

2016-2017 OHIO U.S. ARMY ROTC Postal Match

Firing Instructions

To: OHIO U.S. ARMY ROTC Unit Instructors

Please find enclosed the target sets and *Unit Firing Report* that your unit requested for the OHIO U.S. ARMY ROTC Air Rifle Postal Competition. If you received an incorrect number of target sets or if you wish to order additional sets; please contact CMP Competitions at 419-635-2141, ext. 707 or lsherman@thecmp.org

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT POSTAL TARGETS. The OHIO U.S. ARMY ROTC Postal Competitions will be fired on targets designed to be scored electronically using Orion Visual Image Scoring (VIS) software. Orion VIS software uses a scanned image of the target to digitize its shot holes and calculate the value of each shot. Extensive testing indicates that scoring accuracy with scanned images and Orion software equals or exceeds the accuracy of human scoring and electronic scoring targets.

ELECTRONIC SCORING ADVANTAGES. The Orion electronic scoring system produces faster and more uniform scoring and faster results posting. 100 percent of all postal targets will be scored to the same standard. The computerized target evaluation process still provides for human verification and the review and evaluation of any irregular targets. After scores for your shooters are posted on the CMP web site, each cadet also will be able to download and print a facsimile of their shot groups and scores so that they will have a record of their postal participation.

HANGING ORION VIS TARGETS. Special targets are printed for VIS scoring so that they can be used with a standard format scanner. The VIS target size is 8 ½ x 11 inches, which is slightly smaller than the regular 10-bull targets (10 ½ x 12). If you normally pin or staple targets to a cardboard or target card, you may wish to mount a reversed regular target behind the VIS targets so that additional white space is visible around the edges of the VIS target. If you normally hang targets with a clip or place targets in a target box designed for 10 ½ x 12 targets, you can use a regular 10-bull air rifle target (10 ½ x 12) as a backer for your postal targets (8 ½ x 11). Turn a regular target (can be a fired target) over and cut slits so that the VIS Target fits in, then tuck the corners of the VIS Postal Target into the slits before you hang the target.

CHECKING FIRED SCORES. After your cadets finish firing, you may wish to estimate the scores of their targets before sending them to the CMP for official scoring. If you do this, **do not use a scoring gauge (plug) to check shot values.** The insertion of a scoring gauge may distort the shot holes and cause a false reading by the scoring system. You may use an **Eagle Eye™** or scoring template (overlay) to aid you in estimating target scores. When checking the fired targets, everyone should handle the targets by edges; do not touch the shot holes.

BE SURE TO REVIEW THESE INSTRUCTIONS WITH YOUR CADETS BEFORE THEY FIRE THEIR POSTAL COMPETITION TARGETS.

Before Firing the Postal Competition:

- **Check Targets.** Before you begin firing, be sure each cadet has three targets. These targets are “official” targets and have cadet’s name and CMP competitor number on the top of the target. Also on the top right, the Position and Series is indicated. There should be three targets for each competitor, 200 Yard Reduced are: one marked “St” and one marked “SI” and 600 Yard Reduced is: one marked “Pr”. The Series should be marked “1” for all targets.
- **CMP Competitor Numbers and Target Identification.** Every cadet who was entered in the postal competition has been assigned a CMP Competitor Number that is on his/her targets. The name of the competitor and the position to be fired for each target is on the target. There is no need to write any additional information on your postal targets.
- **Fire Postal Record Targets.** After making sure each Cadet has the proper targets, they may fire their postal targets by following these “**Procedures for Firing the Postal Competition.**” If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact CMP Competitions at 419-635-2141, ext. 707 or email, lsherman@thecmp.org

Procedures for Firing the Postal Competition:

Stage	Activity	Time Limit	Description
Stage 1	Preparation Period	10 minutes	Give shooters time to set up their equipment for standing, the first firing position.
Stage 2	Standing Position Rule 5.1.2	12 minutes	During this time, shooters may fire two (2) sighting shots in the two sighter bulls (within the guard ring). Shooters must fire one record shot (10 total) on each of the 10 record bullseyes, all in the standing position.
Stage 3	Changeover Period	5 minutes	If an instructor or the cadets must go downrange to change targets, do this before starting the changeover period. During the changeover period, shooters may prepare for firing in sitting or kneeling, the second firing position. Shooters may handle rifles, get into position and dry fire during the changeover period.
Stage 4	Sitting/Kneeling Position Rule 5.1.3	7 minutes	Shooters may fire two (2) sighting shots in the two sighter bulls (within the guard ring). Shooters must fire one record shot (10 total) on each of the 10 record bullseyes, all in sitting/kneeling position.
Stage 5	Changeover Period	5 minutes	Change targets, if required. The shooters then may prepare for firing in prone, the third firing position. Shooters may handle rifles, get into position and dry fire during the changeover period.
Stage 6	Prone Position Rule 5.1.4	12 minutes	Shooters may fire two (2) in the two sighter bulls (within the guard ring). Shooters must fire one record shot (10 total) on each of the 10 record bullseyes, all in the prone position.
Stage 7	Scoring and Firing Certification		The SASI or ASI who witnesses the firing must sign the Unit Firing Report . Stack targets by cadet and place all targets in the same direction and orientation. This helps us scan the targets in order once received. Send the targets to the CMP as per instructions below.

Firing Instructions:

- σ **Sighting Shots**—Competitors may fire as many sighting or practice shots as they wish in each position. All sighting shots must be fired at the two bullseyes in the center of the target that are printed inside the oval guard ring and marked with an “SS.” Any shot that strikes outside of the guard ring will be scored as a record shot.
- σ **Record Shots**—One record shot must be fired at each of the 10 numbered, record bullseyes on each target (10 records shots total). Any shot outside of the guard ring around the two sighting bullseyes must be counted as a record shot even if it does not hit the scoring rings on one of the record bullseyes. Fire 10 record shots on each of the three competition targets (30 record shots total). Do not fire more than 10 record shots on any of the three targets. If a shooter makes a mistake and fires two record shots at one record bullseye, leave another bullseye on that target blank so that there will still be no more than 10 total record shots on that target (there is no penalty for this for the first two times it is done in the 30-shot event).
- σ **Firing Distance**. All firing must be done on a range where the targets are placed 10 meters (33 feet) from the firing line.
- σ **Shooting Positions**. Ten record shots must be fired in each of the three shooting positions, Standing, Sitting/Kneeling and Prone (30 total record shots). Positions must be fired in that order. A sling may be used in the prone and sitting/kneeling positions, but not in standing. Rules 6.0 of the National Match Air Rifle Rule Book provide detailed descriptions of legal positions. If you do not have a copy of the rulebook, you may download a copy from <http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/NMARGuide.pdf>

After Firing the Postal Competition:

- σ **Returning Targets**. When unit firing is complete, the SASI or ASI must complete the **Unit Firing Report**, place all fired postal record targets and **Unit Firing Report** in an envelope and forward the complete package to:

Please forward all fired official targets and the **Unit Firing Report** to:

Civilian Marksmanship Program
ATTN: OHIO U.S. ARMY ROTC
Postal
P. O. Box 576
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

OR **Civilian Marksmanship Program**
Camp Perry Training Site, Bldg 3
1000 N. Lawrence Road
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

- Returned targets must be received no later than **1Mar16**. If you requested more target sets than were fired by cadets in your unit, you **must** also return all unfired target sets so that they may be accounted for.
- σ **Scoring and Results**. The CMP will score all targets as soon as they are received and will post all scores in ranked team and individual results lists on the CMP web site at <http://thecmp.org/rotc/>. Instructors who wish to protest a team or individual score must contact CMP Competitions, 419-635-2141, ext. 707 or lsrueman@thecmp.org as soon as possible after scores are posted, but not later than **13Mar16**. Targets not Postmarked by **1Mar16** will not be scored or ranked. Results become final on **13Mar16**. Email notices regarding final official results will be sent to participating units.