

2026 CMP Gary Anderson Invitational

3P Air Rifle Marksmanship Competition



2026 Dates
November 12 - 14



Invitation: You are invited to participate in the 2026 Gary Anderson Invitational, to be hosted at both the CMP Competition Center South in Anniston, Alabama, and at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry, Ohio, and regional locations around the country. The match is a junior three-position air rifle match that is a sanctioned CMP Cup Match and an outstanding competition opportunity for every school or junior club shooting team.

This event is named after our Director of the Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus, Gary Anderson; whose influence and guidance has significantly impacted the success of three-position air rifle shooting. We sincerely hope you and your team will join us in Anniston or at Camp Perry in November for a great competition.

Mr. Gary Anderson: Mr. Gary Anderson earned two Olympic gold medals, seven world championships, six world records and 16 national championships. No other American has won more Olympic and world championship three-position rifle titles. Anderson eventually transitioned from world champion to mentor - authoring, instructing and leading thousands of US shooters, young and old, civilian and military alike down a path of marksmanship, firearms safety and sportsmanship.

Anderson, who was appointed Director of Civilian Marksmanship in 1999, announced his retirement in December 2009. Today Anderson serves as DCM Emeritus where he provides occasional instruction and consulting. He remains busy in the US and abroad. He was recently the Vice President of the International Shooting Sports Federation (the first American to serve in that capacity) and as President of the Board of USA Shooting in the past. On July 7, 2015, the newly renovated competition center located in Camp Perry, Ohio was dedicated in honor of Mr. Anderson.

Gary Anderson Invitational History: This junior competition began in 1996 as the Atlanta 500 Air Rifle Championship. From 1997 through 2000, it was known as the Wolf Creek 600. In 2001, the match location changed from the Wolf Creek Olympic Complex near Atlanta to the Army Marksmanship Unit ranges at Fort Benning, GA. That year the Wolf Creek Young Shooters Association renamed the match the Gary Anderson Invitational. In 2009 the CMP took over the sponsorship of the Gary Anderson Invitational and conducted the match at the CMP Marksmanship Center - South in Anniston, Alabama. The match is now hosted at both CMP Competition Centers. The National Three Position Air Rifle Council sanctions this three-position air rifle invitational as an open CMP Cup match.

CMP Marksmanship Centers: Both ranges have 80 firing points, each equipped with MegaLink electronic targets. All shots are instantly displayed on monitors beside each shooter and on display screens visible to spectators in the center area of the range. All firing is controlled by a computer operations center in the middle of the range. The matches will be run simultaneously and all scores will be uploaded to the CMP's Competition Tracker website.

LOCATIONS

Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center Camp Perry Training Site 1000 Lawrence Rd, BLDG 5042 Port Clinton, OH 43452	Judith Legerski CMP Competition Center 1470 Sentinel Drive Anniston, AL 36207
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****Additional Locations - Application****

[Gary Anderson Invitational Regional Location Application](#)

The deadline to apply is August 17.

Regional locations will be announced September 1.

SCHEDULE

Anniston, AL

Date	Time	
Friday, 13 November	9:00AM – 1:30PM	<i>Check In</i>
	10:30AM – 1:30PM	Relay A – Anniston (3x20 plus final)
	1:30PM – 4:30PM	Relay B – Anniston (3x20 plus final)
Saturday, 14 November	6:45AM – 2:00PM	<i>Check-in</i>
	8:00AM – 11:00AM	Relay C – Anniston (3x20 plus final)
	11:00AM – 2:00PM	Relay D – Anniston (3x20 plus final)
	2:00PM – 5:00PM	Relay E – Anniston (3x20 plus final)

Camp Perry, OH

Date	Time	
Saturday, 14 November	6:45AM – 11:00AM	<i>Check In</i>
	8:00AM – 11:00AM	Relay A – Camp Perry (3x20 plus final)
	11:00AM – 2:00PM	Relay B – Camp Perry (3x20 plus final)

EVENT

Three-Position Air Rifle Tournament: This tournament has four competition events: Individual Sporter, Individual Precision, Team Sporter and Team Precision. All competitors will fire a three-position 3X20 course of fire in order of Kneeling, Prone and Standing followed by a 10-shot final that will be fired immediately following each relay. For individual rankings, the 10-shot final round scores will be added to the 60-shot scores of the competitors who had the top eight sporter and precision class 60-shot totals (Rule 10.1.3.) The individual 3X20 scores fired by the four members on each team will be used to determine team winners. Final round scores are not used for team totals. Loaner rifles will be available for anyone who does not have a sporter class air rifle.

TEAM EVENTS

All teams are 4-member teams that represent a school or club. Teams may enter as scholastic or club in the sporter or precision class. Mixed teams (precision and sporter) must shoot as precision teams. Schools may enter as many teams as they wish. All team members do not have to shoot on the same relay as long as all team members are named at registration.

NEW SHOOTER

New Shooters are classified as those athletes who started shooting starting after April 1 of the current year. This applies to the start of an athlete's time in the sport. Athletes are not new to the category of Precision if they have previously participated in the Sporter category. Upon registration, select Yes if you started shooting after April 1. Those athletes in the New Shooter category that finish in the top 40% of new shooters will receive an Achievement Pin. See Awards.

RULES

The competition will be governed by the 2024-2026 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules. Copies of the rules may be downloaded from the CMP website [here](#). The match is sanctioned by the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council as a CMP Cup Match so that scores may be recognized as National Records and competitors can earn EIC credit points that count towards earning the Junior Distinguished Badge.

REGISTRATION

To register, visit <http://ct.thecmp.org> and look for the Gary Anderson Invitational under upcoming events. Please be sure to pre-register with payment! Walk-ons are not guaranteed to be squadded due to space.

ELIGIBILITY

All competitors must be school-age juniors (grade 12 or below) who comply with Rule 3.1 of the National Standard Rules. Team entries may represent schools or clubs.

FORMS

Competitors over the age of 18 must complete and sign our release form (affidavit). Shooters under the age of 18 must have a Parent Consent form completed. You can print the adult liability release form [here](#). The Parent Consent form can be found [here](#). Both forms will be available the day of the match.

FEES

\$30 per shooter, no extra charge for teams. To hold requested relays, payment must be received by 16 November. Cancellations received by 18 November will receive a full refund. Cancellations between 1-12 November will receive a 50% refund. No-shows on the days of the matches are not eligible for refunds. Pre-payments is required. Call the numbers

TEAM AWARDS

The winning precision team will be awarded the Gary Anderson Trophy by plate engravement. The winning precision and sporter teams receive \$500.00 checks, the second-place teams will receive \$300.00 and the third-place teams will receive \$200.00. All checks will be payable to the school or club. Each of the top three teams in the sporter and precision classes will also receive five Gary Anderson Invitational gold, silver or bronze medallions. Team awards will be mailed.

AWARDS

Individual Awards: Top 3 competitors in the sporter and precision classes will receive championship medallions and plaques. These awards will be mailed at the conclusion of the matches. In addition, achievement awards (Medallions) will be awarded and mailed to competitors that shoot the following scores:

Overall Achievement Award Medals Cut Scores

Medal	Precision	Sporter
Gold	586	532
Silver	578	508
Bronze	569	484

New Shooter Achievement Award Pins Cut Scores

Medal	Precision	Sporter
Gold	571	497
Silver	561	481
Bronze	530	457

*Achievement Award Medals and New Shooter Pins cut-scores are determined on the basis of previous Gary Anderson Invitational scores. Gold, silver and bronze Achievement Awards are presented to approximately the top 40 percent of all competitors. Achievement Award scores are calculated so that approximately the top one-sixth of the top 40 percent of all competitors receive gold awards, the next two-sixths receive silver awards and the remaining three-sixths receive bronze awards. Medals and Pins will be given out after each relay at the front desk. Plaques will be mailed.

HOUSING

Competitors are responsible for their own housing. There are several hotels in the area of the ranges.

- Camp Perry, OH - <http://thecmp.org/cmp-national-matches/area-lodging-links/>
Our Guest Inn: <http://www.ourguestinnandsuites.com/page/packages>
- Anniston, AL - <https://thecmp.org/ranges/cmp-competition-centers/anniston-alabama-lodging/>

WHAT TO BRING. Shooters will not need spotting scopes. Shooting mats are available for use at the range, but you may bring your own. CO2 and compressed air will be provided.

CONTACTS.

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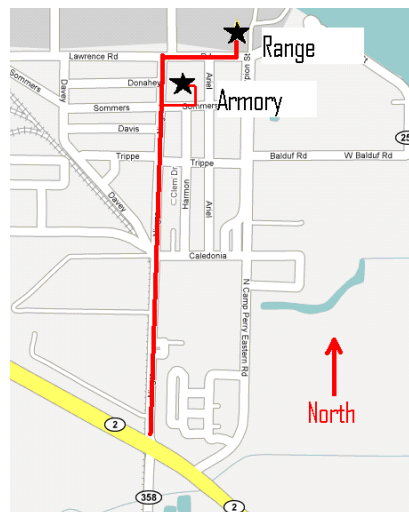
Tentative 2027 Dates*
11 - 13 Nov 2027

*dates may change

DIRECTIONS TO RANGES.

Camp Perry, OH

Camp Perry is located approximately five miles west of Port Clinton on Ohio state highway #2. The Camp Perry entrance is on the north side of hwy #2 and is marked by two lighthouses. Proceed north on the Camp Perry entrance road. From the Main Gate continue on the entrance road until you reach the stop sign at Sommers Rd. Go straight at the STOP sign to Lawrence Rd. Turn Right on Lawrence Rd. You will see a garage door covered range on your left. As soon as the covered range ends, turn left into the large parking lot. The CMP Competition Center is a new building located next to the covered range. A map has been provided (right).



Anniston, AL

From I-20, exit 188.

1. Head north on Golden Springs Road/Leon Smith Pkwy, continue to follow Golden Springs Road 1.2 miles.
2. Turn left at Greenbrier Dear Road 0.3 miles.
3. Turn left at Sentinel Drive (after traveling 400 feet, look for CMP sign on right).

From Hwy 431 North.

1. Head south on AL-1/US-431 N towards McClellan Blvd for 4.1 miles.
2. Turn left at Greenbrier Dear Road and follow for 2.2 miles.
3. Turn right at Sentinel Drive (after traveling 400 feet, look for CMP sign on right).

