



National Rifle Association
NATIONAL INDOOR SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT PROGRAM
for
OPEN RIFLE



The NRA Competitive Shooting Division sanctions locally sponsored Indoor Sectional Tournaments around the country each year. Local Sponsors conduct their Tournament during the assigned time frame established by the NRA and follow the applicable NRA Rules and conditions within this Tournament Program. Sectional Tournaments are conducted under the same requirements as Registered Tournaments and as such require turning targets.

Once fired, scores are compiled by the Tournament Statistical Officer and a local Sponsor's Official Results Bulletin produced. Scores are then sent to the NRA Competitive Shooting Division where all scores from across the country are combined for the NRA National Indoor Sectional Championship. Awards are then issued as outlined in the Awards Schedule.

Five National Open Rifle Indoor Sectional Tournaments are conducted annually and include:

- Conventional Smallbore Rifle 4 Position
- Metric Smallbore Rifle 3 Position
- Precision Air Rifle Standing
- Precision Air Rifle 3 Position
- Smallbore Light Rifle Standing

In order for an Indoor Sectional Tournament Match to be included in the National Indoor Championship, at least five competitors must compete.

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National Indoor Sectional Tournament Information & Tournament Conditions

Speed Links: For your convenience, this Program has numerous Speed Links. If reading this program on-line and you see bold text in blue, you can click on the blue text it will automatically take you to the online NRA information page for that section. If you are reading a printed copy of the Program and see a digital Quick Reader Code Box in the right-hand border, use your smart phone camera to hover over the QR Code box as if you were going to take a photo of it. While smart phones vary, your phone camera should automatically scan the QR Code and present a pop-up window for you to tap. When you tap it, the NRA online page for that section will open on your phone.

National Indoor Sectional Tournament Officials:

Tournament Director: Cole McCulloch - NRA Competitive Shooting Division Director

Chief Statistical Officer: Donna Webb - NRA Comp. Shooting Div. Tournament Operations Manager

Tournament Dates: This year, National Indoor Sectional Tournaments must be conducted between January 1st and April 20th, 2026. Final scores are due no later than May 1. The challenge period will run the month of May. Final scores will be posted, and National awards will be ordered the week of June 1st.

Governing Rules: Current NRA International Style Pistol Rules will govern. Competitors are responsible to have full knowledge of the Rules under which the match is fired, ensure that their equipment meets all Rules and match specifications, and comply with any instructions from a Tournament Official. If a competitor has a question concerning any Rule or equipment they must bring it to a Tournament Official prior to firing the match involved.



You can find [NRA Rule Books](#) online or by using your smart phone camera to scan the Quick Reader Code to the right.

NRA Membership: NRA Membership is not required but highly encouraged. Membership information is available online by clicking [HERE](#), or using your smart phone camera to scan the Quick Reader Code to the right. Tournament Sponsors normally also have membership information.



Individual Eligibility: A competitor may enter any NRA Sectional Indoor Tournament individual or team match but may fire in only ONE of this type of Sectional Tournament in any calendar year. Competitors may enter other types of Sectionals if eligible for that Tournament. A non-US competitor is eligible to participate in NRA Indoor Sectional Tournaments.

NRA Smallbore Rifle Distinguished Awards: A step (leg) toward the NRA Smallbore Position Distinguished Award can be earned by winning a place in the top scoring 10% at the National level, in Conventional 4-Position Smallbore Rifle and Metric 3-Position Smallbore Rifle matches.

NRA Distinguished Air Gun Award: A step toward the NRA Distinguished Air Gun Award can be earned by placing in the top scoring 10% at the national level in the Air Rifle 3-Position Precision matches.

Match Conditions: Since Sectional Scores are to be used to determine National Champions, all Sectionals must be conducted in the prescribed manner.

- All ties will be broken following Section 15 of the NRA Rules.
- **Individual Matches:** If range facilities permit, two targets for the Match should be mounted simultaneously, and an additional 3 minutes will be allowed for target change of the second Stage or Match as needed. When only a single target is mounted 3 minutes for each target change will be added to the total Firing Time for the Match.
- **Shooting Time:** Time is not checked on each shot. The Time Allowance is computed for a complete Stage. See Rule 8.2 for Time Allowances.
- **Target Height:** Target height may be adjusted.
- **Firing Order:** All matches must be completed by all competitors on a relay before the next match is started. Matches must be fired in the order identified in each of the program sections.
- **Preparation Period:** After Record Targets for a relay have been properly mounted, a 3-minute preparation period will be given before the "Commence Firing" command.

Registration: Individual match entry must be received by the Sponsor of the Tournament you want to register for no later than the Monday preceding the opening date of the Sectional Tournament following the registration process established by the Tournament Sponsor.

Tournament capacity is determined by each individual Tournament Sponsor.

Team Registration: entries may be made any time prior to the start of the firing of the team match. Team participation should be indicated on individual entry card. Teams may consist of four firing members with a coach and captain. The coach and captain may be firing members. Team entries must be made in person at the Statistical Office. A team member may not be substituted after they have fired their first record shot. Team members must fire their scores at the same sectional and location.

Tournament National Match Fees:	Individual Matches	\$ 8.00 Per Match
	Team Matches	\$ 5.00 Per Team

Tournament Sponsor Fees: There may be local Tournament Fees published by the Tournament Sponsor, such as a Club Fee or Range Maintenance Fee.

Squadding: Will be assigned by the Sectional Tournament Statistical Officer. Please state preferred time of firing. Teams are not required to be squadded together to fire as a unit, but all team members must fire in the same Sectional.

Classification: Competitors will be entered using their current NRA Classification.

Competitors with expired Classifications and new shooters with no Classification or those without a Temporary Record Score Book will fire in the Master Class as required by Rule 19.6. If a Temporary Score Record Book is used for an Unclassified competitor, the Statistical Officer will document this when the score is sent to the NRA. If the NRA is not notified the shooter will be changed to Master Class for the purposes of the National Aggregate Official Final Results Bulletin.

Rule 19.12 will determine Team Classifications.

Classification Lookup: Competitors and match directors may check current NRA Classification by going to the [*NRA Competitive Shooting Web Portal*](#).



Competing In a Higher Class (19.8) – Any individual or team may elect, before firing, to compete in a higher classification than the one in which classified. Such individual or team must fire in such higher class throughout the tournament and not revert to earned classification for any event in that tournament. When there are insufficient entries in any class to warrant an award in that class according to the match program conditions, the individual or team concerned may be moved by the Match Director to a higher class provided this change is made prior to the individual or team concerned having commenced firing in the tournament.

Categories: Categories available are:

- Civilian
- Service
- Woman
- Senior - A person 60 years old or older on the first day of competition. Rule 2.2.1.
- Veteran

Scorecards: Sectional score cards will be used and must be signed by the competitor to be considered for National ranking and awards. If a Category is not indicated on the scorecard the competitor will be placed in the Civilian Category. Scorecards can be found on-line on the [Sectionals webpage](#).

Score Reporting: To be entered in the National Aggregate Indoor Sectional Tournament and included in the National Official Final Results Bulletin all scores must be submitted by the Tournament Sponsor to the NRA Competitive Shooting Division by May 1, 2026. Any scores received past this date without prior approval will not be processed.

Tournaments using Electronic Target Scoring, other than those using Orion, please send the tape with your Sectional Results. **Decimal scoring is not accepted.**

Preliminary & Final Bulletins: Sectional Tournament Sponsors are responsible for competitors having access to Preliminary and Official Final Bulletins.

NRA National Aggregate Indoor Sectional Championship Preliminary and Official Final Bulletins will be posted online at the NRA Competitive Shooting Division's **National Championship Results** page.



Retention of Targets: All fired targets must be retained until the National Challenge Period has ended and the 2026 NRA National Indoor Open Rifle Sectional Final Results Bulletin has been posted online. *Please do not send the targets in with the scores.*

Challenges & Protest: Challenges and Protests are handled following NRA Rule Book Section 16. When a competitor feels that a shot fired has been improperly evaluated or scored, the scoring may be Challenged. A minimum Challenge Fee of \$1.00 with a maximum fee of \$3.00 may be charged to all competitors making a Challenge. The fee will be collected before making the first recheck of the Challenged Score. If the competitor's Challenge is sustained at any point along the line of rechecks, the Challenge Fee will be returned. The decision of the Official Referee, Jury or Supervisor will be final.

NRA Local Indoor Sectional Awards Schedule

Indoor Sectional Tournament Level NRA Awards: The NRA will provide the following Sectional Awards for all matches in this Program based on the Tournament Sponsor's Official Final Results Bulletin.

Tournament Sponsors are encouraged to provide additional Awards and/or Prizes for competitors and set their own separate Awards Schedule. For scores to be considered for National Records Place Awards are required.

Individual Awards:

- First Place: NRA Gold Tone Sectional Medallion
- Second Place: NRA Silver Tone Sectional Medallion
- Third Place: NRA Bronze Tone Sectional Medallion

Team Awards:

- First Place: Four NRA Gold Tone Sectional Team Medals

National Awards Schedule

NRA National Indoor Sectional Championship Awards: The NRA will provide the following NRA National Awards based on the aggregate of all Indoor Sectional Scores participating in the National Indoor Sectional Championships.

Individual Match Awards

First Place:

- **National Indoor Conventional Smallbore Rifle 4 Position**
NRA Champion Gold Tone Medal
Lister Plaque
- **Metric Smallbore Rifle 3 Position Match**
NRA Champion Gold Tone Medal
Gillies Trophy Plaque
- **National Precision Air Rifle Standing Match**
NRA Champion Gold Tone Medal
- **National Precision Air Rifle 3 Position Match**
NRA Champion Gold Tone Medal
- **National Smallbore Light Rifle Standing Match**
NRA Champion Gold Tone Medal

Second & Third Place in all Matches:

Second Place: NRA National Champion Silver Tone Medal

Third Place: NRA National Champion Bronze Tone Medal

Category Awards: *An Individual winning a Place Award is not entitled to the below Category Awards. The Award will be passed down to the next eligible individual.*

- **National Indoor Conventional Smallbore Rifle 4 Position**
High Scoring Woman Competitor: Sea Girt Trophy Plaque
High Scoring Senior Competitor: NRA Gold Tone Medal
High Scoring Service Competitor: NRA Gold Tone Medal
High Scoring Veteran Competitor: NRA Gold Tone Medal
- **All Other Matches:**
High Scoring Woman Competitor: NRA Gold Tone Medal
High Scoring Senior Competitor: NRA Gold Tone Medal
High Scoring Service Competitor: NRA Gold Tone Medal
High Scoring Veteran Competitor: NRA Gold Tone Medal

Class Awards for All Matches: Awards will be given in all Classes.

First Place by Class: Gold Tone Medal

Second Place by Class: Silver Tone Medal

Third Place by Class: Bronze Tone Medal

Fourth Place by Class: Bronze Tone Medal

Fifth Place by Class: Bronze Tone Medal

Team Match Awards

First Place Teams:

- **National Indoor Conventional Smallbore Rifle 4 Position Team Match**
First Place Team: 5 National NRA Trophies
- **National Metric Smallbore Rifle 3 Position Team Match**
First Place Team: 5 Chief Army Reserve Trophies
- **National Precision Air Rifle Standing Match**
First Place Team: 4 Gold Tone Medals
- **National Precision Air Rifle 3 Position Match**
First Place Team: 5 Gold Tone Medals
- **National Smallbore Light Rifle Standing Match**
First Place Team: 5 Gold Tone Medals

Second & Third Place in all Team Matches: Each team member will receive an Award

Second Place: Silver Tone Medal

Third Place: Bronze Tone Medal

Class Awards for All Team Matches: Awards will be given in all Classes.

First Place by Class: Gold Tone Medal

Conventional Smallbore Rifle 4 Position Match

Rules: NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules

Distance Fired: Fifty Feet

Rifle: Rule 3.2

Sights: Any sights.

Targets: NRA Official A-17 Target

Sighting Shots: **Unlimited** number of sighting shots may be fired any time.

Team Entries: Open to teams consisting of 4 firing members representing a club as defined in Section 2 of the NRA Smallbore Rifle Rule Book.

Pick Up Teams, teams composed of competitors who cannot prove membership in the same club or group will not be allowed to participate.

Alternates must be named before firing and used only on a "no show" basis as an alternate when a regularly named team member does not show.

Team members must fire their scores at the same Sectional and Location.

Team Time Limits: Rules 8.2, and 8.3f regardless of method used to change targets.

- A 3-minute preparation period is allowed between stages/positions.
- No more than one target per team firing member will be hung for each stage.
- Timing for each stage must be separate - Block timing is not authorized.

Matches:

- **Match 1:** Prone – 20 shots in 20 minutes.
- **Match 2:** Standing - 20 shots in 30 minutes.
- **Match 3:** Sitting - 20 shots in 20 minutes.
- **Match 4:** Kneeling - 20 shots in 20 minutes.
- **Match 5:** Aggregate of Matches 1 through 4 - 80 shots total.
- **Match 6:** Team Match:
 - 10 shots Prone
 - 10 shots Standing
 - 10 shots Sitting
 - 10 shots Kneeling

Metric Smallbore Rifle 3 Position Match

Rules: NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules

Distance Fired: Fifty Feet

Rifle: Rule 3.2

Sights: Any Sights.

Targets: NRA/USA 50 or Electronic Scoring System. Rule 4.

Sighting Shots: Unlimited number of sighting shots may be fired at any time.

Team Entries: Open to teams consisting of 4 members representing a club as defined in Section 2 of the NRA Smallbore Rifle Rule Book.

Since Team Matches are Unfired, all teams **MUST** be named and entered **BEFORE** any member of the Team begins individual firing.

Alternates must also be named before firing and used to substitute only for someone who has not yet fired. A Team Member may not be substituted once they have fired their first record shot.

Pick Up Teams, teams composed of competitors who cannot prove membership in the same club or group will not be allowed to participate.

Team members must fire their scores at the same Sectional and Location.

All Teams must report their Team Scores on a NRA Sectional Team Score Card.

Time Limits: Rule 8.2c. Time remaining from one Match/Position may not be carried over to the following Match/Position. When two targets are hung at one time, a 3-minute target change is not permitted. Block Time is not allowed.

Matches:

- **Match 1:** Prone – 40 shots in 40 minutes, 1 minute per shot.
- **Match 2:** Standing - 40 shots in 80 minutes, 2 minutes per shot.
- **Match 3:** Kneeling - 40 shots in 60 minutes, 1 ½ minute per shot.
- **Match 4:** Aggregate of Matches 1 through 3 - 120 shots total.
- **Match 5:** ***This is an Unfired Team Match.*** The individual scores of each Team Members Match 4 will be used for the Teams Aggregate Score for Sectional and National Results.

Precision Air Rifle Standing Match

Rules: NRA Precision Air Rifle Rules

Distance Fired: 10 Meters – Rule 7.1.1 (b)

Rifle: Rule 3.1

Sights: Metallic - Rule 3.7

Targets: NRA Approved Targets or Electronic Scoring System. Rule 4.1.

Sighting Shots: Unlimited sighting shots may only be fired at any time after the command of “Commence Fire” or “Start” has been given within the Time Limit for that match or Stage. See Rule 9.2.

Team Entries: Open to teams consisting of 4 members representing a club as defined in Section 2 of the NRA Precision Air Rifle Rule Book.

Since Team Matches are Unfired, all teams MUST be named and entered BEFORE any member of the Team begins individual firing.

Alternates must also be named before firing and used to substitute only for someone who has not yet fired. A Team Member may not be substituted once they have fired their first record shot.

Pick Up Teams, teams composed of competitors who cannot prove membership in the same club or group will not be allowed to participate.

Team members must fire their scores at the same Sectional and Location.

All Teams must report their Team Scores on a NRA Sectional Team Score Card.

Matches:

- **Match 1:** Standing – 60 shots in 75 minutes. Rule 8.2a.
- **Match 2:** ***This is an Unfired Team Match.*** The individual scores of each Team Members
Match 1 will be used for the Teams Aggregate Score for Sectional and National Results.

Precision Air Rifle 3 Position Match

Rules: NRA Precision Air Rifle Rules

Distance Fired: 10 Meters

Rifle: Rule 3.1

Sights: Metallic - Rule 3.7

Targets: NRA Approved Targets or Electronic Scoring System. Rule 4.1.

Sighting Shots: Unlimited sighting shots may only be fired at any time after the command of "Commence Fire" or "Start" has been given within the Time Limit for that match or Stage. See Rule 9.2.

Team Entries: Open to teams consisting of 4 members representing a club as defined in Section 2 of the NRA Precision Air Rifle Rule Book.

Since Team Matches are Unfired, all teams MUST be named and entered BEFORE any member of the Team begins individual firing.

Alternates must also be named before firing and used to substitute only for someone who has not yet fired. A Team Member may not be substituted once they have fired their first record shot.

Pick Up Teams, teams composed of competitors who cannot prove membership in the same club or group will not be allowed to participate.

Team members must fire their scores at the same Sectional and Location.

All Teams must report their Team Scores on a NRA Sectional Team Score Card.

Time Limits: Rule 8.2. Time remaining from one Match/Position may not be carried over to the following Match/Position. When two targets are hung at one time, a 3-minute target change is not permitted.

Matches:

- **Match 1:** Prone - 20 shots in 25 minutes.
- **Match 2:** Standing - 20 shots in 25 minutes.
- **Match 3:** Kneeling - 20 shots in 25 minutes.
- **Match 4:** Aggregate of Matches 1 through 3 - 60 shots total.
- **Match 5:** ***This is an Unfired Team Match.*** The individual scores of each Team Members Match 4 will be used for the Teams Aggregate Score for Sectional and National Results.

Smallbore Light Rifle Standing Match

Rules: NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules / Section 22 Light Rifle Rules. In all cases where specific rules are not given here, the appropriate rules for Smallbore Rifle competition shall be used.

Distance Fired: 50 Feet

Rifle: Section 22 - 3.3

Sights: Any Sights

Targets: NRA A-32 Target with 2 shots per bullseye, or Electronic Scoring System. Rule 4.

Team Entries: Open to teams consisting of 4 members representing a club as defined in Section 2 of the NRA Precision Air Rifle Rule Book.

Since Team Matches are Unfired, all teams **MUST** be named and entered **BEFORE** any member of the Team begins individual firing.

Alternates must also be named before firing and used to substitute only for someone who has not yet fired. A Team Member may not be substituted once they have fired their first record shot.

Pick Up Teams, teams composed of competitors who cannot prove membership in the same club or group will not be allowed to participate.

Team members must fire their scores at the same Sectional and Location.

All Teams must report their Team Scores on a NRA Sectional Team Score Card.

Time Limits: Section 22, Rule 7.9.

Matches:

- **Match 1:** Standing - 60 shots, 90 minutes, 1 ½ minute per record shot.
- **Match 2:** ***This is an Unfired Team Match.*** The individual scores of each Team Members Match 1 will be used for the Teams Aggregate Score for Sectional and National Results.