



INSTRUCTIONS

Sanctioning a 3PAR Competition

The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council sanctions three-position air rifle matches to 1) officially recognize competitions conducted under the **National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules**, 2) to foster the conduct of high quality competitions for juniors, 3) to provide a readily accessible public listing of three-position air rifle matches, 4) to facilitate the awarding of National Council Achievement Pins and EIC points and 5) to recognize national records. The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) administers the Council's match sanctioning program. Any club, team, school or group affiliated with a member organization of the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council may apply to have their three-position air rifle matches sanctioned. Please read these instructions before completing your application. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Council Hotline at CMP Headquarters: 419-635-2141, ext. 702 or 3PAR@theCMP.org.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SANCTIONED MATCH SPONSORS. Organizations that sponsor CMP-Sanctioned Clinics or Matches must fulfill these requirements:

1. Be currently affiliated or enrolled with an organization that is a member of the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council: The American Legion, BSA-Venturing, CMP, Daisy/U. S. Jaycees Shooter Education Program, National 4-H Shooting Sports, U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit, USA Shooting, and the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force JROTC Commands.
2. Submit a completed **Application to Conduct a Sanctioned Three-Position Air Rifle Match**, with required sanctioning fees, to the CMP for each match to be sanctioned. Sponsors may charge individual entry fees to match participants to cover expenses in conducting the match. These entry fees are paid to the sponsoring organization and are retained by the sponsor. There are no competitor or team fees that are to be paid to the Council or CMP except the match-sanctioning fee.
3. Attach a copy of a match program with the application. A program is a written description of the match that gives the match description, date, location, schedule and course of fire, entry fees, etc. Use the "Model Match Program" at the end of these instructions to help you prepare a program.
4. Agree to conduct the match in accordance with the current **National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules**. The National Standard Rules are posted on the CMP web site at <http://www.theCMP.org/3P/Rules.pdf>. Copies of the rules may be downloaded from the CMP website for free or printed copies may be purchased from the CMP for \$4.95 each.
5. Provide qualified range officers, scorers, match officials, targets and other supplies as required for the conduct of the match or clinic.
6. Submit or upload scores to the CMP within 3 weeks (21 days) after the match. Within 3 weeks after each match, electronic score report files with scores and contact information for all competitors must be submitted to the CMP for all CMP Cup Matches and for any Regular Sanctioned matches that want their results posted on the CMP Competitor Tracker web site.

CMP SUPPORT FOR MATCH SPONSORS AND COMPETITORS. To support your organization's conduct of this match, the National Council and CMP will:

1. Recognize the match as a competition that is officially sanctioned by the Council.
2. Post information about your match in the Upcoming Events listing on the CMP web site. This will help interested shooters find out about matches they may wish to attend. Check the CMP Competition Tracker home page at <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php> to see the current list of sanctioned air rifle matches (login then click select "Competitions" then in the drop down "Upcoming Air Rifle Competitions")
3. Provide a computer data file for use in reporting scores from CMP Cup Matches and other sanctioned matches, when requested.
4. Provide file to print Certificates of Achievement that match sponsors may distribute to participants, when requested.
5. Provide National Council Achievement Pins for purchase, to award to competitors.
6. After scores are reported from competitions where EIC points may be earned, the CMP will provide bronze and silver EIC badges upon request (application must be sent in) and without additional cost Junior

Distinguished Badges to junior competitors who earn these badges. Bronze and silver badges will be sent to the competitors upon receipt of the badge application form and associated processing fees. Distinguished Badges will be awarded in special presentation ceremonies and/or mailed to recipients.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM. Please follow these instructions in completing your application. Please note that we now have two separate forms, one for regular competitions (no EIC points awarded) and one for Cup/EIC matches.

- ⊙ **Date of Application.** The date the application is completed and submitted to CMP.
- ⊙ **Date of Match.** List the date(s) when the match will take place.
- ⊙ **Name of Match.** Give the name of the competition or match as it is identified in the match program.
- ⊙ **Location.** Give the name of the city where the match will take place. This is important information for persons who are trying to find matches in their area. The location will be in your Upcoming Events posting.
- ⊙ **Name of Sponsoring Organization.** The official name of the organization sponsoring and conducting the competition.
- ⊙ **CMP Club Number.** If the sponsoring organization is a CMP-affiliated organization, please list the organization's CMP Club Number.
- ⊙ **Open or Limited Competition.** It is important to indicate whether your competition is restricted to certain groups or is open to any eligible school-age competitors. If your competition is an open competition that can accept entries from any eligible competitor or team, the CMP will advertise the competition on its Upcoming Events listing. Matches may be limited to certain groups, for example JROTC units, 4-H clubs, only sporter/ precision, etc. We will include any limitations provided under the match details in the match listing.
- ⊙ **Online Listing.** Please indicate if you would like your match to appear under "Upcoming Events" on the CMP website. We will list all matches if not specifically asked not to. Also, we can list that it is only open to a certain group (see above).
- ⊙ **Type of Match Sanction Applied For.** There are five types of three-position air rifle matches that may be sanctioned. Three of these, CMP Cup Matches, CMP State Championships, and 3PAR Junior Olympic State Championships, have additional requirements specific to each match. Check the type of match for which you are applying for sanctioning:
 - **Postal Match.** 3x10 or 3x20. In postal matches, participating teams and individuals receive marked targets or target seals from the match sponsor and fire their competition scores on their home ranges. After targets are scored, results are compiled to determine rankings and award winners. Postal matches are eligible for sanctioning. Postal match scores are not eligible for national records or the awarding of EIC points.
 - **Regular Sanctioned Match.** 3x10 or 3x20. Regular sanctioned matches are shoulder-to-shoulder matches where all participating teams and individuals fire on the sponsor's range. Scores fired in these matches are eligible for national record recognition, but may not be considered for the awarding of EIC points.
 - **CMP Cup Match.** CMP Cup Matches are major competitions that must have a 3x20 course of fire and be conducted on a range large enough to accommodate at least 25 competitors (in each class) and at least 5 schools, teams, or junior clubs. Scores fired in CMP Cup Matches are eligible for national records and the awarding of EIC points.
 - **CMP State Championship.** Scores fired in a CMP state championships are eligible for national records and the awarding of EIC points. These matches have additional requirements that can be found at www.theCMP.org/3P/PostalChampionships.htm.
 - **Junior Olympic 3PAR State Championship.** Scores fired in a JO state championships are eligible for national records and the awarding of EIC points. These matches have additional requirements that can be found at www.theCMP.org/3P/JO.htm.

Type of Match	Sanctioning Fee	EIC Points	Achievement Pins Available	National Records	Score Reporting
Postal Match	\$10.00	No	No	No	No*
Regular Match	\$10.00	No	Yes	Yes	Optional
CMP Cup Match	\$20.00	Yes (cut scores)	Yes	Yes	Required
CMP State Championship	\$20.00	Yes (cut scores)	Yes	Yes	Required
State Junior Olympic 3PAR Championship	\$20.00	Yes (cut scores)	Yes	Yes	Required

*Score reporting for a postal match can be done only with a single upload via Orion to CMP's website by the match director or appointed statistician.

- ⊙ **Number of Participants Expected.** Estimate the number of competitors that you expect to have in your match. This can be shown as a range of numbers (i. e. 20-30). This information is especially important when applying for approval to conduct a CMP Cup Match.
- ⊙ **Number of Firing Points.** How large is the range you plan to use to conduct your match. This information is also critical when applying for approval to conduct a CMP Cup Match.
- ⊙ **Event Contact Person.** Your application must include the name and contact information for the person whom competitors or coaches can contact to obtain information and submit entries. The contact person's name, phone number and email address will be listed in the "Information" section of the CMP Competitor Tracker Upcoming Events listing for your match. If the contact person for your match does not want his/her personal phone or email listed on the CMP web site, please provide a phone number and/or email address that can be listed so someone who is interested in your match can obtain information about it.
- ⊙ **Club Web Site.** If your club or team has a web site that provides information about events you sponsor, please provide the web site URL and it also will be listed in your Upcoming Events listing.
- ⊙ **Packet Mailing Address.** If the certificates and other materials to be shipped to support your sanctioned match should be shipped to an address that is different from your Contact Person's address, provide that information here.
- ⊙ **Score Reporting.** Sponsors of CMP Cup Matches must report scores fired by all competitors together with contact information for each competitor. Scores must be uploaded directly to CMP via Orion or reported on an Excel sheet furnished for this purpose by the CMP. Sponsors of Regular Sanctioned Matches have the option of submitting scores. The match ID and authentication code to enter into Orion will be provided in the sanctioning approval email. Scores reported for CMP Cup Matches, CMP State Championships, and state 3PAR Junior Olympic Championships are used to award EIC points. All scores reported to the CMP on the Excel file provided by the CMP will be posted in the CMP Competitor Tracker system so that a complete results bulletin for your match will appear on-line within a few days after your scores reach the CMP. Match sponsors may use on-line scores as an official results bulletin in lieu of producing a printed results bulletin.
- ⊙ **Rulebooks.** All key match officials should have copies of the rules with them during the match. Copies of the **National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules** may be obtained by downloading them from the CMP website at <http://www.theCMP.org/3P/Rules.pdf> or you can order printed copies for \$4.95 each with your match sanctioning application.
- ⊙ **Certificates.** The CMP provides a printable certificate that match sponsors may print and award to juniors who participate in their matches.

⊙ **CBIs** (Clear Barrel Indicators): Three-Position Air Rifle Rules require the insertion of CBIs in all rifles on ranges where sanctioned events are conducted at all times except when rifles are on the firing lines during preparation and firing periods. The CMP will provide a supply of pre-cut (.080" orange) CBIs for match sponsors to have available for competitors who do not come with CBIs for their air rifles.

⊙ **Achievement Pins. National Three Position Air Rifle Council Achievement Award Pins** may be ordered with match sanctioning applications. These pins are to be presented to competitors who fire pre-established "national standard cut scores" in the match (see below). Bronze Achievement Pin scores recognize sporter and precision class scores that rank at the 40th percentile or higher among all competitors in the country. Silver Achievement Pin scores recognize scores ranking in the 20th percentile or higher while Gold Achievement Pin scores recognize scores ranking in the 7th percentile or higher on a national basis. Sponsors of CMP-sanctioned matches may purchase gold, silver and bronze achievement pins at a cost of \$1.25 each to award to competitors who attain these award scores. Match sponsors may recover the cost of pins through match entry fees (if 40% of the competitors, on average, earn pins the cost per competitor would be \$0.40-0.50 each). Match sponsors should indicate the number of type of pins they wish to order.



Bronze, silver and gold pins may be awarded to competitors in sanctioned three-position air rifle competition when they equal or exceed the following scores:

	Medal Scores	Medal Scores
Sporter Class	3x10	3x20
Gold	245+	490+
Silver	220-244	440-489
Bronze	200-219	400-439
Precision Class		
Gold	280+	560+
Silver	270-279	540-559
Bronze	250-269	500-539

- ⊙ **State Junior Olympic 3PAR Championship Medals.** Medals for the Junior Olympic 3PAR State Championships can be purchased at a cost of \$6.50 each. Match directors can purchase as many of these medals as they wish to hand out.
- ⊙ **CMP State Championship Medals.** Medals for the CMP State Championships can be purchased at a cost of \$6.00 each. Match directors can purchase as many of these medals as they wish to hand out.
- ⊙ **CMP Logo Medals.** These generic CMP Logo medals can be used however the match director wishes for any sanctioned competition. They are available for \$6.00 each and come on a red, white, and blue neck ribbon.
- ⊙ **Subtotal.** Total cost of all match supplies ordered.
- ⊙ **Shipping and Handling Fees.** If you order any supplies with your sanctioning application, \$6.95 will be added for shipping and handling.
- ⊙ **Sanctioning Fees.** The sanctioning fee for the type of match you are applying to sanction is in the box (\$10.00 or \$20.00).
- ⊙ **Payment Information.** Total all the costs and fees to be remitted with your application and provide the requested payment information.

Model Match Program: Here is a model to use in preparing a match program for your competition. Providing a program is highly recommended for all competitions (see Rule 5.6). Having a written program is required for a sanctioned competition. To prepare a program for your competition, use the headers shown here and provide the information required.

MODEL OFFICIAL PROGRAM

(NAME OF COMPETITION)

LOCATION City where the competition will be held.

DATE When the competition will be held.

SPONSOR The team, club or group that is hosting or conducting the competition.

EVENTS See Rule 5.3. Describe the specific course(s) of fire that will be fired. Will there be individual and/or team competition? Will there be an individual final?

TIME SCHEDULE List the start time for the competition or start times for different relays.

EQUIPMENT CLASSES See Rules 3.3, 4.1. Will there be separate competition classes for Sporter and Precision air rifles or is this an open competition?

COMPETITION OPEN TO See Rules 3.1, 3.2. Specify the groups of competitors that are eligible to compete. Is the competition open to all high school or school age competitors? If the competition is in a restricted match for specific groups or for teams, clearly identify the group(s) who are eligible to enter.

RULES **The National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules will apply.** State any other special rules that are required at your range or that will apply at this competition. For example, is the wearing of eye protection required? Note that any special rules may not contravene the National Standard Rules (see Rule 5.6). If there are any unusual range features that competitors should know about in advance, describe them.

AWARDS Describe awards that will be provided. If there are special awards for certain categories of competitors, describe them.

RANGE LOCATION Give clear directions to range.

ENTRY FEES State the amount of the entry fee required for each individual or team to participate. Must entry fees be paid in advance or can they be paid on the day of the competition?

HOW TO ENTER List the name, mailing address, email address and phone number of the person who should receive entries. A special entry form may be part of the competition program.

ACCOMODATIONS If some competitors are expected to remain overnight while attending the competition, provide information about nearby motels and restaurants to assist them in their planning.

OTHER Include any other specific information that will interest competitors and teams in your competition or that will assist them in preparing to participate in the competition.