

2021 CMP Virtual Championship

The Civilian Marksmanship Program's 2021 Virtual Championship is a three-position air rifle match for high-school aged athletes. It is the second event in a competition series that began with the CMP 3PAR Postal in the fall. Athletes from all types of junior clubs are represented in this competition and include JROTC teams, 4H clubs, American Legion clubs and local shooting clubs.



The Virtual Championship will serve as a substitute for the CMP Regional Championships in 2021.

With the COVID-19 virus causing travel and logistical difficulties across the country, the CMP made the decision to alter the scheduling of these events in the best interest of the participants, families, spectators and staff in attendance.

The format of this competition will be similar to the CMP Postal Competition, where targets are mailed to individuals and teams and scored via Visual Image Scoring technology. All firing will be done on the home or local ranges of participants. CMP will be implementing some additional match verifications for the fair and safe conduct of the competitions.

DATES.

22 February – 3 March	Registration opening for Virtual Championship
15 March	Target sets mailed from CMP
17 March – 9 April	Timeframe to fire both 3x20 Matches
14 April	Target submission deadline
16 April	Preliminary results are posted, begin challenge period
20 April	Final results

ELIGIBILITY. Competitors must have competed in the CMP's three-position Air Rifle Postal or State Championships. Qualifying teams and individuals will be posted on the CMP website. All team members and individuals will compete for overall individual awards.

QUALIFICATION. The top team and individual from each CMP 3PAR State Championship in sporter and precision class will be invited to participate. In addition, the top 40 teams and 40 individuals from each class will be invited from the results of the

CMP Postal Competition. The 40 qualifying individuals will be comprised of the top 40 individuals not already on a qualifying team.

TEAMS. Teams consist of 4 team members. No alternates may fire in this match. Team coaches can choose to register any four eligible athletes for each qualifying team. If an athlete is unable to fire, a replacement may be used. These changes must be noted on the team firing reports. The same replacement should be used for day 1 and day 2. A change after day 1 firing is complete is only permitted in the case of illness or a disciplinary issue. Please report the reason for a change in the team firing report.

INDIVIDUALS. All individual qualifiers, and team members will compete as individuals in the competition. Those athletes that were part of a qualifying team, and not selected by the coach to fire in the match may register as an individual only if their score would have placed them in the top 40 individuals not on qualifying teams. Any questions on this, please call Katie at 419-635-2141 ext. 731 or email kharrington@thecmp.org.

REGISTRATION. All qualifying teams must confirm their participation in the second phase of the matches by registering for the event on [CMP's Competition Tracker](#). **This should be done no later than 3 March 2021.**

PAYMENT. The cost for each firing member is \$20.00. This can only be paid online at the time of registration. To pay after completing registration, please call 419-635-2141 or mail a check to CMP, P.O. Box 576, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Make check out to CMP or Civilian Marksmanship Program and include a copy of your match confirmation.

COURSE OF FIRE. The course of fire is a 3x20 fired two times, for a total of 120 shots. The matches should be fired on two days but does not have to be fired on consecutive days. Teams of four should fire at the same time, unless local restrictions and range capacity do not allow.

RULES. The 2020 – 2022 12th Edition of the National Standard Three Position Air Rifle Rules governs. Rulebooks may be downloaded from the CMP web site at <http://www.theCMP.org/3P.htm>.

TARGETS. Targets will be printed with the name of the athlete and school/club. Targets will be marked for each day of competition. Only these official targets may be used.

T-SHIRTS. Each team member and individual will receive a t-shirt shipped with the postal targets. Please have sizes ready when registering. Sizes will be adult Small through 3X. Additional shirts may be ordered for \$15 plus shipping and applicable

taxes. An order form will be found <https://thecmp.org/youth/three-position-national-postal-competition/cmp-3par-virtual-championship>. These will be shipped separately of team targets and shirts.

CONDUCT AND FORMAT. The safe and fair conduct of matches is a high priority of CMP. In this year's postal-match format, the following protocols will be implemented.

1. **Firing Report Form.** A team instructor, coach or parent (who witnessed firing) should fill out a *Firing Report Form* and sign after each 3x20. In addition, each athlete should sign this form.
2. **Firing Verification.** Choose ONE of the following and mark this on the *Firing Report Form*.
 - a. In-person witness. If local restrictions allow, another coach, match director or adult familiar with the rules may come to act as witness to the match. This person should not be affiliated with the program.
 - b. Web-Conference witness. Invite another coach, match director or adult to witness the conduct of the match over web-conferencing. Coaches may choose to set up a webcam and act as witnesses to each other's matches.
 - c. Video. The coach, instructor or parent video records the entire event. This should be kept until results are final and may be requested for match verification.
 - d. Pictures. If no other options are available, pictures may be taken throughout the competition, and in each position. These pictures should be kept until the match results are final and may be requested for match verification.

SUBMISSION OF TARGETS. The targets can be submitted through Orion or through FedEx. Please submit the targets immediately after firing. Instructions on submission will be included with your targets. Firing reports can be emailed to kharrington@thecmp.org. If you do not own a license of Orion, a FedEx label will be provided with your targets to return them to the CMP. You are not required to return your targets if you send them electronically.

SCORING AND RESULTS. The CMP will post all scores in ranked results lists on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/youth/three-position-national-postal-competition/three-position-regional-championships/>. Targets will be scored with the Visual Image Scoring System Orion. Protests of shots will be handled in accordance to rule 8.5.5 of the 2020-2022 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules. Instructors should call any protests to 419-635-2141, ext. 731 or e-mail kharrington@thecmp.org as soon as possible after scores are posted on the CMP website and before scores become final on 20 April 2021.

AWARDS. Medals will be mailed to the top 10 shooters in each class. In addition, medals and trophies will be mailed to teams 1 – 3 in each class.

EIC CREDIT. The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council recognizes the CMP Regional Championships as a National Council Member Championship. The top 25% of all Non-Distinguished competitors in the overall individual rankings will receive EIC credit points (counts towards Junior Distinguished status) in accordance with National Council regulations (Appendix D in the NS3PAR Rulebook).

NATIONAL RECORDS. Scores fired in the virtual championships are not eligible for National Records. National Records must be fired in shoulder-to-shoulder competitions. *Rule 11.4 – Standards for Establishing National Records.*

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. The top 20 teams in sporter and precision as well as the top 20 individuals in each class will be invited to attend the CMP National Championship scheduled for June and July. This match will be held at both CMP Competition Centers, in Anniston, Alabama and Camp Perry, Ohio. Priority will be given to the top 50% of qualifying teams to pick their location to compete. Space is limited at each location, so location preference is not guaranteed. This Championship will be held in conjunction with the National 3PAR Junior Olympic Championship. Additional qualifiers will be determined through the state 3PAR Junior Olympic Qualifying Matches. Regardless of how an individual or team qualifies, the team or individual is eligible to compete in both the CMP National and the National 3PAR Junior Olympic Championship events. The qualifiers for the National will be published on the CMP website no later than 23 April 2021.

24 – 26 June 2021	CMP National Championship – Sporter* <i>Camp Perry, Ohio & Anniston, Alabama</i>
17 – 19 July 2021	CMP National Championship – Precision* <i>Camp Perry, Ohio & Anniston, Alabama</i>

*Championship will be fired concurrently. This was done to avoid overcrowding and still allow the same number of athletes to compete. Scores will be combined into one match to determine the overall winner, but location awards will be presented.

Although it is CMP's hope to hold our upcoming events, please keep in mind that we may have to cancel due to COVID-19 issues. For those events that we do conduct, we will follow the appropriate state's guidelines and recommendations. We continue to monitor the venue states' guidelines and adjust our procedures

based on those guidelines and common sense. As always, the safety of our customers and employees is our priority.