

2025 – 2026 Official Program

CMP National Air Rifle Postal

Oct 2025 – Feb 2026



INVITATION. All junior three-position air rifle clubs — including American Legion posts, 4-H groups, junior rifle clubs, and JROTC units — are invited to take part in this national postal competition, proudly sponsored by the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

This official match program outlines the details you'll need to guide your team's participation. Results will be posted online, providing teams with a national ranking. Top performers in this postal event will advance to the Regional Championships, with the leading individuals and teams from regionals earning the opportunity to compete in the National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship.

POSTAL COMPETITION SUMMARY. The CMP Air Rifle Postal is a 10-meter three-position (3X10) air rifle competition. All teams and individuals must register online. When registering, teams should select paper targets or electronic targets. Those firing on paper targets will receive officials targets in the mail. Those planning to fire on electronic targets will be provided instructions to complete firing. After firing, targets must be mailed or electronically uploaded to CMP for official scoring. Firing instructions will be mailed to each team or individual with the targets.

Important Dates	
15 October 2025	Online Registration Begins
9 January 2026	Online Registration Ends
21 January 2026	Targets must be received by
27 January 2026	Preliminary Results Posted
30 January 2026	All scores final (<i>protests may not be made after this date</i>)
16 – 18 April 2026	CMP Regional Championship <i>Salt Lake City, Utah</i>
16 – 18 April 2026	CMP Regional Championship <i>Anniston, Alabama</i>
23 – 25 April 2026	CMP Regional Championship <i>Camp Perry, Ohio</i>
18 - 20 June 2026	CMP National Championship – Sporter <i>Camp Perry, Ohio</i>
9 – 11 July 2026	CMP National Championship – Precision <i>Camp Perry, Ohio</i>

RULES. 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>.

ELIGIBILITY. Teams may enter an unlimited number of shooters into the postal competition. All team participants must be from the same school/club (in accordance to 3.2.2). Participants must be School Age (have not graduated from high school.) Teams may have a sporter team (rule 4.2), or a precision team (rule 4.4) or may enter shooters in both classes as long as a single shooter only fires in one class.

TO ENTER/ ORDER TARGETS. Coaches will order targets from the CMP by completing an online team registration on the CMP's Competition Tracker and finding the 2025 – 2026 CMP National Postal Competition. After receiving each team entry the requested target sets will be sent with Firing Instructions and a Team Firing Report. When registering your team(s) please try and register all shooters at one time so all targets are mailed out together.

PAYMENT. The cost for each firing member is \$5.00. Payment may be made at time of registration. Please call 419-635-2141 ext. 709 to make payment over the phone, or mail a check to:

Civilian Marksmanship Program
Attn: 3P Air Rifle Postal
P.O. Box 576
Port Clinton, OH 43452

COURSE OF FIRE/ FIRING PROCEDURES. Each junior in the postal competition will fire a three-position 3X10 course of fire on official postal targets. Firing should be done in the Kneeling – Prone – Standing order. The course of fire includes unlimited sighters in 8 minutes and 10 shots for record kneeling in 10 minutes, unlimited sighters in 5 minutes and 10 shots for record prone in 10 minutes and unlimited sighters in 5 minutes and 10 shots for record standing in 15 minutes (rule 5.3.2). Firing must be supervised.

PAPER TARGETS. Three special 10-bull competition targets designed for scoring with electronic *Orion Visual Image Scoring* software will be sent to each athlete firing on paper targets. These targets will have the shooter's name and school/club printed on the top of the target. **DO NOT PLUG TARGETS! Be sure each shooter fires on the targets with that shooter's name printed on them.**

ELECTRONIC TARGETS. Teams with access to electronic targets may fire the match on electronic targets. Targets must be approved targets. Type of targets will be collected during registration. Special instructions will then be emailed to the contact/coach for the team.

TEAM SCORES. The team score will be comprised of the top four scores fired in each class (Rule 3.2.3 Best –Four-Count Teams). Subsequent teams from the same club/school will be

created using the next best four from that organization. Any shooter not part of a four-person team will be listed as individuals only. A team must be comprised of at least four shooters.

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

1. **Firing Report Form.** The Instructor, Coach or Parent should fill out a *Firing Report Form* and sign after the match.
2. **Firing Witness.** Another coach, match director or adult familiar with the rules may come to act as witness to the match.

SCORING AND RESULTS. The CMP will post all scores in ranked results lists on the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/air/three-position-national-postal-competition/>. 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 *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules*. Instructors should call any protests to 419-635-2141, ext. 731 or e-mail postals@thecmp.org as soon as possible after scores are posted on the CMP website and before scores become final on **30Jan26**.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. The Regional Championships will take place in three locations on two separate weekends. Teams and individuals will be selected by regions based on their state. Priority will be given to those shooters from the states listed below. **If your team would like to compete elsewhere, you may request a change in location, and we will try to accommodate all requests.** Competitors will fire in two 3x20 competitions, with a final for the top 8 individuals in both sporter and precision. Only one alternate will be allowed to compete for each team (a total of 5 competitors). Individuals will be invited from non-qualifying teams only. Awards will be given at each regional championship based on that location's results only. Results from all three regional championships will be combined to determine which teams and individuals advance to the National Championship.

SELECTION PROCESS. The following teams and individuals will be invited to the CMP Regional Championships, based on the postal results. Additional teams may be invited as space permits.

	Region States	Precision	Sporter	Total Participants
North East Region – Regional Location: Camp Perry, Ohio	Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin	20 Teams 15 Individuals	20 Teams 15 Individuals	230
South East Region – Regional Location: Anniston, Alabama	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee	20 Teams 15 Individuals	20 Teams 15 Individuals	230
Western Region- Regional Location: Salt Lake City, UT	Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming	20 Teams 15 Individuals	20 Teams 15 Individuals	180
TOTAL REGIONAL PARTICIPATION		60 Teams 45 Individuals	60 Teams 45 Individuals	690

TRAVEL ARRANGMENTS. Qualifying teams and individuals must make their own travel arrangements. All teams are responsible for funding the transportation and lodging costs for their teams, individual shooters and coaches that qualify to participate in the Championship.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Additional information will be posted on the CMP Postal main page (<https://thecmp.org/youth/three-position-national-postal-competition/cmp-3par-national-postal/>) as it becomes available. Please check this page to view scores and find other information on this year's competition. Questions may be directed to CMP Competitions, 419-635-2141 ext. 731 or postals@theCMP.org.