



2018-2019 Firing Instructions The American Legion Air Rifle Postal Nov 2018 – Feb 2019



Please find enclosed the target sets and *Team Firing Report* that your team requested for the American Legion Air Rifle Postal Competition. If you received an incorrect number of target sets or if you wish to order additional sets; please contact CMP Competitions at 419-635-2141, ext. 704 or 707 or email cgreen@thecmp.org or LSherman@thecmp.org

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT POSTAL TARGETS. The American Legion Postal Competition will be fired on targets designed to be scored electronically using Orion Visual Image Scoring (VIS) software. Orion VIS software uses a scanned image of the target to digitize its shot holes and calculate the value of each shot. Extensive testing indicates that scoring accuracy with scanned images and Orion software equals or exceeds the accuracy of human scoring and electronic scoring targets.

HANGING ORION VIS TARGETS. Special targets are printed for VIS scoring so that they can be used with a standard format scanner. The VIS target size is 8 ½ x 11 inches, which is slightly smaller than the regular 10-bull targets (10 ½ x 12). If you normally pin or staple targets to a cardboard or target card, you may wish to mount a reversed regular target behind the VIS targets so that additional white space is visible around the edges of the VIS target. If you normally hang targets with a clip or place targets in a target box designed for 10 ½ x 12 targets, you can use a regular 10-bull air rifle target (10 ½ x 12) as a backer for your postal targets (8 ½ x 11). Turn a regular target (can be a fired target) over and cut slits so that the VIS Target fits in, then tuck the corners of the VIS Postal Target into the slits before you hang the target.

CHECKING FIRED SCORES. After your athletes finish firing, you may wish to estimate the scores of their targets before sending them to the CMP for official scoring. If you do this, **do not use a scoring gauge (plug) to check shot values.** The insertion of a scoring gauge may distort the shot holes and cause a false reading by the scoring system. You may use an *Eagle Eye™* or scoring template (overlay) to aid you in estimating target scores. When checking the fired targets, everyone should handle the targets by edges; do not touch the shot holes.

BE SURE TO REVIEW THESE INSTRUCTIONS WITH YOUR ATHLETES BEFORE THEY FIRE THEIR POSTAL COMPETITION TARGETS.

Before Firing the Postal Competition:

- ⊖ **Check Targets.** Before you begin firing, be sure each athlete has six targets. These targets are “official” targets and have athlete’s name, team name and CMP competitor number printed on the top of the target. Just above the competitor’s number, Sporter or Precision is printed to identify the rifle class that was indicated in your entry. Also on the top right, the Position and Series is indicated. There should be six targets for each competitor, two marked “P”, two marked “S” and two marked “K”. The Series should have a target marked with a “1” and a “2”.
- ⊖ **CMP Competitor Numbers and Target Identification.** Every athlete who was entered in the postal competition has been assigned a CMP Competitor Number that is printed on his/her targets. The name of the competitor and the position to be fired for each target is printed on the target. There is no need to write any additional information on your postal targets.
- ⊖ **Fire Postal Record Targets.** After making sure each athlete has the proper targets, they may fire their postal targets by following these **“Procedures for Firing the Postal Competition.”** If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact CMP Competitions at 419-635-2141, ext. 704 or 707 or email, cgreen@thecmp.org or LSherman@thecmp.org

Procedures for Firing the Postal Competition:

Stage	Activity	Time Limit	Description
Stage 1	Preparation and sighting stage for Prone	8 minutes	Give shooters time to set up their equipment for prone, the first firing position. During this time, shooters may fire as many sighting shots as they wish in the two sighter bulls (within the guard ring).
Stage 2	Prone Position Rule 5.1.1	20 minutes	Shooters must fire one record shot on each of the 10 record bullseyes on each target. Total of 20 record shots, all in the prone position.
Stage 3	Changeover Period	5 minutes	If an instructor or the athletes must go downrange to change targets, do this before

			starting the changeover period. During the changeover period, shooters may prepare for firing in standing, the second firing position. Shooters may handle rifles, get into position and dry fire during the changeover period.
Stage 4	Standing Sighters	5 minutes	Shooters may fire as many sighting shots as they wish in the two sighter bulls (within the guard ring).
Stage 5	Standing Position Rule 5.1.2	25 minutes	Shooters must fire one record shot on each of the 10 record bullseyes on each target. Total of 20 record shots,, all in the standing position.
Stage 6	Changeover Period	5 minutes	Change targets, if required. The shooters then may prepare for firing in kneeling, the third firing position. Shooters may handle rifles, get into position and dry fire during the changeover period.
Stage 7	Kneeling Sighters	5 minutes	Shooters may fire as many sighting shots as they wish in the two sighter bulls (within the guard ring).
Stage 8	Kneeling Position Rule 5.1.3	20 minutes	Shooters must fire one record shot on each of the 10 record bullseyes on each target. Total of 20 record shots, all in the kneeling position.
Stage 9	Scoring and Firing Certification	The coach who witnesses the firing must sign the Team Firing Report . Stack targets P, S, K for each athlete and place all targets in the same direction and orientation. This helps us scan the targets in order once received. Send the targets to the CMP as per instructions below.	

Firing Instructions:

- σ **Sighting Shots**—Competitors may fire as many sighting or practice shots as they wish in each position during the designated sighting time. All sighting shots must be fired at the two bullseyes in the center of the target that are printed inside the oval guard ring and marked with an “SS.” Any shot that strikes outside of the guard ring during sighters must be marked.
- σ **Record Shots**—One record shot must be fired at each of the 10 numbered, record bullseyes on each target (20 records shots total). Any shot outside of the guard ring around the two sighting bullseyes will be counted as a record shot even if it does not hit the scoring rings on one of the record bullseyes. Fire 10 record shots on each of the six competition targets (60 record shots total). Do not fire more than 10 record shots on any of the six targets. If a shooter makes a mistake and fires two record shots at one record bullseye, leave another bullseye on that target blank so that there will still be no more than 10 total record shots on that target (there is no penalty for this for the first two times it is done in the 60-shot event).
- σ **Firing Distance.** All firing must be done on a range where the targets are placed 10 meters (32 feet, 9.7 inches) from the firing line.
- σ **Shooting Positions.** Twenty record shots must be fired in each of the three shooting positions, prone, standing and kneeling (60 total record shots). Positions must be fired in that order. A sling may be used in the prone and kneeling positions, but not in standing. Rules 5.1.1, 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 of the *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules* provide detailed descriptions of legal positions. If you do not have a copy of the rulebook, you may download a copy from <http://thecmp.org/3P/Rules.pdf>.

After Firing the Postal Competition:

- σ **Returning Targets by Mail.** When team firing is complete, the coach must complete the **Team Firing Report**, place all fired postal record targets, and **Team Firing Report** in an envelope and forward the complete package to:

Please forward all fired official targets and the **Team Firing Report** to:

Civilian Marksmanship Program
ATTN: American Legion
P. O. Box 576
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

OR **Civilian Marksmanship Program**
Attn: American Legion
Camp Perry Training Site, Bldg 3
1000 N. Lawrence Road
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

- σ **Orion Digital Transfer.** Using the Orion Scoring System is encouraged to send the targets to CMP Electronically. This will eliminate the need to mail your targets. The new version of Orion has a cloud feature that will send targets and match files directly to CMP. See the instructions included in the target package. Be sure to email/fax or mail the Team Firing Report.
- σ **Returning Targets** Returned targets must be postmarked no later than 1 Feb18.
- σ **Scoring and Results.** The CMP will score all targets as soon as they are received and will post all scores in ranked team and individual results lists on the CMP web site at <http://thecmp.org/air/american-legion/> Coaches who wish to protest a team or individual score must contact CMP Competitions, 419-635-2141, ext. 704 or 707 or cgreen@thecmp.org or LSherman@thecmp.org as soon as possible after scores are posted, but not later than 1 Feb19. Protests will be handled according to rule 8.5.5. Postal scores from the first round will be used to determine the individual state champions and round two competitors. Targets not postmarked by 1 Feb19 will not be scored or ranked. Results become final on 8 Feb19. Email notices regarding final official results will be sent to participating team contacts.