

October 20, 2011

Dear Junior Sectional Sponsor:

The Junior Conventional 4-Position, NRA Metric 3-Position Smallbore Rifle, International Air Rifle, 3-Position Precision Air Rifle, 3-Position Sporter Air Rifle and Sporter Air Rifle Standing sectionals are being conducted by organizations throughout the United States starting **January 1 and continuing until April 15, 2012**. Scores from each sectional will be used in compiling the final results of the 2012 Junior National Indoor Championships. **Results not received by April 30, 2012 will not be included in the Indoor Rifle National Championship results.**

Please complete the enclosed applications and return to NRA by **October 1, 2011** for inclusion in the February 2012 edition of *Shooting Sports, USA*. We do **not** need a copy of your program. A copy of the 2012 NRA National Junior Indoor Sectional program is enclosed. Additional copies will be available on line at: www.nrahq.org/compete/dept-rifle.asp. Please insure that each competitor understands they are responsible for the content of the program.

After receipt of your applications, your sectional will be “set-up” and listed in *Shooting Sports, USA*. A signed copy of your application will be returned as your “Authority to Conduct” the applied for sectional. Approximately 30 days prior to your tournament, you will receive your awards package. Please examine the package carefully at this time and notify Dian Bullock (703) 267-1482 or e-mail at: dbullock@nrahq.org of any discrepancies.

Read the official program and conduct your tournament according to NRA rules and the guidelines of the program. At the end of your tournament return the scorecards, fee reporting form, fees and results to: NRA; 11250 Waples Mill Rd; ATTN: Rifle Dept; Fairfax, VA 22030.

New for the 2012 Shooting Season:

1. Junior Indoor sectionals will be conducted between January 1, 2012 and April 15, 2012.
2. All Junior results must be received by NRA no later than April 30, 2012.
3. Each sectional conducted must have a minimum of eight competitors.
4. NRA fees for 2012 will remain at: \$8.00 per individual and \$6.50 per team. Clubs will increase the entry fees appropriately to assist in recovering operational costs.
5. National record submissions must be received at the same time as your sectional paperwork. See section 17 of the NRA Rule Book for instructions on how to apply.
6. The 2011 Smallbore Rifle Committee made a policy decision that “*Juniors may set Junior records only within their age category*”.

- **Procedures for 2012 Junior Sectional Tournaments**

1. NRA will e-mail copies of the current application and a copy of the program to last years Sectional Sponsors.
2. Sponsors will return two copies of the application for approval.
3. NRA will return a signed copy of the application to the sponsor as the “Authorization to Conduct” notification.
4. NRA will mail sectional awards.

Other important items for your attention:

- All scorecards must be at NRA headquarters by **April 30th** or the scores will not be included in the national results!
- In order for a sectional to be valid, at least eight competitors must compete. If less than eight individuals or one team competes, there is no local sectional champion, contact the statistical officer and a determination will be made as to whether the scores will be entered for classification and as part of the National Junior Indoor Championship.
- The awards schedule has changed so please consult the program. Award distribution guidelines must be carefully followed to allow the maximum number of category medals for a given attendance. Please read the section regarding awards in the Junior Program.
- Please write your NRA membership identification numbers on your scorecards and make sure that the numbers are clear and easy to read. Non-members may join NRA at your match.
- Team Captain’s address must be printed clearly on the team entry card.
- Scoring - please have your scoring team plug all doubtful shots as part of the scoring procedure. NRA Rules permit re-plugging of shots, if challenged, in certain cases. At the National Level, we will review all contending targets and re-evaluate as needed. Remember, (1) use ONLY the NRA/USA 50 outward scoring plug to determine all doubtful 10's on the NRA/USA 50 target; (2) For Air Rifle use only the outward plug for all shots. (Except for scoring Rings 1 & 2, use inward scoring gauge.)
- Time each stage/position separately. No block time. This is done to allow uniformity throughout the country.
- Rifle Rule 3.2 is highly encouraged in 3 and 4-position, but 3.1 (3 lb trigger) can be used if it is necessary for your range. Please notify us and all prospective competitors.
- Targets must be retained, under Section I, General Conditions, until the result bulletin challenge period is over; two weeks after the result bulletins are posted on line.
- **YOU MUST SEND THE TOP THREE TARGET SETS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND THE TOP TEAM TARGETS TO NRA FOR VERIFICATION.**
- Individuals or teams will automatically be placed at the bottom of the tie list if targets are not available.

- Current NRA Rifle Rules will be followed.
- Please note in International Air Rifle, Rule 6.2.1 (b) NRA International Rules allows the target height to be adjustable to take into account different shooter sizes.
- Results bulletins will not be mailed to each participant. Results will be available on line at www.nrahq.org/compete/champ1.asp If a printed copy is desired, instruct participants to send a written request to Dian Bullock, NRA Competitive Shooting Division, 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030.
- The order of fire for 4-Position is required as follows: Prone, Standing, Sitting, Kneeling.
- The order of fire for 3-Position is required as follows: Prone, Standing, and Kneeling.

Did you know your competitors could earn a Distinguished Air Gun Award in Sporter and/or Precision? This prestigious award can be earned by placing in the top 10% at the Indoor National Championships and the National Junior Air gun Championship. Competitors must be an NRA member and can only earn two steps per calendar year. For more information see NRA Air Rifle Position Rules for Sporter or Precision.

Again, many thanks for your dedication to the Shooting Sports. Good luck with your tournament.

Sincerely,

Howard Q. Moody
Match Director
National Indoor Rifle Championships

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