



# California Cadet Corps Curriculum on Military Knowledge



M13/C: Competitive Marksmanship



# Agenda

C1. Why Competitive Marksmanship?

C2. How to Compete

C3. Rifle Matches

C4. State Championship Rifle Matches



# WHY COMPETITIVE MARKSMANSHIP

C1. Cadets are able to safely participate in a rifle marksmanship competition as part of a rifle team.



# Why Competitive Marksmanship

## **OBJECTIVES**

*Cadets are able to safely participate in a rifle marksmanship competition as part of a rifle team.*

## **Plan of Action**

1. Explain the benefits of marksmanship competition

Essential Question: What benefits are there to cadets who participate in the sport of rifle marksmanship?



# Competitive Marksmanship

- Marksmanship is a sport
- Provides an athletic option for cadets
- Competition is the ultimate goal, providing motivation to improve
- Competitions available from local to international level



# Marksmanship as a Sport

- Builds marksmanship skills
- Develops self-discipline
- Develops focus
- Develops precision & attention to detail
- Offers continuous challenge
- Offers a venue with male/female equality
- Clubs available outside the school as well



# Check on Learning

1. Name two positive personal attributes marksmanship can help you improve.
2. TRUE or FALSE:  
Males and females compete separately in most marksmanship competitions.



# HOW TO COMPETE

C2. Explain how a cadet is able to compete as a member of a rifle team.





# Firearms Safety Rules

## **OBJECTIVES**

*Cadets are able to safely participate in a rifle marksmanship competition as part of a rifle team.*

## **Plan of Action**

2. Explain how a cadet is able to compete as a member of a rifle team.

Essential Question: How does a cadet compete in the sport of rifle marksmanship?



# Rifle Team

- If your school or Cadet Corps unit already has a rifle team, you just need to build your skills and talk to the coach about joining the team
- If your school doesn't have a rifle team, this is an excellent leadership opportunity – YOU can find others who want to shoot and build a team at your school!
- Some schools and districts do not allow shooting sports. Find out what policies affect you before you start.



# Simple or Complex

- You may just start with a Cadet Corps Rifle Team.
- Get 5-10 cadets together, schedule marksmanship training and shooting practice, and sign up for the State Marksmanship Championships held in February each year.
- Work with your local NRA or CMP club to use equipment and facilities



# Cadet Corps Competition

- Senior Division – high school cadets
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade and higher
- Junior Division – middle school cadets
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and below



# Simple or Complex

- Form a school rifle team
- Compete in NRA or CMP matches
- Compete in state championships
- Send a team to national championships
  
- All this is possible if you're motivated to do it!



# Competition

## Awards at State Championships

- Governor Goodwin J. Knight Marksmanship Award
  - 3 Sr Div cadets firing highest individual scores



- Brigadier General Carter C. Speed Marksmanship Award
  - 3 Jr Div cadets firing highest individual scores



- Dion O'Sullivan Marksmanship Award
  - 3 teams cadets firing highest team aggregate scores





# Check on Learning

1. When is the annual state rifle marksmanship championship held most years?
2. What organizations exist that will help provide opportunities to shoot locally?
3. TRUE or FALSE:  
It only takes about five interested cadets to form a Rifle Team.
4. TRUE or FALSE:  
A 9th grader in a military institute fires in Senior Division.



# RIFLE MATCHES

C3. Identify the rules that govern rifle matches.

C4. Explain the California Cadet Corps State Rifle Championship Match program.





# Rifle Match Rules

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## **Plan of Action**

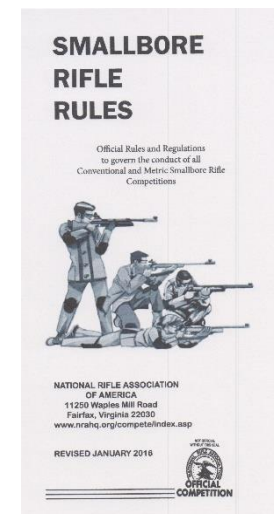
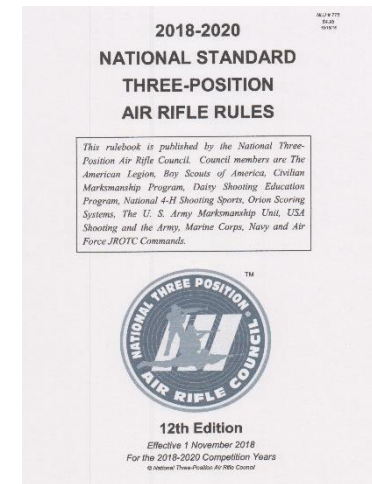
3. Identify the rules that govern rifle matches.
4. Explain the California Cadet Corps State Rifle Championship Match program.

Essential Question: How do California Cadet Corps rifle matches work?



# Rifle Matches

- Air Rifle competition: Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Rules
- Smallbore (.22 cal) Rifle competition: National Rifle Association (NRA) Rules





# Alternative

## Cadet Corps Competition

- May use rules that meet CR 3-17 requirements
- Generally follow same standards as NRA/CMP
- Supervising Adult does not need to be certified by NRA or CMP
- Simpler to put on a competition
- Can use CACC awards instead of NRA/CMP
- Won't count toward NRA/CMP requirements



# Timing

- NRA and CMP Rules
  - 1 minute per shot for prone & kneeling
  - 90 seconds per shot for standing
- NRA Set-up time allows 5 minutes for position and target change between positions
- CMP uses 8 minutes preparation & sighting, 5 minutes for position change, 5 minutes for sighting
- NRA Smallbore Range Fire: 45 minutes
- CMP Air Rifle Range Fire: 63 minutes



# Special Rules

- Only metallic sights used
- Only standard velocity ammunition used
- State-provided targets
- Individuals who don't have a team can request to compete
- Participating cadets must have earned at least a Marksman qualification badge to be eligible to compete at state matches



# State Matches

- Senior Division Fires 3 x 10 course of fire
  - Prone
  - Standing
  - Kneeling
- Junior Division – 30 shots in Prone Unsupported



# State Matches

Ties decided by:

- Highest ranking score in Standing, then
- Highest ranking score in Kneeling, then
- Highest ranking score in Prone, then
- Greatest total number of Center shots, then
- Refiring Standing (or Prone for Jr Div)



# Postal Matches

- Teams agree to follow established match rules and conditions
- Teams fire at their home location
- Submit their targets or scores to a match supervisor who adjudicates the match remotely
- Multiple postal matches can be used with aggregate scores for a state postal championship





# Check on Learning

1. TRUE or FALSE:

Postal matches give the opportunity for competition without travel.

2. Smallbore Rifle competition follows which rules?

- a. NRA
- b. CMP

3. TRUE or FALSE:

California Cadet Corps rifle competitions do not always follow all the rules established for NRA or CMP competitions.