

CMP Smallbore Postal Firing Instructions

Before Firing the Postal Competition:

- **Check Targets.** The targets will have the names and position printed on each target. There is no need to write additional information on the targets unless you are making a score notation (i.e. first sighting shot outside of scoring ring, or any other irregular shot)

During Firing:

- **Firing Distance.** All firing must be done on a range where the targets are placed 50 feet from the firing line.
- **Sighting Shots.** All sighting shots must be fired at the two bullseyes in the center of the target that are printed inside the oval guard ring and marked with an "SS." Any shot that strikes outside of the guard ring during sighters must be marked (coach may circle and write "SS" next to shot to indicate this.)
- **Record Shots.** One record shot must be fired at each of the 10 numbered, record bullseyes on each target (10 records shots total). Any shot outside of the guard ring around the two sighting bullseyes must be counted as a record shot even if it does not hit the scoring rings on one of the record bullseyes. Fire 10 record shots on each of the six competition targets (60 record shots total). Do not fire more than 10 record shots on any of the six targets. If a shooter makes a mistake and fires two record shots at one record bullseye, leave another bullseye on that target blank so that there will still be no more than 10 total record shots on that target.
- **3x20 Course of Fire**

Stage	Activity	Time Limit
Stage 1	Pre-Prep for Kneeling	5 minutes
Stage 2	Preparation for Kneeling	3 minutes
Stage 3	Kneeling Position Rule 6.1.1	30 minutes
Stage 4	Changeover Period	5 minutes
Stage 5	Preparation for Prone	3 minutes
Stage 6	Prone Position Rule 6.1.2	20 minutes
Stage 7	Changeover Period	5 minutes
Stage 8	Preparation for Standing	3 minutes
Stage 9	Standing Position Rule 6.1.3	40 minutes

- **Prone Course of Fire (60 Shots)**
 - Targets should be hung two at a time
 - There will be a 5 minute Pre-Preparation Period for the first two targets followed by a 3 minute preparation period
 - Time limit for unlimited sighters and 20 record shots is 20 minutes. If only one target can be hung, the time limit is 10 minutes.
 - Between stages, there will be a 2 minute pre-preparation period followed by a 3 minute preparation period.

After Firing the Postal Competition:

- **Checking Fired Scores.** After you have finished firing, you may wish to estimate the scores of the targets before sending them to the CMP for official scoring. If you do this, **do not use a scoring gauge (plug) to check shot values.** The insertion of a scoring gauge may distort the shot holes and cause a false reading by the scoring system. You may use an **Eagle Eye™** or scoring template (overlay) to aid you in estimating target scores. When checking the fired targets, everyone should handle the targets by edges; do not touch the shot holes.

- **Returning Targets – Two Methods**

- Place all fired postal targets in an envelope and forward the complete package to CMP

United State Postal Service	UPS, FEDEX
Attn: CMP Smallbore Postal PO Box 576 Port Clinton, OH 43452	Attn: CMP Smallbore Postal 1000 N Lawrence Dr CMP Building 3 Port Clinton, OH 43452

- **Orion Users** - Orion Users may send the targets back electronically
 - To send targets to CMP, Orion users must do the following.
- Update Orion to version with Cloud Backup
 - To check if you have an updated license, click on Tools → Cloud Backup Status. If it says provides a count of the number of files waiting to be backed up, you have the updated license.

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If it says "AccessDenied" your license needs to be updated.

- Include your name and "CMP Smallbore Postal" in the match file name
 - Ex – "John Doe – CMP Smallbore Postal"
 - Score targets.
 - Go to Match → Export Results → Share Match Directory → with Civilian Marksmanship Program
 - Click "Yes" to send all match files and Target Images
 - The process will take a few minutes. A green status bar will appear indicating the progress. Keep Orion open until you receive the confirmation message.
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- **Targets are due to the CMP 28 April 2026**
 - **Results will be posted 08 May 2026**
 - **Results are Final on 12 May 2026**