

2026 – 2027 Official Program

CMP National Air Rifle Postal

Oct 2026 – Feb 2027



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 National Air Rifle Postal is a 10-meter three-position (3x10) air rifle competition that may be fired on CMP-issued paper targets or approved electronic targets. All competitors must register through CMP Competition Tracker. Paper targets will be mailed to registered teams and must be returned to CMP for official scoring. Teams using electronic targets will receive instructions for submitting their results to CMP.



Important Dates	
15 October 2026	Online Registration Begins
8 January 2027	Online Registration Ends
22 January 2027	Targets Must be Received
26 January 2027	Preliminary Results Posted
29 January 2027	All scores final (<i>protests may not be made after this date</i>)
8 – 10 April 2027	CMP Regional Championship <i>Sandy, Utah</i>
15 – 17 April 2027	CMP Regional Championship <i>Anniston, Alabama</i>
15 – 17 April 2027	CMP Regional Championship <i>Camp Perry, Ohio</i>
11 - 13 June 2027	CMP National Championship – Sporter <i>Camp Perry, Ohio</i>
6 – 8 July 2027	CMP National Championship – Precision <i>Camp Perry, Ohio</i>

RULES. The *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules* govern this competition. Rulebooks may be downloaded from the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/air/national-standard-three-position-air-rifle-rules/>

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 with Rule 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.

REGISTRATION. Coaches must register all competitors through CMP Competition Tracker in the 2026–2027 CMP National Air Rifle Postal. During registration, teams will indicate whether competitors will fire on paper or electronic targets. Teams using paper targets will receive CMP-issued targets, Firing Instructions and a Team Firing Report. Coaches are encouraged to register all competitors at one time so paper targets can be mailed together.

PAYMENT. The cost for each firing member is \$5.00. Payment may be made at registration. Please call 419-635-2141 ext. 704 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. CMP will provide three official 10-bull postal targets for each competitor firing on paper. 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 the Postal Match is a high priority. An Instructor, Coach or Parent must complete and sign the *Firing Report Form* after firing is completed.

SCORING AND RESULTS. The CMP will post all scores in ranked results lists on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/three-position-national-postal-competition/>. Targets will be scored with the Visual Image Scoring System Orion. Protests of shots will be handled in accordance with Rule 8.5.5 of the *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules*. Instructors should submit any score protests by calling 419-635-2141, ext. 731 or emailing postals@thecmp.org as soon as possible after scores are posted and before scores become final on 29 January 2027.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. Teams and individuals will qualify for one of three Regional Championships based on Postal Match results and the state in which their school or club is located. Competitors will normally be assigned to the Regional Championship designated for their state. Requests to compete at another Regional location may be submitted to CMP and will be accommodated when space permits. Individual invitations will be awarded to competitors from teams that do not qualify. **If a qualifying team declines its invitation, shooters from that team may still be invited as individuals based on their Postal Match scores and individual qualifying positions.**

Competitors will fire two 3x20 courses of fire, with a final for the top eight individuals in both Sporter and Precision. Each qualifying team may include one alternate, for a maximum of five competitors. Awards will be presented at each Regional Championship based on that location's results. Results from all three Regional Championships will be combined to determine the teams and individuals that advance to the National Championship.

SELECTION PROCESS. Teams and individuals will be invited to the CMP Regional Championships based on Postal Match results. The participation numbers listed below represent the **target field size** for each Regional Championship. Because some invited teams and individuals decline or do not respond, CMP may invite more competitors than the target field size. Additional invitations may be extended as necessary to fill available range capacity.

	Region States	Precision	Sporter	Target Field Size
Northeast 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
Southeast 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: Sandy, Utah	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	230
TOTAL REGIONAL PARTICIPATION		60 Teams 45 Individuals	60 Teams 45 Individuals	690

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. 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/three-position-national-postal-competition/> as it becomes available.

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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. 704 or 731 or postals@theCMP.org.