

2017 Spirit of America
NRA Fullbore Rifle Prone National Championship
Sponsored by the Bald Eagles Rifle Club

Dates: September 10-16, 2017. Firing will begin at 8:00 AM each day.

Location: George Tubb Range, NRA Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico, USA. The range is located four miles west of I-25 on US 64 south and west of Raton.

General Information: There are currently 254 beds available for housing at the NRA Whittington Center. There is a Recreational Vehicle (caravan) campground that is equipped with full hookups. Reservations should be made at the following: NRA Whittington Center P.O. Box 700, Raton, NM 87740, Phone: (575) 445-3615, Fax: (575) 445-9418. It is recommended that reservations be made early for the competitor housing. The center will begin accepting housing reservations after February 1, 2017. These are two-person rooms and sharing with other competitors is recommended. More information on the NRA Whittington Center is available on the web at: <http://www.nrawc.org/>. Additional housing is available at many motels in nearby Raton, New Mexico.

Food service at the NRA Whittington Center may be available, providing there is enough interest. The hours of operation are 6 AM to 6 PM daily.

Entries: Entries should be mailed to **Bald Eagles Rifle Club**, C/O: John W. Gaines, Match Director, 122 Hidden Haven Dr., Boerne, TX 78006. Entries can also be made on line at www.baldeaglesrc.org. Questions may be emailed to the match director at jrgaines@gvtc.com.

Entry Closing Date and Fees: Advance entries are recommended. Entries close **September 1st** and should be mailed to arrive before that date, however late entries will be accepted at the range providing they do not exceed the range capacity. Late entries after September 1st may be assessed a \$20.00 late fee. There is a 10% discount available for "**Early Bird**" individual full match registrations with payment received by July 15, 2017.

Individual entry fees will be: \$200.00 for adults and \$60.00 for juniors.

Daily fees for individuals will be \$70.00 for one day, \$120.00 for two days. Entry fees include a daily range fee of \$20.00 charged by the NRA Whittington Center. *Competitors must indicate the dates they want to shoot on their entry form.*

Team Match fees will be \$80.00 for the four man teams. Team entries are requested on the day preceding the team match, however, entries may be made on the day of the match at least one-half hour prior to start time. *Do not submit team entry fees before the day of the match.*

Categories: Target rifle; F-Class (Open); F-Class (T/R). There will be separate awards for each category. F-Class (T/R) may be combined with F-Class (Open) if there are insufficient entries to support a separate category.

Rules: The rulebook for *NRA International Fullbore Rifle* will be used and is available on the Internet at: www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp. Rules will also be available at Match Headquarters.

Competitor Eligibility: This competition is open to all. All competitors (including International shooters) are encouraged to join the NRA USA. Applications are available at the Stat Office or online at www.nra.org. Cost for 1-year membership is \$35.00. NRA-USA membership is required for setting National Records.

Competitor Classifications: This is a classified match and will be conducted using the current NRA Fullbore Classification system in all matches.

Challenge Fees: Challenge fees on the firing line will be \$2.00 (refundable if the shooter wins the challenge).

Ammunition: Individuals must provide their own ammunition. All ammunition is subject to testing.

Target Rifle: The bullet weight for the .308/7.62 must be less than 156 grains and the bullet weight, for .223/5.56 must be less than 92 grains.

F-Class: Ammunition must comply with rule 3.17.

Rifles:

Target Rifle: A rifle chambered for the unmodified 7.62x51 or commercial .308 Winchester cartridge or a rifle chambered for the unmodified 5.56mm or commercial .223 Remington cartridge. Any safe trigger is acceptable.

F-Class: Rifles and rests must comply with rules 3.4 & 3.4.1

Target Service: Competitors will be required to mark targets in individual matches unless assigned to other duties or are exempted from target service by the match director. Grand Seniors (70 years and older) are not required to pull targets, but may be asked to help on the firing line. A limited number of target pullers may be available for hire. Indicate the desire for a paid puller on your entry. Priority will be for the physically impaired.

Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI): Safety is paramount! Rifles will have actions open, magazines removed, and an ECI inserted into the chamber at ALL times except when on the firing line, during the preparation period, or during live firing. ECIs will be available for \$1.00.

Procedure for Clearing the Line: At no time is a competitor to leave the firing line with a loaded rifle! All competitors are responsible for safe rifles while on the firing line. At no time should a competitor get out of position without having first placed an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in the empty chamber of his/her rifle. This must be verified by the competitor's scorekeeper. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification for both competitor and scorekeeper.

Preparation Period: Once the competitors have their relay called to the line they may place all their equipment on the line, except their rifles. Rifles must stay behind the ready line until the *two minute warning* has been given. When given the two minute warning, the competitors may bring their rifles to the line. The empty chamber indicator (ECI) must remain in the rifle until the *three minute preparation* period has been called. The ECI may be removed, but no ammunition may be loaded during the 3 minute preparation period. *Anyone who fires a shot during the preparation period will be scored a miss for the first record shot of that match. Anyone who fires a shot prior to the preparation period or any other non-firing period will be disqualified from the competition.*

Blow-Off Period: There will be a one minute blow-off for each relay at the beginning of each day, in individual and team matches. Shots fired during the blow-off must impact in the earth berm behind the targets. There will be no firing before sunrise or after sunset on any range on the Whittington Center.

Squadding: All matches will be squadded by the Statistical Officer. Squadding will be available one hour before the start of the match. Matches will start at 8AM each day unless the Match Director makes an announcement prior to the end of the match on the previous day.

Special Accommodations: Special provisions may be made for competitors who enter the match as a Handicapped Competitor and/or a competitor who qualifies as a Grand Senior. Every attempt will be made to accommodate competitors with special needs such as sharing equipment, providing such needs are made known in a timely fashion. Sharing rides will not usually require special accommodation inasmuch as bus transportation to and from the pits will be provided. Parking behind each firing line is permitted. *Competitors must make arrangements with companions to move their vehicles if the driver is in the pits during a line change.*

Scoring: Competitors will score. Any competitor failing to perform his/her scoring duties may be disqualified.

Awards: The awards schedules for Target Rifle and F-Class (FT-R and F-Open) will be posted at the match. Award groups must contain a minimum of 5 individuals to qualify for awards. *Medals will be awarded to the top three grand aggregate winners in Target Rifle and F-Class (FT-R and F Open) only. Grand Aggregate Winning teams in each category will also receive medals. There will be class awards for the Grand Aggregate matches only. Awards will be given to match winners of the Daily Matches, Long and Short Range Aggregates, and the Grand Aggregate.*

Awards will be given for the individual matches and the team matches immediately following the challenge period on the day the matches are shot. Daily aggregate, team aggregates, and grand aggregate awards will be presented at the awards dinner on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Special Individual Awards: High Junior, Senior, Grand Senior, Woman, Police, and Service will be awarded when 5 or more competitors are entered in any special category. Special Individual Awards are given only for the Grand Aggregate.

Door Prizes: Donated merchandise prizes will be awarded by random drawing at the Awards Dinner. Winners must be present to win.

Challenge Period: The Challenge period ends 30 minutes after the posting of the preliminary bulletin for each match.

Practice: Firing points will be available for squadded practice on Tuesday, September 12th. Practice firing will be conducted in concert with the team match and only at the 300, 600, 900, and 1000 yard firing lines. Practice day fees are included in the entry fee. *Practice shooters will be required to pull targets for other practice shooters.*

Targets:

Target Rifle: 300 yards → MR63; 500 yards → MR65; 600 yards → MR1; 900 & 1000 yards → NRA LR.

F-Class: 300 yards → MR63FC; 500 yards → MR65FC; 600 yards → MR1FC; 900 & 1000 yards → LR-FC.

Team Participation: One of the Bald Eagles' objectives is to provide the opportunity for all competitors to participate in the Team Matches, and we will make every effort to accommodate all shooters. Team sign-up lists will be available at the Statistical Office.

*****Sunday, September 10, 2017*****

Match T-1

The Cimarron 4 Man Team Match

(Sponsored by Folsom Shooting Club)

Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

A Team shall consist of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members. Each firing member to fire 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900 & 1000 yards. Time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair and at the long ranges 33 minutes per firing pair. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

*****Monday, September 11, 2017*****

Match T-2

The Angel Fire 4 Man Team Match

(Sponsored by Sierra Bullets)

Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

A team shall consist of four firing members, a team captain and coach who may be firing members. Each firing member firing 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900 & 1000 yards. Time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair and at the long ranges 33 minutes per firing pair. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

***** Tuesday, September 12, 2017*****

Match T-3

The Raton 4 Man Team Match

Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

A Team shall consist of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members. Each firing member shall fire 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900, and 1000 yards. The time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair and at the long range 33 minutes. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

Note: Practice firing will be conducted in concert with match T-3. Practice shooters will observe all time limits, pit changes, and line changes, and will pull targets for other practice shooters.

***** Wednesday, September 13, 2017*****

Match 1

The Rightsight Match

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards Pair firing (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relay 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relay 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

Match 2

The R 'n R Design Match

900 yards

900 yards, 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, *string firing*.

Match 3 – Daily Aggregate #1

Camaraderie Trophy Match

The Aggregate of Matches 1 and 2

*****Thursday, September 14, 2017*****

Match 4

The Sierra Bullets Match

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards *pair firing* (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relays 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relays 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

Match 5

The Pacific Tool & Gauge Match

1000 yards

1000 yards, 2 convertible sighting shots and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, *string firing*.

Match 6 - Daily Aggregate #2

The US Armed Forces Trophy Match

An Aggregate of Matches 4 and 5

*****Friday, September 15, 2017*****

Match 7

The McMillan USA Short Yards Match

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards *pair firing* (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relays 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right. Relays 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

Match 8

The McMillan USA long yard Match

900 yards

900 yards, 2 convertible sighting shots and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, *string firing*.

Match 9 – Daily Aggregate #3

The Freedom Trophy match

An Aggregate of Matches 7 and 8

*****Saturday, September 16, 2017*****

Match 10

The Sinclair International Match

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards *pair firing* (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relays 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right. Relays 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire their next shot within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

Match 11

The Lapua Match

1000 yards

1000 yards, 2 convertible sighting shots and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, *string firing*.

Match 12 – Daily Aggregate #4

The End of the Trail Trophy match

An Aggregate of Matches 10 and 11

Championship Trophies

The Spirit of America Championship

The Grand Aggregate of the 4 daily aggregates: Matches 3, 6, 9, & 12 in both Target Rifle and F-Class Categories.

The Spirit of America Short Range Championship Trophy

The Aggregate of Matches 1, 4, 7, & 10 in both Target Rifle and F-Class Categories.

Individual Target Rifle award sponsored by R 'n R Design.

Individual F-TR award sponsored by Powder Keg Shooters Supply.

The Spirit of America Long Range Championship Trophy

The Aggregate of Matches 2, 5, 8, & 11 in both Target Rifle and F-Class Categories.

Individual Target Rifle award sponsored by Berger Bullets.

Individual F-TR award sponsored by Powder Keg Shooters Supply.

The Spirit of America Combined 4-man Team Match Championship Trophy

To be eligible for this award, a team shall register under the same name for all 4-man team matches with up to 6 members on the team. There shall be 4 firing members and a designated coach and captain. The same team members must be on the team for all 4-man team matches (T-1, T2 & T-3) but individual designations of captain, coach, firing members and alternates may change.

Addendum #1

1. The ***Bald Eagles Rifle Club Annual Membership Meeting*** and election of officers will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13, following the challenge period for the match held that day.
2. The Bald Eagles Rifle Club will **not** host a Fund Raiser Dinner this year however, funds are needed to maintain trophies and plaques. Contributions are requested from competitors and guests.
3. There will be an ***Awards Dinner*** (enchiladas a la Raton) on Saturday, Sept. 16 following the match at a time and place to be announced at the match. There will be no charge to competitors entered in the individual matches. Guests are invited for a charge of \$10.00. All competitors must pick up their awards prior to leaving. Awards not picked up will be considered as donations to the Bald Eagles Rifle Club.
4. Merchandise prizes will be awarded as door prizes at the Awards Dinner. Competitors must be present to win.
5. Match bulletins will be available online at: <http://www.baldeaglesrc.org/> one week after completion of the matches. Anyone desiring printed copies of the match bulletins via US Postal Service may request them in writing before leaving the Whittington Center.

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Registration and Entry Form
(Please make it legible.)

Last Name: _____ First: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____

ZIP/Postal code: _____ Country: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

EMAIL address: _____ NRA # _____

I wish to enter as (check one):

_____ NRA Fullbore Prone _____ NRA F-Open _____ NRA F-TR

Classification: _____ Birthdate (mo/day/year): _____

Handicapped? _____ Do you want to hire a target puller? _____

Other Special requirements:

Special Category (circle): Police; Woman; Senior; Grand Senior; Junior

Service: (Please specify) Branch of service _____ Rank _____

Entry for (check one):

_____ Full match: \$200.00 (\$180.00 if received by July 15, 2016)

_____ Junior: \$60.00 (\$54.00 if received by July 15, 2016)

_____ Daily match (1 or 2 days) Indicate date(s): _____

(\$70.00 / 1 day; \$120.00 / 2 days)

_____ Team shooter only (send registration with no fees – team fees are collected at the range)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (checks payable in U.S. funds to "Bald Eagles Rifle Club")

Mail Entries to: **Bald Eagles Rifle Club** c/o John W. Gaines, 122 Hidden Haven Dr., Boerne, TX 78006. Entries can also be made via the internet. Visit Baldeaglesrifleclub.org for entry.