Championship trophies that are donated to the National Rifle Association are put into a permanent traveling trophy collection and all but a few are actually given out to tournament champions. When they are not on the road, many of these donated trophies are put on display in the Atrium of the NRA headquarters building.

Most Championship trophies travel to their respective Championship each year and will be displayed at the appropriate awards ceremony. Match winners and Aggregate Champions are given a wooden trophy plaque with a picture of the trophy incorporated onto the plaque. In Team Championships, trophy plaques are awarded to the winning Coach, Captain, and the firing members.
HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

The National Rifle Association began hosting major competitive shooting events in 1873 when the organization hosted the first events at the Creedmore Shooting Range in Long Island, New York. The historical donations of trophies for match and aggregate winners began shortly after the first competitive shooting events in 1873.

Since that date hundreds of trophies have been donated to the National Rifle Association. Most of the trophies donated to the NRA are presented annually, some have been retired as competitive shooting evolves and old courses of fire are discontinued and new ones established.

TROPHY DONATION GUIDELINES

There are three steps in the trophy approval process.

Step 1: The physical trophy and completed application are submitted to the respective committee (Pistol, Smallbore, High Power, etc…) for approval.

Step 2: After the respective committee approves the trophy and application, the trophy will go to the Competitions Rules & Program committee for approval.

Step 3: Once the Competitions Rules & Program committee approves the trophy and application, the trophy will go to the NRA Board of Directors for final approval.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR RECEIVING TROPHY APPROVAL

If you are interested in donating a trophy to be used in competition, please review the following specifications and guidelines for creating a trophy and application for approval submitting process. Please remember that if you adhere to these guidelines you will have a higher chance of receiving approval on your first submission. However, also remember that not all trophies reach final approval, and can be declined by committee at any step in the approval process.

TROPHY SPECIFICATIONS

- Trophies may be made out of wood, pewter, silver, bronze, or a combination.
- Trophies must be a minimum of 16 to 17 inches in height, not including the base (depending on type of trophy).
- Examples of the NRA trophy collection may be viewed at: www.nratrophy.com

TROPHY CASE SPECIFICATIONS

- The applicant must provide trophy cases after the trophy has reached final approval.
- Trophy cases must be made out of a lightweight and sturdy material.
- Trophy cases made of wood will not be accepted. (Wood trophy cases are difficult to store and transport, are susceptible to wood rot, and hold moisture which can damage the trophy beyond repair.)
Metal trophies must have a protective slipcover provided. The protective slipcover will be placed over or around the trophy during storage and transport. (This will protect the metal from tarnishing and/or irreversible discoloration damage.)

NRA Approved Case Manufacturer(s):
- U.S. Case (used by the NRA)
  6301 J Richard Dr.
  Raleigh, NC 27617
  (919) 783-6166
  www.uscase.com
- All Case, www.allcases.com

HONORARIUM SPECIFICATIONS
- An honorarium must be presented as part of the trophy donation, and is part of the application process.
- Honorariums are used to help defray the cost of trophy maintenance and purchase trophy plaques to be presented to future award recipients.
- Suggested one-time honorarium amounts:
  - Minimum $1,000: Match Champion or Match Aggregate Champion trophies
  - Minimum $2,000: Team Match Champion or Team Aggregate Champion trophies

APPLICATION FOR TROPHY DONATION

OPTION 1
(6 TO 12 MONTH APPROVAL PROCESS)
- Completed trophy including base, application, trophy bio, and honorarium are submitted for approval process to the NRA Tournament Resources Department.
- The Trophy and application package will be moved through the approval process. First approval will be the discipline committee, normally Sept./Oct. of each year. Trophy then goes to Competition Rules & Programs Committee, normally Nov./Dec. of each year.
- Final trophy approval is given at the January NRA Board of Director’s meeting. If the trophy reaches final approval it will be circulated into competition that year.
- A notification of approval and circulation will be sent to trophy donator(s).

REMINDER: Not all trophies get approved

OPTION 2
(18 TO 24 MONTH APPROVAL PROCESS)
- A written proposal, trophy picture / artist’s rendition of trophy, application, and biography are submitted for respective committee approval.
- The following year, once approved by the respective committee, the physical trophy including base and honorarium must be submitted to the NRA, Attention to Competitions Rules & Programs Committee, and follow the final two steps in the approval process.
- If approved by Competitions Rules & Programs Committee, the trophy goes to the NRA Board for final approval and then notification of approval and circulation will be sent to trophy donator(s).
- After Board approval, the trophy will go into competition that year.
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION
CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY DONATION
Trophy Donation Application and Routing Form

Please write legibly or type:

Application Date
Sponsor/Organization Name ____________________________________________
Main Contact Person ________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________
City __________________________ State ____________________ Zip Code ________
Day Phone ______________________ Evening Phone ____________________
Email ______________________________________________________________

☐ OPTION 1
☐ Physical Trophy and Base created and submitted
☐ Trophy Biography Submitted
☐ Honorarium $________________________

☐ OPTION 2
☐ Drawings and/or Photos submitted
☐ Trophy Biography Submitted

NRA OFFICIAL USE ONLY: To be completed by the NRA

Committee Submission Date: ______________________

Committee Referred To:
☐ Smallbore                  ☐ Pistol
☐ Highpower                  ☐ Air Gun
☐ Collegiate                 ☐ Action Pistol
☐ Silhouette                 ☐ Black Powder

COMMITTEE:    ☐ Approved    ☐ Disapproved

_________________________   __________________________
Committee Chairman Signature   Date

COMP RULES & PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:    ☐ Approved  ☐ Disapproved

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Chairman Signature   Date
**NRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**  □ Approved  □ Disapproved

NRA Secretary Signature  ____________________________ Date ____________________________

**NRA STAFF:**

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**Honorarium**

- Total Amount Pledged $___________
- Date Honorarium Received ____________________________

**Trophy Donation Completion Date** ____________________________

Division Director Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

**NOTES:**