



2026 – 2027 JROTC AIR RIFLE POSTAL COMPETITION

Official Program

INVITATION. All JROTC Units that are eligible to compete in air rifle marksmanship through their respective cadet commands are invited to participate in the 2026-2027 JROTC Air Rifle Postal Competition. This official program provides information to guide your unit's participation. The JROTC Postal gives all cadets who participate in air rifle marksmanship an opportunity to experience a national-level competition, fired at their unit's home range. In addition to providing your unit with a national ranking, results from this competition will be used to select the JROTC unit teams and at-large individuals that will be invited to participate in the Regional JROTC Service Championships in February 2027. Teams/individuals may then qualify to compete in the National JROTC Championship held 19 - 21 March 2027 in Camp Perry, Ohio. All postal results will be separated by service.

POSTAL COMPETITION SUMMARY. The 2026-2027 JROTC Air Rifle Postal is a 10-meter three-position (3X10) air rifle competition. The U. S. Army Cadet Command, TECOM, the Naval Service Training Command, AFOATS, and the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) jointly conduct this competition. The *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules* governs. Rulebooks may be downloaded from the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/youth/air/national-standard-three-position-air-rifle-rules/>. JROTC units may enter as many cadets as they wish in the postal competition. Army JROTC units requesting targets **MUST COMPLETE THE INITIAL MARKSMANSHIP AND SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM** before being eligible to compete.

Postal Competition	
28 September 2026	Online Registration Begins
16 November 2026	Online Registration Ends
4 December 2026	Targets must be received at CMP
8 December 2026	Preliminary Results Posted
10 December 2026	All scores final (<i>protests may not be made after 0800</i>)
Service Championships	
11-13 February 2027	Sandy, UT (Army)
11-13 February 2027	Anniston, AL (Marine Corps & Air Force)
18-20 February 2027	Camp Perry, OH (Army)
18-20 February 2027	Anniston, AL (Navy)
National JROTC Championship	
19-21 March 2027	Camp Perry, OH (All Services)

CADET ELIGIBILITY. All participants must be JROTC cadets who are currently enrolled in JROTC or who, because of block scheduling, were precluded from enrolling in JROTC during the current semester/quarter, but who were enrolled in JROTC during the previous semester/quarter or will be enrolled in JROTC in the next semester/quarter. All participants on a team must be from the same school or JROTC unit. Units may enter an unlimited number of cadets into the postal competition. Units may have a sporter team (rule 4.2), or a precision team (rule 4.4) or may enter cadets in both classes as long as a single cadet only fires in one class. To be eligible to compete in the Service Championships, a cadet must first fire in the 2026-2027 JROTC Postal or a Brigade qualifying competition in either the sporter or precision class. Teams advancing through qualifications in this progressive competition must compete in one class throughout the competition (a team cannot qualify with one discipline and switch at the next competition). However, a team may elect to have individuals compete for the team who competed in a different class in an earlier competition (postal or Service Championship).

Individuals that wish to compete in the JROTC Postal must receive permission from the Senior Military Instructor and/or Military Instructor of their JROTC unit.

Postal Registration/Entry. All JROTC instructors must register their teams and individuals on CMP's Club and Competition Tracker. The Registration link can be found on the JROTC Match Headquarters at <https://thecmp.org/youth/jrotc-air-rifle-national-championship/>. This competition is FREE to all eligible JROTC Programs.

Electronic Scoring Targets. Electronic Scoring Targets (EST) are authorized for use in the 2026 JROTC Postal Competition. JROTC Programs who wish to use ESTs must follow the JROTC Postal Electronic Target Procedures. A separate team entry will need to be completed for a precision and sporter team from one JROTC unit.

Paper Targets. JROTC Programs without Electronic Scoring Targets will receive customized targets from the CMP. After receiving each team's entry, the requested target sets will be sent with Firing Instructions and a Unit Firing Report. Three special 10-bull competition targets designed for scoring with electronic *Orion Visual Image Scoring* software will be provided for each cadet. These targets will have the cadet's name, service, school, competitor number and firing position printed on the top of the target. Do not make any other marks on the target. **DO NOT PLUG TARGETS AT THE UNIT LEVEL! Be sure each cadet fires on the targets with that cadet's name printed on them.** No other targets will be accepted. When registering your team(s), please try to register all cadets at one time so all targets are mailed out together, in order to cut down on shipping costs to your school. A separate team entry will need to be completed for a precision and sporter team from one JROTC unit.

COURSE OF FIRE/ FIRING PROCEDURES. Each cadet in the postal competition will fire a three-position 3X10 course of fire. The course of fire with time limits is outlined in rule 5.3.1 in the *National Standard Three Position Rules*. The official firing order for the JROTC Postal Competition is Kneeling, Prone and Standing.

A JROTC instructor must serve as the range officer, supervise firing and sign the Unit Firing Report.

UNIT TEAM SCORES. To determine rankings, the unit team score will be comprised of the top four scores fired in each class. Teams will be broken down into multiple teams of four shooters. This will continue until there are less than four competitors remaining from one school. All shooters entered will be listed on the individual rankings.

SCORING AND RESULTS. The CMP will score all targets and post all scores in ranked results lists on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/youth/jrotc/>. Again, **DO NOT PLUG TARGETS AT THE UNIT LEVEL!** 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 or e-mail postals@theCMP.org as soon as possible after scores are posted on the CMP website, prior to 8 am EST 10 Dec. 2026, when scores will become final.

JROTC AIR RIFLE QUALIFICATION FIRING.

Cadets may qualify for their marksmanship badges according to each JROTC's guidelines.

SERVICE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION. Qualifying for the Service Championships from the Postal will be determined according to the chart below. Invitations to qualifying teams or individuals that are declined will be offered to the next highest scoring team or individual (not on a qualifying team) in the same area that declined the invitation. The number of teams and at-large individuals allocated to each service and region is based on Service Championship participation from last year's competitions and venue availability.

All qualifying criteria are subject to change.

Army JROTC:

The Army JROTC Service Championships will be fired in two locations; Sandy, UT and Camp Perry, OH. Invitations to the two competitions will be sent to schools from the regions identified in the map below. Schools may request to attend a different location given their geographic proximity to another region or due to schedule conflicts.

	Sandy, UT	Camp Perry, OH
Sporter Teams	35	40
Sporter Individuals	20	30
Precision Teams	14	14
Precision Individuals	8	7
Total Cadets	273	307

Marine Corps JROTC: Anniston, AL 11-13 February 2027

The following cut scores will be used to determine automatic qualifiers for MCJROTC units only across all programs and not based on the Regional Map below. Scores greater than or equal to the cut scores qualify the team or individual to attend the Service Championships. MCJROTC reserves the right to adjust the cut scores based on venue availability. A maximum of 160 cadets will be invited.

Sporter Team - 1050
Sporter Individual - 265
Precision Team - 1125
Precision Individual – 285

Navy JROTC: Anniston, AL; 18 - 20 February 2027

The following selection criteria are based on the Navy JROTC Area Structure. Qualifying from the SECNAV Postal will be determined according to the chart below. Individuals invited will be those that are not on qualifying teams. Invitations to overall qualifying teams or at-large individuals that decline will be offered to the next highest scoring teams or individuals (not on qualifying teams) on an at-large basis by the CMP.

	Area Mgr. Selections Based on Areas 1-23	Invited from Postal Competition
Sporter teams	1 team from each area	Top 18 overall
Sporter individuals	1 cadet from each area	Top 10 overall <i>(not on qualifying team)</i>
Precision teams	N/A	Top 15 overall
Precision individuals	N/A	Top 5 overall <i>(not on qualifying team)</i>
Total Competitors	138	180

Air Force JROTC: Anniston, AL 11 – 13 February 2027

Sporter Teams	18
Sporter Individuals	8
Precision Teams	5
Precision Individuals	2

Space Force JROTC: Results will be added to the Air Force JROTC Results

Coast Guard JROTC: Results will be added to the Navy JROTC Results

Service Championship Locations.

Anniston, Alabama

CMP Competition Center
1470 Sentinel Drive
Anniston, AL 36207

Camp Perry, Ohio

Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center
Camp Perry Training Site
Port Clinton, OH 43452

Sandy, UT

Mountain America Exposition Center
9575 South State Street
Sandy, Utah 84070

CMP JROTC NATIONAL AIR RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP. The 2026-2027 JROTC Air Rifle Marksmanship Program will culminate with the National JROTC Air Rifle Championship on 19-21 March 2027. The Championship is scheduled to take place at the CMP Competition Center in Camp Perry, Ohio. There will be 3 relays consisting of the top-scoring teams and individuals from Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force JROTC programs.

JROTC Region Map

