These Rules govern all CMP sponsored and sanctioned Matches for Service Pistol and 22 Rimfire Pistol events in National Trophy Matches, Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Matches, and other CMP-sanctioned competitions.

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This edition supersedes the Pistol Rules in the 22nd 2018 Edition of the CMP Highpower Rifle and Pistol Competition Rules and will remain in effect through the 2019 competition year.
About the CMP and CPRPFS

A 1996 Act of Congress created the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety, Inc. (CPRPFS) to conduct the civilian marksmanship program that was formerly administered by the U. S. Army’s Office of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship (ODCM). The CPRPFS is a federally chartered, tax-exempt, not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation that derives its mission from Title 36 USC, §40701-40733.

The CPRPFS, better known as the Civilian Marksmanship Program or CMP, promotes firearms safety training and rifle practice for qualified U.S. citizens with a special emphasis on youth. The CMP delivers its programs through affiliated shooting clubs and associations, through CMP-trained and certified Master Instructors and through cooperative agreements with national shooting sports and youth-serving organizations.

Federal legislation enacted in 1903 by the U.S. Congress and President Theodore Roosevelt created the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice to foster improved marksmanship among military personnel and civilians. The original CMP purpose was to engage Soldiers and U. S. citizens in rifle marksmanship practice and competition so they would be skilled marksmen if later called to serve in combat. This government supported marksmanship program became known as the “civilian marksmanship program.”

The National Matches, Excellence-In-Competition Matches and other competition programs have been important components of the CMP legacy since the early 1900s. The CMP promotes these competitions as vital ways to test and celebrate the marksmanship skills of U. S. citizens. They also are an established means of fostering the development of shooting sports leaders who can instruct youth in target shooting and promote marksmanship activities among U. S. citizens.
Introduction to CMP Competition Rules

This 2019 23\textsuperscript{rd} Edition of the \textit{CMP Pistol Competition Rules} governs CMP National Trophy Matches, Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Matches and other CMP-sanctioned competitions for Service Pistol and 22 Rimfire Pistol. \textit{CMP Pistol Rules} were previously included in a combined rulebook, \textit{CMP Highpower Rifle and Pistol Competition Rules}. Starting in 2019, that rulebook has been separated into two separate Highpower Rifle and Pistol Rulebooks. These rules remain in effect from the date they are issued until they are replaced by the next edition of the rules. However, if a rules emergency should arise, the CMP Rules Committee has the authority to issue a rules update.

**Authority.** The CMP governs and sanctions competition events in accordance with Title 36, USC, § 40701-40733. The authority “to conduct competitions in the use of firearms and to award trophies, prizes, badges, and other insignia to competitors” is one of the statutory “functions” of the CPRPFS. Authority to conduct the National Matches is given in §40725.

**History of CMP Rules.** The first \textit{CMP Competition Rules} were revisions of Army Regulation 920-30 that governed the National Trophy Matches prior to the creation of the new CMP in 1996. This is the 23\textsuperscript{rd} edition of the \textit{CMP Competition Rules}. Substantive rule changes from the Pistol Rules in the 22\textsuperscript{nd} Edition and any new rules are underlined so they can be readily identified.

**CMP as National Governing Body.** The CMP is the U.S. national governing body for Service Rifle, Service Pistol, 22 Rimfire Pistol, As-Issued Military Rifle (Garand, Springfield, Vintage Military Rifle, M1 Carbine, Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match), As-Issued Pistol (M9, M1911, M&P Service Pistol) and Rimfire Sporter Rifle competitions. The CMP also acts as a governing authority for some Long Range Rifle and Smallbore Rifle competitions. It fulfills this responsibility by establishing rules, sanctioning competitions and promoting participation in these disciplines.

**CMP Competition Rulebooks.** In order to fulfill its responsibilities as a competition governing body (see above), the CMP approves and publishes the following rulebooks (copies of all CMP Rulebooks can be downloaded from the CMP Competitions webpage at \url{http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/}):

- \textit{CMP Highpower Rifle Competition Rules.} Governs Service Rifle (National Trophy and CMP Cup) and Long Range Matches.
• **CMP Pistol Competition Rules.** Governs Service Pistol and 22 Rimfire Pistol Matches.

• **CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Competition Rules.** Governs As-Issued Military Rifle, As-Issued Pistol and Rimfire Sporter Rifle events.

• **CMP Smallbore Rifle Competition Rules.** Governs CMP Smallbore Rifle Matches.

• **National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules.** Governs Three-Position Air Rifle shooting for sporter and precision class competitions; these Rules are established by the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council and published by the CMP.

The CMP Board of Directors and its Rules Committee has the sole authority to establish and amend these Rules.

**Applicability.** **CMP Competition Rules** govern the National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches, CMP-sanctioned EIC matches and CMP-sanctioned Service Rifle and Pistol Matches as well as other competitions sponsored or sanctioned by the CMP. No match program, match director or other match official has the authority to contravene these rules except as explicitly authorized in these rules.

**Rule Interpretations.** To obtain a clarification or interpretation of any CMP rule, contact CMP Competitions, 419-635-2141, ext. 714 or 722 or competitions@thecmp.org, to request a CMP ruling or interpretation. The CMP staff has the authority to interpret unclear rules, but may not modify rules. The Rules Committee of the CPRPFS Board of Directors and its Rules Committee have the sole authority to modify **CMP Competition Rules.**

**CMP Competitions Website.** The CMP website at [http://www.TheCMP.org](http://www.TheCMP.org) has information pages for all CMP competition programs as well as links to the latest rulebooks, match programs and program announcements for CMP competitions. From the CMP home page, click on “Competitions” and then select the item(s) you want.

**CMP Competition Tracker.** The CMP pioneered in using the Internet to administer competitions and post live match results for competitors and the public. CMP Competition Tracker is a computer-based software system that was first used during the 2003 National Matches. Any shooter, match official or interested person, can view upcoming match announcements and match results in Competition Tracker. On the CMP home page, click on “Competition Tracker” or visit [http://ct.thecmp.org](http://ct.thecmp.org). Then select the type of competition or other activity that interests you. Then click on “Competitions” or “Match
Results” and select the type of competition or other activity that interests you. This site also displays a comprehensive list of “Current Distinguished Shooters” and other information of interest to competitive shooters. Competitors can use Competition Tracker to enter CMP National Matches events on-line.

Where to Obtain Rules. **CMP Competition Rules** are posted on the CMP web site at [http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/](http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/) and may be downloaded from there without cost. Printed copies of the rules are available at a cost of $9.95 each. Contact:

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Port Clinton, Ohio 43452  
Phone (419) 635-2141, ext. 605 or 615  
Fax (419) 635-2573  
Email: competitions@thecmp.org

Questions about CMP Rules or rule recommendations can be directed to the CMP Competitions Department at competitions@thecmp.org or (419) 635-2141, ext. 714 or 722.
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1.0 CMP Competitions and Competition Events

1.1 CMP Competition Program
The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) offers a comprehensive program of rifle and pistol competitions that are governed by CMP Competition Rules. CMP shooting sports disciplines are Highpower Rifle, Service and .22 Rimfire Pistol, As-Issued Military Rifle, As-Issued Pistol, Rimfire Sporter Rifle, Smallbore Rifle and Long Range Rifle. The CMP competition program offers competitions at five levels: 1) Club competitions or championships, 2) State Championships, 3) CMP Travel Games competitions, 4) CMP National Ranges competitions and 5) the National Matches.

1.2 CMP Sponsored Competitions
CMP Sponsored Competitions are planned, organized and conducted by the CMP Program Staff in accordance with policies and budgets approved by the CMP Board of Directors. CMP Sponsored Competitions are:

1.2.1 The National Matches
The National Matches are conducted annually at Camp Perry, Ohio in accordance with Title 36, U. S. Code, § 40725-40727. See Rule 7.0 for regulations governing the National Matches. National Matches events include Rifle and Pistol National Trophy Matches and National CMP Games events.

1.2.2 CMP National Ranges Matches
CMP National Ranges Matches are conducted by CMP staff at shooting facilities owned and managed by the CMP. CMP National Ranges are equipped with electronic scoring targets. They include the Talladega Marksmanship Park (an outdoor range complex) at Talladega, Alabama; the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center (a 10m air gun complex) at Camp Perry, Ohio and the CMP Competition Center (a 10m air gun complex) at Anniston, Alabama.

1.2.3 CMP Travel Games
CMP Travel Games offer major competitions in CMP-recognized rifle and pistol events in different regions of the U. S. The CMP staff organizes and conducts these competitions by developing cooperative agreements with the ranges or clubs selected to host them. The selection of CMP Travel Games hosts is decided by the CMP Board of Directors after considering a potential host’s location, range facilities and ability to host competitions with large numbers of competitors.

1.3 CMP Sanctioned Competitions
The CMP sanctions affiliated organizations to sponsor Excellence-In-Competition, State Championship and Club rifle and pistol matches with competitions in CMP-recognized rifle and pistol events. CMP sanctioned and supervised competitions are:
1.3.1 Excellence-In-Competition Matches
Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Matches are rifle and pistol competitions where civilian and military competitors can earn EIC credit points that count towards the awarding of Distinguished Rifleman, Distinguished Pistol Shot, Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol and Distinguished Marksman Badges (see Rule 9.2).

1.3.2 State Championships
The CMP sanctions CMP-affiliated State Associations or designated clubs to organize State Championships for CMP-recognized disciplines or events.

a) The CMP will sanction one state championship (multiple site state championships are permitted) for one CMP discipline or CMP-recognized event per year in each state;

b) State Championships must include one or more CMP-recognized events in their program; events included in a State Championship are selected by the match sponsor and approved by the CMP;

c) CMP-affiliated State Associations may conduct state championships or they may designate a CMP-affiliated club to conduct the championships; and

d) State Associations or clubs designated by a State Association must submit a state championship sanctioning application not later than 1 January of the year of the championship. If a State Association does not confirm its intent to organize a state championship by submitting an application prior to that date, the CMP will allow other CMP-affiliated clubs in the state to apply directly to the CMP to host any state championship, provided that only one state championship in that discipline may be sanctioned for that state in any one year.

e) State associations may provide awards for State Championships; and

f) The CMP will provide State Champion Medallions to the winner of all State Pistol Championships that use the 1000-point National Service Pistol Aggregate (Rule 5.4) or the 1400-point CMP Pistol Aggregate (Rule 5.5). The CMP will provide State Champion Medallions to the winners of CMP-sanctioned Highpower Rifle Championships.

1.3.3 Club Matches
CMP-affiliated clubs may conduct CMP-sanctioned matches that offer competitions in one or more CMP-recognized events. Any CMP-recognized event may be included on the program of a sanctioned Club Match.
1.4 CMP-Recognized Pistol Events
All competitions conducted or sanctioned by the CMP must offer competition in CMP recognized events. CMP-Recognized Pistol Events are listed in Table 1 below.

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1.5 Procedures for CMP Match Sanctioning
All CMP-sanctioned competitions conducted by CMP-affiliated organizations must comply with the following standards:

1.5.1 CMP Sanctioned Match Authorization
CMP-affiliated state associations, clubs or organizations that want to conduct CMP-sanctioned matches in the United States, U. S. territories or at U. S. military installations in other countries must apply to the CMP for approval. Applications to sanction CMP EIC, State Championship and Club matches may be downloaded from the CMP Competitions webpage at http://thecmp.org/competitions/. The CMP must approve all CMP-sanctioned matches prior to the date of the competition.

1.5.2 Entry Fees
A sanctioning fee of $20.00 must accompany each application to conduct a CMP sanctioned match. There are no individual or other fees for CMP sanctioned matches. There are no individual membership requirements to participate in CMP-sanctioned matches. The local sponsor may charge individual entry fees sufficient to cover expenses necessary to conduct the match.
1.5.3 Sanctioned Match Requirements
All CMP-sanctioned competitions must comply with these requirements:

a) Use the appropriate current edition of the *CMP Competition Rules* to govern the competition.

b) Ensure that all competitors and participants comply with applicable CMP eligibility requirements (Rule 2.0).

c) The match program must include a course or courses of fire prescribed and conducted according to *CMP Competition Rules*.

1.5.4 Sanctioned Match Information and Promotion
Information regarding the location, dates and contact information for all CMP-sanctioned matches is posted on the CMP web site as soon as a match sanctioning application is approved.

1.5.5 CMP-Sanctioned Match Reporting
CMP-sanctioned match sponsors must submit a CMP Sanctioned Match Report and the individual scorecards for all competitors to the CMP within ten days following the match.

2.0 Competitor Eligibility

2.1 General Eligibility
All CMP-sponsored or CMP-sanctioned matches are open to any individual or team that complies with these eligibility requirements. U. S. citizenship is not required to participate. Individual membership in the CMP or a sponsoring organization is not required to participate. No person who has been convicted of a Federal or State felony or any violation of Section 922 of Title 18, U. S. Code, is eligible to participate in any activity sponsored or sanctioned by the CMP.

2.2 Eligibility Affidavit Required
Before an individual is permitted to participate in any CMP-sponsored or CMP-sanctioned competition, the sponsoring club or the CMP Competitions Department shall have on file a notarized affidavit from that individual certifying that he/she:

a) Has not been convicted of any Federal or State felony or violation of Section 922 of Title 18 United States Code, and

b) Is not a member of any organization that advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government.

2.3 Waiver and Liability Agreement Required
Before an individual is permitted to participate as a competitor, coach, team official or competition official in any CMP sanctioned competition (the participant), the
sponsoring club or the CMP Competitions Department must have on file a signed waiver and liability agreement stating that the participant:

a) Is bound by the current appropriate edition of the **CMP Competition Rules**;

b) Shall waive any claim against the CPRPFS, Inc. and any other organization sponsoring or supporting the match for any personal injury, loss or damage suffered in connection with the sanctioned competition;

c) Shall indemnify and hold harmless the CMP and any organization sponsoring or supporting the sanctioned competition from any claim of a third party arising from any negligent or wrongful conduct; and

d) Agrees that photographs of the participant taken during the event and the participant’s name, hometown, team or club and competition results may be published or reproduced by the CMP in any of its printed or electronic communications.

**2.4 Age Limits**

Anyone who participates in a CMP-sponsored or sanctioned pistol event must be capable of safely handling a pistol that is legal for the event and of safely completing the event course of fire. The following age limits are established to ensure that participants in CMP-sponsored or sanctioned competitions are capable of fulfilling that responsibility.

**2.4.1 Pistol National Trophy and EIC Matches**

CMP Service Pistol National Trophy and EIC Matches are open to competitors 14 years of age or older. 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches are open to competitors 12 years of age or older.

**2.4.3 Pistol Small Arms Firing School**

The Pistol SAFS is open to civilian and service members 14 years of age or older. The age limit is 12 years of age if 22 Rimfire Pistols are used in the school.

**2.4.5 Other Sanctioned Matches**

Other CMP-sanctioned matches (Rule 1.0) may use the age restrictions identified in this section. Sponsoring clubs may also have their own age restrictions.

**2.4.6 Age Restriction Waivers**

The CMP or sanctioned match sponsors may waive the age requirement upon the presentation of evidence that the applicant has demonstrated the ability to safely complete the course of fire for that event by completing an appropriate training course with actual range firing or by having safely competed in other similar shooting competitions.
2.5 Competitors with Medical Conditions or Impairments

Competitors with medical or physical impairments, whether temporary or permanent, who can safely complete CMP-recognized courses of fire, are eligible to compete in CMP sponsored or sanctioned competitions in accordance with this Rule (2.5) if they have a written Special Authorization issued by the CMP Competitions Department.

2.5.1 Applications for Special Authorizations

Competitors with medical or physical conditions or impairments that require adaptive positions or devices in order for them to participate in CMP competitions must apply to the CMP for a Special Authorization. Competitors with Special Authorizations are permitted to use necessary aids such as wheel chairs, tables or support stands while firing in adaptive firing positions and specific deviations from the requirements of these Rules. The regulations of World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) should be used as guidelines for selecting adaptive positions and devices that allow the competitor to complete a CMP course of fire (https://www.paralympic.org/shooting/rules-and-regulations/technical-rules). To obtain a special authorization, the competitor must submit an application to CMP Competitions (acantu@thecmp.org, 419-635-2141, ext. 602) identifying the competition events, the adaptive positions or devices that will be used and whether any deviations from other provisions of these Rules are required.

2.5.2 CMP Special Authorizations

The CMP issues two types of Special Authorizations that permit competitors with medical or physical impairments to compete in CMP sponsored or sanctioned competitions while using adaptive positions and devices.

a) General Authorization. Any competitor with a medical or physical impairment may be authorized to complete a CMP-recognized event course of fire while using WSPS SH1 or SH2 or similar adaptive positions and devices. Competitors with General Authorizations may compete for CMP Achievement Awards (3.11.3). Match sponsors may permit competitors with General Authorizations to compete for awards or provide special awards for competitors who use modified positions or adaptive devices.

b) Distinguished Marksman Authorization. A Competitor with a permanent disability or limitation who can complete the EIC Service Pistol or 22 Rimfire Pistol course of fire while using a WSPS SH1 or similar adaptive position (for example, shooting a pistol with one extended arm while sitting on a stool or in a wheel chair) may be authorized to compete to earn EIC credit points that count towards the awarding of the Distinguished Marksman Badge (9.1.1 e) in accordance with Rule 9.5.
c) **Competitor Responsibilities.** Competitors with Special Authorizations are expected to fulfill all competitor responsibilities including, when required, acting as Scorers or Verifiers. Competitors with special authorizations may provide substitute Scorers if necessary.

### 2.6 Competitor Categories

Competitors may register and participate in one or more of the following categories in accordance with these rules. Competitor categories defined in this rule apply in all National Trophy Match events and in all CMP sponsored or sanctioned matches when any of these categories are listed in the Match Program.

#### 2.6.1 Women

Any female competitor may compete in the women’s category regardless of age or other category or sub-category status, except that Junior women must comply with Rule 2.4.

#### 2.6.2 Civilian or Service

Competitors may register and participate in only one of the following categories:

- **a) Civilian.** This category consists of all competitors who are not in the Active Service, Reserve or National Guard categories. Retired Service (Active, Reserve or National Guard), Fleet Marine Corps Reserve are civilians. All Police personnel are civilians; or

- **b) Service.** This category consists of all service personnel, Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve.

#### 2.6.3 Civilian Sub-Categories

Civilian competitors may also register and participate in one or more of the following sub-categories if they meet the eligibility criteria for that sub-category:

- **a) Junior.** Civilians may compete as Juniors through December 31 of the calendar year in which their 20th birthday occurs. In 2019, Juniors must have been born in 1999 or later. Individuals who compete in any Service category may not compete as Juniors;

- **b) Senior.** Civilians may compete as Seniors, beginning with the calendar year in which their 60th birthday occurs. In 2019, Seniors must have been born in 1959 or earlier. Individuals who compete in the Service category may not compete as Seniors; or

- **c) Law Enforcement.** Regular or retired law enforcement officers of a regularly constituted law enforcement agency of a municipal, county, state or federal government may compete in the Law Enforcement Sub-Category. Officers of a regularly organized Reserve or Auxiliary of a regularly constituted law enforcement agency may compete in the Law Enforcement sub-category, provided that while on duty they are required
to perform the same law enforcement functions and/or duties as the agency to which they are in reserve and are authorized to be armed by the appointing authority. Full-time police firearms instructors in law enforcement or police academies are eligible to compete in the Law Enforcement sub-category. Military Police or other Service category (Rule 2.6.2 b) above) competitors are not eligible to compete in the Law Enforcement sub-category.

2.6.4 Service Sub-Categories
Service competitors above may also register and participate in one or more of the following sub-categories if they meet the eligibility criteria for that sub-category:

a) **Active Service.** All service personnel on active duty and any National Guard and Reserve members on extended active duty for 90 days or more who have Active Service Status under Title 10 USC and who are assigned to an Active Service marksmanship program must compete as Active Service. Enrolled undergraduates in the service academies may compete in either the Service or Civilian category according to their active duty status within their service branch;

b) **Reserve.** Members of any Reserve branch of the U.S. Armed Forces may compete as Reserve. Members of the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve and Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) must compete in the Civilian category. Members of the Army or Air Force National Guard shall compete as National Guard;

c) **National Guard.** This category consists of members of the Army or Air Force National Guard;

d) **Reserve Component.** Reserve and National Guard competitors may also compete in the Reserve Component sub-category and shall be eligible for awards designated for Reserve Component members; or

e) **Infantry.** Members of the U. S. Army Active Service, Reserve or National Guard who are assigned to an Infantry unit or who have an Infantry MOS may also compete in the Infantry sub-category and shall be eligible for awards designated for Infantry members.

2.6.5 Team Captains and Firing Members

a) Team captains and all team firing members must be eligible in the team’s category or sub-category, except that any eligible civilian may be the team captain of a junior team;

b) The team captain and team coach may be the same person;

c) The team captain and/or team coach may be firing members; and
d) Team firing members may also act as coaches of junior teams when they are not firing.

2.6.6 Team Coaches
Team coaches may represent any category or sub-category.

2.6.7 Substitution of Firing Members
Team captains may substitute another shooter for a designated firing member at any time until the preparation period for the first stage of competition begins, provided that the person substituted is eligible to compete in that team’s category and is entered in the competition.

2.6.8 Affiliation
Team captains and firing members must have been members of the organization and category or sub-category they represent for at least 30 days before the beginning of the match. This restriction does not apply to team coaches.

2.6.9 Residency
Team captains, team coaches and firing members of State Civilian (Rule 2.7.5), Law Enforcement (Rule 2.7.9), Club Civilian (Rule 2.7.6) or Junior teams must be residents of the state that the team represents or in which the club is located and they must have lived in that state for at least 30 days before the match. The following exceptions apply:

a) This rule does not apply to team coaches of state or club junior teams; and

b) Clubs with members from adjoining states who reside in the area where the club is located and who regularly participate in that club’s activities may apply to CMP Competitions for an exception to this rule. This exception does not apply to state association teams.

2.7 Team Categories
Teams may enter the National Trophy Team Matches or other CMP-sanctioned team events in the categories listed below.

2.7.1 Active Service
Active Service Teams may represent each service, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

2.7.2 Reserve
Reserve Teams may represent the reserve branch of each service.

2.7.3 National Guard
Teams may represent the National Guard-at-large or state National Guard organizations. National Guard teams may be composed of both Army and Air National Guard personnel.
2.7.4 Reserve Component
Reserve and National Guard teams shall also compete as Reserve Component teams and be eligible for awards designated for Reserve Component teams.

2.7.5 State Civilian
State Civilian Teams must represent a CMP-affiliated state shooting association. Civilian State Association teams may include members who are eligible to compete as Junior, Senior or Police.

2.7.6 Club Civilian
Civilian Teams must represent a CMP-affiliated club. Civilian Club Teams may include members who are eligible to compete as Junior, Senior or Police.

2.7.7 Junior
Junior Teams must represent a CMP-affiliated state association or CMP-affiliated club. Firing members of Junior teams must be eligible to compete as Juniors under Rule 2.6.3.

2.7.8 At-Large Junior
Junior teams that do not meet the residency requirements in Rule 2.7.6 may compete as At-Large Junior Teams if the match program permits participation by At-Large Junior Teams.

2.7.9 Law Enforcement
Teams must represent organized federal, state, county or municipal law enforcement agencies. Law Enforcement team members must be eligible in accordance with Rule 2.6.3.

2.8 New Shooters, National Trophy Team Matches
Every team entered in a National Trophy Team Match, except a Junior Team or a Law Enforcement Team, must have one firing member who is a new shooter. Junior, Law Enforcement, State National Guard and Out-of-Competition team members may be granted additional new shooter eligibility in accordance with Rules 2.9 and 2.10. The purpose of the team new shooter requirement is to encourage participating organizations to continually recruit and develop new shooters.

2.8.1 New Shooter Definition
A new shooter is a team firing member who has not previously fired in that particular National Trophy Team Match. The National Trophy Rifle Team Match and the National Trophy Infantry Team Match are separate events, so a competitor may be a new firing member in one and an old firing member in the other.

2.8.2 Active Service, Reserve, and National Guard Teams
The new shooter on an Active Service, Reserve or National Guard team may be a shooter who has fired no more than once as a junior on a Civilian Team. A National Guard shooter who has not competed as a new shooter while firing
as a Junior on a Civilian Team (Rule 2.8.4) may compete once as a new shooter on a State National Guard Team and once as a new shooter on a team representing the National Guard-at-large.

2.8.3 Junior Members of Junior Teams
Juniors who fire as members of Junior Teams (Rules 2.7.7) shall not lose their eligibility to compete as new shooters on other teams.

2.8.4 Junior Members of Civilian Teams
Juniors who fire as members of State Civilian or Club Civilian Teams shall continue to be eligible to compete as new shooters one additional time, as Juniors or as adults, on either a State Civilian, Club Civilian, Law Enforcement, Active Service, Reserve, National Guard or Reserve Component Team.

2.8.5 Members of Law Enforcement Teams
Law Enforcement officers who fire on Law Enforcement Pistol Teams (2-person teams) shall not lose their eligibility to compete on Law Enforcement teams, but they do lose their eligibility to compete as new shooters on Civilian or Club teams.

2.9 Out-of-Competition Teams (OOC)
Teams that do not comply with eligibility, residency or new shooter requirements, or eligible teams that elect to do so, may enter and participate in any team event as Out-of-Competition Teams. Their scores will be recorded in the competition results in an Out-of-Competition category. If range capacity is reached in any team event, priority in accepting entries shall be given to eligible teams.

2.9.1 Ineligible for Team Awards
Out-of-Competition Teams are not eligible to win any team awards.

2.9.2 Eligible for Individual Awards
Scores fired by individual members of Out-of-Competition teams are eligible for special National Trophy Match awards that recognize individual shooter’s scores in the National Trophy Team Matches.

2.9.3 New Shooter Eligibility
Participation as a firing member of an Out-of-Competition Team does not affect new shooter eligibility under Rule 2.8.

2.10 Open Individual Category (OIC)
Individual competitors that do not comply with all eligibility, equipment or firing position rules (including Rules 4.1 and 5.1.1) for National Trophy, EIC and other CMP-sanctioned matches may compete in an Open Individual Category if the match program provides for such a category. Competitors in this category are not eligible to win National Trophy awards or earn EIC credit points, but match sponsors may provide awards for Open Individual Category competitors. When scores are reported to the CMP, all competitors who fire in this category must be clearly identified.
3.0 Competition Rules and Procedures

3.1 Applicable Rules
The following rules and official documents govern all rifle and pistol matches conducted, sponsored or sanctioned by the CMP.

3.1.1 CMP Competition Rules
The current edition of these CMP Competition Rules governs all National Trophy Pistol Matches, CMP EIC Pistol Matches and CMP-sanctioned Pistol Matches.

3.1.2 Rule Interpretations
The CMP may issue rule interpretations for rules in the CMP Competition Rules that are unclear or in dispute. CMP rule interpretations may not change, set aside or alter the application of specific rules in the CMP Competition Rules.

3.1.3 Match Program
All CMP-sponsored or sanctioned competitions should have a written Match Program. The Match Program provides additional information regarding the specific conditions of that particular competition. A Match Program may not change, set aside or alter any rules in the CMP Competition Rules, except as permitted in Rule 3.1.4.

3.1.4 Range Incident Forms
All irregular shots, interruptions or other issues that arise during a competition should be documented on Range Incident Forms (RIF). A model Range Incident Form is shown in the illustration.

3.1.5 Match Director’s Bulletin
A Match Director’s Bulletin may be issued to provide additional information regarding competition conditions that were not known when the match program was published. Match Director’s Bulletins may not change, set aside or alter rules in the CMP Competition Rules, except that a Match Director’s Bulletin may change a date of firing or a course of fire when necessary to complete a match. Details of any changes made and the rationale for such changes must immediately be reported in writing to the CMP. The CMP must approve these changes for the competition to be considered a valid EIC or other sanctioned match.

3.1.6 Rules Conflicts
If there is a rules conflict, precedence shall first be given to the CMP Competition Rules, then to applicable CMP rule interpretations, then to the match program and then to a match director’s bulletin. Conflicting statements
in a match program or match director’s bulletin cannot take precedence over

**CMP Competition Rules.**

### 3.2 Competition Officials

Competition Officials are responsible for safely conducting competitions and for ensuring that competitors have the best possible conditions for completing their events according to these rules. Competition Officials who are authorized to participate in decisions to penalize or disqualify competitors according to Rule 3.12.2 are the Match Director, Range Officers, Scoring Officers, Statistical Officers, Technical Officers and appointed Juries. **Competition Officials should normally not also be competitors, but if, exceptionally, Competition Officials are competitors they must also fulfill all competitor requirements listed in Rule 3.4. CMP-sanctioned competitions should have the following Competition Officials:**

#### 3.2.1 Match Director

The Match Director is the chief executive officer of the competition. The Match Sponsor appoints the Match Director. The Match Director has overall responsibility for managing and safely conducting the competition in accordance with applicable rules. The Match Director may make decisions regarding the application or interpretation of rules during the competition, however, if a protest is submitted (Rule 3.13.1), he/she must appoint a Jury to decide the protest.

#### 3.2.2 Chief Range Officer and Range Officers

The Chief Range Officer is appointed by the Match Director and is directly responsible for the safe conduct of range firing during the competition in accordance with applicable rules, range safety procedures (Rule 3.6) and **Pistol Firing Procedures and Range Officer Commands** (Annex A). If there are more than ten firing points on a range, the Chief Range Officer must be assisted by at least one Range Officer for every ten firing points. Range Officers may make decisions regarding the application of rules during the competition, however, if a Range Officer’s ruling is doubtful or questioned, they must consult with the Chief Range Officer or Match Director before making a decision. Range Officers must be familiar with the rules and have received training regarding safe range firing procedures and their duties and functions. **Note:** Training and certification for Range Officers, including specific training for Pistol Range Officers, is available through the CMP Range Officer Training Program (see [http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-rangeofficer-program/](http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-rangeofficer-program/)).

#### 3.2.3 Chief Statistical Officer and Scoring Officers

The Chief Statistical Officer is appointed by the Match Director and is responsible for processing competitor entries, squadding competitors, scoring targets (if targets are not scored on the range) and for processing scores to produce preliminary and final results lists. If target are scored in the statistical office, the Chief Statistical Officer must appoint and train sufficient Scoring
Officers to ensure that all targets from one relay can be accurately scored before the targets from a subsequent relay arrive at the statistical office. Whether targets are scored on the range or in the statistical office, the Chief Statistical Officer or a designated Scoring Officer(s) is responsible for making decisions regarding the number or scores of shots, and for making final decisions on all score challenges.

3.2.4 Technical Officer
When competitions are conducted on electronic targets, there must be a qualified Technical Officer on duty. Technical Officers must be trained in electronic target operations, the resolution of electronic target complaints and how to operate electronic target competition management software. During competitions, the Technical Officer is responsible for operating the electronic target control computer and the electronic targets and for working with the Range Officer(s) to resolve any electronic target complaints. The Technical Officer is responsible for making decisions regarding the number or scores of shots, and for making final decisions in coordination with the Statistical Officer and Range Officer regarding electronic target score protests or complaints.

3.2.5 Scorer
When pistol competitions are conducted on paper targets and are scored on the range, competitors are responsible for scoring other competitors’ targets. When competitors act as Scorers, they are acting as Match Officials who are responsible for accurately recording the value of each shot fired.

3.2.6 Verifier
When competitions are conducted on electronic targets, competitors or a prior or upcoming relay may be assigned to act as Verifiers for the relay of competitors that is firing. Verifiers are responsible for confirming that competitors fire the correct number of shots at their targets, that their targets score those shots, immediately notifying a Range Officer or Technical Officer regarding problems on their competitor’s target.

3.2.7 Jury
If a written protest is filed in accordance with Rule 3.13.2 c), the Match Director must appoint a Jury of three qualified persons to decide the protest. Jury members should be experienced shooters, coaches or team officials who do not have a direct interest in the protest to be decided. The competition shall be completed based on the Jury decision. Jury decisions, however, may be appealed to the CMP and are subject to review (Rule 3.13.4).

3.3 Entries
3.3.1 Advance Notice
Advance notice for all upcoming CMP-sanctioned competitions must be provided to eligible and interested competitors. Such notice can be given with
a sanctioned match posting on the CMP web site or by the distribution of the match program electronically or by mail.

3.3.2 Match Entries
Individual entries should be made in advance as prescribed in the match program. Late entries may be accepted if range space is available and the additional entries do not unduly interfere with match operations.

3.4 Competitor Responsibilities
Every competitor who participates in a CMP competition must fulfill the following responsibilities. Failure to fulfill all of these responsibilities may result in disqualification in accordance with Rule 3.12.1 d).

3.4.1 Safety
Every competitor must be capable of safely completing the course of fire for that match and of following all safety rules. If, in the opinion of the range officers and match director, a participant is not able to handle his/her pistol safely, that person may be removed from the firing activity. Any decision to remove a competitor must be made by at least two officials such as a range officer and chief range officer or range officer and match director.

3.4.2 Knowledge of the Rules
Competitors are responsible for knowing and complying with the CMP Competition Rules, the Match Program and any match director bulletins issued for the match.

3.4.3 Scorer or Verifier Responsibilities
Competitors are responsible for fulfilling Scorer or Verifier duties as assigned. When fulfilling these duties, Scorers or Verifiers serve as competition officials who are responsible for accurately recording competitors’ shots and scores. Scorers who record scores that were not actually fired by the competitor may be falsifying scores and be subject to disqualification (3.12.1 e)).

3.5 Coaching
Coaching on the firing line is prohibited in individual events, but is permitted during team matches.

3.6 Range Safety Procedures
3.6.1 Safety Flags
Safety Flags (formerly called Empty Chamber Indicators or ECIs) must be placed in all pistols when they are removed from a vehicle and/or carried on a range whether they are carried in a pistol box or case or are carried uncased. Safety flags may only be removed during preparation and firing periods. Safety flags must be fluorescent orange, yellow or a similar bright color and must have a probe that inserts into the chamber and a visible flag that projects out from the open gun action.
3.6.2 Eye and Hearing Protection
All competitors and competition officials are strongly urged to wear appropriate eye and hearing protection when near shooting ranges during firing.

3.6.3 Boxed or Cased Pistols
Pistols should be carried in closed pistol boxes or gun cases. Pistol boxes or cases must remain closed at all times, until the Range Officer authorizes them to be opened on the firing line during preparation or firing periods.

3.6.4 Carrying Firearms
The carrying of firearms is defined as physically moving or transporting firearms to and from a range assembly area or firing line. Pistols should be carried in closed pistol boxes or gun cases and they must always be carried with a safety flag inserted, whether cased or uncased.

3.6.5 Handling Firearms
The handling of pistols is defined as anything a competitor does to operate the mechanism, point or aim the pistol, load, insert a clip or magazine or otherwise perform any action that would prepare the competitor to fire the pistol. Handling pistols behind the firing line is not permitted.

3.6.6 Carrying Pistols to the Firing Line
After pistol competitors are instructed to move their pistols and equipment to the firing line, they must leave their pistol boxes or cases closed until the Range Officer instructs them to unbox or uncase their pistols. When the Range Officer instructs competitors to open their pistol boxes or cases, pistol actions must be open and safety flags inserted. Competitors may remove safety flags, close actions and dry fire after the Range Officer announces the start of the preparation period.

3.6.7 Safety During Loading
Loading is defined as bringing a cartridge or magazine containing cartridges in contact with a pistol. Pistols may be loaded only when a competitor is on a firing point and only after the Range Officer gives the command LOAD. Charging magazines in advance is permitted, but no magazine may be inserted in a pistol until the command LOAD. Any competitor who loads and fires a shot before the LOAD command shall be disqualified and may not continue firing in that match.

3.6.8 Safety During Firing
During preparation and firing times and until pistols are cleared and benched, competitors must:

a) Keep pistols at the raised or ready position or hold them on the bench with the pistol muzzle pointed downrange in the direction of the target.
b) On ranges where elevating pistol muzzles above the targets or impact berm behind the targets is not permitted, all pistol muzzles must be pointed downrange or down and muzzles may not point above the targets or impact berm.

3.6.9 Safety After Firing
As soon as a pistol firing series ends, competitors must open pistol actions, remove magazines, insert safety flags and bench their pistols. A Range Officer must inspect all pistols to confirm that their actions or cylinders are open, with chambers empty, magazines out and safety flags inserted. Competitors may close their pistol boxes, move from their positions and remove their pistols and equipment from the firing line after the Range Officer instructs them to do so.

3.6.10 Smoking Prohibition
Smoking is not permitted on the firing line during any CMP-sanctioned competition.

3.7 Range Design
Specific areas of each range are designated to fulfill special functions to ensure safety and ensure effective range operations.

3.7.1 Ready Line and Ready Area
The ready area is the area immediately behind the firing line. The forward edge of the ready area may be designated with a ready line. Competitors and other personnel must remain in the ready area until their assigned relay is called to the firing line. Only competitors on a relay that has been called to the firing line, competition officials and Range Officers and team officials (during team events only) are allowed forward of the ready line, except by permission of a Range Officer. Pistols may be carried (Rule 3.6.4), but may not be handled (Rule 3.6.5) behind the ready line. Pistol boxes and cases must remain closed when in the ready area.

3.7.2 Firing Line and Firing Points
The firing line is the location where firing takes place. Firing points are specific numbered spaces on the firing line that correspond with numbered targets that are assigned to specific shooters or teams during a match. Competitors must take their positions on their assigned firing points.

3.7.3 Target Line
Targets are located along a line parallel to the firing line(s) that is 50 feet, 25 yards or 50 yards from the firing line. Each target must have a firing point number that is placed either directly above or below the target. Target numbers must be clearly visible to competitors with normal vision at the longest firing distance used on that range. Firing point numbers should begin with number 1 for the first target on the left. All other targets on the range should be
3.7.4 Impact Area
A berm or controlled area behind the target line serves as the impact area. The impact area and range firing procedures should be capable of capturing all shots fired on the range.

3.8 Firing Procedures and Range Commands
Pistol firing procedures in CMP-sanctioned matches must be conducted according to **CMP Pistol Firing Procedures and Range Commands** published as Annex A to these Rules.

3.9 Firing and Completing a Match

3.9.1 Fire in a Match
Any competitor who fires one or more recorded shots in at least two stages of a match shall be counted as having fired in the match.

3.9.2 Completed Match
A competitor who fires recorded shots in all stages of a match has completed the match. A team has completed a match when all firing-members fire recorded shots in all stages of the match. A match is completed when all competitors have had an opportunity to complete all stages of the match. If a match course of fire must be reduced in accordance with Rule 3.1.5, all firers...
must complete at least two stages (20 shots) in a Pistol National Match or President Match course of fire.

3.9.3 Range Alibi or Interruption of Fire
A range alibi or interruption of fire occurs when a competitor, group of competitors or relay of competitors are prevented from firing or completing a series due to a fault of the range or range officials. If a range alibi occurs, additional time or a refire shall be permitted as follows:

a) If there is a range alibi or interruption on an individual target during a slow-fire stage, the competitor will be allowed to finish firing within the time remaining when the range alibi occurred or the competitor may be moved to another target and be given the amount of time remaining when the range alibi occurred plus two (2) additional minutes.

b) If there is a range alibi or interruption on all targets on the range during a slow-fire stage, all competitors will be allowed to finish firing as soon as the problem is resolved within the time remaining when the range alibi occurred.

c) If a range alibi or interruption occurs during a timed or rapid-fire series, all shots fired must be nullified and a new series will be fired as soon as the problem is resolved.

3.10 Scoring and Results
Three different methods of scoring may be used in CMP-sponsored or sanctioned competitions: Shot values may be determined by a) the manual scoring of paper targets, b) the use of CMP-approved electronic targets (EST) or c) the use of a visual image electronic scoring system (VIS) approved by the CMP. All shots fired in one competition must be scored with only one method of scoring.

3.10.1 Scoring Shots on Paper Targets
All shots shall be scored according to the highest value scoring ring that is hit or touched by that shot. The shot hole diameter for each competitor shall be determined according the bullet diameter of the cartridge the competitor is using. A shot hole where the outside edge of the shot hole touches or is tangent to the outside edge of the scoring ring must be scored the higher value. When competitors act as Scorers, they may use scoring templates to determine whether a doubtful shot touches a scoring ring, but they may not insert scoring gauges in shot holes. Range Officers, Statistical Officers and Scoring Officers may use appropriate scoring gauges or templates to determine whether a doubtful shot touches a scoring ring or to determine whether two or more shots passed though one shot hole (double).
3.10.2 Scoring Shots on Electronic Targets
Electronic targets determine the x/y coordinates of the center of each shot and the radial distance from the shot center to the center of the target. The target calculates the score of the shot by comparing that radial distance with the appropriate scoring ring radius, with the scoring ring radius varying according to the bullet diameter of the pistol being used by the competitor. This data is displayed on the competitor’s monitor and recorded in the main computer. Prior to a competition, the Technical Officer must confirm that the correct target dimensions, distance and rifle or pistol bullet diameter being used by each competitor have been entered in the main computer. Scores indicated by competitors’ electronic target monitors are final unless successfully protested in accordance with these rules.

3.10.3 Scoring Shots with the VIS Scoring System
Visual Imaging Scoring (VIS) uses computer vision techniques (i.e. scanning, digitizing, photography, etc.) to record shot and target images that are analyzed and scored with complex computer algorithms. Like electronic scoring targets, a VIS system calculates distances from the center of the target to the center of the shot hole. When using VIS, match officials must follow the scoring procedures described in the system user manual.

3.10.5 Score Challenges, Paper Targets
If a competitor feels that a shot fired by him/her was improperly scored, the competitor must notify the Range Officer immediately after the shot or series in question. The Range Officer shall take appropriate immediate action and refer the complaint to a Technical Officer. Detailed procedures for adjudicating electronic target complaints are found in Rule 6.0. The Range Officer and Technical Officer will use the applicable provisions of Rule 6.0 to resolve the complaint. A score complaint decision by these Match Officials is final and not subject to further protest or appeal.

3.10.6 Score Complaints and Protests, Electronic Targets
If a competitor feels that a shot or series of shots (rapid-fire only) was improperly scored, the competitor must notify a Range Officer immediately after the shot or series in question. The Range Officer shall take appropriate immediate action and refer the complaint to a Technical Officer. Detailed procedures for adjudicating electronic target complaints are found in Rule 6.0. The Range Officer and Technical Officer will use the applicable provisions of Rule 6.0 to resolve the complaint. A score complaint decision by these Match Officials is final and not subject to further protest or appeal.

3.10.7 Requests for Re-Evaluation of Visual Image Scores
The score of an individual shot may be re-evaluated by the Statistical Officer on request from a competitor. The competitor must designate the specific shot(s) to be re-evaluated.

a) The Statistical Officer must evaluate the indicated shot by examining the original scanned image to determine if the shot location was correctly
identified. To evaluate, the Statistical Officer must decide if there is an obvious error, that is when the scored shot is not a reasonable interpretation of the actual shot location (see diagram). If the Statistical Officer concludes that there is an obvious error, he/she must make a manual correction of the shot location.

b) The Competition Director may charge a re-evaluation fee or not more than $3.00 per shot or such fees may be waived.

c) Only manual modifications for correcting obvious errors are allowed. Rescoring a shot is prohibited.

d) Statistical Officers are authorized to inspect any shot fired by any competitor and make manual modifications in cases of obvious errors.

### 3.10.8 Scorecards

The CMP provides official scorecards that may be used to record the scores of all shots fired during CMP sponsored or sanctioned matches that use manual or electronic target scoring. Scorecards are not required when VIS scoring is used. For manual scoring, the Scorer is responsible for correctly recording scores. For electronic targets, the Verifier is responsible for recording scores, however, if there is a discrepancy between the score recorded by the Verifier and the score recorded in the main computer, the score recorded in the main computer shall be counted as the correct score. Scorecards must identify the
competitor and his/her CMP number. When signed by the competitor and Scorer or Verifier, the scorecard becomes a record of the competitor’s score in that event. The Scorer or Verifier, not the competitor, must turn in signed scorecards to a designated Competition Official.

3.10.9 Special Scoring Rules for Pistol

a) **Keyhole or Tipped Shots.** Keyhole or tipped shots will be scored according to the highest value scoring ring hit or touched by the elongated shot hole.

b) **Skid Shots.** Skid shots are scored according to the highest value scoring ring hit or touched by the elongated shot hole, except that the score may not be more than one ring higher than the original point of entry. A shot that enters the target on the back or rear of the target must be scored as a miss (0).

c) **Non-Visible Hits in Close Groups.** If a grouping of 3 or more shots is so close that a shot or shots could have passed through the enlarged hole and there is no evidence that the shot(s) went elsewhere (crossfire or off-target miss) the competitor will be given the benefit of doubt and scored hits for the non-visible shots.

3.10.10 Scoring Irregular Shots

The following Rules apply when scoring irregular shots that occurred during a series:

a) **Early shot.** A shot(s) fired after the **LOAD** command and before the targets turn or the **COMMENCE FIRING** command/signal is given shall be scored as a miss (0). If the shot is visible on the target, the highest value shot shall be nullified. A shot(s) fired before the **LOAD** command shall be penalized in accordance with Rule 3.6.7.

b) **Late shot.** A shot fired after the targets turn or the **CEASE FIRING** command/signal is given shall be scored according to where it hit the target or as a miss (0) if it did not hit the target.

c) **Shots Not Fired.** If a competitor fired fewer than 10 shots, only those shots on the target will be scored.

d) **Missing shot (Crossfire or off-target miss).** If a competitor fired a shot and a corresponding shot hole cannot be found on his/her target, any missing shot must be scored as a miss (0).

e) **Excessive Hits.** If there are 11 or more hits on a target or if the competitor fired fewer than 10 shots and there are more hits than the number of shots fired by the competitor:
• The scorer must determine if one or more shots came from a different caliber pistol. If yes, those extra shot(s) must be nullified and the remaining shots on the target scored.

• If all hits are equal value, the required number of hits must be scored.

• If the competitor fired more than 10 shots, the 10 lowest value hits must be scored.

• If 11 or more hits remain to be scored, the competitor has the option of accepting the score of the lowest scoring shots equal to the number of shots the competitor fired, or he/she may refire the entire 10-shot series. If the competitor elects to refire, he/she shall receive the score fired in the refire series, except that the competitor may not receive a score that is higher than the required number of shots of highest value on the original target. If this occurs, the 10 highest value hits on the original target must be scored and credited to the competitor.

f) **Crossfire.** A crossfire is a shot fired on another competitor’s target. A crossfired record shot must be scored as a miss (0).

### 3.10.11 Tie Breaking

a) Ties in individual competitions must be broken by the highest X-count, then by the highest score on the last stage (highest X-count will break ties), then by the highest score in the next to the last stage, etc.

b) Ties in team events must be broken by totaling the scores of all team members and applying individual tie-breaking procedures to those totals.

c) Ties in aggregate events shall be broken by applying this Rule (3.10.11 a), to the aggregate score and then to the last match fired, etc.

### 3.10.12 Preliminary Results List

During and immediately after each competition event, scores must be entered in a ranked results list. As soon as all scores for an event are entered, a Preliminary Results List must be printed and posted on the range and/or in an on-line results list so that competitors in that event can check their scores. A protest time of a minimum of 30 minutes must be given for competitors to contact the Statistical Office about possible errors or, if scoring is done by the Statistical Office, to challenge the number or scores of shots. The end of the protest time must be posted on the Preliminary Results List.

### 3.10.13 Results List Corrections

At any time prior to the closing of the posted challenge period, competitors or team coaches may request that an error in score posting or calculating scores be corrected. No fee may be charged for requesting such corrections. The Statistical Officer must decide if an error was made. If a competitor is
disqualified according to 3.12.2, the competitor’s name must be listed at the end of the results list with no score and the notation: “Disqualified, Rule (rule number).”

3.10.14 Final Results List
Final Results Lists must display the scores of all competitors and teams in rank order according to scores with tie-breaking rules applied. Bulletins for team matches shall include the names and scores of all firing team members. A match sponsor may use an electronic results list as the official final results list if the electronic results list is open to public access. Notice: Match results lists posted on CMP Competition Tracker are open to the public.

3.11 Awards
To recognize competitors in CMP-sanctioned pistol matches for marksmanship excellence and successful participation and to give all competitors incentives to participate and improve, the CMP provides a comprehensive awards program.

3.11.1 Distinguished Badge Program
Non-Distinguished competitors in National Trophy and EIC Matches are eligible to earn EIC credit points that count towards the awarding of Distinguished Pistol Shot, Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol and Distinguished Marksman Badges in accordance with Rule 9.0.

3.11.2 National Trophy Matches Awards
All competitors, regardless of Non-Distinguished or Distinguished status, are eligible to win trophies and awards in the National Trophy Matches in accordance with awards regulations in these Rules (Rule 7.0, The National Matches) if they fire all events in regular, legal positions (5.1.1).

a) CMP National Trophies. Permanent National Trophies are presented to match winners in accordance with these rules and the CMP National Matches Program. National Trophies are engraved with winner’s names and remain in CMP custody.

b) CMP Trophy Winners. Winners of National Trophies are awarded trophy plaques with photos or facsimiles of the trophies. For team events, the team members, team coach and team captain each receive a trophy plaque.

c) Special Awards. The CMP or award donors may provide additional special match awards, prizes or medals.

d) Minimum Requirements for Awards. Any minimum requirements for awards must be stated in the Match Program.
3.11.3 CMP Pistol Achievement Awards
To provide incentives for Pistol EIC Match competitors to participate and improve, the CMP provides Achievement Pins for competitors who equal or exceed established Achievement Award cut-scores. EIC Achievement Award cut-scores are determined on the basis of previous National Matches National Trophy Individual Non-Distinguished scores. Gold, silver and bronze Achievement Awards are presented to approximately the top 40 percent of all competitors. Achievement Award scores are calculated so that approximately the top one-sixth of the top 40 percent of all competitors receive gold awards, the next two-sixths receive silver awards and the remaining three-sixths receive bronze awards. In 2019 CMP-sanctioned Pistol EIC Matches, Gold, Silver and Bronze Achievement Pins will be awarded according to the following standards:

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3.11.4 CMP Competitor Classification System
The CMP Competitor Classification System facilitates the division of competitors in a competition into competitor classifications where competitors in that class are of similar ability. Competitor classifications are based on a competitor’s average scores fired in their most recent competitions. The CMP maintains a national database of competitors and scores that are used to establish competitor classifications.

a) **Disciplines With Classifications.** The CMP Competitor Classification System will be available for the Pistol discipline for events fired with the Service Pistol (Rules 4.1.3, 4.1.4) and 22 Rimfire Pistol (Rule 4.1.6).

b) **Events Recorded.** CMP Pistol Classifications are provided for scores fired by competitors in individual pistol events including the President’s Pistol Course, 40 shots, and the National Match Course, 30 shots, with either the 22 Rimfire Pistol or the Service Pistol. Scores fired in team matches will not be recorded. Scores will be recorded for complete events (normally, 30 or 40 shots). However, if an event is shortened according to 3.1.5, the scores for the completed series will be recorded. If a competitor whose current classification is Expert or higher fires a sub-normal 10-shot series score, which is defined as a score that is less than 60 percent of the competitor’s current 10-shot average, that 10-shot score will not be included in classification calculations.
c) **Classification Calculations.** CMP Pistol Classifications are based on the competitor’s current 10-shot average for a minimum of 30 shots that were recorded after 1 January 2018. After a competitor has a minimum of 30 recorded shots his/her 10-shot average will be computed by considering the most recent recorded 30 or 40-shot event scores or partial event scores (Rule 3.1.5 course of fire reductions and the deletion of sub-normal scores). When the most recent recorded scores total 200 or more shots, the oldest recorded scores will no longer be considered, provided scores for at least 200 recorded shots are considered. Classifications will automatically be updated as soon as additional match scores are recorded. Any classification changes will be displayed in the CMP Competitor Classification database and become effective immediately. Classifications may go up or down until 200 shots are recorded. After at least 200 shots are recorded, classifications will not go down regardless of the competitor’s current average unless a competitor requests that CMP Competitions consider a downward classification for him/her based on the competitor having a consistent lower average.

d) **Current Classifications.** A competitor’s current classification is the classification displayed in the CMP Competitor Classification database. Competitor Classifications are available for online look-ups by the competitor or match sponsors. CMP Pistol Classification scores are shown in the chart.

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e) **Classification System Use.** Sponsors of CMP-sanctioned pistol matches may use the CMP Competitor Classification System as a basis for providing awards. When the Classification System is used, this must be announced in the Match program. When a competitor’s entry in a match is confirmed, the Statistical Officer may do an online lookup to confirm the competitor’s current classification. When there are fewer than six (6) competitors in a classification, match sponsors may combine that class with the next higher classification.

f) **Classification Reciprocity.** Competitors who do not have a CMP classification, but who have an NRA classification, may elect to compete with their current NRA classification. After a competitor establishes a CMP classification, they may continue to elect to compete with an NRA classification if it is higher than their CMP classification, but they may not
compete with an NRA classification that is lower than their CMP classification.

g) **Unclassified Competitors.** Competitors who do not have a pistol classification (CMP or NRA) must compete in the Master Class for their first competition.

### 3.12 Rule Violations and Disciplinary Actions

#### 3.12.1 Rule Violations

Competitors or team officials may be disciplined or disqualified from a match for any of the following acts of misconduct:

- **a)** Violating CMP safety rules (Rule 3.6) and/or range safety rules;
- **b)** Failure to comply with **CMP Competition Rules**;
- **c)** Refusing to obey the instructions of a match official or failure to make a correction after a warning is given (Rule 3.12.2);
- **d)** Failure to perform assigned duties as a Scorer or Verifier (Rule 3.4);
- **e)** Falsifying or being an accessory to falsifying scores;
- **f)** Disorderly or unsportsmanlike conduct; or
- **g)** Interfering with or disrupting a competitor on the firing line.

#### 3.12.2 Enforcement

In the event of rule violations, match officials shall take the following corrective or disciplinary actions.

- **a)** **Warning.** Whenever possible, a warning and opportunity to correct a rule violation must be given before imposing any further penalties;
- **b)** **Penalty.** A penalty of two (2) or five (5) points may be deducted from the competitor’s score in the event or stage where the violation took place. Any decision to penalize a competitor must be made by at least two Competition Officials (must be a Range Officer, **Scoring Officer**, Chief or Assistant Chief Range Officer, Technical Officer, Match Director); unless the applicable rule specifies a five (5) point deduction, initial deductions should be for two (2) points; or
- **c)** **Disqualification.** A competitor may be disqualified without further warning in case of a refusal to respond to a warning. A competitor may be disqualified without warning in case of a serious violation. Any decision to disqualify a competitor must be made by at least two Competition Officials (must be a Range Officer, Chief or Assistant Chief Range Officer, Technical Officer, Match Director). If a team member is disqualified, the team may be disqualified and the scores of other team members may be disqualified from consideration for other awards, depending upon the
circumstances of the disqualification. Any competitor or team that is disqualified must be notified of that decision and be given an opportunity to protest the decision to disqualify them.

3.13 Protests and Protest Resolution

3.13.1 Right to Protest
Any competitor or team that is penalized or disqualified or that believes the conditions of a competition are not in accordance with applicable CMP Rules may protest the competition conditions or decision in question. However, decisions by an authorized Scoring Officer, Statistical Officer or Technical Officer made in accordance with applicable scoring rules (Rule 3.10) regarding the number and scores of shots are final and may not be protested.

3.13.2 Protest Procedures
a) Complaint. A competitor may “complain” about competition conditions or a Competition Official’s decision to any Competition Official. The Competition Official who receives the complaint may respond or involve another Competition Official in responding to the complaint.

b) Verbal Protests. If this informal procedure does not resolve the complaint, a competitor, team coach or team captain may state his/her intent to “protest” to any Competition Official within 30 minutes of the condition or decision being protested. At least two Competition Officials (must be a Range Officer, Target Officer, Chief or Assistant Chief Range Officer, Chief or Assistant Chief Target Officer, Technical Officer, Match Director) must hear and decide the protest.

c) Written Protest and Request for Jury Decision. If the competitor or team coach or captain is not satisfied with the Competition Officials’ decision, the competitor or team coach or captain may request a Jury decision. Any appeal to a Jury must be in writing, be submitted within 30 minutes after the original protest decision and be accompanied by a protest fee of $20.00. The protest fee must be returned if the Jury reverses the competition officials’ protest decision. The Competition Director must appoint a Jury in accordance with Rule 3.2.7 to decide the protest, except that at the National Matches a National Matches Protest Jury (see 3.13.5) shall decide protests. A competition official who was involved in the original competition officials’ decision may not serve on the Jury.

3.13.3 Protest Decisions
A majority of the Jury must decide the protest. The Jury decision must be based on these Competition Rules as they are written. In cases where the Jury must make a rule interpretation, the intent and spirit of the applicable rule(s) must be respected. The Jury decision must be in writing. The Jury decision is final,
unless the person filing the protest, the Jury or the Competition Director requests a final ruling from a CMP Protest Committee.

3.13.4 Appeal of Protest Decision
Any party involved in a protest decided by a Jury may appeal that decision to the CMP for review by a CMP Protest Committee. An appeal of any Jury decision must be submitted to the CMP within 72 hours and will be decided by a CMP Protest Committee appointed by the CMP Chief Operating Officer. Decisions by a CMP Protest Committee are final. There is no further right of appeal.

3.13.5 Protests at National Matches
A CMP National Matches Protest Committee, consisting of three persons, including one senior CMP staff member, appointed by the CMP Chief Operating Officer, will decide protests submitted during CMP National Matches events. Decisions by the CMP National Matches Protest Committee are final. There is no further right of appeal.

3.14 Additional CMP Disciplinary Action
In the event of a serious violation, additional disciplinary action may be taken by the CMP Programs Committee to disqualify or suspend a competitor from the National Matches, EIC matches or other CMP-sanctioned matches for such time as it determines, and to deny any current award already won. When a competitor is charged with a serious violation, the CMP Chief Operating Officer shall investigate the charges and all available evidence and shall present a report on this investigation, together with recommendations, to the CMP Programs Committee. Any person who may be suspended must be notified as soon as possible that suspension is being considered. Subsequent to the submission of the Chief Operating Officer’s report, the Programs Committee shall offer the competitor an opportunity for a hearing on the charges and evidence provided by the Chief Operating Officer’s investigation. The accused competitor must be given an opportunity to present evidence or contravening arguments before a final decision is made. Subsequent to a hearing on these charges, the Rules Committee shall make a final decision regarding the charges and the suspension or other disciplinary action for the competitor if he/she is determined to be guilty of the charges against him/her. The decision of the Programs Committee regarding suspension or other disciplinary action shall be final.

4.0 Pistols, Ammunition and Equipment

4.1 CMP Pistol Rules
Pistols that comply with this rule may be used in CMP-sanctioned matches in accordance with requirements in these rules and/or the match program.
4.1.1 CMP Service Pistol Requirements
The following specific rules apply to all Service Pistols:

a) The pistol must be a U. S. Service Pistol or a pistol derived from U. S. or foreign service pistol design.

b) The pistol must be listed as an approved Service Pistol in 4.1.3 or 4.1.4.

c) Approved Service Pistols must be chambered for designated center-fire cartridges that are no smaller than 9x19mm and no larger than .45 ACP, as specified in 4.1.3 or 4.1.4 (Table 3).

d) Bull barrels are not allowed.

e) Maximum barrel length requirements for each approved pistol are established in accordance with original factory specifications.

f) Pistols may be match conditioned, provided there are no external alterations or modifications that are not specifically approved in this Rule or Rule 4.1.2.

g) Pistols must have standard, symmetrical grips of wood or synthetic material with no palm swell or thumb rest. Weighted grips, metal grips and Pachmayr-style wrap-around grips are not permitted. The stock must be functionally identical for right or left-hand use.

h) The trigger pull must be at least 4.0 pounds. If a trigger shoe is attached, the trigger weight must be suspended at the center-point of the trigger when the trigger is checked.

i) Pistols may have only open sights (no optical or “dot” sights). The rear sight may be adjustable, but must have an open “U” or rectangular notch. Extended or adjustable front sights are not permitted.

j) Any system of recoil control based on a compensator, barrel venting, barrel porting, moveable weights or other recoil reduction system is not permitted.

k) All standard safety features must remain in place and operate properly.

l) Double action/single action pistols must have an operable double action firing mechanism.

m) No other external alterations, additions or changes may be made to the pistol unless those specific alterations, additions or changes are explicitly permitted by Rule 4.1.2.

n) The official, updated list of “CMP Approved Service Pistols” is posted on the CMP Competitions website at http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-pistol-program/. 
4.1.2 Approved Service Pistol Modifications

An approved Service Pistol may have any of the following specific modifications or alterations:

a) Barrel may have an integral bushing or threaded sleeve that is made of the same material as the barrel, that has an external diameter of 0.700" or less and that is not longer than 0.800" when measured from the muzzle.

b) Extended or vented trigger.

c) Trigger shoes and trigger stops, internal or external.

d) Oversize or extended magazine release; magazine base pad.

e) Higher front sight to accommodate the height of an adjustable rear sight. Colored sights are permitted; the use of fiber optics or light enhancing or tritium inserts in sights is permitted.

f) A Picatinny rail below the barrel.

g) Slides may be milled immediately in front of and behind the rear sight dovetail slot to aid in securely mounting adjustable rear sights; a cut may be made in the rear of the slide to allow for rear sight clearance.

h) The fore strap, sides and rear of the grip may be checkered or stippled.

i) Grip tape or textured non-slip adhesive tape may be applied to the grip.

j) External finish may be blued, Parkerized or bright.

k) Gripping slots in the forward part of the slide.

l) Holes, filled or unfilled, that are drilled in the slide to facilitate optical sight mounting are permitted.

m) Internal modifications to improve functioning and accuracy (e.g., a special match barrel may be fitted). Modifications may not interfere with the proper functioning or safety devices of the firearm.

n) Hammers of any configuration (combat-style, rounded, spur, etc.).

o) Modified or beavertail grip safety.

p) Ambidextrous or extended safety.

q) Extended slide stop.

r) Accurail.

s) Full-length recoil guide.
4.1.3 Approved U. S. Service Pistols and Commercial Equivalents

The following U. S. Government Service Pistols or commercial versions of the same type and caliber may be used in CMP-sanctioned Service Pistol Matches, provided they comply with Rules 4.1.1 and 4.1.2.

a) U. S. Government or Colt **M1911 Service Pistols** or commercial versions of the same type (M1911). These pistols may be chambered for the 9x19 mm, 10 mm, .38 Super or .45 ACP cartridges and must have a barrel length not more than 5.100".

b) U. S. Government Beretta **M9 / M9A1 / M9A3 Service Pistols** or commercial versions of the same type and caliber. Permitted commercial versions include the Beretta 92 series (92F, 92FS, 92FS Brigadier, 92A1, 92 Deluxe and 92 Stock). These pistols must be chambered for the 9x19 mm cartridge and have a barrel length of not less than 4.9" and not more than 5.4."

c) U. S. Government M17 or M18 Service Pistols or commercial versions of the same type and caliber; permitted commercial versions include the SIG 320 and variants thereof. These pistols must be chambered for the 9x19 mm cartridge.

4.1.4 Other Approved Service Pistols

Other Service Pistols listed in Table 3 below may be used in CMP Sanctioned Service Pistol Matches, provided they comply with Rules 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 and have barrels no longer than 5.4."

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4.1.5 Enforcement of Approved Pistol List
Competitors are responsible for ensuring that the pistols they use in CMP-sanctioned competitions are legal according to Rule 4.1.

a) **Pistol Inspections.** Match Sponsors may, at their option, conduct pistol checks or random pistol checks before or during competitions. Match Sponsors may, alternatively, require all Non-Distinguished competitors, or all competitors with scores of 250 or higher, to present their pistols for
inspection when scorecards are turned in. Any competitor who used a pistol that was not on the approved list is subject to disqualification.

b) **Pistol Approval Procedure.** The CMP will maintain a current list of CMP Approved Service Pistols on its website at [http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-pistol-program/](http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-pistol-program/). If a pistol is not listed in Rule 4.1.3 or 4.1.4 or on the CMP Approved Service Pistols list as an Approved Service Pistol and it appears to fulfill the requirements of Rule 4.1, a request may be submitted to CMP Competitions (competitions@thecmp.org) for the CMP to consider approving the pistol and adding it to the current list.

4.1.6 22 Rimfire Pistol

Pistols that comply with this rule may be used in CMP-Sanctioned 22 Rimfire Pistol Matches. The following rules apply to 22 Rimfire Pistols:

a) The pistol may be either a semi-automatic pistol or a revolver.

b) The pistol must be chambered for .22 cal. rimfire long rifle cartridges.

c) The pistol may have asymmetrical, orthopedic or specially shaped grips.

d) The pistol may have only open sights. Optical sights are not permitted. The rear sight may be adjustable, but must have an open “U” or rectangular notch. Adjustable front sights are permitted, but extended front sights are not permitted. The total sight radius may not be more than 10.0 inches as measured from the rear surface of the rear sight to the highest point of the front sight.

e) The pistol must have a trigger pull of at least 2.0 pounds.

f) Any system of recoil control based on a compensator, barrel venting, barrel porting or other recoil reduction system operating in a similar manner is prohibited.

4.2 Special Firearm Regulations

4.2.1 Changing Firearms

Firearms used in CMP pistol events may not be changed during the firing of any single event, except when a pistol is declared disabled by the Chief Range Officer.

4.2.2 Firearm Inspections

Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their firearms are safe and meet all applicable requirements of Rule 4.1. The Match Director and competition officials are authorized to check firearms and equipment for compliance with CMP Rules before, during or after competitions. The CMP may establish post-competition firearm inspections where firearms used in CMP sanctioned competitions are disassembled and checked to ensure compliance with CMP Rules. Such inspections, however, may only be made after the competitor has
completed firing all stages of an event. If a competitor’s firearm fails an
inspection during or immediately after a competition event, the competitor’s
score for that event must be disqualified.

4.2.3 Weighing Triggers
Pistols must comply with minimum trigger pull weights that are specified in
Rules 4.1.1 and 4.1.6. When trigger pulls are checked, the trigger weight must
be lifted so that it hangs freely from the cocked trigger. After the trigger weight
is lifted, the trigger must be released to confirm that it was properly cocked. A
maximum of three attempts may be made to lift the trigger weight.

4.2.4 Sharing Firearms
Two or more competitors may use the same firearm in a match if their
squadding permits.

4.2.5 Disabled Firearms
A disabled pistol is one that cannot be fired or cannot safely be fired. Disabled
pistols may be replaced if a substitution can be made without delaying that
stage of the match. The replacement pistol must comply with these rules and
be of the same type and caliber as the disabled pistol. A Range Officer must
confirm that the pistol is disabled before it may be replaced.

4.2.6 Authority to Bar Unsafe Firearms or Ammunition
Each competitor is responsible for using a pistol and ammunition that operates
and functions safely. In CMP-sponsored or sanctioned competitions, the CMP
Chief Operating Officer, Match Director or their designees are authorized to
bar from use any pistol or ammunition that he/she, in their sole discretion,
determines to be unsafe or to pose an unreasonable risk of personal injury or
property damage.

4.3 Ammunition

4.3.1 Pistol Ammunition
a) **Service Pistol.** Service Pistol competitors may use any safe ammunition
that is loaded with metal-jacketed or metal-plated bullets. Non-jacketed,
wad-cutter or lead bullets may not be used.

b) **.22 Rimfire Pistol.** Rimfire Pistol competitors may use only 22 cal. rimfire
long rifle ammunition with bullets weighing not more than 40 grains.

4.4 Shooting Clothing and Equipment

4.4.1 Clothing
Normal outdoor or sports clothing and shoes or boots may be worn.

4.4.2 Spotting Scopes
The use of a telescope to spot shots is permitted. A spotting scope stand may not be positioned forward of the firing line.

4.4.3 Pistol Box, Shooting Kit or Stool
A pistol box or shooting kit may be used to carry pistols, ammunition and equipment. The pistol box or kit may be placed on the firing point bench. The box or kit may not be of such size or construction as to interfere with competitors on adjacent firing points.

4.4.4 Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices
Competitors on the firing line may use electronic devices such as cell phones, tablets or other hand-held communication devices to keep time, record shots or compute sight adjustments, but not to communicate with other persons while the competitor is on the firing line. All such devices must be in silent mode and must be incapable of communicating with other electronic devices or systems (must be switched to airplane mode). Match officials or scorers may use such devices on the firing line for communication or official purposes when performing official duties. Competitors who use such devices on the firing line for communication purposes are subject to a warning and possible disqualification. Timers may be used if any sound producing capability is silenced.

4.4.5 Pistol Cartridge Deflecting Screens
Competitors may use a screen or net fastened to their pistol box, shooting kit or a separate stand to deflect or catch empty cases, provided the screen construction allows wind to pass through it. The competitor’s pistol, hand or arm may not contact the screen or net.

4.4.6 Other Equipment or Accessories
Any device, equipment, accessory or other item that may give a competitor an unfair advantage over other competitors and that is not specifically authorized in these Rules, or that is contrary to the spirit of these Rules is prohibited.

4.7 Targets

4.7.1 Targets
Firing may be done on paper or electronic targets. Paper targets must bear the specific designations authorized in this Rule. Electronic targets must be targets approved by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) or the CMP and be programmed to score hits according to the scoring ring dimensions of targets described in this rule. If VIS scoring is used, the target must be compatible with target specifications identified in the VIS system documentation.

4.7.2 Pistol Targets
The following targets or a CMP-approved target with the same scoring ring dimensions are required for CMP pistol courses of fire (Tables 4 and 5).

a) **50 yards.** NRA B-6 target.

b) **25 yards.** NRA B-8 target.

### 5.0 Pistol Competition Event Regulations

#### 5.1 General Competition Conditions

**5.1.1 Firing Position**

All pistol firing shall be done in the standing, one-handed position. The shooter’s body, clothing and gun must be clear of artificial support. Taping, wearing a band, wristwatch, or similar enclosure around the wrist of the shooting arm is considered artificial support.

a) In Service Pistol Matches, the ready position for timed and rapid-fire stages is with the arm raised and the loaded pistol pointed at the target.

b) In .22 Rimfire Pistol Matches, the ready position for timed and rapid-fire stages is with the loaded pistol pointed down at a 45-degree angle. If the bench in front of the shooter is too high to allow a 45-degree angle ready position, the ready position is with the loaded pistol lowered as far as possible without contacting the bench. *Note: Pistol muzzles must not rest on the bench, but should be within 1 inch of the bench surface.* If a competitor does not assume or fails to start from a 45-degree start position or lifts the pistol before the targets start to turn, a five (5)-point penalty shall be deducted from the score of the series where the violation occurred. One warning may be given in doubtful cases. Competitors must be in the ready position when the READY ON THE FIRING LINE command is given.

**5.1.2 Target Assignments (Squadding)**

Competitors and teams in National Trophy and EIC matches must be assigned to available relays and firing points on the basis of random draws.

**5.1.3 Firing Procedures**

Sighting Shots are not allowed in any CMP Pistol event listed in Table 1. Firing procedures and Range Officer commands for CMP Service Pistol and 22 Rimfire Pistol events are specified in *Annex A – Pistol Firing Procedures and Commands.*

**5.1.4 Competitor Is Not Ready**

It is the duty of competitors to notify the Range Officer if they are not ready to fire when the Range Officer asks, “IS THE LINE READY” by stating “not ready.” If the Range Officer then causes firing to proceed, the competitor must be given
an opportunity to fire that series at a later time. Failure by the competitor to notify the Range Officer that he/she is “not ready” forfeits the right to fire that series.

5.1.5 Malfunctions and Refires
A malfunction is the failure of the pistol or ammunition to function properly. Malfunctions may be allowable or non-allowable. Failures due to improper manual operation by the competitor are non-allowable malfunctions. A competitor with an allowable malfunction may complete or refire a series where a malfunction occurs once during the slow-fire stage and once during the combined timed and rapid-fire stages of a match or event. If the competitor attempts to clear a malfunction, no refire will be allowed. Refire procedures are as follows:

a) If a competitor wishes to claim a malfunction, he/she must lower the pistol to the “Ready” position and raise his/her non-shooting arm. A Range Officer will examine the pistol to determine if the malfunction is allowable or non-allowable.

b) A competitor with an allowable malfunction may complete or refire a series where a malfunction occurs once during the slow-fire stage and once during the combined timed and rapid-fire stages of a match or event.

c) Refires in timed or rapid-fire series will be fired in the next series. Slow-fire refires will be fired immediately after the relay in which the refire occurred.

d) In timed or rapid-fire refire series, the competitor must load and fire five rounds. Any shots not fired in the refire series due to another malfunction or failure to fire must be scored as misses (0).

e) The target with the original (incomplete) and refire series will be scored by counting the ten (10) lowest value shots, including any unfired shots on the refire series.

f) In slow-fire refire series, the incomplete original target will be placed in the target holder and the competitor will complete the series with a time limit of one minute for each unfired shot.

5.2 President’s Pistol Course
The President’s Pistol Course is a National Trophy event that may be fired with either the Service Pistol or the 22 Rimfire Pistol.
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1 National Trophy Match events are fired at 50 and 25 yards. This course of fire may also be fired indoors on 50-foot ranges using NRA B-2 and B-3 targets.

2 When this course of fire is fired with 22 Rimfire Pistols, timed and rapid-fire series must start from the 45-degree angle ready position (Rule 5.1.1 b).

### 5.3 Pistol National Match Course

The National Trophy Individual Pistol Match is a National Trophy event that may be fired with either the Service Pistol or the 22 Rimfire Pistol.

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Table 5 -- Pistol National Match Course

1 EIC and National Trophy Match events are fired at 50 and 25 yards. This course of fire may also be fired indoors on 50-foot ranges using NRA B-2 and B-3.

2 When this course of fire is fired with 22 Rimfire Pistols, timed and rapid-fire series must start from the 45-degree angle ready position (Rule 5.1.1 b).

5.4 National Service Pistol Aggregate

The National Service Pistol Aggregate is an individual 1000-point aggregate consisting of scores fired with a Service Pistol (Rules 4.1.1-4.1.4) in the 40-shot President's Match Course, the 30-shot National Match Course and a 30-shot two or four-person team course.

5.5 CMP Pistol Aggregate

The CMP Pistol Aggregate is an individual 1400-point aggregate consisting of scores fired with a Service Pistol (Rules 4.1.1-4.1.4) in a 40-shot President’s Match Course and a 30-shot National Match Course plus individual scores fired with a 22 Rimfire Pistol (Rule 4.1.6) in a 40-shot President’s Match Course and a 30-shot National Match Course.

5.6 Pistol Team Matches

Pistol team matches for four or two-person teams may be conducted for the Service Pistol or 22 Rimfire Pistol in the National Matches, CMP National Range Matches, CMP Travel Games, State Pistol Championships or other CMP-sanctioned Pistol Competitions.

5.6.1 Four-Person Pistol Teams

The team consists of a captain, coach and four members who fire for the team’s score.

5.6.2 Two-Person Pistol Teams

The team consists of a captain or coach and two members who fire for the team’s score.

5.6.3 Junior Pistol Teams

The team consists of a captain, coach and two Junior members who comply with Rule 2.6.3 a) who fire for the team’s score. Two-person junior teams must fire .22 cal. Rimfire Pistols as defined in Rule 4.1.6 to be eligible for junior team awards.
5.6.4 Team Eligibility Requirements
Teams may be comprised of any individuals who comply with Rules 2.2 and 2.3 or team membership may be restricted by these rules (Rule 2.6, National Trophy Team Match) or team eligibility requirements in the Match Program.

5.6.5 Course of Fire
The Pistol National Match Course of Fire (Table 5) is used for each firing member.

5.6.6 Competition Conditions
a) Team Targets. All teams must be assigned the same number of targets. Four-person teams are normally assigned two targets; two-person teams are normally assigned one target.

b) Firing Order. Team captains or coaches may assign firing members to fire on any team target in any order. The firing order may change between stages, but the scorekeeper must be notified.

6.0 Electronic Target Scoring Rules

6.1 Key Components
Ranges equipped with electronic target systems must have the following fully functioning components:

6.1.1 Main Computer
A central ranking or main computer is used to control the targets. The main computer must have a software program that records the names of competitors, the caliber of the cartridges being fired and functionality for managing the competition and producing preliminary and final results lists.

6.1.2 Competitor Monitor
Each firing point on the range must have an individual monitor that displays an image of the target, the competitor’s name, the caliber of the rifle or pistol being fired, locations of fired shots on a facsimile of the target being used, the values of fired shots and the totals of fired shots. Monitors must indicate whether sighting or record shots are being fired. Before starting a competition series, Range Officers and competitors must confirm that the monitor displays the correct target and correct name of the competitor.

6.1.3 Targets
Each electronic target has a frame, a target face (front mask), a rubber belt that moves through the target, three microphones in the target base or four microphones in the corners, a backing target and a backing card. The microphones and space within the frame establish a sound chamber.

a) The front mask must have a hole sized according to the diameter of the aiming black on the SR or SR1 Rifle targets and the 25/50 yard
Pistol targets. Front masks must be changed on all targets according to the firing distance and target being used.

b) Backing cards must be changed after each day of firing and should be changed more frequently if possible.

6.2 Match Officials
When CMP sponsored or sanctioned competitions are conducted, the following competition officials must be on duty on the range: A Chief Range Officer and Range Officers are required to conduct the competition according to Rule 3.2.2, at least one Technical Officer who has specialized training and experience in EST operations and the operation of the main computer (Rule 3.2.4), and sufficient Target Assistants to change target faces during range distance changes. Other competitors can be assigned to serve as Verifiers for competitors who are firing (Rule 3.2.6).

6.3 Target Checks
Electronic targets should be checked for proper function and scoring accuracy at least once a year. Target checking should be done on a practice day by placing clean backing cards on the targets and having competitors shoot 5-20 shots at the targets before removing the backing cards. The Technical Officer can then print shot plots for the shots that were fired at each target. These shot plots must be compared with the shot holes on the backing card. If there are discrepancies between the shot plots and shot holes on the backing card, that target should not be used for competition until the target can be evaluated and rechecked.

6.4 Target Maintenance
Electronic targets require basic maintenance in order to keep the targets functioning and scoring accurately. Target masks need to be kept clean and patched. Sound chambers need to be kept clean and free of debris. Backing cards should be changed on schedule if the targets are being used for competitions.

6.5 Rapid Fire Time Tolerances
Electronic targets scoring times must be programmed so that the timing of timed and rapid-fire series accounts for the time required to face targets during Pistol competitions on turning target ranges. For Pistol, there must be a 0.3 sec. after-time added to the times for each timed or rapid-fire series.

6.6 EST Issues or Complaints
If an irregular or missing shot should occur during a competition stage, Range and Technical Officers must follow these procedures to resolve issues concerned with such shots:

6.6.1 Protested Shot Value
If a competitor feels that the value of a shot registered on his/her monitor is incorrect, he/she may protest the value of that shot if the Range Officer is
notified of the protest immediately after the shot or series in question and before the next shot or series is fired. If a competitor protests the value of a registered shot, Range and Technical Officers must follow these steps:

a) **Confirm and Document.** Record the firing point, shot number and indicated value of the protested shot on an RIF, direct the competitor to continue firing to complete the series and to fire one extra shot at the end of the series (provisional shot).

b) **Technical Officer Examination.** After that stage of fire is completed, the Technical Officer will examine the backing card, the shot logs and sensor records to determine if protested shot was scored correctly.

c) **If Shot Was Scored Correctly.** If the examination of the backing card confirms that the protested shot was scored correctly, a two (2) point penalty must be deducted from the indicated value of the shot that was protested and the extra shot at the end of the series must be deleted. If the examination concludes that a protested shot scores within two (2) decimal rings of the score of the indicated shot, the protest must not be upheld.

d) **If Shot Was Scored Incorrectly.** If the examination of the backing card confirms that the protested shot was scored incorrectly, the Technical Officer shall determine the correct score of that shot according to its location on the backing card and the extra shot at the end of the series must be deleted.

e) **If the Correct Score Cannot Be Determined.** If the examination of the backing card confirms that the protested shot was scored incorrectly, but the examination is unable to determine the correct score of that shot, the protested shot shall be deleted and the extra shot at the end of the series shall be counted.

f) **No Backing Card.** If backing cards are not used, score value protests cannot be accepted.

### 6.6.2 Missing Shot, Slow Fire

A missing shot is one where the competitor claims to have fired at his/her target, but no shot is registered on the monitor. Missing shots usually occur when the competitor crossfires on another target or fires an off-target miss. If a competitor complains about a missing shot during a slow-fire stage, Range and Technical Officers must follow these steps in the order they are listed:

a) **Confirm and Document.** Record the firing point, shot number and the time remaining when the complaint was made on an RIF. Check with the competitor’s Verifier to determine if there is any possibility of an off-target miss (competitor did not have a zero at the start of the stage; competitor is shooting low-scoring shots, etc.). In this case, the Range Officer may discuss with the competitor whether further action is necessary.

b) **Check for a Crossfire.** Check with the Verifiers on adjacent targets (two on either side) to determine if one of those targets received an extra shot.
If yes, score the missing shot as a crossfire miss (0), inform the competitor and instruct the competitor to continue firing to complete the stage.

c) **Provisional Shot.** If there is no likelihood of an off-target miss or evidence of a crossfire, direct the competitor to fire a **provisional shot.** If that shot registers on the monitor, direct the competitor to continue firing to complete the series. The Range Officer must initial the provisional shot on the competitor’s scorecard.

d) **Technical Officer Examination.** After that stage of fire is completed, the Technical Officer will examine the backing card, the shot logs and sensor records to determine if the missing shot can be located on the target or in the computer record.

e) **If Missing Shot is Found.** If the analysis determines the location of the missing shot, the missing shot will be scored accordingly, and the provisional shot must be nullified.

f) **If Missing Shot is Not Found.** If the missing shot is not found on the backing card or in the computer record, the missing shot must be scored as a miss (0) and the provisional shot must be nullified.

g) **If the Technical Officer Examination is Inconclusive.** If the analysis cannot determine a shot location or missing shot with reasonable certainty or if a backer is not used, disregard the missing shot and count the provisional shot in the competitor’s score.

d) **If Provisional Shot Does not Register.** If the provisional shot is fired as directed in para. c) above and it does not register, move the competitor to a spare (hospital) target and allow the competitor to complete the remaining shots in that series, plus two additional shots to replace the missing shots (original missing shot and provisional shot), within the time that was remaining when he/she complained plus five (5) minutes.

6.6.3 **Missing Shot, Rapid-Fire (Insufficient Hits)**

Missing shots or insufficient hits in a rapid-fire series usually occur when the competitor does not fire all ten rounds, crossfires on another target or fires an off-target miss. If a competitor complains about a missing shot during a rapid-fire stage, Range and Technical Officers must follow these steps in the order they are listed:

a) **Confirm and Document.** Record the firing point, shot number and the time remaining when the complaint was made on an RIF. Check with the competitor’s Verifier to determine if there is any possibility of an off-target miss (competitor did not have a properly zeroed pistol; competitor is shooting low-scoring shots, etc.). In this case, the Range Officer may discuss with the competitor whether further action is necessary.

b) **All Shots Fired?** Confirm with the competitor’s Verifier whether the competitor fired all 10 shots or had saved rounds. If there were any saved rounds, score those shots as misses (0).

c) **Check for a Crossfire(s).** If the competitor fired all 10 shots and there are nine or fewer shots indicated, check for excessive hits on adjacent targets.
If a crossfire is confirmed by identifying an excessive hit on an adjacent target or through an examination of the time logs, score the missing shot as a crossfire miss (0).

d) **Technical Officer Examination.** If the competitor fired all 10 shots and there are nine or fewer shots indicated, and there are no excessive hits on adjacent targets, remove the backing card and count the hits on the backing card to determine if the missing shot hit the target.

e) **If Missing Shot(s) is Found.** If the analysis determines the location of the missing shot, score the missing shot according to its location.

f) **If Missing Shot(s) is Not Found.** If the missing shot is not found on the backing card or in the computer record, score the missing shot as a miss (0).

g) **If TO Examination is Inconclusive.** If the analysis cannot determine a shot location for the missing shot with reasonable certainty or if a backing card is not used, score the missing shot according to the value of the lowest scoring shot in that series.

### 6.6.4 Unclaimed or Extra Shot, Slow Fire

In slow-fire stages, extra shots can be caused by a crossfire from another target or, in rare cases, by a ricochet or debris from a shot fired at another target. ROs should follow these steps in the order they are listed:

a) **If an unclaimed or extra shot appears on the monitor,** the competitor may complain: 1) when he/she discovers the extra shot, 2) when the competitor has one shot to fire and the monitor indicates that all shots in that series have already been fired, or 3) after firing his/her last shot, when the competitor’s monitor indicates an extra shot has been fired.

b) Record the firing point, shot number and the time remaining, if any, when the complaint was made on an RIF.

c) If the unclaimed shot appears before the completion of the series, check for missing shots on adjacent targets. If there is a missing shot on an adjacent target, direct the competitor to continue firing to complete the series, including what will be indicated as an extra shot at the end of the series. Nullify the unclaimed shot on the competitor’s target and score the crossfire shot from another target as a miss (0) on that competitor’s target.

d) If there is an unclaimed extra shot, it is also possible (very rare) that the extra shot (usually indicated as a frame hit or miss) was caused by a piece of debris from an off-target miss or frame hit on an adjacent target (ricochet hit). In this case, the shot timings for the unclaimed shot may coincide with the shot timings for a frame hit on an adjacent target. If a ricochet hit is identified, nullify the unclaimed extra shot and count the 10 record shots fired by the competitor.

e) If the extra shot cannot be identified before the end of the series, examine the log prints for the competitor’s target and any adjacent targets where there are missing shots. Use the shot timing log to determine if the extra shot can be identified as a crossfire from an adjacent target. If a crossfire
is identified, nullify that shot and count the shots fired by the competitor including the indicated extra shot.

f) If the crossfire shot cannot be identified, nullify the highest value shot as the crossfire shot and count the remaining ten (10) shots as the competitor’s score, or give the competitor the option of refiring the series. If the competitor elects to refire the series, he/she will receive the score fired in the refire series, except that he/she may not receive a score higher than the score of the high ten shots in the original series.

g) If a target receives two or more unclaimed extra shots in a slow-fire series and the crossfire shots cannot be identified, nullify the highest value shots equal to the number of unclaimed extra shots or apply the procedure specified in f) above.

6.6.5 Extra Shot(s), Rapid-Fire (Excessive Hits)
In rapid-fire stages, extra shots can be caused by a crossfire(s) from another target or, in rare cases, by a ricochet or debris from another target. ROs should follow these steps in the order they are listed:

a) Record the firing point and numbers of shots displayed on the competitor’s monitor on an RIF.

b) If more than 10 hits are indicated in a rapid-fire series and one or more of the hits are from a different caliber bullet, nullify that shot(s) and count the remaining 10 shots as the competitor’s score.

c) If more than 10 hits are indicated in a rapid-fire series and the crossfire shot cannot be identified, obtain the log print with shot timings for the competitor’s firing point and any adjacent targets where there are missing shots (insufficient hits). Determine if there are any out-of-sequence shots that can be identified as crossfire shots. Nullify that shot or shots and count the remaining 10 shots as the competitor’s score.

h) If more than 10 hits are indicated in a rapid-fire series and a shot timing analysis cannot identify the crossfire shot(s), nullify the highest value hit(s) and count the 10 lowest value shots as the competitor’s score or give the competitor the option of refiring the series. If the competitor elects to refire the series, he/she will receive the score fired in the refire series, except that he/she may not receive a score higher than the score of the high ten shots in the original series.

6.6.6 Failure of One or More Targets
If the target(s) are not functioning (indicating scores) or there is an indication that the target is malfunctioning (failure to indicate a fired shot or shots) or scoring erratically, the following actions must be taken:

a) Competitor Claims that the Target is Scoring Inaccurately. This problem could occur if the rubber belt on targets with moving belts is not advancing, was installed incorrectly or when there is tear in the rubber belt. If this complaint is made, the Range and Technical Officers must attempt to determine if the rubber belt on that target is advancing properly and remains in good condition (check with a spotting scope). If the Range and
Technical Officers determine that the rubber belt is not advancing properly, the competitor must be moved to a spare (hospital) target and allowed to refire the series in which the complaint occurred as a range alibi.

b) **Power Failure.** If there is a power failure and the targets stop working, the computer memory will have stored the shot data and scores for all shots fired, except for any shots that may have been fired between the power outage and a **CEASE FIRING** command. If there is a power outage during a slow-fire series, competitors must be allowed to complete the series they were firing within the time remaining when the **CEASE FIRING** command was given. Any shots fired after the power outage and before the **CEASE FIRING** command that were not scored and indicated on the competitor monitors or in the main computer must be refired. If there is a power outage during a rapid-fire series, all shots fired must be nullified and the complete series must be refired as a range alibi.

### 7.0 The National Matches

#### 7.1 Statutory Authority

An Act of Congress established the National Matches in 1903. The U. S. Congress reestablished this authorization when the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety (CPRPFS) was created in 1996. The CMP conducts the National Matches in accordance with Title 36, U. S. Code, § 40725-40727. The National Matches are held annually at Camp Perry, Ohio, usually in July and August.

#### 7.2 CMP National Matches

The CMP National Matches program includes CMP National Trophy Matches, CMP Cup Matches and CMP Games Matches that provide annual national rifle and pistol competitions for individuals and teams. CMP National Trophy and CMP Games Matches are open to all persons, civilian or military, regardless of skill level. Authorized National Matches pistol events are described in this Rule (7.0). Detailed descriptions of these events and National Matches procedures and regulations are published in the annual **CMP National Matches Program**.

#### 7.3 NRA Championships

Annual National Rifle Association (NRA) National Rifle and Pistol Championships may be held in connection with the National Matches. The CMP and NRA will conclude appropriate agreements regarding the scheduling of NRA Championships during the National Matches.

#### 7.4 Armed Services Support

The Ohio National Guard provides personnel, equipment and supplies to support the National Matches in accordance with Title 36, U. S. Code, § 40727. The Ohio National Guard licenses the CMP to use Camp Perry ranges, housing and administrative facilities. The U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit and the U. S. Marine
Corps Weapons Training Battalion, in cooperation with the CMP, and with assistance from other military rifle and pistol teams, conduct schools and clinics that are part of the National Matches.

7.5 National Matches National Trophy Pistol Events

The National Matches Program includes the National Trophy Pistol Events that are described in this Rule. Competitors in these events receive the awards described in this Rule.

7.5.1 National Trophy President’s Pistol Match

The President’s Pistol Match is an individual National Trophy Service Pistol Match.

a) **Arms Allowed.** The Match is fired with Service Pistols (Rule 4.1.3 & 4.1.4). Juniors must shoot 22 Rimfire Pistols (Rule 4.1.6) to be eligible for Junior awards,

b) **Course of Fire.** The President’s Pistol Course (40 shots, Table 4).

c) **Awards.** The match winner is awarded the President's Pistol Trophy. The 100 highest scoring competitors are designated as "The President’s One Hundred" and are awarded President’s One Hundred medallions and certificates.

d) **Junior Awards.** The high scoring Junior firing a 22 Rimfire Pistol is awarded a President’s Pistol Junior Plaque.

7.5.2 National Trophy Individual Pistol Match

The National Trophy Individual Pistol Match is a Service Pistol Match conducted during the annual National Matches.

a) **Arms Allowed.** The Match is fired with Service Pistols (Rule 4.1.3 & 4.1.4). Juniors must shoot 22 Rimfire Pistols (Rule 4.1.6) to be eligible for junior awards,

b) **Course of Fire.** The Pistol National Match Course (30 shots, Table 5).

c) **Awards.** The highest scoring competitor in each category of the National Trophy Individual Pistol Match receives the award listed below:

- **Overall Match Winner.** General Custer Trophy
- **Air Force.** Curtis LeMay Trophy
- **Reserve.** U.S. Army Reserve Memorial Trophy
- **National Guard.** National Guard Association Trophy
- **Police.** Ancient Archer Trophy
- **Civilian.** Citizen’s Military Pistol (Silver Bowl) Trophy
- **Junior.** G. P. “Perry” DeFino Trophy. Juniors must fire a 22 Rimfire Pistol (Rule 4.1.6) to be eligible for this award.
• Women. Woman’s Pistol Trophy
• Senior. Senior Pistol Trophy

d) Individual Awards. Individual competitors in the National Trophy Individual Match receive General Custer Trophy medals in accordance with Rule 9.2.6. Medals are awarded to the highest scoring 10 percent of all Non-Distinguished competitors in accordance with this Rule. Gold medals are awarded to competitors earning 10 points, silver medals to competitors earning eight points and bronze medals to competitors earning six points. A Distinguished competitor is awarded the same place medal as the next Non-Distinguished competitor who places below that competitor.

7.5.3 National Trophy Pistol Team Match
The National Trophy Pistol Team Match is a National Trophy Team event conducted during the annual National Matches.

a) Team Composition. Teams consist of a Team Captain, Team Coach and four (4) firing members. Law Enforcement teams consist of two (2) firing members. Junior teams consist of two (2) firing members.

b) Arms Allowed. The Match is fired with Service Pistols (Rule 4.1.3 & 4.1.4). Juniors must shoot 22 Rimfire Pistols (Rule 4.1.6) to be eligible for junior awards,

c) Course of Fire. Each team member fires the Pistol National Match Course (30 shots, Table 5).

d) Team Awards. The firing members, coach and team captain of the highest scoring team in each category of the National Trophy Pistol Team Match receive trophy plaques for the National Trophy listed. The second place team in each category receives silver medals and the third place team receives bronze medals.

• Overall Team Champion, for four-person teams. Gold Cup Trophy
• Reserve Component, for four-person teams. U.S. Coast Guard Memorial Trophy
• Law Enforcement, for two-person teams. American Indian Trophy
• Civilian, for four-person teams. Oglethorpe Trophy
• Junior, for two-person teams. Junior Pistol Team Trophy

e) National Trophy Team Match Individual Awards. The highest scoring individual in each category of the National Trophy Pistol Team Match receives the award listed below:

• Highest-Scoring Individual. Military Police Corps Trophy.
• **Highest-Scoring Individual Army Competitor** (Active, Reserve, or National Guard). **General Mellon Trophy**.

• **Highest-Scoring Individual Air Force Competitor** (Active, Reserve, or National Guard). **General Carl Spaatz Trophy**.

f) **National Civilian Pistol Team Awards.** Each member of the National Civilian Pistol Team is awarded an **Elihu Root Gold Medal**. The team consists of the four highest-scoring individual civilian competitors and the coach and captain of the highest-scoring civilian team in the National Trophy Pistol Team Match.

### 7.5.4 Special National Trophy Pistol Match Aggregates

a) **NTI/NTT Aggregate.** The NTI/NTT aggregate consists of individual scores fired in the National Trophy Individual Pistol Match (7.5.2) and the National Trophy Pistol Team Match (7.5.3). The individual competitors with the highest scores in this aggregate receive the following awards:

- **Active Army. General Patton Trophy**
- **Navy** (Active or Reserve). **Fleet Admiral Nimitz Trophy**
- **Marine Corps** (Active or Reserve). **McMillan Trophy**
- **Civilian. Anheuser-Busch Trophy**

b) **President’s/NTI Aggregate.** The President’s/NTI aggregate consists of individual scores fired in the President’ Pistol Match (7.5.1) and the 30-shot National Trophy Individual Pistol Match (7.5.2). The individual competitors with the highest scores in this aggregate receive the following awards:

- **Women. Rose B. Krelstein Trophy**
- **Infantry** (U. S. Army Active, Reserve, or National Guard). **25th Infantry Division Trophy**
- **Navy. Wyatt Trophy**
- **Senior. High Senior Recognition Plaque**

### 7.7 National Matches Schools

During the National Matches, the CMP offers instructional schools and special training opportunities for shooters and coaches. Detailed descriptions of the schools and clinics that are offered are found in the respective National Matches Programs.
7.8 CMP National Matches Entry Fees
Entry fees for all CMP National Matches events shall be established by the CMP Programs Committee and published in the CMP National Matches Program.

7.9 Entries
All entries in CMP-sanctioned National Matches events must be submitted to the CMP. Entries may be made on-line through the CMP web site. Further information and instructions are published in the CMP National Matches Program.

8.0 Excellence-In-Competition Matches

8.1 Purpose
Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Matches are Highpower Rifle, Service Pistol and 22 Rimfire Pistol competitions where civilian and military competitors can earn EIC credit points that count towards the awarding of Distinguished Rifleman, Distinguished Pistol Shot, Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol and Distinguished Marksman Badges. The highest-ranking Non-Distinguished competitors in EIC Matches earn EIC credit points in accordance with Rule 9.2, 9.4 or 9.5. The number of EIC Matches in which a competitor may participate in any calendar year is limited in accordance with Rule 9.2.2 or 9.4.3.

8.2 Types of EIC Matches
Two types of EIC Matches are available to Civilian and Service competitors, Regular and Special EIC Matches:

8.2.1 Regular EIC Matches
In Regular EIC Matches, the top Non-Distinguished competitors are awarded 10, 8 or 6 points in accordance with Rule 9.2. Regular EIC Matches are:

a) National Trophy Individual Matches conducted by the CMP during the National Matches;

b) Regular EIC Matches conducted by the CMP during CMP Travel Games;

c) CMP-Sanctioned EIC Matches conducted by CMP-affiliated clubs authorized to organize EIC Matches; and


8.2.2 Special EIC Matches
Special EIC Matches may only be conducted by the CMP according to these rules or by the Armed Services according to their respective regulations. The top 10 percent of competitors in Special EIC Matches who have earned no previous EIC points are awarded a one-time, “introductory” 4-point EIC credit. Competitors may earn only one four-point EIC credit in Service Pistol and one
four-point EIC credit in Service Rifle. Rules governing Special EIC Matches that are conducted by the CMP are found in the **CMP Competition Rules for CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Matches**. Special EIC Matches are:

a) M9 and M16 Special EIC Matches conducted by the U. S. Army during the Pistol Small Arms Firing Schools at the National Matches;

b) Special EIC Matches conducted by the CMP during Pistol Small Arms Firing Schools at CMP Travel Games or at CMP-affiliated clubs; and

c) Special Service (Combat) EIC Matches conducted during Armed Services Championships.

### 8.3 Regulations for CMP-Sanctioned EIC Matches

#### 8.3.1 CMP-Sanctioned EIC Matches

CMP-affiliated state associations, clubs and other organizations may apply to the CMP to conduct EIC matches in conjunction with regional, state championship or other competitions or as separate competitions. The CMP must approve and sanction all EIC matches conducted by CMP-affiliated organizations prior to their being conducted. Only one EIC match may be scheduled to take place in conjunction with a state or regional championship or during one series of competition events. EIC matches may be conducted in the United States or U. S. territories or at U. S. military installations in other countries.

#### 8.3.2 EIC Match Locations and Dates

EIC pistol matches must be scheduled and conducted as separate EIC events or courses of fire and may not be combined with any other competition events. Pistol EIC match sponsors are encouraged to conduct Service Pistol and Rimfire Pistol EIC matches as separate matches on the same day. CMP Competitions may authorize multi-location, multi-date Pistol EIC Matches with a maximum of three (3) locations on a maximum of three (3) consecutive weekends. Except for schedule or course of fire changes made in accordance with Rule 3.1.5, any deviation from these requirements must be approved in advance by CMP Competitions and explained in the Match Program (Rule 3.1.4) so that all potential competitors may be notified prior to the competition. Information regarding the location and dates of approved EIC matches is published on the CMP web site at [http://ct.thecmp.org](http://ct.thecmp.org).

#### 8.3.3 EIC Match Program

Each CMP-sanctioned Pistol EIC Match must consist of a National Match Course fired as prescribed in these rules (Table 5). Pistol EIC matches may have separate EIC relays on two or three days if the EIC match is conducted in conjunction with a single multi-day pistol competition, and provided all relays in the EIC match fire on the same range. Any unauthorized deviation from this
rule that is not approved by CMP Competitions in accordance with Rule 3.1.5
will be cause for disallowing the scores fired in that match.

8.3.4 Arms Allowed
Competitors in Pistol EIC Matches must fire the Service Pistol (Rule 4.1.3 & 4.1.4) or 22 Rimfire Pistol (Rule 4.1.6) to be eligible to earn EIC credit points (Rule 9.2).

8.3.5 Course of Fire
All competitors in Service Pistol and 22 Rimfire EIC Matches must fire the Pistol National Match Course (30 shots, Table 5). All competitors in Special EIC (4-point) Matches must fire the M9 Pistol EIC Match Course (CMP Games Rulebook, 40 shots, Table 8). Sighters are not authorized in EIC Matches, except in Special EIC Matches.

8.3.6 Entry Fees
Each competitor in an EIC match, regardless of Non-Distinguished or Distinguished status, must pay a fee of $15.00 to be remitted to the CMP after the match. The match sponsor may charge an additional fee to cover expenses necessary to conduct the EIC match.

8.3.7 Entries in EIC Matches
Entries in all CMP-sanctioned EIC matches must be made through the EIC match sponsor and not the CMP.

8.3.8 EIC Match Reporting
EIC match sponsors must forward a match report, with scorecards and CMP fees for all competitors who fire in EIC matches, to the CMP within five (5) days following the completion of the competition. Reports, scorecards and fees not received within 30 days will invalidate the EIC match. The CMP, not the match sponsor, will determine EIC credit point winners and post scores for each EIC match on the CMP Competitor Tracker web site as soon as possible after scorecards are received from EIC match sponsors. The official final EIC match results are the results determined by the CMP after scorecards are returned to the CMP.

8.3.9 EIC Credit Points
Eligible Non-Distinguished competitors are awarded EIC credit points in accordance with Rule 9.2.

8.3.10 CMP-Sanctioned EIC Match Awards
The three highest-ranking competitors regardless of Distinguished status will be awarded gold, silver and bronze CMP place medals. CMP gold, silver and bronze Achievement Pins are awarded to all competitors who exceed CMP Achievement Award scores in accordance with Rule 3.11.3 (Table 2) regardless of Distinguished status.
9.0 Distinguished Badge Program

9.1 Distinguished Badge Program

Distinguished Badges are the highest individual awards authorized by the U. S. Government for excellence in marksmanship competitions.

9.1.1 Distinguished Badges

The following Distinguished Badges are awarded for excellence in marksmanship competitions in accordance with authority granted by the U. S. Government and confirmed in 36 USC §40722 [3].

a) **U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge.** The Badge is awarded for excellence in rifle, pistol, shotgun or running target marksmanship in international competitions governed by the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) or the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). Regulations for awarding the Badge are found in Rule 9.3.

b) **Distinguished Rifleman Badge.** The Badge is awarded for excellence in Service Rifle marksmanship in designated competitions governed by the CMP or the individual Armed Services. Regulations for awarding the Badge are found in Rule 9.2 or applicable Service regulations.

c) **Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge.** The Badge is awarded for excellence in Service Pistol marksmanship in designated competitions governed by the CMP or the individual Armed Services. Regulations for awarding the Badge are found in Rule 9.2 or applicable Service regulations.

d) **Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol Badge.** The Badge is awarded for excellence in Pistol marksmanship in designated competitions governed by the CMP. Regulations for awarding the Badge are found in Rule 9.4.

e) **Distinguished Marksman Badge.** The Badge is awarded for excellence in Rifle or Pistol marksmanship by eligible competitors with disabilities or limitations in designated competitions governed by the CMP. Regulations for awarding the Badge are found in Rule 9.5.

f) **Junior Distinguished Badge.** The Badge is awarded to Junior shooters for excellence in Three-Position Air Rifle marksmanship in national competitions governed by the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council and the CMP. Regulations for awarding the Badge are found in the 2018-2020 Edition of the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules.

9.1.2 Military Badge Program Administration

The respective Armed Services administer Distinguished Rifleman Badge and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge programs for Active Service, Reserve or National Guard personnel in accordance with applicable service regulations.
The Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badges and the Distinguished International Shooter Badge are authorized for wear on military uniforms.

9.1.3 Civilian Badge Program Administration
The CMP administers Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge Program for civilians in accordance with Title 36 USC §40722 (3) and these Rules. The CMP administers the U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge and the Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol Badge for all competitors in accordance with Title 36 USC §40722 (3) and these Rules. All Distinguished Badges issued by the CMP are serial numbered and are, without exception, accounted for on an individual badge basis. The name of the recipient, the year the badge was earned and the badge serial number are engraved on the badge. Replacement or duplicate Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badges for civilians and Distinguished International Shooter Badges or Distinguished .22 Rimfire Pistol Badges for all competitors who earned them are available from the CMP at a cost to be established by the CMP. The CMP maintains a master file of all replacement or duplicate badges issued.

9.1.4 Master Files for Distinguished and EIC Records
The CMP maintains master files of all civilian and military Distinguished Badge winners. This file records the badge number, name of the recipient and date of the award. The CMP also maintains, for the Badge programs that it administers, master files of all competitors who earn EIC credit points towards Distinguished designation. These files are posted on the CMP web site at http://ct.thecmp.org.

9.2 Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badges
In addition to general CMP eligibility requirements (see Rule 2.0), the following eligibility requirements apply for participating in Service Rifle and Service Pistol EIC Matches:

9.2.1 EIC Match Eligibility for Military Competitors
Non-Distinguished military competitors may compete to earn EIC credit points in the National Matches and CMP-sanctioned EIC matches, but the military services may restrict the number and type of EIC matches where military shooters are eligible to earn EIC credit points. Non-Distinguished military competitors, who according to their service regulations cannot be credited with points earned in the National Matches or CMP-sanctioned EIC Matches, shall be counted as ineligible competitors in determining the total number of Non-Distinguished competitors.
9.2.2 EIC Match Eligibility for Non-Distinguished Civilians
The number of EIC matches in which Non-Distinguished Civilians may compete for EIC points is limited. In any calendar year, Non-Distinguished Civilians, in either rifle or pistol, may compete in:

a) One National Trophy Individual Match.

b) A maximum of five (5) CMP-sanctioned Service Rifle or Service Pistol EIC matches. The scores of any competitor who fires in more than five (5) EIC matches in one calendar year will not be counted in determining EIC credit points.

c) A service-sponsored EIC match may be fired and counted in lieu of one of the five (5) CMP-sanctioned EIC matches, if civilian entries are accepted in that match. Civilian shooters who fire in military EIC matches will be credited with earning EIC points in accordance with Rule 10.2.6 if they place in the top 10 percent of all Non-Distinguished military and civilian shooters in that match.

d) Civilian or service shooters who do not have any EIC credit points in that event, also may enter and compete in Special EIC Matches sponsored by the CMP, or in Special EIC Matches sponsored by a branch of the Armed Services, where a maximum of four EIC credit points may be earned. Civilian military academy cadets who earn four EIC credit points in Special Service (Combat) EIC Matches will be credited with those points. These special introductory EIC matches do not count as one of the five (5) regular CMP-sanctioned EIC matches specified above.

9.2.3 EIC Match Eligibility for Distinguished Shooters
Distinguished shooters may compete for CMP Place Medals (Rule 8.3.10) and CMP Achievement Pins (Rule 3.11.3) in as many EIC matches as they wish. If range capacity is limited, preference for entries in CMP-sanctioned EIC matches other than the National Trophy Individual Matches must be given to Non-Distinguished competitors.

9.2.4 Criteria for Earning Badges
Non-Distinguished Civilians may earn credit points toward Distinguished designation in the following matches:

a) National Trophy Individual Pistol and Rifle Matches.

b) CMP-sanctioned EIC matches.

c) EIC matches conducted by a branch of the U. S. Armed Forces in accordance with applicable service regulations governing EIC matches. Civilians who place among the top ten percent of the Non-Distinguished competitors in any Service EIC match may, by submitting a request and match results bulletin to CMP, be awarded with EIC credit points for that
match if that is the only service-sponsored EIC match they have fired in that calendar year (Rule 9.2.2).

d) Special EIC Matches sponsored and conducted by the CMP in accordance with **CMP Games Competition Rules** (Rule 7.5.1 in the Games Rulebook). Only one four-point EIC credit may be counted towards either the rifle or pistol Distinguished designation.

e) To be eligible to earn EIC credit points, pistol competitors must shoot in regular, legal positions (5.1.1).

### 9.2.5 Recognition of EIC Match Results

In order for EIC credit points earned in a CMP-sanctioned EIC match to be recognized, the match must:

a) Comply with **CMP Competition Rules**.

b) Use a National Match Course of Fire (Table 5) or a Special CMP EIC Match Course of Fire (See **CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Competition Rules**).

c) Be one of the eligible EIC matches permitted for that competitor (Rule 9.2.2).

d) Be completed at all stages. If any stage is not completed due to circumstances beyond the match sponsor’s control, the match sponsor must petition the CMP for a waiver in accordance with Rule 3.1.5.

e) Have at least six (6) eligible Non-Distinguished competitors who fire recorded shots in at least two stages of competition in Pistol EIC Matches or three stages of competition in Rifle EIC Matches (Rule 3.9.2). *Note: 10% of six competitors equals 0.6 legs. 0.6 rounds up to 1.0 in accordance with rounding Rule 9.2.6.*

### 9.2.6 Determining EIC Credit Points

The highest scoring 10 percent of all Non-Distinguished competitors who fire recorded shots in at least two stages of the competition in a pistol National Match Course or three stages in a rifle National Match Course (Rule 3.9.2) in EIC Matches are awarded EIC credit points in accordance with this formula (Table 6, EIC Credit Point Table), provided that the score fired by the competitor equals or exceeds the EIC Minimum Credit Score (MCS, Rule 9.2.7):

a) Highest one-sixth of the top 10 percent: Gold medal or 10 points.

b) Next highest two-sixths of top 10 percent: Silver medal or eight points.

c) Remaining three-sixths of top 10 percent: Bronze medal or six points.
d) In computing the awarding of EIC points, fractions of 0.6 or higher are rounded to the next higher number (For example, for 76 Non-Distinguished competitors there would be 8 medals awarded. 10% = 7.6 which rounds up to 8.).

e) All Civilian competitors who earn a medal in a National Trophy Individual Match receive ten points.

f) All eligible competitors who earn EIC credit points in a Special EIC Match receive four points.

g) Former Military. If a service member does not become Distinguished while in the service, the CMP will accept points earned in military EIC Matches as credit points towards Civilian Distinguished designation.

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9.2.7 EIC Minimum Credit Scores
To receive EIC credit points, the score fired by the competitor must fulfill the requirements of Rule 9.2.6 (top 10%, etc.) and equal or exceed the EIC Minimum Credit Score (MCS) for that discipline. Minimum Credit Scores are:

a) Service Pistol. 250 x 300
b) .22 Rimfire Pistol. 260 x 300
c) Minimum Credit Scores will not be adjusted for weather or other conditions. If an EIC match course of fire is shortened in accordance with Rules 3.1.5 and approved by the CMP, the MCS requirement will not apply for that match.

9.2.8 Silver and Bronze EIC Badges
The CMP awards bronze EIC badges to Civilian competitors after they have earned at least six points towards Distinguished designation. The CMP awards silver EIC badges to Civilian competitors after they have earned at least 20 points.

9.2.9 Awarding of Distinguished Badges
The CMP awards the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge or the Distinguished Rifleman Badge when a Civilian competitor earns 30 or more points with the firearm concerned and has earned at least one eight or ten-point award.

9.3 Distinguished International Shooter Badge

9.3.1 Criteria
The CMP awards the Distinguished International Shooter Badge to the most outstanding athletes who compete in major international competitions governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) or World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS, formerly International Paralympic Committee, IPC). Athletes who qualify to represent the United States in an ISSF or WSPS Championship and who distinguish themselves by winning medals or exceptionally high place finishes may earn credit points for the Distinguished International Shooter Badge in accordance with this rule.

9.3.2 ISSF Championships
ISSF Championships in which the Distinguished International Shooter Badge may be earned are:

a) Olympic Games shooting events
b) ISSF World Shooting Championships
c) ISSF World Shotgun Championships
d) ISSF Junior World Shooting Championships
e) ISSF World Cup Finals
f) ISSF World Cups
g) ISSF Junior World Cups
h) Pan American Games shooting events  
i) Shooting Championships of the Americas  
j) Shooting Championships of the Americas for Juniors  

9.3.3 WSPS Championships  
WSPS Championships in which the Distinguished International Shooter Badge may be earned are:  
a) Paralympic Games  
b) WSPS World Championship  
c) WSPS Regional Championship  
d) WSPS World Cups  

9.3.4 Credit Points  
After 1 January 1999, the Distinguished International Shooter Badge will be awarded to athletes who earn a total of 30 or more credit points in eligible competitions. Credit points are earned in accordance with the International Distinguished Badge Credit Point Table (Table 7).  

a) Athletes who have not earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge who participated in eligible ISSF Championships after 1 January 1962 and before 1 January 1999 and who would have won credit points under the new system will be credited with those points.  
b) To earn credit points for a team placing, the team must rank ahead of at least two other teams.  
c) Credit points must be earned in official Championship program events, not in grand prix, demonstration, badge or special events.  
d) Starting with the 2018 competition year, athletes who participate in 10m Air Rifle, 10m Air Pistol or Trap Mixed Team events for one male and one female athlete in any eligible Championship shall each be awarded the same credit points that are awarded for individual events in that Championship.  
e) Athletes who establish New or Equal World Records will receive additional credit points as follows:  
   - New World Record in an individual or mixed team Final: 20 points  
   - New World Record Junior in an individual or mixed team Final: 10 points  
   - Equal World Record in an individual or mixed team Final: 10 points  
   - Equal World Record Junior in an individual or mixed team Final: 5 points  
   - New or Equal World Record for a Non-Olympic, Qualification or Team event: 10 points
• New or Equal World Record Junior for a Non-Olympic, Qualification or Team event: 5 points

f) An athlete who earns an Olympic Games Quota Place earns 10 additional credit points.

g) Athletes who participated in the 1912, 1913 or 1924 Pan American Rifle Matches receive credit points on the same basis as credit points are awarded for the Shooting Championship of the Americas.

9.3.5 Award of Badge
The CMP will review official results from all eligible competitions where U. S. athletes earn credit points and determine the awarding of credit points. The CMP maintains the official record of athletes who earn credits towards Distinguished International Shooter designation. When an athlete who has not previously earned the badge earns a total of 30 or more points, the CMP will issue the Distinguished International Shooter Badge to that athlete. The CMP will coordinate the issuance of these badges with USA Shooting.

9.3.6 Credit for Earning Badge Prior to January 1962
Athletes who would have earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge prior to January 1962 under the original criteria, but who did not apply for it prior to 1 January 1999, will be credited with earning it. The original criteria for earning the badge before 1 January 1999 was to win an individual or team medal in the Olympic Games (1896-1960), Pan American Games (1951-1959), Pan American Rifle Match (1912-1924), World Shooting Championships (1897-1958) or the World Moving Target Championships (1959-1961). Changes in credit points awarded for World Championship Non-Olympic events that were adopted in 2009 do not change credit points earned in these events in the years before 2009.

9.3.7 Credit Points for Paralympic Games and WSPS Championships
Athletes who participate in the Paralympic Games and WSPS Championships became eligible to earn the Distinguished International Shooter Badge in accordance with these regulations in 2013. Credit points listed in Table 7 are applicable as follows:

a) **Paralympic Games.** Credit points will be awarded for 1996 and subsequent Paralympic Games. Results from 1992 and earlier Games will be evaluated by applying Rule 9.3.3 criteria on a case-by-case basis.

b) **WSPS World and Regional Championships and World Cups.** Credit points will be awarded for these competitions starting with 2013 competitions. Results from 2012 and earlier will be evaluated by applying Rule 9.3.1 criteria on a case-by-case basis.
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9.4 Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol Badges
In addition to general CMP eligibility requirements (see Rule 4.0), the following eligibility requirements apply for Rimfire Pistol EIC matches:

9.4.1 EIC Match Eligibility
All Civilian and Service competitors are eligible to compete in 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches regardless of their Service Pistol Distinguished status. All Non-Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol competitors may compete to earn EIC credit points in CMP-sanctioned EIC matches.

9.4.2 Criteria for Earning the Distinguished Badge
To earn the Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol Badge, Non-Distinguished competitors must earn 30 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC credit points in National Matches 22 Rimfire Pistol Matches and CMP-sanctioned 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches.

9.4.3 Limited EIC Match Eligibility
Non-Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol competitors may compete for EIC points in a maximum of one National Matches Rimfire Pistol Match and five (5) CMP-sanctioned 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC matches in any calendar year. Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol shooters may compete in as many EIC matches as they wish and are eligible to win CMP Achievement Awards (3.11.3).

9.4.4 Recognition of EIC Match Results
In order for Distinguished credit points earned in a CMP-sanctioned EIC match to be recognized, the match must:

a) Comply with CMP Competition Rules.
b) Use a National Match Course of Fire (Table 5).
c) Be one of the eligible EIC matches permitted for that competitor (Rule 9.4.3).
d) Be completed at all stages. If any stage is not completed due to circumstances beyond the match sponsor’s control, the match sponsor must petition the CMP for a waiver in accordance with Rule 3.1.5.
e) Have at least six (6) eligible Non-Distinguished competitors who fire recorded shots in at least two stages of the competition (Rule 3.9.2). Note: 10% of six competitors equals 0.6 legs. 0.6 rounds up to 1.0 in accordance with rounding rule 9.2.6.

9.4.5 Determining EIC Credit Points
The highest scoring 10 percent of all Non-Distinguished competitors are awarded EIC credit points in accordance with this formula (Table 6, EIC Credit Point Table), provided the score fired by the competitor equals or exceeds the EIC Minimum Credit Score (“MCS,” Rule 9.2.7):
a) Highest one-sixth of the top 10 percent: ten (10) points.
b) Next highest two-sixths of top 10 percent: eight (8) points.
c) Remaining three-sixths of top 10 percent: six (6) points.
d) In computing the awarding of EIC points, fractions of 0.6 or higher are rounded to the next higher number (For example, for 76 Non-Distinguished competitors there would be 8 medals awarded. 10% = 7.6 which rounds up to 8.).

9.4.6 EIC Minimum Credit Scores
To receive EIC credit points, the score fired by the competitor must fulfill the requirements of Rule 9.4.5 (top 10%, etc.) and equal or exceed the EIC Minimum Credit Score (MCS, Rule 9.2.7).

9.4.7 Awarding of Distinguished Badges
The CMP awards the Distinguished 22 Rimfire Pistol Badge when a Civilian competitor earns 30 or more points in 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches and has earned at least one eight or ten-point award.

9.5 Distinguished Marksman Badges
In addition to general CMP eligibility requirements (see Rule 4.0), the following eligibility requirements apply for Distinguished Marksman EIC matches:

9.5.1 EIC Match Eligibility (Distinguished Marksman Candidate)
A competitor with a permanent disability or impairment that requires the use of adaptive firing positions, equipment or techniques in order to complete a pistol EIC Match and who is approved by the CMP in accordance with Rule 2.5.2 a) is eligible to compete to earn EIC credit points that count towards the awarding of the Distinguished Marksman Badge.

9.5.2 Criteria for Earning the Distinguished Marksman Badge
An eligible Distinguished Marksman competitor who competes in an EIC or National Trophy Pistol Match earns the same number of points that his/her score would have earned if it had been fired by a Non-Distinguished competitor in that competition.

9.5.3 Limited EIC Match Eligibility
Competitors who are approved to compete to earn Distinguished Marksman EIC credit points may compete for EIC points in a maximum of one National Trophy Individual Match and five (5) CMP-sanctioned Service Rifle EIC matches in any calendar year.

9.5.4 Awarding of Distinguished Marksman Badges
The CMP awards the Distinguished Marksman Badge when an authorized competitor earns 30 or more points in Service Pistol EIC Matches and has earned at least one eight or ten-point award.
10.0 NATIONAL RECORDS

10.1 Purpose
National Records give special recognition to the most outstanding scores fired in CMP-governed shooting events. This rule establishes standards for National Record recognition. A current National Record List will be published on the CMP web site after the first record list is compiled. The CMP National Records program began in 2018 and is being implemented on a phase-by-phase basis.

10.2 Standards for Establishing Records
To be recognized as a National Record, competitors’ scores must fulfill these conditions:

10.2.1 Eligible Competitions
National Record scores must be fired in competitions conducted or supervised by the CMP Staff in accordance with applicable CMP Competition Rules. Competitions where CMP National Records may be established are the National Matches and CMP Travel Games. Scores fired in any National Matches or CMP Travel Games event that was conducted according to CMP Competition Rules are eligible for National Record consideration.

10.2.2 Record Recognition Procedure
CMP Staff will complete a review of results lists from eligible past competitions to prepare a list of CMP National Records. This list will be published on the CMP website. Possible new National Records will be identified after each eligible competition and the list of National Records will be updated as required. Any competitor or other person who believes that a possible National Record has been overlooked is encouraged to contact CMP Competitions at competitions@thecmp.org.

10.2.3 Tied Scores
When two or more competitors have the same numerical score that is a possible National Record, the score with the highest X-count will be recognized. If two or more competitors have the same numerical score and the same X-count, the tie will not be broken and they will be recognized as National Record co-holders.

10.3 Pistol National Record Events and Categories
Pistol National Records will be recognized for Service Pistols (Rule 4.1.1-4.1.4) and 22 Rimfire Pistols (Rule 4.1.6) in the events and categories identified in Table 8.
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Note: *The recognition of Pistol National Records will be phased in with open records being recognized first and other category records recognized later.*
Annex A – Pistol Firing Procedures and Commands

The following range procedures and range commands must be used to conduct Service Pistol and 22 Rimfire Pistol events.

BASIC SAFETY RULES AND STANDARDS TO BE ENFORCED IN ALL CMP-SANCTIONED MATCHES (To be reviewed in the pre-match safety briefing):

- A safety flag (ECI) must be inserted in your pistol at all times (whether boxed, cased or uncased) except during preparation and firing periods.
- Keep all pistol muzzles pointed downrange towards the targets or when carrying pistols up or down.
- You are permitted to carry boxed or cased pistols behind the firing line; you are not permitted to open pistol boxes or cases or handle pistols behind the line (see definitions of “carry” and “handle” in Rule 3.6).
- Do not take pistol boxes, pistols or equipment to the firing line until the Range Officer instructs you to do so.
- You may handle your pistols after bringing them to the firing line and the Range Officer has instructed competitors to take pistols out of their boxes or cases. When pistol boxes are opened, pistol actions must be open and safety flags must be inserted. Safety flags may not be removed or actions closed until the preparation period starts.
- Do not load until the command LOAD is given.
- Upon completion of firing or when a CEASE FIRING command is given, open your pistol action, remove magazine, insert a safety flag and place it on the bench.
- Do not remove your pistol or pistol box from the firing line until the Range Officer instructs you to do so.
- Do not go forward of the firing line until the Range Officer authorizes you to do so.
- If you have a malfunction, keep the pistol pointed downrange and raise your non-shooting hand. Do not attempt to clear the pistol. A Range Officer will check the pistol to determine if the malfunction is ALLOWABLE or NON-ALLOWABLE and then instruct you to clear the pistol.
- If you have a problem, remain in position, keep your pistol muzzle pointed downrange and raise your hand, a Range Officer will assist you.
- When you score another competitor’s target, you are a Match Official responsible for the accurate and fair scoring of that competitor’s target.
- For 22 Rimfire Pistol Matches: You are reminded that the ready position for timed and rapid-fire series is with the pistol down at a 45-degree angle. If the bench does not permit you to hold the pistol down at a 45-degree angle, the pistol must be held as low as possible, without touching the bench.
SAFETY DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS:

- **Safety Flag.** A safety flag is an empty chamber indicator (ECI) with a probe that inserts into an empty chamber when the action is open. The safety flag must have a yellow or orange-colored flag that extends out from the open action so that it can readily be seen by match officials and competitors to confirm that the pistol is clear.

- **Unloaded Pistol.** A pistol with an open action, magazine removed (or cylinder out) and chamber empty with a safety flag inserted.

- **Cleared Pistol.** A pistol with an open action, magazine removed and chamber empty with a safety flag inserted to confirm that the pistol is clear and that a Range Officer has checked.

- **Cleared Range.** A range where a Range Officer has confirmed that all pistols on the firing line are cleared and benched with safety flags inserted, with no pistols being handled by any person.

- **Loaded Pistol.** A pistol is loaded when a cartridge is inserted in the chamber or brought in contact with the pistol, or when a magazine/clip containing cartridges is brought in contact with the pistol. Pistols may only be loaded after the Range Officer commands LOAD.

- **Firing Line.** A designated area on the range with separate firing points where competitors stand while firing. Pistol firing lines usually have a bench immediately to the front of the firing line where competitors may place their pistol boxes or cases, ammunition and other equipment. Only competitors on a relay that is firing and match officials are permitted in the area immediately behind the firing line.

- **Call to Firing Line.** No one is permitted to move pistol boxes, pistols or equipment to the firing line until the Range Officer instructs them to do so. After a relay of shooters is called to the firing line and the Range Officer will instructed them to unbox or uncase their pistols. After pistol boxes or cases are opened, competitors must insert safety flags, set up their equipment and handle their pistols. Safety flags must remain inserted until the preparation period begins. Approximately two minutes should be allowed between the call to the firing line and the beginning of the first preparation period.

- **Preparation Period.** Two minutes after a relay is called to the firing line, targets will be turned to face competitors and the Range Officer will announce the beginning of a three-minute preparation period. During this period, competitors may handle their pistols, remove safety flags and dry fire. No one may load a pistol during the preparation period. Targets are turned away from competitors at the end of the preparation period.
• **COMMENCE FIRING.** A range command used on ranges without turning targets to authorize competitors to start firing in slow-fire stages.

• **CEASE FIRING.** A range command that directs competitors to stop firing immediately. Targets are normally turned in coordination with the **CEASE FIRING** command.

• **Loading.** Loading pistols for all match series is done by inserting five rounds in a magazine (or cylinder), placing the magazine in the pistol and closing the action. Competitors may pre-load magazines. Magazines containing cartridges may not be inserted in pistols until the command **LOAD** is given.

• **IS THE LINE READY?** This is a question asked by the Range Officer after the command **LOAD.** Any competitor who is not ready or whose target is not in order must immediately raise the non-shooting arm and call NOT READY. This is the last opportunity for a competitor to claim that he/she is not ready or that his/her target is not in order. The Range Officer will declare **THE LINE IS READY** after determining that all competitors are safely loaded.

• **IS THE LINE CLEAR?** This is a question asked by the Range Officer after he/she commands **CEASE FIRE, UNLOAD, MAGAZINES OUT, SLIDES BACK, INSERT SAFETY FLAGS, PLACE PISTOLS ON THE BENCH.** The Range Officer will declare **THE LINE IS CLEAR** after determining that all pistols are cleared and benched with safety flags inserted.

• **Malfunction.** A malfunction is the failure of the pistol or ammunition to function properly. A competitor will normally be given a refire if the malfunction is not his/her fault. If the malfunction is the fault of the competitor, no alibi or refire is allowed.

• **Interruption in Fire.** If a **CEASE FIRE** command must be given during a firing series, range officers will resume fire as soon as possible. When firing resumes, competitors are entitled to the amount of time that was remaining when the **CEASE FIRE** command was given.
## PISTOL PROCEDURES AND COMMANDS

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<td><em>Turn targets to edge.</em></td>
<td>After calling competitors to the firing line, pistol boxes or cases must be placed on the bench. They must remain unopened until after competitors go forward and place their targets.</td>
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<tr>
<td>WELCOME TO THE CMP-SANCTIONED (Match Name) PISTOL MATCH. RELAY (number), (MATCH NAME). TAKE YOUR POSITIONS ON THE FIRING LINE. PLACE YOUR PISTOL BOXES OR CASES ON THE BENCH. IS THE LINE CLEAR?</td>
<td>Range Officers must confirm that the line is safe.</td>
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<td>Range Officer(s) must check each pistol box or case to be sure it is closed (any uncased pistols must have actions open with safety flags inserted).</td>
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<td><em>Turn targets to face.</em></td>
<td>After competitors return to the firing line</td>
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<td>THE LINE IS CLEAR, GO FORWARD AND PLACE A 50-YARD SLOW-FIRE TARGET. MOVE YOUR TARGETS TO THE 50-YARD LINE.</td>
<td>Competitors in that relay may open their pistol boxes or cases and remove their pistols after this command. Competitors may handle their pistols, but they may not dry fire and safety flags must remain inserted with pistol actions open until the preparation period begins.</td>
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| **Turn targets to face.**  
**THE PREPARATION PERIOD STARTS NOW.** | Competitors may continue to prepare for firing. They may remove safety flags, close pistol actions or dry fire. They may not load their pistols. |

**TIME:** Three (3) Minutes; after three (3) minutes

| **Turn targets to edge.**  
**THE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED.** | Competitors may not insert magazines containing cartridges in their pistols until after the command LOAD. |

**TIME:** Ten (10) Minutes; after ten (10) minutes

**THIS STAGE WILL BE SLOW FIRE,**  
**10 SHOTS FOR RECORD AT 50 YARDS IN A TIME LIMIT OF 10 MINUTES.**

**WITH FIVE ROUNDS…LOAD**

**AFTER FIRING FIVE SHOTS,**  
**RELOAD YOUR PISTOLS WITH A MAGAZINE AND FIVE SHOTS AND CONTINUE FIRING.**

**IS THE LINE READY?**

**THE LINE IS READY**

**READY ON THE RIGHT**

**READY ON THE LEFT**

**READY ON THE FIRING LINE**

*After 3 seconds…*  
**Turn targets to face.**

**If the line is not ready, command:**  
**THE LINE IS NOT READY**

**After confirming that the line is ready,**  
**resume commands**

**Or command COMMENCE FIRING**
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<td>BACK, CYLINDERS OPEN,</td>
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<td>INSERT SAFETY FLAGS,</td>
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Range Officer(s) must check each pistol to be sure it is cleared with a safety flag inserted.

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<td>After confirming that the line is safe, resume commands.</td>
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THE LINE IS CLEAR ...
GO FORWARD...SCORE AND REPLACE TARGETS WITH A 25-YARD TIMED-FIRE TARGET. MOVE YOUR TARGETS TO THE 25-YARD LINE.

Turn targets to face.

After all personnel are back from downrange, continue with the timed-fire commands below.

**TIMED AND RAPID-FIRE COMMANDS**

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<td>TAKE YOUR POSITIONS ON</td>
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<td>THE LINE...YOU MAY HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS.</td>
<td>If firing is done on a range where competitors must close their pistol boxes and move forward to the 25-yard line for timed and rapid-fire series, the commands should be: THE RANGE IS CLEAR. RELAY (number). TAKE YOUR POSITIONS ON THE FIRING LINE. YOU MAY</td>
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<td>UNBOX OR UNCASE YOUR PISTOLS. (allow approximately one minute for competitors to unbox their pistols and set up their firing points)...YOU MAY HANDLE YOUR PISTOLS.</td>
<td>TIME: Approximately 60 seconds</td>
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<td>THIS STAGE WILL BE TWO 5-SHOT TIMED-FIRE/RAPID-FIRE SERIES AT 25 YARDS, WITH A TIME LIMIT OF 20/10 SECONDS PER SERIES.</td>
<td>If this is a 22 Rimfire Pistol Match, remind competitors that the timed and rapid-fire ready position is with the pistol held down at a 45 degree angle. Competitors must be in the ready position at the command READY ON THE FIRING LINE.</td>
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<td>WITH FIVE ROUNDS...LOAD IS THE LINE READY? THE LINE IS READY</td>
<td>Competitors may not insert magazines containing cartridges in their pistols until after the command LOAD If the line is not ready, command: THE LINE IS NOT READY After confirming that the line is ready, resume commands.</td>
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<td>READY ON THE RIGHT, READY ON THE LEFT, READY ON THE FIRING LINE</td>
<td>Competitors must be in the ready position as defined in Rule 5.1.1 (raised for Service Pistols; down at a 45-degree angle for 22 Rimfire Pistols) at the command READY ON THE FIRING LINE.</td>
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<td>After 3 seconds… Turn targets to face.</td>
<td>Or command COMMENCE FIRING</td>
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<td>TIME: 20 or 10 seconds; after 20 or 10 seconds</td>
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<tr>
<td>Turn targets to edge. CEASE FIRING, ARE THERE ANY SAVED ROUNDS OR REFIRES?</td>
<td>If a competitor has a malfunction during a 5-shot series, he/she must keep the pistol pointed downrange without attempting to clear it and raise his/her non-shooting hand. A Range Officer must determine if the malfunction is ALLOWABLE or NON-ALLOWABLE.</td>
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<td>UNLOAD, MAGAZINES OUT, SLIDES BACK, INSERT SAFETY FLAGS, PLACE PISTOLS ON THE BENCH.</td>
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<td><strong>Targets remain edged. THIS WILL BE YOUR SECOND 20-SECOND TIMED-FIRE/10-SECOND RAPID-FIRE SERIES.</strong></td>
<td>Competitors may not insert magazines containing cartridges in their pistols until after the command LOAD If the line is not ready, command: THE LINE IS NOT READY After confirming that the line is ready, resume commands Or command COMMENCE FIRING</td>
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<td>WITH FIVE ROUNDS...LOAD IS THE LINE READY?... THE LINE IS READY READY ON THE RIGHT, READY ON THE LEFT, READY ON THE FIRING LINE After 3 seconds… Turn targets to face.</td>
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<td>TIME: 20 or 10 seconds; after 20 or 10 seconds</td>
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<td><strong>ALLOWABLE and inform the Chief Range Officer.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Targets remain edged.</strong> THIS WILL BE THE TIMED-FIRE/RAPID-FIRE REFIRE SERIES.</td>
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| The Range Officer may announce the firing points that are authorized to refire one series |
| Competitors may not insert magazines containing cartridges in their pistols until after the command LOAD |
| If the line is not ready, command: THE LINE IS NOT READY After confirming that the line is ready, resume commands |

| **Or command COMMENCE FIRING** |

| TIME: 20 or 10 seconds; after 20 or 10 seconds |
| **Turn targets to edge.** CEASE FIRING, UNLOAD, MAGAZINES OUT, SLIDES BACK, INSERT SAFETY FLAGS, PLACE PISTOLS ON THE BENCH. |

| Range Officer(s) must check each pistol to be sure it is cleared with a safety flag inserted |
| IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE RIGHT? | If the line is not clear, command: THE LINE IS NOT CLEAR. After confirming that the line is clear, resume commands. |
| IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE LEFT? |  |
| THE LINE IS CLEAR ... GO FORWARD...SCORE AND REPLACE TARGETS WITH A 25-YARD RAPID-FIRE TARGET. | Competitors must go forward with scorecards and new targets (or pasters). Competitors may score to their left—pass scorecards to their rights or odd—even firing point competitors can exchange scorecards and score. |
| Turn targets to face. |  |

After all personnel are back from downrange: If the stage just completed was the timed-fire stage, continue with the rapid-fire stage by returning to the start of the **TIMED AND RAPID FIRE COMMANDS**; if the stage just completed was the rapid-fire stage, continue with the final commands below.

| THE RANGE IS CLEAR...YOU MAY BOX OR CASE YOUR PISTOLS. | All pistols must be boxed or cased or have actions open and safety flags inserted before they can be removed from the firing line. |
| PLEASE POLICE YOUR FIRING POINTS. |  |
| AFTER YOU FINISH POLICING YOUR FIRING POINT, YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIRING LINE. |  |
| THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS CMP-SANCTIONED (Match Name) PISTOL MATCH. |  |
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