

NRA-VFW Junior & Adult Postal Matches

Smallbore Rifle, Sporter Air Rifle, and Precision Air Rifle

Purpose

These postal matches are conducted by the National Rifle Association in cooperation with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW). They are designed for VFW rifle teams as a sport activity for youths and adults to stimulate interest in rifle shooting and safety. Both individual and team matches are offered for Smallbore Rifle, Sporter Air Rifle, and Precision Air Rifle.

Eligibility

Open to any member of a rifle team which is sponsored by a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post or a Sons of the VFW Unit. Competitors who have not reached their 19th birthday by December 1, will be eligible to compete in the Junior category. Competitors who are 19 or older as of December 1, will compete in the Adult category. Persons who begin the team match as a junior, but turn 19 after the series begins, may continue as a junior competitor for the remaining series.

Individual Matches

These matches are fired during December only and firing reports and targets are due (or postmarked) to NRA by December 31.

Please note: If an individual is firing as a member of a team and has entered in the individual match, he/she will be firing two matches in December, one as an individual entry and one as a team member.

Individual Entry Date

Individual entries may be made at any time provided targets are fired and returned (or postmarked) along with the firing report to NRA by December 31.

Individual Awards

Both the VFW and NRA will present a First Place award to the National Individual Match winner with

the highest individual score in each category and each discipline. Awards will be provided for the Smallbore Matches and the Air Rifle Matches with a winner in each category (Adult and Junior). Additional national awards to the next highest scores will be given by the VFW and the NRA for each individual entry over a minimum of 20.

VFW Department Awards:

Excluding all the national winners, the high scoring individual in each Department with 25 or more entries will receive a VFW First Place Department Award.

Team Matches

This series of matches is fired during December, January, February, and March. Scores will accumulate each month. Winners will be selected by the aggregate score of all four series.

Team Composition

Teams consist of up to ten shooters with the five high scores to count for the team total. No shooter may fire on more than one team during the match. Team members may be changed from month to month, provided they meet eligibility requirements.

Team Entry Dates

Team entries may be made at any time provided all four (4) series are fired and targets returned (or postmarked) to the NRA by March 31.

Team Firing Dates

One set of targets will be fired for each series. Targets may be fired in advance of the stated month, if so desired. Series end dates are listed below:

1st Series - Dec 31	3rd Series - Feb 28
2nd Series - Jan 31	4th Series - Mar 31

Club Instructors should keep a copy of the Scoring Report Form for their records. Instructors can perform preliminary scoring for each series, but final scoring will be done by the NRA.

Team Awards

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will provide a VFW National Award to the winning team in the national aggregate ranking by scores. This award will be provided for the Smallbore Rifle Matches and the Air Rifle Matches with a winner in each category (Adult and Junior). Additional team awards will be presented by both the VFW and the NRA for each additional 15 teams entered.

VFW Department Awards:

Excluding all the national winners, the first place team in each Department with 10 or more entries will receive a VFW First Place Department Award.

Match Conditions

Smallbore Rifle (Matches 1-4)

Course of fire:

- ◆ 50 feet from the firing line to the target.
- ◆ 10 shots each position: prone, standing, and kneeling.

Firing may be indoors or outdoors. Competitors may fire only once (not a re-entry match).

Any .22 caliber rimfire rifle, which conforms with the additional restrictions in rule 3.2 of the NRA Smallbore rifle rule book, is permitted. The use of a sling is permitted. Only metallic sights may be used.

Targets

A-17 targets are required. Only one shot is fired on each record bull. Target acquisition is the responsibility of the competitor. NRA official targets are

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required. Official stickers will be provided by the NRA and must be placed on the back of the target behind the #1 scoring bullseye before firing. One sticker is required on each target. Targets without these stickers will not be scored. Target may be purchased locally. For a list of NRA Licensed Target Manufacturers, contact the NRA Postal Coordinator at (703) 267-1482 or visit the NRA's Web site at: www.nrahq.org/compete/licensed.asp.

All firing will be done by single cartridge loading. For safety reasons, the use of a clip or magazine is not permitted.

Unlimited sighting shots are permitted, but no additional time will be allowed for sighting shots. Coaches and instructors may permit shooters a warm-up period prior to firing their record scores. During this warm-up period, they must do their shooting on other than record targets. The record target is to be used only during the record firing period.

Competitors and coaches may use spotting scopes for observing targets.

Rules: In all cases not covered by these conditions, the current NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules will apply. Rule books may be ordered by calling NRA Sales at (800) 336-7402.

- ◆ [NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules](#)
Item #CR 16750

Supervision: All shooting will be under the supervision of a team instructor or other responsible adult designated by the club to act as the Official Witness.

Air Rifle (Matches 5-12)

Course of fire:

- ◆ 10 meters (33 feet) from the firing line to the target.
- ◆ 10 shots each position: prone, standing, and kneeling.

Sporter Air Rifle

Any type of compressed-air or CO₂ rifle of conventional appearance, which conforms with the additional restrictions in Rule 3.2 of the NRA Sporter Air Rifle Position Rules, is permitted.

Precision Air Rifle

Any type of compressed-air or CO₂ rifle of conventional appearance, which conforms with the additional restrictions in Rule 3.1 of the NRA Precision Air Rifle Position Rules, is permitted.

Only metallic sights may be used.

Targets

AR-5/10 targets are required. Only one shot is fired on each record bull. Target acquisition is the responsibility of the competitor. NRA official targets are required. Official target stickers will be provided by the NRA and must be placed on the back of the target behind the #1 scoring bullseye before firing. One sticker is required on each target. Targets without these stickers will not be scored. Targets may be purchased locally. For a list of NRA licensed target manufactures, contact the NRA Postal Program Coordinator at (703) 267-1482 or visit online at www.nrahq.org/compete/licensed.asp.

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Competitors and coaches may use spotting scopes for observing targets.

Rules: In all cases not covered by these conditions, the current NRA Sporter Air rifle or Precision Air Rifle rules will apply. Rule books may be ordered by calling NRA Sales at (800) 336-7402.

- ◆ [NRA Sporter Air Rifle Position Rules](#)
Item #CA 16320
- ◆ [NRA Precision Air Rifle Position Rules](#)
Item #CA 16310

Additional copies of this program are available at:

www.nrahq.org/compete/dept-postal.asp

Postal Results are available at:

www.nrahq.org/compete/champ10.asp

