

Changes in 2023 CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Competition Rules

- **1.5/Table 2, CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Events.** This rule lists the different rifle and pistol events that are recognized by the CMP as “CMP Games” events. Four new events are added for 2023:
 - Benchrest Vintage Military Rifle Match
 - Rimfire Sporter Dewar Match
 - Rimfire Sporter Benchrest Match
 - CMP Pistol Special EIC Match. *The M9 Pistol Special EIC Match, which awards one-time only 4-point legs, is being modified so that competitors will be allowed to fire either school-issued M9 pistols or school-issued 22 Standard Rimfire Pistols. The CMP plans to add the rimfire pistol option for designated participants in Pistol Small Arms Firing Schools and Pistol Marksmanship 101 Classes.*
- **1.8.11. Spectators and Media.** A new rule regarding spectators and media is added. The rule encourages match sponsors to welcome and accommodate them but also places limits on what they may do.
- **3.3.6. Benchrest Supported Position.** A definition of the benchrest firing position that will be authorized for the new VMR, and Rimfire Sporter Benchrest Matches is added. Supports under the fore-end are allowed; supports under the butt-stock are not allowed.
- **4.6.6. Benchrest VMR Match.** Provides rules for the Benchrest VMR Match.
- **5.4.4 i). Rapid-Fire Loading, Springfield M1A Match.** Loading procedures for the Springfield M1A Match, where competitors must start and load rapid-fire series in position, are unchanged, but clarified.
- **6.2.1 Vintage Sniper Rifle.** The M1903 Springfield rifle with straight pistol grip stock and a Winchester A5 or Lyman 5A scope was added to the list of legal sniper rifle/scope combinations.
- **6.5.8 Interruptions in Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Matches.** A provision was added that allows the firing of one additional sighting shot if there is an interruption of more than 5 minutes in 300-yard firing or 3 minutes in 600-yard firing.
- **7.2.2. 22 Standard Rimfire Pistol.** The CMP plans to add the option for Pistol Small Arms Firing School and Pistol Marksmanship 101 Class students to shoot either M9 Service Pistols or a 22 Standard Rimfire Pistols. Pistols will be provided by the schools. The 22 pistols selected for the school will be lighter in weight and have symmetrical grips so they can be fired right or left-handed or with both hands, as permitted in these schools.
- **7.3.2 Pistol Ammunition.** The previous requirement that 230-gr. full metal jacketed bullets be used in As-Issued M1911 pistols is deleted. In 2023, competitors in

M1911 Matches will be allowed to use “any safe ammunition.” A similar change was made for Military & Police Service Pistols.

- **7.5.1 Service Pistol Special EIC Course of Fire.** The course of fire remains unchanged, but students in the Pistol Small Arms Firing School and Pistol Marksmanship 101 Classes will now have opportunities to fire either the M9 Service Pistol or the 22 Standard Rimfire Pistol. They will be fired concurrently in these matches.
- **7.6.1 CMP Special EIC Pistol Match.** See 7.5.1 above. The top 10% of competitors firing M9 pistols may earn 4-point EIC legs for the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge. The top 10% of competitors firing 22 Standard Rimfire Pistols will now be able to earn 4-point legs for the Distinguished 22 Rimfire Badge.
- **8.2.2 a) Rimfire Sporter Adjustable Stocks.** T and O Class rifles may have adjustable butt-plates or cheek-pieces if those features are fixed and cannot be readily changed without tools during the firing of an event.
- **8.3.7. Targets.** Targets for the Rimfire Sporter Dewar and Benchrest events are defined.
- **8.6. Rimfire Sporter Dewar Course.** A Dewar course of fire (20 shots prone at 50 yards and 20 shots prone at 100 yards) is added. This event was fired on an experimental basis during the 2022 National Matches.
- **8.7. Rimfire Sporter Benchrest Course.** This is the second new Rimfire Sporter event in the 2023 rules. Competitors will fire their rifles from benchrests with a maximum of two sandbag rests at 100-yard smallbore rifle targets. The course of fire includes a 5-minute sighting period, followed by 40 record shots in 30 minutes.
- **8.8.4. Scoring Internal Crossfires.** Clarifies how internal crossfires are scored.
- **10.3-10.5. National Records.** Adds new events to the National Records list.
- **Annex D – Springfield M1-A Match Firing Procedures.** A new Range Officer script for conducting this match is added. These procedures recognize that the rapid-fire loading procedure for this event is different from the loading procedure for Vintage Military Rifle events.
- **Annex H – 2023 CMP Achievement Award Scores.** The cut scores for the awarding of CMP Achievement Pins and Medal are upgraded annually based on scores fired in the most recent National Matches. Scores that were adjusted are marked. Most of the changes lowered scores by one or two points.

New Instructional Option for CMP Pistol Marksmanship 101 and Pistol SAFS:

In order to offer expanded participation opportunities for more new shooters, the CMP will offer a 22 Standard Rimfire Pistol option in its Pistol Marksmanship 101 and Pistol Small Arms Firing Schools. Starting in 2023, students who enroll in one of these courses will have the option of doing their range firing with the traditional M9 9mm Service Pistol or a 22 Standard Rimfire Pistol.