



CMP Guidelines for Conducting Excellence-in-Competition (EIC) Matches

CMP Excellence-in-Competition (EIC) Matches must be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations published in the current edition of the CMP Competition Rules. These guidelines are provided to provide additional information to govern the conduct of CMP EIC matches. These guidelines serve in the same capacity as a match program (see CMP Service Rule 5.1 concerning the applicability of CMP Rules, NRA Rules, these Guidelines and the sponsor's match program).

1. **EIC Match Application Form.** All applications to conduct CMP EIC matches must be submitted on application forms provided by the CMP. All application forms must be submitted to the CMP.
2. **NRA Referees.** The National Rifle Association (NRA) Official Referees for NRA Regional and State Championship Pistol and High Power Rifle Tournaments are authorized to serve as CMP EIC Match officials.
3. **Entry Fees** (CMP Service Rule 3.3.4). All EIC match competitors must pay an entry fee of \$10.00 per competitor (whether they are Distinguished, Non-distinguished, military or civilian) for each EIC match in which they fire. Approved EIC match sponsors may also collect an additional entry fee to cover their expenses in conducting the EIC match. The total entry fee must be specified in the match program. The \$10.00 per competitor CMP fee must be remitted to the CMP via check, credit card or money order payable to the CMP within five days after the match.
4. **Ammunition** (CMP Service Rule 6.6). EIC match rifle and pistol competitors are required to furnish their own ammunition. The CMP does not furnish ammunition for EIC matches.
5. **Match Program.** Whether an EIC match is to be conducted in conjunction with an NRA State or Regional Championship or as a stand-alone EIC match, the match sponsor must provide a copy of the match program, at the time the application is submitted to the CMP. A regional or state championship program is acceptable if the program includes a separate "CMP Service Rifle or Service Pistol EIC Match" and the conditions under which the EIC match will be conducted (date, time, competition conditions, etc.). EIC matches must be fired separately and not in combination with any other competition events. Rifle EIC matches must be fired on one day; any exceptions must be approved by the CMP; this is to insure competitors will compete under relatively equal conditions.
6. **Scorecards.** Scorecards furnished by the CMP must be used for all rifle and pistol EIC matches. When submitting applications for EIC matches, be sure to specify the number of scorecards required. Scorecards will be forwarded to the match sponsor at the time the match is approved. Prior to the match, have all competitors read the instructions for filling out the scorecards that are printed on the back of the cards. Be sure to have all competitors accurately record their name, address, contact information, category data and CMP (not NRA #) competitor number (if they have it available).
7. **Returning Scorecards.** CMP rules require the return of scorecards within five days. Sponsors must return the scorecards, match report form and fees to the CMP in the pre-paid FedEx envelope provided by the CMP. Match results will be invalidated if scorecards are not returned within 30 days.

8. **Official Match Bulletin.** The official match bulletin for all CMP-sanctioned EIC matches is the results list posted on the CMP web site. This results list will be posted as soon as possible after scorecards are returned. There is no longer a requirement to provide a printed results bulletin to the CMP; just return the scorecards as quickly as possible.
9. **Eligibility Restrictions.** Non-Distinguished competitors are restricted to five EIC matches per year plus the National Trophy Individual Match at Camp Perry and any special 4-point “introductory EIC matches” such as the M16/M9 EIC matches conducted as part of the Small Arms Firing Schools. The CMP Competitor Tracker system checks eligibility for all competitors prior to calculating EIC points. If someone fires six or more EIC matches in a year, they will be removed from the list of eligible competitors for that match and will not be counted in calculating EIC credit points.
10. **EIC Credit Points and Awards.** EIC credit points are calculated by the CMP. Non-Distinguished eligible competitors must fire the Minimum Credit Score (CMP “MCS”, Rule 9.4.6) to be eligible for EIC Credit Points. Information about shooters earning points will be posted on the final results list on the CMP web site. Gold, Silver and Bronze Achievement Pins will be awarded to all competitors who equal or exceed the established Achievement Award Cut-Scores. All awards will be mailed to the winning competitors by the CMP. The members of the Armed Services who are eligible to receive credit towards Distinguished designation will be notified through the appropriate agencies of their respective services.
11. **Rule Interpretations and Protest Resolution.** If any questions arise before or during the EIC match regarding the proper interpretation of **CMP Competition Service Rules**, <http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rulebook.pdf>, match sponsors are encouraged to contact CMP Competitions as soon as possible. If a protest or dispute arises during the competition, be sure to read CMP Rules 5.12. Note that a competitor cannot be disqualified unless at least two match officials (range officer, CRO, referee, match director, etc.) take part in the decision. If someone files a written protest, please provide a summary or copy of the protest with the match report that is submitted to the CMP. If a competitor wishes to appeal a decision made on a protest, the CMP must be notified within 72 hours in accordance with Rule 5.13. Final decisions on appealed protests must be made by the DCM Emeritus and CMP Programs Committee.
12. **For More Information.** Please contact CMP Competitions at (419) 635-2141, ext. 714 or email croquski@thecmp.org if you have any questions or need additional information.