



A NATIONAL MATCHES FACT SHEET



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- The U. S. Congress and President Theodore Roosevelt founded the National Matches in 1903 to foster national defense preparation through marksmanship competition.
- The National Matches continue to be authorized by and conducted in accordance with Title 36, U. S. Code.
- The National Matches consist of the National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches and Small Arms Firing Schools, which are mandated by federal law and governed by the CMP, along with the National CMP Games Events, CMP National Smallbore Matches, CMP National Mid-Range and Long Range Matches, CMP National Air Gun Matches and additional clinics and Range Officer courses.
- The National Matches moved to Camp Perry, Ohio in 1907. Since then, 98 National Matches have been conducted at Camp Perry.
- The National Matches were conducted by the Department of War or Department of Defense from 1903 through 1967. From 1968 through 1996, the NRA conducted the Matches with support from the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. A partnership with the CMP and Ohio National Guard currently conducts the National Matches at Camp Perry.
- Over 4,000 individuals from various states competed in the CMP National Trophy Matches and Small Arms Firing Schools in 2024.
- Approximately 500 volunteers and Ohio National Guard personnel come to Camp Perry to support the National Matches in accordance with federal law.
- Overall, the National Matches bring over 5,000 competitors, volunteers, vendors and family members to Camp Perry each summer.
- National Matches participants also participate in clinics and schools offered by the CMP, shop for shooting equipment in Camp Perry's Commercial Row where dozens of shooting equipment vendors have retail operations, see displays of historic CMP National Matches pistol trophies and visit the CMP Store where they can purchase government-surplus rifles and ammunition.
- Camp Perry visitors spend an estimated 12.0-14.0 million dollars (direct spending without multiplier) annually on entry fees, match expenses, housing, meals, travel and shopping and outings in the Northern Ohio area.

2025 CMP National Trophy Matches Events:

10 July	Smallbore Small Arms Firing School
10-17 July	National Air Rifle and Air Pistol Championships
10-19 July	CMP Smallbore National Matches
14 July	Pistol Small Arms Firing School and First Shot Ceremony
14 July	CMP Games Pistol Matches
14 July-5 August	National Match Air Gun Events
15 July	GSSF Glock National Challenge
16-18 July	CMP Pistol Aggregate Matches and EIC Pistol Matches
19 July	National Trophy Pistol Matches
19-20 July	CMP Rimfire Clinic (19 th) and National Rimfire Sporter Match (20 th)
22-25 July	CMP National Highpower Championships
26-27 July	Rifle Small Arms Firing School, Junior and Adv. Highpower Clinics
28 July-1 August	National Trophy Rifle Matches
30 July - 3 August	CMP Games Rifle Matches
4-9 August	CMP Mid-Range and Long Range Matches