

**Competitive Rifle  
Marksmanship**

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# ***SUMMARY of CHANGE***

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## COMPETITIVE RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP

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**History.** This regulation is a minor update to the existing regulation.

**Summary.** This regulation describes the California Cadet Corps Competitive Rifle Marksmanship Program.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to all schools currently maintaining membership in the CACC.

**Proponent and exception authority.** The proponent of this regulation is the Executive Officer, CACC. The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and

Regulations. The proponent may delegate this approval authority, in writing, to a field-grade man-day staff officer or State Projects Officer. Activities or units may request a waiver to this regulation by providing full justification that includes a full analysis of the expected benefits. All waiver requests will be endorsed by the senior commandant officer of the requesting activity or unit and forwarded through their higher headquarters to the policy proponent.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation and establishment of command and local forms are prohibited without prior approval, in writing, from the Executive Officer, California Cadet Corps. Send a draft copy of each supplement to – Youth Programs, California Cadet Corps, ATTN: Executive Officer, Building 1301, Camp San Luis Obispo, CA.

**Suggested improvements.** Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements in memorandum form directly to the address listed above.

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# CHAPTER 1

## GENERAL

### 1-1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of the California Cadet Corps Competitive Rifle Marksmanship program is to afford cadets an opportunity to further develop the safe handling of firearms, marksmanship ability, engage in an internationally recognized sport, and practice those essential qualities of team leadership, sportsmanship, fair play and self-discipline. This regulation establishes the procedures to select cadets for participation in the CACC State Smallbore Rifle Team as well as the State Air Rifle Team.

### 1-2. AUTHORITY.

Section 512 of the California Military and Veterans Code provides in part that “Members of the California Cadet Corps may engage in rifle matches and competitions conducted or held in this state or at any place in the United States.”

### 1-3. GENERAL.

a. Members of the California Cadet Corps must have the written permission of their parents or legal guardian prior to engaging in competitive rifle marksmanship and the State Championship Smallbore Rifle Matches and/or State Championship Air Rifle Matches. See CR 3-17 for the prescribed Consent to Participate form, CACC Form 37.

b. Members of the California Cadet Corps must complete the Rifle Marksmanship Qualification Program and Basic Course as described in CR 3-17 prior to engaging in the Competitive Rifle Marksmanship program.

c. Members of the California Cadet Corps who participate in competitive rifle marksmanship are authorized and encouraged to enroll in National Rifle Association (NRA) Junior Rifle Clubs, Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), 4-H Club, Boy Scout, American Legion, etc., programs that may be available in their particular vicinity.

e. Failure of any member of the California Cadet Corps in any matter pertaining to safety, fair play, sportsmanship and personal conduct constitutes grounds for disqualification from any California Cadet Corps, NRA or CMP sanctioned rifle match, while participating as a member of the California Cadet Corps.

f. The conduct of all California Cadet Corps sanctioned rifle matches shall be in accordance with current NRA or CMP Smallbore or Air Rifle rules except where amended herein or by direction of the Executive Officer, California Cadet Corps.

**1-4. DEFINITIONS.** The following definitions are in effect and are in addition to those defined by current NRA or CMP Smallbore Rifle or Air Rifle rules:

a. Brigade Rifle Matches – Rifle matches sanctioned or sponsored by a cadet brigade.

b. Cadet – Any student in good standing actively enrolled in a California Cadet Corps unit which is recognized by this headquarters.

c. Challenge – The official declaration of a competitor who feels that a target fired upon has been improperly evaluated, scored or recorded.

d. CMP – Civilian Marksmanship Program.

e. Junior Division Cadets – Cadets enrolled in grades 7-9 of a Junior High School, grade 9 of a high school or grades 6-8 of a middle school and cadets enrolled in an elementary school. Once a cadet fires competitively as an individual or as a member of a Junior Division Team, he must remain a member of that team for the remainder of the season.

f. Junior Division Cadets Rifle/Air Rifle – Only smallbore rifles as defined in NRA Rule 3.2, Any Rifle, are authorized. Only sporter class air rifles as defined in the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules, are authorized.

g. Junior Division Teams – Teams consisting of junior high school, middle school or elementary school cadets. Cadets enrolled in high school, senior high schools or grades 10-12 may not compete on a Junior Division Team.

h. Leagues – Teams of several individual Cadet Corps units bound together by mutual agreements for conduct and promotion of rifle marksmanship. Each cadet brigade may have one or more leagues.

i. Match – A rifle or air rifle match, competition or tournament.

j. Match Fees – Monies collected to partially or completely defray the expenses of a match or series of matches. Such fees may cover ammunition, awards, lodging, meals, CMP/NRA registration fees, targets, transportation and other real expenses. Fees may not be levied to compensate match officials or other individuals.

k. Postal Match – A rifle or air rifle match fired at a unit's locally available range under the supervision of an impartial observer; ordinarily using serialized targets provided by higher authority which are verified correct by the impartial observer; after which the targets are mailed to a higher supervisory authority for scoring and evaluation.

l. Preliminary Rifle Matches – A match or series of matches held indoors or outdoors using A-36, 50' targets and/or official 10-meter air rifle targets to determine those individuals and team shooters eligible to participate in the State Championship Smallbore Position Rifle Matches.

m. Senior Division Cadets – Cadets enrolled in grades 10-12 of a high school or senior high school.

n. Senior Division Cadets Rifle/Air Rifle – Only smallbore rifles as defined in NRA Rule 3.2, Any Rifle, are authorized. Only sporter class air rifles as defined in the National Standard Three Position Air Rifle Rules, are authorized.

o. Senior Division Teams – Teams consisting of high school or senior high school cadets. Junior High School, Middle School and Elementary School cadets who train concurrently with high schools or senior high schools may fire as members of a Senior Division Team, but once having done so, may not fire on a Junior Division Team for the remainder of the season.

p. Special Matches – Matches organized or sponsored by Cadet Corps units or leagues not otherwise defined by this regulation.

q. State Championship Senior Division Position Rifle Matches - Matches held outdoors and sponsored by the California Cadet Corps to determine the most outstanding marksmen and shooting teams at the Senior Division level. During times of austere funding, these matches may be conducted on a Postal Match basis subject to certain limitations that will be announced in the pertinent Match Bulletin.

r. State Championship Junior Division Position Rifle Matches – Matches held indoors or outdoors and sponsored by the California Cadet Corps to determine the most outstanding marksmen and shooting teams at the Junior Division level. These matches will normally be conducted on a Postal Match basis, but may be fired concurrent with Senior Division Matches when funding permits.

## **1-5. PRELIMINARY RIFLE MATCHES.**

a. Preliminary Rifle Matches will be conducted to determine those senior division individuals and teams qualified to participate in the State Championship Position Rifle Matches. One match will generally be conducted in January and one match in February. Score cards must be forwarded to arrive at this headquarters not later than 25 January and 25 February (or the dates established in the published match circular), respectively.

b. Preliminary Rifle Matches may be conducted concurrently with junior division Postal or League Matches provided that the Commandant of Cadets declares his intentions to this headquarters prior to firing the first record shot, and uses only registered targets obtained upon request from this headquarters.

c. One or more of the following disinterested individuals must witness firing of a Preliminary Rifle Match and indorse score cards certifying that the match was conducted under current rules and regulations and that the scores submitted are correct:

- (1) Brigade Advisor.
- (2) Commandant of Cadets from another unit.
- (3) An NRA or CMP Referee.
- (4) Other disinterested individuals authorized by this headquarters prior to conducting the match.

d. The following special rules will apply in conducting Preliminary Rifle Matches:

- (1) Only rifles equipped with metallic sights as defined in NRA Rule 3.7 or as defined in National Standard Three Position Air Rifle Rules 4.3 shall be used.
- (2) Only standard velocity ammunition shall be used.
- (3) Only serial numbered targets requisitioned from and issued by this headquarters shall be used.
- (4) Time limits shall be in accordance with Cadet Regulation 3-17.
- (5) At the school level, teams may be of an unlimited size to provide for necessary substitutions. Entries on CACC Form 35, Official Scorecard, will be limited to not more than eleven (11) cadets in team preliminary or postal rifle matches. More than eleven (11) cadets may be indicated on CACC Form 35 for preliminary rifle matches only if they attain a score of 225 or higher. The highest ten (10) scores fired will comprise the ten (10) member team and the highest five (5) scores fired will comprise the five (5) member team. Alternates, if not indicated on the CACC Form 35, will be automatically

declared as the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) highest score for the five (5) member team or the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) highest score for the ten (10) member team.

(6) All cadets eligible under the provisions of this regulation who are not members of a school cadet rifle team may compete in the Individual Preliminary Rifle Matches.

(7) Only official scorecards shall be used to report Senior Division Preliminary Rifle Match and Junior Division Championship Postal Match scores. All targets will be maintained by the Brigade Advisor for public inspection until the conclusion of the State Rifle Matches.

(8) Claims concerning misplaced sighting shots will not be allowed after a competitor has fired more than one shot on the target. The Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the match or his designated representative must be notified of any misplaced sighting shot which might be mistaken for a record shot.

(9) Each competitor will be responsible for clearly recording his name, rank, school, relay and firing point number on his target.

(10) Decisions of ties in the event that individuals or teams fire the same numerical score over the entire course will be ranked by applying the following in the order listed:

- (a) By the highest ranking score in the Standing Position. If still tied;
- (b) By the highest ranking score in the Kneeling Position. If still tied;
- (c) By the highest ranking score in the Prone Position. If still tied;
- (d) By the greatest total number of Center Shots. If still tied;
- (e) By refiring the Standing Position, or ten (10) prone shots for junior division postal matches.

(11) Challenges may be made by the team coach, team captain, or in case of individual matches, by the competitor. Challenges will be made to the OIC of the match or his designated representative. The competitor and/or the team captain or team coach may be present when a target is rechecked. Rechecks will be made by the OIC or his designated representative, providing he has not previously scored or checked the target, or an NRA/CMP Official Referee.

(12) Cadets must fire in at least one (1) preliminary match to be eligible to compete at the State Rifle Matches.

(13) The course of fire for Senior Division Preliminary Rifle Matches is a 3 x 10 course of fire (10 shots in each position, prone, standing and kneeling, fired in that order) unless otherwise directed in the Match Bulletin issued by this headquarters.

(13) The course of fire for Junior Division Rifle Postal Matches is 40 shots in the prone position unless otherwise directed in the Match Bulletin issued by this headquarters.

(14) Each senior division cadet individual shooter or team firing the following minimum scores during the team preliminary rifle matches will be invited to attend the State Position Championship Match.

- (a) The top five (5) ten (10) member senior division teams with a minimum aggregate score of 3600 points in the two (2) preliminary rifle matches.
- (b) The top ten (10) five (5) member senior division teams with a minimum aggregate score of 2000 points in the two (2) preliminary rifle matches.
- (c) Individual senior division shooters with a score of 225 or higher in either of the two preliminary matches.

## **1-6. STATE JUNIOR DIVISION RIFLE POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

a. The Junior Division Rifle Championship will be conducted on a postal basis in accordance with the rules enumerated above. An aggregate score of the postal matches fired will determine the State Junior Division Rifle Postal Championships.

b. A commandant wishing to enter these matches must request serial numbered targets from this headquarters, specifying whether the matches will be smallbore rifle or air rifle. Scorecards (CACC Form 35) will be forwarded to arrive at this headquarters not later than 25 January and 25 February (or the dates published in the match circular/bulletin) respectively. All targets will be maintained by the Brigade Advisor for public inspection until the conclusion of the State Rifle Matches.

c. The following championships will be fired:

### JUNIOR DIVISION

Allred (5-member team)

Menden (10-member team)

Speed (High Individual, both matches)

Veronda (High Individual, either match)

## **1-7. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RIFLE MATCHES.**

a. The State Championship Rifle Matches may be held annually (generally during the month of March) at a location within the state. Only those individuals and teams qualified may attend.

b. The California Cadet Corps will provide, within budgetary limitations, ammunition, awards, lodging, meals, targets and transportation. Shooting equipment such as spotting scopes, pads, etc., WILL NOT be furnished by this headquarters. A match fee may be assessed those individuals and teams attending.

c. The course of fire for the California Cadet Corps State Rifle Championships will depend in part upon availability of facilities and will be announced in the Match Bulletin.

d. The following championships will be fired:

### SENIOR DIVISION

Clausen (10-man team)

High Offhand

Knight (Individual and Team Aggregate)

O'Sullivan (5-man team)

Veronda (Individual Aggregate, Team Match)

Warren (Individual Match Aggregate)

e. The California Cadet Corps State Rifle Team candidate selection will be on the basis of the grand aggregate.

f. All Competitors at the State Championship Matches, regardless of status, will shoot the same course of fire.



g. The course of fire will be dependent upon available range facilities and announced in the Match Bulletin.

**1.8. AWARDS.** Authorized marksmanship training awards are described in Cadet Regulation 1-1.