from members of other military rifle and pistol teams. A certificate of completion is issued by the USAMU to everyone who successfully completes the school.

1.6.2 CMP National Junior Highpower Rifle Clinic

The U.S. Marine Corps Shooting Team conducts this clinic for intermediate and advanced junior highpower rifle shooters. The clinic stresses safe firearms handling and the development of advanced competitive shooting skills for service rifle shooting. Participants receive both classroom instruction and hands-on training.

1.6.3 NRA National Junior Smallbore Camp

This camp stresses safe firearms handling and provides beginning and intermediate instruction in smallbore rifle position shooting for junior shooters.

1.6.4 Additional Training Opportunities

The NRA or CMP may offer additional programs such as the NRA Long-Range Rifle School, NRA-USAS-CMP Coach Schools and other special training courses as part of the National Matches.

1.7 Entry Fees

Fees are charged for each competition or training activity in the National Matches. The CMP prescribes the fees for the National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches, the SAFS and CMP training activities. The NRA prescribes entry fees for the NRA National Championships and NRA training programs.

1.8 More Information

The National Matches Program, published in the spring of each year, provides additional details on the matches. Copies are available from either the CMP or the NRA.

2.0 Excellence-In-Competition Matches

2.1 Purpose

Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) matches are a series of service pistol and rifle competitions held on a state, regional and national basis throughout the United States. They provide incentives for CMP participants to develop their marksmanship skills and an opportunity to test those skills. The top competitors in each EIC match earn points toward either the Distinguished Rifleman Badge or the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge that is awarded by the CMP.

2.2 National Trophy Individual Matches

The National Trophy Individual Pistol and Rifle Matches held annually during the National Matches are national-level EIC matches.

2.3 EIC Match Authorization

The CMP must approve all EIC matches prior to their being conducted, except that appropriate military commands approve EIC matches for military personnel. The CMP authorizes affiliated organizations to conduct EIC matches in the United States, U. S. territories or U. S. military installations in other countries. EIC matches are normally held in conjunction with NRA Regional or State Championships, however, it is not required that an EIC match be conducted in conjunction with an NRA competition. Match sponsors that wish to conduct EIC matches may apply to the CMP for authorization, either through the NRA Competitions Division or directly to the CMP.

2.4 EIC Match Locations and Dates

Information on the location and dates of EIC matches is published on the CMP web site at <http://www.civilianmarksmanshipprogram.com>.

2.5 EIC Match Program

Each EIC match consists of a National Match Course fired as prescribed in the **CMP Competition Rules** (Chapter 8.0, Table 2 or Table 4). Any unauthorized variation from these rules will be cause for disallowing the scores fired in that match.

2.6 Fees

Each competitor in an EIC match must pay a fee of \$10.00 that is remitted to the CMP after the match. These fees partially pay the costs of administering the EIC matches and the Distinguished Badge awards program. The local sponsor may charge an additional fee to cover expenses necessary to conduct the EIC match.

3.0 Eligibility Requirement and Categories

3.1 General Eligibility

Any person who participates in CMP National Trophy or EIC matches must comply with these eligibility requirements, regardless of whether he/she is a U. S. citizen. No person who has been convicted of a Federal or State felony or any violation of Section 922 of Title 18, United States Code, is eligible to participate in any activity sponsored or supported by the CMP.

3.2 Eligibility Affidavit Required

3.2.1 National Matches

Before participating in any National Match competition a person shall certify by notarized affidavit that he or she:

- (1) Has not been convicted of any Federal or State felony or violation of Section 922 of Title 18 United States Code, and
- (2) Is not a member of any organization that advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government.

3.2.2 EIC Matches

Before an individual is permitted to participate in an EIC match, the sponsoring club shall have on file a notarized affidavit from that individual certifying that he or she:

- (1) Has not been convicted of any Federal or State felony or violation of Section 922 of Title 18 United States Code, and
- (2) Is not a member of any organization that advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government.

3.3 Liability Agreement Required

In order to participate in the National Matches or any EIC match, the competitor shall sign a liability agreement stating that he or she:

- (1) Shall be bound by the **CMP Competition Rules**,

- (2) Shall waive any claim against the CPRPFS, Inc. and any other organization sponsoring or supporting the match for any personal injury, loss or damage suffered in connection with the match, and
- (3) Shall indemnify and hold harmless the CMP and any organization sponsoring or supporting the match from any claim of a third party arising from any negligent or wrongful conduct.

3.4 Age Limits

CMP National Trophy and Excellence-In-Competition Matches are open to civilian and military competitors 16 years of age or older. The CMP, or in the case of regional and state EIC matches, the local sponsor, may waive the age requirement upon presentation of a sharpshooter classification or higher in NRA competition or other proof of the competitor's ability to handle a service pistol or service rifle safely and complete the match course of fire.

3.5 Disabled Shooters

Disabled shooters are eligible to compete in CMP matches. Special authorizations for physically disabled shooters that are approved by the DCM or issued by the NRA in accordance with NRA Rules 13.1 and 13.2 will be accepted.

3.6 EIC Match Eligibility

In addition to general CMP eligibility requirements, these special eligibility requirements apply for all EIC matches.

3.6.1 Military Competitors

The respective military services restrict the number and type of EIC matches military shooters may compete in through their own regulations.

3.6.2 Non-Distinguished Civilians

Non-distinguished civilians may compete in no more than four EIC pistol matches and four EIC rifle matches in any calendar year, as listed below:

- (1) National Trophy Individual Match (one per year)
- (2) Other EIC matches (limited to three per year).
- (3) A service-sponsored EIC match that may count as one of the three "other EIC matches."
- (4) Non-distinguished competitors may not enter any EIC match on a non-credit basis.

3.6.3 Distinguished Shooters

Distinguished shooters may compete in as many EIC matches as they wish as long as range space is available in accordance with Rule 4.2.2.

3.6.4 Non-Distinguished Military Competitors

Non-distinguished military competitors who, according to their Service regulations, cannot be credited with points earned in the National Matches, are requested to advise the CMP of this in writing prior to their participation in the National Trophy Individual Matches.

3.7 Eligibility for Small Arms Firing Schools

The Schools are open to civilian and military personnel, except that pistol attendees must be 16 years of age or older and rifle attendees must be 12 years of age or older. It is not necessary to compete in the National Matches to attend the SAFS.

3.8 Competitor Categories, National Trophy Matches

Competitors may register and participate in only one of the following categories:

3.8.1 Active Service

This category consists of service personnel on active duty and National Guard and Reserve members on extended active duty for 90 days or more and having Active Service Status under Title 10 USC. This category does not include enrolled undergraduates in the service academies.

3.8.2 Reserve

This category consists of members of any Reserve branch of the U.S. Armed Forces who are not on extended active duty for 90 days or more as described in Rule 3.8.1. The Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, Army or Air Force National Guard and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) are not included. Reserve members who also are qualified as police and civilians as defined below may alternatively register and participate in one of those categories.

3.8.3 National Guard

This category consists of members of the Army or Air Force National Guard who are not on extended active duty for 90 days or more as described in Rule 3.8.1. National Guard members who are also qualified under police or civilian, as defined below, may alternatively register and participate in one of those categories.

3.8.4 Collegiate

This category consists of enrolled undergraduate members of the service academies of the armed forces and students in accredited colleges or universities. A person may compete in the collegiate category until 31 August of the year in which they receive their college undergraduate degree. Collegiate competitors must be regularly enrolled students and take a minimum of 12 credit hours of courses. They may not compete in the collegiate category more than four years. Collegiate competitors who are also qualified under the definition of civilian or junior may alternatively register

and participate in one of those categories.

3.8.5 Police

This category consists of law enforcement officers who comply with the Police definition in the current NRA Rules. Police personnel who are also qualified in the Reserve, National Guard or Civilian categories may alternatively register and participate in one of those categories.

3.8.6 Civilian

This category consists of competitors who are not in the Active Service, Reserve, National Guard, Collegiate or Police categories. Retired service (Active, Reserve or National Guard), and Fleet Marine Corps Reserve personnel are civilians. Competitors who are qualified in the Police category may elect to register and participate as civilians. It also includes competitors who are members of the Reserve or National Guard categories and who, during the current calendar year, have not:

- (1) Competed with that firearm in any Reserve or National Guard categories, and
- (2) Received complete or partial support in the form of firearms, ammunition or travel expenses from organizations in the Reserve or National Guard categories for any competition.
- (3) Reserve or National Guard personnel who elect to compete as civilians may not revert to the Reserve or National Guard categories during the same calendar year unless ordered to active duty for a purpose other than marksmanship competition.

3.8.7 Junior

Civilians may compete as juniors through December 31 of the calendar year in which their 20th birthday occurs. Juniors may compete on civilian teams. Individuals who compete in the National Guard, Reserve or Active Service categories may not compete as juniors.

3.9 Team Member Eligibility

3.9.1 Team Leaders and Members

Team captains, team coaches, firing members and alternates must be eligible in the team's category, with the following exceptions:

- (1) Police may compete on civilian teams.
- (2) Juniors may compete on civilian teams.
- (3) Coaches may be any category.

3.9.2 Affiliation

Individuals must have been members of the organization and category they represent for at least 30 days before the beginning of the match.

3.9.3 Residency

Members of state civilian, police or club teams must be residents of the state that the team represents or in which the club is located. Furthermore, they must have lived in that state for at least 30 days before the match. These exceptions apply:

- (1) On state junior teams, this rule applies only to firing members and alternates, but not to team coaches.
- (2) Clubs with members from adjoining states who reside in the area where the club is located and who regularly participate in that club's activities may apply to CMP Competitions for an exception to this rule.

3.10 Categories, National Trophy Team Matches

Teams may enter the National Trophy Team Matches in the categories listed below.

3.10.1 Active Service

Teams may represent each service (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard).

3.10.2 Reserve

Teams may represent the reserve branch of each service.

3.10.3 National Guard

Teams may represent the National Guard at large or state National Guard organizations. Such teams may be composed of both Army and Air Force National Guard personnel.

3.10.4 Collegiate

Teams may represent each service academy, an Army ROTC region, Naval Base Command and Air Force ROTC liaison area within the continental United States (CONUS) or a college or university. Additional teams and members from ROTC units outside CONUS may compete on CONUS ROTC teams.

3.10.5 Police

Teams may represent each organized federal, state, county or municipal law enforcement agency. Teams may represent fraternal police organizations of states, commonwealths, territories and the District of Columbia. Fraternal organizations may enter only if they are affiliated with the CMP.

3.10.6 Civilian and Junior

State civilian teams and state junior teams may represent the CMP affiliated association of each state, commonwealth, territory and the District of Columbia. State civilian teams in the National Trophy Pistol Team Match may include a maximum of two police officers. Civilian teams and junior teams may represent a CMP affiliated club or

organization that is in good standing.

3.11 New Shooters, National Trophy Team Matches

A new shooter is a team firing-member who has not previously fired in that particular National Trophy Team Match. The National Trophy Rifle Team Match and the National Trophy Infantry Team Match are separate events, so a competitor may be a “new” firing-member in one and an “old” firing-member in the other.

3.11.1 Active Service, Reserve, and National Guard Teams

Teams must have at least one firing-member who is a new shooter. The new shooter may be a shooter who has fired no more than once as a junior on a civilian team.

3.11.2 Civilian and Police Teams

Teams must have at least one firing-member who is a new shooter. A junior may fire twice as a new shooter on a civilian team or one time as a new shooter as a junior and one time as a new shooter as a senior.

3.11.3 Collegiate and Junior Teams

Junior shooters who fire as members of Collegiate or junior teams shall not lose their eligibility to compete as new shooters on other teams. A junior shooter who fires as a member of a civilian team shall continue to be eligible to compete as a new shooter one additional time on either a Civilian, Police, Active Service, Reserve or National Guard team.

4.0 General Competition Rules

4.1 Applicable Rules

The following rules and official documents shall be used to govern all matches conducted under the auspices of the CMP. In the event of a conflict, precedence shall be given to the **CMP Competition Rules**, then to the **NRA Rules**, then to other documents listed in this rule.

4.1.1 CMP Competition Rules

The **CMP Competition Rules** shall be used to govern all National Trophy, EIC and other CMP matches.

4.1.2 NRA Rules

Applicable NRA Pistol or High Power Rifle Rules apply in all areas that are not covered by **CMP Competition Rules**.

4.1.3 Match Program

The **National Match Program** or the match program issued by an EIC or other match sponsor provides additional information regarding the specific conditions of a particular competition. The match program may not change or

preclude the application of specific rules in the **CMP Competition Rules** or applicable **NRA Rules**, except as permitted in Rule 4.1.4.

4.1.4 Match Director's Bulletin

Match director's bulletins are normally issued to provide information regarding competition conditions that was not known when the match program was published. Match director's bulletins may not change or preclude the application of specific rules in either The **CMP Competition Rules** or applicable **NRA Rules**, except that a match director's bulletin may change a course of fire when necessary to successfully complete a particular match. Details of any changes made and the rationale for such changes must be immediately reported in writing to the CMP. The DCM must approve these changes before the competition is considered a valid EIC match.

4.2 Entries

4.2.1 Entries in Advance

Individual entries are made in advance as prescribed in the match program. Late entries may be accepted if the established late entry fee is paid, range space is available and the additional entries do not interfere with match operations.

4.2.2 Entry Priority

Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis to range capacity. If range facilities limit the number of competitors in EIC matches, priority must be given to non-distinguished shooters. If range facilities limit the number of team entries, each team category will be allowed an equitable number of teams on a first-come, first-served basis to range capacity.

4.3 Competitors Responsibility

Each competitor is responsible to know and comply with the **CMP Competition Rules**, applicable **NRA Rules**, the official match program and any match director's bulletins issued for the match.

4.4 Coaching

Coaching on the firing line is permitted only during team matches.

4.5 Scoring and Challenge Procedures

NRA Rule 16.1 shall apply concerning scoring and challenge procedures.

4.6 Rule Violations and Disciplinary Actions

4.6.1 Rule Violations

Competitors or team officials may be disciplined or disqualified from a match for any of the following acts of miscon-

duct:

- (1) Violating range safety regulations or the safety rules prescribed in CMP or NRA rules.
- (2) Failure to comply with the **CMP Competition Rules**.
- (3) Firing under an assumed name.
- (4) Firing under a name other than the one on the entry form.
- (5) Firing more than once for the same award.
- (6) Falsifying or being an accessory to falsifying scores.
- (7) Offering a bribe relating to a match.
- (8) Refusing to obey the instructions of a match official.
- (9) Disorderly conduct.
- (10) Interfering with or disrupting a competitor on the firing line.

4.6.2 Enforcement

In the event of rule violations, match officials will take the following actions.

- (1) Warning. In most cases a warning and opportunity to correct a rule violation must be given.
- (2) Disqualification. In the case of a refusal to respond to a warning or for serious violations, the competitor may be disqualified. Any decision to disqualify a competitor must be made by at least two officials such as a range officer and chief range officer or range officer and referee. If a team is disqualified, the scores of all team members for that match are considered non-existent for any awards. Any competitor or team that is disqualified must be notified of that decision and be given an opportunity to protest.
- (3) Suspension from CMP Matches. In the event of a serious violation, additional action may be taken by the CMP Program Committee to disqualify a competitor from all National Matches, EIC matches or other CMP matches for such time as it determines, and to deny any current award already won. Any person who may be suspended must be notified as soon as possible that suspension is being considered. This person must be given an opportunity to present evidence or contravening arguments before a final decision is made. CMP officials may conduct such investigation into any allegation of misconduct as they, in their sole and complete discretion, deem appropriate, and the decision of the CMP Program Committee regarding suspension shall be final.

4.7 Protests and Protest Resolution

4.7.1 Protests

Any shooter or team that is disciplined or disqualified has the opportunity to protest that decision if they feel the decision was not made in accordance with CMP or NRA rules.

4.7.2 Decisions on Protests

The jury or referee for that match will decide protests.

4.7.3 Appeal of Protest Decision

Appeals of any decision made by a jury or referee regarding a protest at an EIC or CMP match other than the National Matches must be submitted to the CMP within 48 hours and will be decided by the DCM and CMP Programs Committee.

4.7.4 Protests at National Matches

A CMP Protest Committee appointed by the DCM will decide protests of actions, decisions or disqualifications made during CMP National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches. Decisions of the CMP Protest Committee are final.

4.8 Firing and Completing a Match

4.8.1 Fire in a Match

Any competitor who fires one or more recorded shots in at least two stages of a match shall be counted as having fired in the match. In team matches, all firing members of the team must fire one or more recorded shots in at least two stages of the match.

4.8.2 Completed Match

A competitor who fires recorded shots in all stages of a match has completed the match. A team has completed a match when all firing-members fire recorded shots in all stages of the match. A match is completed when all competitors have had an opportunity to complete all stages of the match.

4.9 Results Bulletins

Final results bulletins shall list the scores in order of ranking or place finish for all competitors and teams. Bulletins for team matches shall include the names and scores of all firing team members. Final bulletins must be published and distributed to each shooter and team captain after the match(es). A copy of the results bulletin and a report of any disqualifications and protests shall be forwarded to the CMP within 30 days after the match.

5.0 Team Match Rules

5.1 Team Composition

Each team will include the number of firing members as speci-

fied in Rules 8.3.1, 8.6.1 and 8.7.1. A team may include up to two eligible alternates (NRA Rule 12.4 applies when alternates are used). Each team must have a designated captain and may have a designated coach. Captains and coaches who are eligible may also be team firing members or alternates.

5.2 Team Squadding

5.2.1 Pair Firing

Pair firing must be used to conduct slow fire stages of the National Trophy Rifle Team Match. In pair firing, two firers are assigned to a single target and fire alternating shots, with the competitor on the right firing first. A shot fired out of turn is scored as a miss.

5.2.2 Team Targets

All teams must be assigned the same number of targets. In rifle matches, each team normally is assigned one target.

5.2.3 Firing Order

Team captains may assign members to fire in any order. The firing order may change between stages, but the scorekeeper must be notified.

5.3 Station of Team Officials

5.3.1 Station of Team Captain

When a team is on the firing line, the captain and one assistant may be stationed in front of the ready line and slightly behind the coach so that the captain can observe team operations and score keeping. Except during a National Trophy Infantry Team Match, captains who are not occupying the coach's station may not assist in coaching. The captain may talk with the coach, but may not talk directly with shooters during firing.

5.3.2 Station of Team Coach

The coach's station is slightly behind or beside the shooter(s). Only one person may occupy the coach's station at any time. Any member of the team, including the captain may occupy the coach's station.

6.0 Firearms, Ammunition and Equipment

Competitors who enter the National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches, EIC matches or other matches sanctioned by the CMP must use rifles and pistols that comply with these rules.

6.1 General Rifle Rules

The following general rules apply to all rifles that are used in CMP sanctioned matches.

6.1.1 Rifle Requirements

All rifles must comply with the following specific requirements:

- (1) Trigger pull: Must be at least 4.5 pounds.
- (2) Stocks: Must be standard military-issue wood or synthetic material stocks or a similar stock of commercial manufacture
- (3) Slings: Standard-issue leather or web slings or similar slings of commercial manufacture. Leather or web slings may be no wider than 1 3/8" and no thicker than 3/16". Leather slings may have no more than two keepers no wider than 7/8" each. Keeper ends may be joined by stitching, brads, rivets, or staples. The overlap at the joining area may be no more than 1 1/8" and must be on the flat, i.e.; may not go around the curved edge of the keeper.
- (4) Gas system: Must be fully operational.
- (5) Front and rear sights: Must be of U.S. Army design (either service or match).

6.1.2 Permitted Rifle Features

Any rifle may have the following specific features or modifications (Modifications described in this rule do not apply to "as-issued rifles defined in Rule 6.2.4.):

The dimensions of the rear sight aperture and front sight blade may vary from standard military dimensions. The rear sight aperture may have a fixed, non-adjustable aperture insert. A corrective lens may be inserted in the rear sight hood.

Internal modifications may be made to improve functioning and accuracy. A special match barrel may be installed. Synthetic materials may be applied to the interior of the stock to improve the bedding. No modification may interfere with the original functioning of the rifle and its safety devices or change the external configuration of the rifle.

Stocks may have any color. Metals may have any finish. Metal components may be either steel or aluminum alloy.

6.1.3 Prohibited Equipment

The following equipment or modifications are prohibited:

- (1) Sling cuffs and sling pads.
- (2) The use of hooks, buttons, straps or similar devices fastened to the shooting coat to hold the sling in place. The Shooting coat may have a hook, button or strap as long as it is not used to hold the sling in place.
- (3) Cartridge cases may not be used to hold the sling in place.
- (4) External alterations or the addition of non-slip surface finishes to the firearm.

6.2 Specific Rifle Rules

Competitors may use any of the following rifles in CMP sanctioned competitions.

6.2.1 U.S. Rifle, Caliber .30, M1

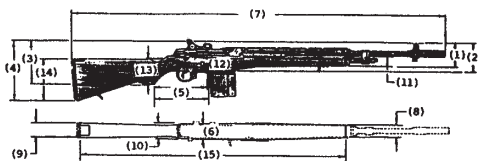
The rifle must be a rifle that was issued by the U.S. Armed Forces or a commercial rifle of the same type and caliber. M1 rifles may be chambered for the .30-06 or 7.62mm cartridges.

6.2.2 U.S. Rifle, Caliber 7.62mm, M14

The rifle must be a rifle that was issued by the U.S. Armed Forces or a commercial rifle of the same type and caliber. M14 rifles must be chambered for the 7.62mm cartridge and comply with the following specific requirements.

- (1) Stock dimensions must be no more than 2 inches wide at a point immediately to the rear of the front band, no more than 2.5 inches wide at the front and rear of the receiver, and have a continuous taper from receiver to front band. The width at the receiver may be carried through to the butt plate.
- (2) To improve operation, the spindle valve may be locked in the open position and the gas cylinder plug may be altered by making an axial hole in the center that is approximately 1/64" in diameter.
- (3) The hinged butt plate may only be used in the folded position.
- (4) The M1 Garand butt plate may be used as a substitute for the standard M14 hinged butt plate.
- (5) Removal of the bayonet lug is authorized on all rifles manufactured after the effective date of federal assault rifle legislation.
- (6) The magazine capacity may not exceed 20 rounds. All M14 or similar commercial rifles must be used with full-length 20 round capacity magazines.
- (7) The rifle must also comply with the stock dimensions given in the table below.
- (8) Vented barrel extensions with the same external dimensions as the M14 flash suppressor, but without the bayonet lug, may be installed. A muzzle brake designed to reduce recoil is not permitted.

Stock dimensions for M14 and Commercial equivalent rifles



	Assembled Rifle--Height from bench (baseline). All measurements are maximum allowable except (5).	
(1)	Depth immediately behind stock ferrule	3 1/4"
(2)	Depth at front end of trigger housing bedding pads	4"
(3)	Depth at front toe of pistol grip	6 1/8"
(4)	Depth at toe of stock	8"
(5)	Distance from rear of magazine (inserted and locked) across top of magazine release to toe of pistol grip	not less than 6 1/4"
(6)	Width at front end of trigger housing bedding pads	2 1/2"
(7)	Total length from tip of suppressor to butt plate	45"
(8)	Stock width immediately behind stock ferrule	2"
(9)	Stock width at rear of stock	2 1/2"
(10)	Stock width at front and rear of the receiver	2 1/2"
(11)	Stock depth immediately behind front stock ferrule	1 3/4"
(12)	Stock depth where tips of trigger housing bedding pads rest	2"
(13)	Stock depth from toe of pistol grip to comb of stock	4 1/2"
(14)	Stock depth at butt plate	5 1/2"
(15)	Total length from stock ferrule	33 1/2" with butt plate, min. 32 1/2"

6.2.3 U.S. Rifle, Caliber 5.56mm, M16

The rifle must be a rifle that was issued by the U.S. Armed Forces or a commercial rifle of the same type and caliber. M16 rifles must be chambered for the 5.56mm cartridge and comply with the following specific requirements

- (1) Modification to make automatic fire impossible without removing, replacing or altering parts is allowed.
- (2) Magazines of the standard 20 or 30 round box magazine dimensions must be attached during the firing of all courses and in all positions.
- (3) The rear sight aperture may have a hood no longer than 0.70". The rear sight aperture may have a fixed, non-adjustable aperture insert. A corrective lens may be inserted in the rear sight hood.
- (4) Rear sight windage and elevation adjustments may be modified to allow finer adjustments. The front sight blade may be fixed or lockable.
- (5) To stabilize the rear sight assembly, it may be fitted with one or two pins extending down into the receiver or with stabilizing projections extending forward no more than 5/16" into the top groove of the carrying handle.
- (6) The flash suppressor and bayonet lug may be removed (or the rifle manufactured without a flash suppressor or bayonet lug) to comply with current law. Barrel length must not exceed 20 inches. If the rifle was manufactured without a flash suppressor, the

barrel may not be threaded to take one.

- (7) A screw may be inserted in the back radius of the pistol grip where it joins the lower receiver. This screw may extend into the rear lock-down lug of the upper receiver for the purpose of securing the upper and lower receivers. The screw head will not protrude above the original surface of the receiver. Both ends of the original takedown pin must remain in place so that the original outside configuration is not changed. Upper receivers may not be changed during the firing of any match.
- (8) An external device may be attached to prevent selector lever movement to the auto position.
- (9) The front sling swivel may be attached to the front ferule of the handguard or front tip of the "tube" (in the case of a floating barrel system) as long as it remains in the 6 o'clock position and is no more than 1/2 inch from the original position.

6.2.4 Garand Match Service Rifle

The rifle must be a rifle that was issued by the U.S. Armed Forces and be in "as-issued" condition. Permitted rifles include U. S. Rifles Caliber .30 M1903 Springfield, Caliber .30 M1917 Enfield, Caliber .30 M1 Garand, Caliber .30 M1941 Johnson and U.S. Carbine Caliber .30 M1.

- (1) These firearms must be as-issued by the U.S. Armed Forces or a commercially manufactured rifle of the same type and caliber, with standard stock and leather or web sling.
- (2) Trigger pulls may not be less than 4.5 pounds, except that the M1903 Springfield and M1941 Johnson must have a trigger pull of not less than 3.5 pounds.
- (3) Rifles class must conform to the weight and dimensions of the standard issue service rifle, and only U.S. Government issue parts or non-U. S. Government or commercial parts of the exact same weight and dimensions may be used. Rifles may be accurized only by the careful assembly of standard parts. "NM" parts may not be used in the rifle.
- (4) Rebarreling with a barrel of "as-issued" dimensions is permitted.
- (5) The use of shims made of wood or other material or the use of glass bedding or other fillers between the stock and trigger guard assembly is not permitted. No other modification or alteration of the "as-issued" rifle such as glass bedding in other locations or the use of synthetic or laminated stocks is permitted.
- (6) All "as-issued" rifles except Caliber .30 Carbines must

be chambered for the .30-06 cartridge. No rifles chambered for the 7.62mm NATO (.308) cartridge may be used.

6.3 General Pistol Rules

The following general rules apply to all pistols that are used in CMP sanctioned matches.

6.3.1 Pistol Requirements

All pistols must comply with the following specific requirements:

- (1) Standard stock of wood or synthetic material, a similar stock of commercial manufacture, or another comparable design that does not interfere with the functional or maintenance features of the pistol. The stock must be functionally identical for right or left-hand use. It must not be more than 1.5" thick between the right and left extremities.
- (2) Trigger pull of at least 4 pounds.
- (3) Open sights only with a non-adjustable front sight. The rear sight may be adjustable and must have an open "U" or rectangular notch.

6.3.2 Permitted Pistol Features

Any pistol may have the following specific features or modifications:

- (1) A higher front sight may be used to accommodate the height of the adjustable rear sight. The fore strap and rear of the grip may be checkered or stippled.
- (2) Trigger shoes and trigger stops, internal or external.
- (3) External finish may be blued, parkerized or bright. All other external alterations, additions or changes to the appearance or configuration of the assembled arm are prohibited, except as specified below.
- (4) Internal modifications to improve functioning and accuracy (e.g., a special match barrel may be fitted). However, the modifications may not interfere with the proper functioning or safety devices of the firearm. All safety features must remain in place and operate properly.

6.4 Pistols Permitted and Specific Requirements

Competitors may use any of the following U. S. service pistols in CMP sanctioned competitions.

6.4.1 U.S. Pistol, Caliber .45, M1911 or M1911A1

The pistol must be a pistol that was issued by the U.S. Armed Forces or a commercial pistol of the same type and caliber. The pistol must also comply with the following

specific requirements.

- (1) The stock must not cover the mainspring housing or prevent holstering in the standard service holster.
- (2) The trigger may be extended, adjustable and vented.
- (3) The fore strap of the grip may be covered with Pachmayr-style composite stocks.
- (4) The mainspring housing may be straight or arched, checkered or stippled. The mainspring housing may not be covered.
- (5) The slide may have the curved "relief cut" (Gold Cup dimple) at the rear of the ejection port.
- (6) The ejection port may be lowered to aid in ejection.
- (7) A flat surface may be milled immediately in front of and behind the dovetail to aid in securely mounting adjustable rear sights.
- (8) A cut may be made at the extreme rear of the slide to allow for rear sight clearance and vertical movement.
- (9) The distance between sights, measured from the apex of the front sight to the rear face of the rear sight, must not be more than 7.25".
- (10) The fore strap and rear of the grip may be covered with non-slip adhesive tape.

6.4.2 U.S. Pistol, 9mm, M9

The pistol must be a pistol that was issued by the U.S. Armed Forces or a commercial pistol of the same type and caliber. The pistol must also comply with the following specific requirements.

- (1) The pistol may have either a standard M9-type slide or a non-standard (i. e. Brigadier) slide.
- (2) Barrel length of no less than 4.9" or longer than 5.0".
- (3) Overall length of no less than 8.52" or longer than 8.62".
- (4) A specially designed barrel may be used providing it does not measure more than .700 inch outside diameter and meets the length measurements of the issued barrel. This barrel dimension may be achieved with the use of a larger barrel or a sleeve fitted to the end of the barrel. Threading the barrel to fit the sleeve is permitted.
- (5) The distance between sights, measured from the apex of the front sight to the rear face of the rear sight, must not be more than 7.5 inches.
- (6) The trigger may be extended, adjustable and vented.
- (7) The fore strap of the grip may be covered as with Pachmayr-style composite grips or a non-slip adhesive

tape.

- (8) The rear of the grip may be covered with a non-slip adhesive tape.
- (9) The double action capability of the firing mechanism must be operable.

6.4.3 Standard Smallbore Pistol, Caliber .22 Rimfire

The Standard Smallbore Pistol may only be used in matches that are specifically designated for this pistol. This pistol may not be used in EIC matches. The pistol must comply with the following specific requirements.

- (1) The pistol may be any .22 caliber rimfire pistol, either semi automatic or revolver.
- (2) Orthopedic or specially shaped grips are not permitted, but the pistol may have a thumbrest that protrudes no more than 0.5" from the side of the grip.
- (3) The pistol must have the same type of sights as a service pistol. An adjustable rear sight may be used.

6.5 Special Firearm Regulations

6.5.1 Availability of Firearms

Firearms are provided for Small Arms Firing School participants. The CMP has a limited number of M14NM rifles available for loan to state associations to promote the development of state teams and their participation in CMP competitions. All other competitors must make their own arrangements for a firearm to use in CMP competitions.

6.5.2 Checking Firearm Characteristics

Competitors must ensure that their firearms are safe and meet all requirements of Rule 6.0. The match director and competition officials are responsible for checking firearms and equipment for compliance with Rule 6.0. Firearms may be checked at any time, at the discretion of competition officials, for compliance with these rules.

6.5.3 Sharing Firearms

Two or more competitors may use the same firearm in a match if squadding permits.

6.5.4 Disabled Firearms

Disabled firearms may be replaced if a substitution can be made without delaying that stage of the match. The replacement must be of the same type and caliber as the disabled firearm.

6.6 Ammunition

6.6.1 Rifle Ammunition

Rifle competitors may use any safe ammunition.

6.6.2 Pistol Ammunition

- (1) **45 Cal. Pistol.** Pistol competitors with caliber .45 pistols may use any safe ammunition with 230-grain, full metal jacket, round nosed bullets.
- (2) **9mm Pistol.** Pistol competitors with 9mm pistols may use any safe ammunition with 115 to 125 grain, full metal jacket, round nosed bullets.

6.7 Targets

The following targets are required for CMP courses of fire.

6.7.1 Pistol Targets

50 yards. NRA B-6 target.

25 yards. NRA B-8 target.

6.7.2 Rifle Targets

The following targets are used for all CMP courses of fire except the National Trophy Infantry Team Match. National Trophy Infantry Team Match targets are described in Rule 8.7.3 (4).

- (1) **200 yards.** Standard U.S. Army short-range (SR) (200-300 yards or meters) competitive rifle target with the X, 10 and 9 rings black or NRA SR target.
- (2) **300 yards.** Same target as in (1) above with the X, 10, 9 and 8 rings black or NRA SR-3 target.
- (3) **500 yards.** Standard U.S. Army mid-range (MR) (500 yards or meters) competitive rifle target with the X, 10, 9 and 8 rings black or NRA MR target.
- (4) **600 yards.** Standard U.S. Army mid-range (MR) (600 yards or meters) competitive rifle target with the X, 10, 9, 8 and 7 rings black or NRA MR target.

6.8 Field Glasses and Binoculars

In the National Trophy Infantry Team Match, the team captain and coach are not permitted to use field glasses or binoculars of greater power or objective lens diameter than 10 X 50. A limited number of binoculars will be available from the CMP during the National Matches. The team captain and coach may use a telescope behind the assembly line for the purpose of reading the wind before the start of their team's relay. These telescopes may not be used for coaching or reading wind after the preparation period starts.

7.0 Firing Procedures

7.1 Safety Procedures

7.1.1 Handling of Firearms

Until the range officer gives the command to begin the preparation period, competitors must keep their rifles or pistols in a safe condition where:

- (1) Slides or bolts are fully open or locked back.
- (2) The chamber is empty.
- (3) Magazines are removed from the firearm.
- (4) Rifle safeties are engaged.
- (5) Open bolt indicators are inserted in rifles. The use of open bolt indicators is required in all matches sanctioned by the CMP.

7.1.2 Safety During Loading

Firearms may be loaded only when a competitor is on a firing point and only when directed by the range officer. Competitors may not insert loaded magazines or ammunition into the firearm until the command "Load" is given.

7.1.3 Safety During Firing

During firing and until firearms are unloaded, competitors must:

- (1) Keep pistols at the raised (or ready) position or hold them on the bench and pointed downrange in the direction of the target.
- (2) Keep rifles pointed either up or downrange in the direction of the target.
- (3) Place an open bolt indicator in the rifle as soon as firing ends.

7.2 Designation of Range Areas

Different areas on each range are designated according to the activities that may take place in those areas.

7.2.1 Assembly Line

Competitors and other personnel must remain on or behind the assembly line until their assigned relay is called to the ready line or firing line. Only competition officials, team officials and others on duty are allowed forward of the assembly line, except by permission of the range director.

7.2.2 Ready Line

An intermediate line between assembly line and firing line that designates the area where shooters or teams scheduled to fire next may prepare. Match sponsors may combine the assembly and ready lines into one line.

7.2.3 Firing Line

The line from which firing takes place. Firing points are specific numbered spaces on the firing line that correspond with numbered targets that are assigned to specific shooters or teams during a match.

7.3 Rifle Team Match Operations

The following rules apply to the conduct of the National Trophy Rifle Team Match (NTT) during the National Matches and to other rifle team matches conducted according to **CMP Competition Rules**.

7.3.1 Target Assignments

The Statistical Director assigns targets and relays in all matches. Assignments are posted in advance.

7.3.2 Target Pullers

Each team must provide two target pullers to work in the pits. Target pullers must be experienced and physically able to handle targets for high power rifle matches. Failure to provide capable target pullers may disqualify the team involved. Both target pullers must go into the pits to their team's assigned target. Before the firing starts, the chief pit officer randomly assigns one puller to his or her own team and the other to another team.

7.3.3 Firing Procedure

Firing shall not be interrupted for changes of pit personnel. Once firing starts, other conditions permitting, the match continues until all firing is completed.

7.4 Rifle Firing Positions

Rifle firing positions must comply with NRA Rule 5 on firing positions. In addition, the following rules also apply in CMP rifle matches:

7.4.1 Standing

The sling must be attached to the rifle at both standard attachment points in the parade position. On M14 and M16 rifles, the sling may rest along either the side or the bottom of the magazine. The sling may not be used for support except as provided for in National Trophy Infantry Team Match rules Rule 8.7.3 (1).

7.4.2 Kneeling

Kneeling rolls or pads are prohibited. The sling need not be attached to the rear sling swivel.

7.4.3 Sitting

The sling need not be attached to the rear sling swivel.

7.4.4 Prone

The sling need not be attached to the rear sling swivel. Ground cloths or pads may not be used in the National

Trophy Infantry Team Match.

7.5 Special Firing Procedures

7.5.1 Loading and Reloading Rifles in Rapid Fire

NRA Rule 10.1.7 applies in all matches except the National Trophy Infantry Team Match, in which team captains direct loading and reloading.

7.5.2 Sighting Shots

Sighting shots are not allowed in any National Trophy or EIC Match. Sighting shots are permitted in the John Garand Match (Tables 5 and 6).

7.5.3 Competitors as Range Officials

The Match Director or the Range Director may assign competitors to score, operate or mark targets or otherwise serve as range officials. Teams are required to furnish scorers for teams firing on adjacent targets. Any competitor who fails to perform such assigned duties satisfactorily may be disqualified in accordance with Rule 4.6.

8.0 Program for National Trophy, EIC and Garand Matches

8.1 President's Pistol Match

The President's Pistol Match Course (Table 1) is used.

8.2 National Trophy Individual Pistol Match

The National Match Pistol Course (Table 2) is used.

8.3 National Trophy Pistol Team Match

8.3.1 Team Composition

The team consists of a captain, a coach and four members who fire for the team's score. The team may also have up to two alternates.

8.3.2 Course of Fire

The National Match Pistol Course (Table 2) is used for each firing member.

8.4 President's Rifle Match

The President's Rifle Match Course (Table 3) is used.

8.5 National Trophy Individual Rifle Match

The National Match Rifle Course (Table 4) is used.

8.6 National Trophy Rifle Team Match

8.6.1 Team Composition

The team consists of a captain, a coach, six members who fire for the team's score and up to two alternates.

8.6.2 Course of Fire

The National Match Rifle Course (Table 4) is used for each firing member.

8.7 National Trophy Infantry Team Match

8.7.1 Team Composition

The team consists of a captain, a coach and six members who fire for the team's score and up to two alternates.

8.7.2 Course of Fire

The National Match Rifle Course (Table 5) is used for each firing member.

8.7.3 Conditions

- (1) A sling may be used for support in all positions.
- (2) Each team is permitted a total of 384 rounds of ammunition. The team captain allocates the ammunition among stages, divides it among the firing members and decides the number of rounds to be loaded in the clips or magazines.
- (3) Each team uses eight adjoining targets. Gaps in the target line separate one team's targets from those of another.
- (4) For firing at 600 and 500 yards, a standard 600-yard target is pasted on a standard competitive target frame. The face of the target is reversed to display a solid white background. The Army "E" silhouette target is centered horizontally on this background, with the top of the silhouette 13" below the top of the frame. For firing at 300 and 200 yards, the Army "F" silhouette target is pasted on the face of a standard 200-yard target, with the top of the silhouette positioned at the top of the 8 ring.
- (5) Teams take their positions on the 600-yard firing line as directed by team officials. Only the captain, coach, and firing members are permitted on the line. A three-minute preparation period shall be given at the 600-yard firing line only. After the preparation period ends, the command "Load and be ready" is given and the targets will be exposed in no sooner than 10 seconds and no later than 40 seconds. Shooters may start firing when targets appear. Between stages, each team moves forward abreast. Rifles must be unloaded, magazines removed and bolts opened, with muzzles elevated and pointed down range. The firing procedures at each range are the same as those at 600 yards. Each relay must complete the match before the next relay is called.

8.7.4 Scoring

- (1) All scores are recorded on the firing line at the end of each stage. Hits outside the silhouettes are not scored or marked.

Table 1 President's Pistol Match Course of Fire
Course of Fire: President's Pistol Match

Stage	Distance	Type of Fire	Firing Position	Number of Shots	Time Limit	Scoring
First	50 yards	Slow	Standing	2 series of 10 shots each	10 minutes per series	After each series
Second	25 yards	Timed	Standing	2 series of 5 shots each	20 seconds per series	After each 10 shot stage
Third	25 yards	Rapid	Standing	2 series of 5 shots each	10 seconds per series	After each 10 shot stage

Table 2 Pistol National Match Course of Fire
Course of Fire: Pistol National Match Course

Stage	Distance	Type of Fire	Firing Position	Number of Shots	Time Limit	Scoring
First	50 yards	Slow	Standing	1 series of 10 shots	10 minutes per series	After 10 shots
Second	25 yards	Timed	Standing	2 series of 5 shots each	20 seconds per series	After each 10 shot stage
Third	25 yards	Rapid	Standing	2 series of 5 shots each	10 seconds per series	After each 10 shot stage

Table 3 President's Rifle Match Course of Fire
Course of Fire: President's Rifle Match

Stage	Distance	Type of Fire	Firing Position	Number of Shots	Time Limit
First	200 yards	Slow	Standing	10	10 minutes
Second	300 yards	Rapid	Prone from Standing	10	70 seconds
Third	600 yards	Slow	Prone	10	10 minutes

Table 4 National Match Rifle Course of Fire
Course of Fire: Rifle National Match Course

Stage	Distance	Type of Fire	Firing Position	Number of Shots	Time Limit
First	200 yards	Slow	Standing	10	10 minutes
Second	200 yards	Rapid	Sitting or Kneeling from Standing	10	60 seconds
Third	300 yards	Rapid	Prone from Standing	10	70 seconds
Fourth*	600 yards	Slow	Prone	20	20 minutes

* The CMP may authorize the fourth stage to be fired at 500 yards for EIC matches other than the National Trophy Matches.

Table 5 National Trophy Infantry Team Match
Course of Fire: National Trophy Infantry Team Match

Stage	Distance	Firing Position	Time Limit
First	600 yards	Prone	50 seconds
Second	500 yards	Prone, Sitting or Kneeling	50 seconds
Third	300 yards	Sitting or Kneeling	50 seconds
Fourth	200 yards	Standing	50 seconds

Table 6 John Garand Match, Course A
Course of Fire: John Garand Match, Course A

Stage	Distance	Type of Fire	Firing Position	Number of Shots	Time Limit
First	200 yards*	Slow	Prone	Maximum of 5 sighting** and 10 record shots	15 minutes
Second	200 yards*	Rapid	Prone from Standing	10	70 seconds
Third	200 yards*	Slow	Standing	10	10 minutes

* The 200 yard SR target, Rule 4-19. B. (1), is used for all three stages.

** Sighting shots in the first stage are not counted in the match score, only the 10 record shots. Shooters may elect to shoot fewer than five sighters, but must inform the scorekeeper that they are starting record shots.

Table 7 The John Garand Match, Course B
Course of Fire: John Garand Match, Course B

Stage	Distance	Type of Fire	Firing Position	Number of Shots	Time Limit
First*	200 yards*	Slow	Prone	Maximum of 5 sighting** and 20 record shots	25 minutes
Second	200 yards*	Rapid	Prone from Standing	10	70 seconds
Third	200 yards*	Rapid	Sitting from Standing	10	60 seconds
Fourth	200 yards*	Slow	Standing	10	10 minutes

* All stages may be fired at the 100-yard line instead of the 200-yard line. The 200 yard SR target, Rule 4-19. B. (1), is used for all four stages if firing is at 200 yards. The NRA No. SR-1 reduction of the SR target is used for all four stages if firing is at 100 yards.

** The sighting shots in the first stage are not counted in the match score, only the 20 record shots. Shooters may elect to shoot fewer than five sighters, but must inform the scorekeeper that they are starting record shots.

- (2) Hits on the silhouettes count 4 points at 600 yards, 3 points at 500 yards, 2 points at 300 yards and 1 point at 200 yards.
- (3) A bonus for distribution is calculated at each range. The bonus is determined by counting the number of silhouette targets that contain six or more hits each. The number of targets with six or more hits is squared and that result is added to the total hit score for that range to produce the total score for that range.
- (4) Ties are broken by the highest team score at the longest range. When a tie cannot be broken this way, the highest team score at the next longest range is used, and so on.

8.7.5 Special Competition Rules

- (1) No alibis are accepted for misfires, disabled firearms or other failures of range or team equipment.
- (2) An assistant range officer is assigned to each team to enforce safety regulations and record the team's scores. A designated team representative (verifier) may accompany this officer down range to verify the score.

8.7.6 Telescopes and Field Glasses

Telescopes and field glasses may be used as follows:

- (1) Before the start of the team's relay, the captain and coach may use a telescope behind the assembly line.
- (2) These telescopes may not be used for coaching or reading the wind after the team's preparation period starts. After the preparation period starts, the captain and coach may use field glasses as defined in Rule 6.8.
- (3) The assistant range officer or verifier may carry one telescope downrange and may use it only to check and verify scores.
- (4) Telescopes taken downrange must be turned parallel to the firing line except during scoring.

8.8 Excellence-in-Competition Pistol Matches

The course of fire for EIC individual pistol matches is the National Match Pistol Course (Table 2).

8.9 Excellence-in-Competition Rifle Matches

The course of fire for EIC individual rifle matches is the National Match Rifle Course (Table 4).

8.10 John Garand Match

The National John Garand Match is part of the Annual National Trophy Rifle Matches. Any affiliated CMP club may conduct club Garand Matches. Any Garand Match may be sanctioned by the CMP.

8.10.1 Course of Fire

The course of fire for the National John Garand Match is the John Garand Match, Course A (Table 6). John Garand matches conducted by other match sponsors may be either Course A or Course B (Tables 6 or 7).

8.10.2 Rifles

All rifles used in John Garand Matches must be “as-issued” U. S. military rifles that comply with Rule 6.2.4.

8.10.3 Ammunition

Match sponsors may issue ammunition or permit competitors to use their own ammunition. If the match sponsor issues ammunition, all competitors must use the issued ammunition.

8.10.4 Equipment

Competitors may use spotting scopes for shooting or scoring. Scopes do not need to be turned away from the target during the rapid-fire stage. Cloth, canvas or leather shooting jackets may be used. Standard military-issue web or leather slings or slings of this same type are permitted. Shooting gloves or mitts and ground cloths or shooting mats may be used.

8.10.5 Refires

No alibis or refires because of rifle or ammunition malfunctions are allowed during any stage of this match.

8.10.6 Squadding and Coaching

Whenever possible, match sponsors should arrange competitor squadding in Garand Matches so that experienced and new shooters are grouped together on the same firing point. Coaching is permitted and experienced shooters are encouraged to coach or assist new shooters in Garand Matches.

9.0 Awards

9.1 National Trophy Matches Awards

9.1.1 CMP National Trophies

Permanent National Trophies are engraved with the winner's name and remain in CMP custody.

9.1.2 CMP Trophy Winners

Winners are awarded plaques of the trophies. For team events, the team members, team coach and team captain each receive an award plaque of the trophy.

9.1.3 Special Awards

The CMP or award sponsors may provide additional special match awards or medals.

9.1.4 Minimum Requirements for Awards

In certain National Trophy Matches awards are given for special categories. These awards will only be given if the required minimum number of competitors in that category, as listed below, fire in the match.

- **Individual matches**

- First place: minimum five competitors

- Second place: minimum eight competitors

- Third place: minimum twelve competitors

- **Team matches**

- First place: minimum three teams

- Second place: minimum five teams

- Third place: minimum seven teams

9.2 President's Pistol Match Awards

The match winner is awarded the President's Pistol Trophy award plaque. The 100 highest scoring competitors in the match are designated as "The President's One Hundred." They are awarded a President's One Hundred medallion and certificate.

9.3 National Trophy Individual Pistol Match

The highest scoring competitor in each category of the National Trophy Individual Pistol Match receives the award listed below:

- (1) **Match Winner.** General Custer Trophy

- (2) **Air Force.** Curtis LeMay Trophy

- (3) **Reserve.** U.S. Army Reserve Memorial Trophy

- (4) **National Guard.** National Guard Association Trophy

- (5) **Collegiate.** Intercollegiate Trophy

- (6) **Police:** Ancient Archer Trophy

- (7) **Civilian.** Silver Bowl Trophy

- (8) **Junior.** Junior Pistol Trophy

- (9) **Women.** Woman's Pistol Trophy

9.4 National Trophy Team Pistol Match

9.4.1 Team Awards

The highest scoring team in each category of the National Trophy Team Pistol Match receives the award listed below. The firing members, coach and team captain of the second place team in each category receive silver medals and the firing members coach and captain of the third place team receive bronze medals.

- (1) **Overall Team Champion.** Gold Cup Trophy

- (2) **Reserve Components.** U.S. Coast Guard Memorial Trophy. Any Reserve Component team eligible under Rule 3.8.2 or Rule 3.8.3 may win this trophy.

- (3) **Collegiate.** Alden Partridge Trophy
- (4) **Police.** American Indian Trophy
- (5) **Civilian.** Oglethorpe Trophy
- (6) **Junior.** Junior Pistol Team Trophy

9.4.2 Individual Awards

The highest scoring individual in each category of the National Trophy Team Pistol Match receives the award listed below:

- (1) **Highest-Scoring Individual.** Military Police Corps Trophy
- (2) **Highest-Scoring Individual Army Competitor** (Active, Reserve, or National Guard). General Mellon Trophy
- (3) **Highest-Scoring Individual Air Force Competitor** (Active, Reserve, or National Guard). General Carl Spaatz Trophy

9.4.5 National Civilian Pistol Team Awards

Each member of the National Civilian Pistol Team is awarded an Elihu Root gold medal. The team consists of the four highest-scoring individual civilian competitors and the coach and captain of the highest-scoring civilian team.

9.5 Aggregate Awards, National Trophy Pistol Matches

The individual competitors with the highest aggregate scores in the National Trophy Individual Pistol Match and the National Trophy Team Pistol Match in the categories listed below receive the following awards:

- (1) **Active Army.** U.S. Forces Command Pistol Trophy
- (2) **Navy** (Active or Reserve). Fleet Admiral Nimitz Trophy
- (3) **Marine Corps** (Active or Reserve). McMillan Trophy
- (4) **Civilian.** Anheuser-Busch Trophy

9.6 President's Rifle Match

The match winner is awarded the President's Rifle Trophy. The 100 highest scoring competitors in the match are designated as "The President's One Hundred." They are awarded a President's One Hundred medallion and certificate.

9.7 National Trophy Individual Rifle Match

The highest scoring competitor in each category of the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match receives the award listed below:

- (1) **Match Winner.** Daniel Boone Trophy
- (2) **Reserve.** Citizen Soldier Trophy

- (3) **National Guard.** National Guard Association Trophy
- (4) **Collegiate.** Hearst Rifle Trophy award plaque
- (5) **Police.** Police Rifle Trophy
- (6) **Civilian.** Nathan Hale Trophy
- (7) **Junior.** Golden Eagle Trophy
- (8) **Women.** Woman's Rifle Trophy
- (9) **Army** (Active, Reserve, or National Guard).
Association of the U.S. Army Trophy
- (10) **Marine Corps** (Active, Reserve). Coast Artillery
Trophy
- (11) **Air Force** (Active, Reserve or National Guard).
Lieutenant Paul J. Roberts, Jr., Memorial Trophy
- (12) **Infantry** (Active, Reserve, or National Guard). 25th
Infantry Division Trophy
- (13) **Navy.** Wyatt Trophy

9.8 National Trophy Team Rifle Match

9.8.1 Team Awards

The highest scoring team in each category of the National Trophy Team Rifle Match receives the award listed below. The firing members, coach and team captain of the second place team in each category receive silver medals and the firing members coach and captain of the third place team receive bronze medals.

- (1) **Overall Team Champion.** National Trophy
- (2) **Reserve Components.** Hilton Trophy. Any Reserve
Component team eligible under Rule 3.8.2 or Rule
3.8.3 may win this trophy.
- (3) **Civilian.** Soldier of Marathon Trophy
- (4) **Junior.** Minuteman Trophy

9.8.2 Individual Awards

The highest scoring individual in each category of the National Trophy Team Pistol Match receives the award listed below:

- (1) **Highest-Scoring Competitor.** Pershing Trophy
- (2) **Highest-Scoring Army Competitor** (Active, Reserve,
or National Guard): Rattlesnake Trophy
- (3) **Highest-Scoring Air Force Competitor** (Active,
Reserve, or National Guard): General Thomas White
Trophy

9.8.3 National Civilian Rifle Team Awards

Each member of the National Civilian Rifle Team is awarded an Elihu Root gold medal. The team consists of the six highest-scoring individual civilian competitors and the

coach and captain of the highest-scoring civilian team.

9.9 Aggregate Awards, National Trophy Rifle Matches

The individual competitors with the highest aggregate scores in the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match and the National Trophy Team Rifle Match in the categories listed below receive the following awards:

- (1) **Active Army.** U.S. Forces Command Rifle Trophy
- (2) **Navy** (Active or Reserve). Admiral Arleigh A. Burke Trophy award plaque
- (3) **Marine Corps** (Active or Reserve). General Shepherd Trophy
- (4) **Civilian.** Pietroforte Trophy

9.10 Overall Individual Championship Awards

9.10.1 Civilian, President's/NTI Aggregate

The civilian competitor with the highest aggregate score in the President's Rifle Match and the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match receives the Alice Bull Trophy.

9.10.2 Overall Champion, President's/NTI/NTT Aggregate

The individual competitor with highest aggregate score in the President's Rifle Match, National Trophy Individual Rifle Match and National Trophy Team Rifle Match receives the Mountain Man Trophy.

9.11 National Trophy Infantry Team Match Awards

The highest scoring team in each category of the National Trophy Infantry Team Match receives the award listed below. The firing members, coach and team captain of the second place team in each category receive silver medals and the firing members coach and captain of the third place team receive bronze medals.

- (1) **Overall Team Champion.** Infantry Trophy
- (2) **Reserve Components.** Celtic Chieftain Trophy. Any Reserve Component team eligible under Rule 3.8.2 or Rule 3.8.3 may win this trophy.
- (3) **Civilian.** Leatherneck Trophy
- (4) **Junior.** Junior Infantry Team Trophy

9.12 National Trophy Individual Matches Place Medals

Individual competitors in the National Trophy Individual matches receive medals. Pistol competitors receive General Custer Trophy medals. Rifle competitors receive Daniel Boone Trophy medals.

9.12.1 Distinguished Competitors

A Distinguished competitor is awarded the same place medal as the next non-Distinguished competitor who places below that individual.

9.12.2 Non-Distinguished Competitors

Place medals are awarded to the highest scoring 10 percent of all Non-Distinguished competitors who fire recorded shots in at least two stages of the competition (Rule 4.8.1). Medals are awarded to the highest scoring 10 percent of the Non-Distinguished competitors as follows:

- (1) Highest one-sixth of top 10 percent: Gold
- (2) Next highest two-sixths of top 10 percent: Silver
- (3) Remaining three-sixths of top 10 percent: Bronze

9.12.3 Determining Number of Awards

National Trophy Individual Matches place medals and the award of Distinguished points for all EIC matches are computed utilizing the following formula:

- (1) Highest one-sixth of top 10 percent: Gold medal or ten points
- (2) Next highest two-sixth's of top 10 percent: Silver medal or eight points
- (3) Remaining three-sixth's of top 10 percent: Bronze medal or six points

9.12.4 Computing Distinguished Points

In computing the awarding of place medals and Distinguished points, fractions of 0.6 or higher are rounded to the next higher number.

- (1) For example, for 106 Non-Distinguished competitors there would be 11 medals awarded ($10\% = 10.6$ which rounds up to 11).
- (2) One-sixth of the 11 place medal winners = 2 gold place medal winners (2 winners of ten credit points)
- (3) Two-sixths of 11 place medal winners = 4 silver place medal winners (4 winners of eight credit points)
- (4) Three-sixths of 11 place medal winners = 5 bronze place medal winners (5 winners of six credit points)

9.12.5 Other EIC Matches

For other EIC matches, the top three finishers in each EIC match, regardless of Distinguished status, are awarded place medals:

- (1) 1st place - Gold EIC Match place medal
- (2) 2nd place - Silver EIC Match place medal
- (3) 3rd place - Bronze EIC Match place medal

9.13 Criteria for Earning Distinguished Badges

9.13.1 EIC Competitions

Competitions in which points toward Distinguished designation may be earned and for which EIC badges may be awarded are:

- (1) National Trophy Individual Pistol and Rifle Matches.
- (2) CMP EIC matches held in conjunction with NRA regional and state championships and specifically approved by the CMP as EIC matches.
- (3) Other CMP EIC matches that are approved by the CMP as EIC matches.
- (4) EIC matches conducted by a branch of the U. S. Armed Forces according to applicable service regulations governing EIC matches. Civilians who place among the top ten percent in any Service EIC match may, with CMP approval, be awarded points toward Distinguished designation.

9.13.2 Recognition of EIC Match Results

In order for Distinguished credit points earned in a CMP sanctioned EIC match to be recognized, the match must:

- (1) Comply with **CMP Competition Rules**.
- (2) Use a National Match Course of fire (Table 2 or Table 4).
- (3) Be one of the eligible EIC matches permitted for that competitor (Rule 3.6.2).
- (4) Include at least 10 eligible non-distinguished competitors who fire recorded shots in at least two stages of the competition (Rule 4.8.1).
- (5) Be completed at all stages. If any stage is not competed due to circumstances beyond the match sponsor's control, the match sponsor may petition the CMP for a waiver in accordance with Rule 4.1.4.

9.13.3 Credit Points

Points toward Distinguished designation are awarded as follows:

- (1) Only Non-Distinguished competitors may earn credit points towards Distinguished designation.
- (2) All civilian competitors who earn a medal in a National Trophy Individual Match receive ten points.
- (3) Rule 9.12.3 and Rule 9.12.4 are used to determine points awarded to the highest scoring 10 percent of all non-distinguished competitors in an EIC match.
- (4) Former Military. If a service member does not become Distinguished while in the service, the CMP will accept,

as credit points towards civilian Distinguished designation, points earned in military EIC Matches.

9.13.4 EIC Badges

- (1) Civilian Competitors. The CMP awards a bronze EIC badge to civilian competitors when they first earn points toward the Distinguished designation and a silver EIC badge after they have earned at least 20 points.
- (2) Military Competitors. Competitors in the Active Service, Reserve, National Guard and Service Academy categories are awarded EIC badges in accordance with the regulations of their respective service.

9.13.5 Distinguished Badges

The CMP awards the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge or the Distinguished Rifleman Badge when a civilian competitor earns 30 or more points with the firearm concerned and has earned at least one eight or ten-point award. Competitors in the Active Service, Reserve, National Guard and Service Academy categories can earn credits towards Distinguished designation and are awarded their badges in accordance with the regulations of their respective service.

9.14 U.S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge

9.14.1 Criteria

The U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge is awarded to civilian or military shooters who compete in major international competitions governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), the world governing body of shooting, as recognized by the International Olympic Committee. Credit points towards the U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge are earned by shooters who qualify to represent the United States in an ISSF Championship and who distinguish themselves by winning a medal or an exceptionally high placing.

9.14.2 Competitions

Competitions in which the U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge may be earned are:

- (1) Olympic Games
- (2) World Shooting Championships
- (3) World Clay Target Championships
- (4) ISSF World Cup Finals
- (5) ISSF World Cups
- (6) Pan American Games
- (7) Shooting Championships of the Americas

- (8) World Shooting Championships for Juniors
- (9) Shooting Championships of the Americas for Juniors

9.14.3 Credit Points

Subsequent to 1 January 1999, the U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge will be awarded to a shooter who earns a total of 30 or more credit points in eligible competitions. Credit points are earned in accordance with Table 8.

- (1) Shooters who have not earned the U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge, who participated in eligible competitions prior to 1 January 1999 and who would have won credit points under the new system will be credited with those points.
- (2) To earn credit points for a team placing, the team must rank ahead of at least two other teams.
- (3) Credit points must be earned in official Championship program events, not in grand prix, demonstration, badge or special events.
- (4) A shooter who establishes a New World Record earns 20 additional credit points.
- (5) A shooter who equals a World Record earns 10 additional credit points.
- (6) A shooter who earns an Olympic Games Quota Place earns 10 additional credit points.
- (7) Shooters who participated in the 1912, 1913 or 1924 Pan American Rifle Matches receive credit points on the same basis as credit points are awarded for the Shooting Championship of the Americas.

9.14.4 Award of Badge

USA Shooting, the National Governing Body for ISSF shooting in the United States, will provide the CMP with official results from eligible competitions where U. S. shooters earn credit points. The CMP maintains the official record of shooters who earn credits towards Distinguished International Shooter Badge designation. When a shooter who has not previously earned the badge earns a total of 30 or more points, the CMP will issue the U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge to that shooter. The CMP normally issues or coordinates the issuance of badges through USA Shooting. The name of the recipient, the year the badge was earned and the badge serial number are engraved on the badge.

Table 8
Credit Points
U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge

Championship	1st Place Indiv.	2nd Place Indiv.	3rd Place Indiv.	4th-8th Place Indiv.	1st Place Team	2nd Place Team	3rd Place Team
Olympic Games	30	30	30	20			
World Championship	30	30	30	15	20	15	10
World Clay Target Champ.	30	20	20	10	15	10	5
World Cup Final	30	20	20	10			
World Cups	20	10	10				
Pan American Games	20	10	5		10	5	5
Championship of Americas	20	10	5		10	5	5
World Junior Championship	10	5	5		5	5	5
Americas Jr. Championship	5	5	5		5	0	0

Abbreviations Used in the *CMP Competition Rules*

ARNG	Army National Guard
CMP	Civilian Marksmanship Program
CONUS	Continental United States
CPRPFS	Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety, Inc.
DCM	Director of Civilian Marksmanship
EIC	Excellence-in-Competition
ISSF	International Shooting Sport Federation
JROTC	Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps
MR	Mid-Range
NBPRP	National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice
NM	National Match
NRA	National Rifle Association
NTI	National Trophy Individual (Match)
NTIT	National Trophy Infantry Team (Match)
NTT	National Trophy Team (Match)
ROTC	Reserve Officers Training Corps
SAFS	Small Arms Firing School
SR	Short-Range
USC	United States Code
USAMU	U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit
USAR	U. S. Army Reserves

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