

ONTARGET RIFLE & PISTOL ALLIANCE
2017 ONTARIO INDOOR RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND WINTER WRAP-UP AIR PISTOL MATCH
APRIL 1, 2, 8, and 9, 2017

You probably know about changes to the structure of shooting in Ontario. The Canadian Shooting Sports Association is considered a national body - and as of 2016 provincial matches are now under the aegis of the ONTarget Rifle & Pistol Alliance. This also means that competitors in these matches should be members of the ONTarget Alliance. (We make an exception in the Hunting Rifle and Silhouette matches which are less formal and more of the "fun" variety.) To give shooters a chance to get used to it we have been holding off on making it mandatory; but shooters are going to have to bite the bullet eventually. These Championships are the last ones for which CSSA membership will be accepted in lieu of ONTarget.

Overall these Championships will be similar to last year. I am more or less back to normal but Doug Ratcliffe will be looking after the entries for Pioneer as he did last year. We will continue to run the Air Pistol Winter Wrap-Up match in conjunction with the Rifle Championships - the results have been very good. (The Air Pistol championship is part of the overall handgun championships in the summer.) The ISSF and Sporting Rifle matches will be fired at Kitchener and Ottawa only; the Hunting Rifle matches and Air Pistol Winter Wrap-up match will also be fired at Port Elgin, Owen Sound, Kincardine and Galt.

ALL SHOOTERS NOTE: I find it necessary to raise the fees somewhat. They have not changed since around 2002 and our net has been dwindling; we went in the hole slightly the last two years.

ISSF SHOOTERS NOTE: In the LSBA matches we allowed shooting on electronic targets and added a separate category in the awards for them; the numbers have been small and we don't feel we can carry on this way in the Championships. Competitors can use electronic targets but scores will be for honor only. The match champions will be decided on paper targets - sorry, I see no other way.

AIRGUN SHOOTERS NOTE: We will not be using decimal scoring - in Rifle we normally use SFC 6- bull targets and not all locations have scoring machines.

SCHEDULE:

The matches fired April 1, 2, 8, 9 at Ottawa and Kitchener operate a little differently at the two ranges..

Ottawa: Send entries to: Gordon Smith 39 Beckwith Road, Ottawa, ON K1S 0K6
email: gordoncameronsmith@rogers.com

Saturday: Squad at 1:00PM - all smallbore (.22) disciplines

Squad at 3:00PM - all smallbore (.22) disciplines except ISSF 3-Position

Sunday: Squads at 8:45AM and 10:45AM - all smallbore (.22) disciplines except ISSF 3-Position

Squads at 1:00PM and 3:00PM - Air Rifle and Pistol only

Note that ISSF 3-Position can only be fired Saturdays starting at 1:00PM

Kitchener: Send entries to: Doug Ratcliffe 62 - 46 Cedarwoods Cres., Kitchener, ON N2C 2L7
E-mail: doug.ratcliffe@monarchrifle.com

Air Rifle & Pistol relays at 9:00AM, 11:30AM, 2:00PM on all four days

ISSF 3-Position & Sport Rifle at 9:00AM Sunday, April 2

All other disciplines at 2:00PM Sunday, April 2 - and at 9:00AM, 11:30AM, 2:00PM on April 1, 8 and 9.

Note that at Kitchener ISSF 3-Position and Sport can only be fired on April 2. Reservations for this squad should be made before March 21 - after that date open positions on the squad may be filled by other disciplines.

Port Elgin/Owen Sound: Contact Bob Moon - bobmoon@wightman.ca

Port Elgin/Owen Sound will shoot Air Pistol, Hunter Rifle Standing and Prone, and Silhouette:

Kincardine: Contact Brian MacKinnon - brian@tnt21.com.

Kincardine will be hosting Air Pistol, Hunter Rifle Standing and Prone

RESERVATIONS: With squadded matches (as these are) advance entries are very important if you wish to be sure there is a spot reserved for you. On your entry please indicate a first and second choice of squad if possible. Please don't everybody choose the second weekend. Note that the 120 shot ISSF 3-Position course will require 2 consecutive squads and can only be fired on Saturday in Ottawa; the first Sunday in Kitchener. All advance entries will be promptly acknowledged and your choice of squad confirmed (if possible). Post entries will be accepted if range space is available.

We remind shooters that they must be at the range on time; we suggest not later than 30 minutes before the squad is scheduled to start to allow for registration and set-up of equipment. The squads will start as scheduled regardless of whether or not all shooters have arrived and vacancies may be filled by post entries at the registrar's discretion. Fax and e-mail entries will be accepted.

EVENTS:

- 1: ISSF Free Rifle 3-Position: 40 shots Kneeling, Prone, and Standing(Classified M, EX, SS, MM,IJ)
- 2: ISSF Free Rifle Prone - Iron Sights: 60 shots Prone with Iron Sights (Classified M,EX,SS,MM,IJ,VT)
- 3: ISSF Free Rifle Prone - Any Sights: 60 shots Prone with Any Sights (Classified M,EX,SS,MM,IJ,VT)
- 4: ISSF Sport Rifle: - 20 shots Kneeling, Prone, and Standing(Ladies only - Classified OPEN, JUNIOR)
(Run concurrently with EVENT #1 using first 20 shots)
- 5: ISSF Air Rifle: 60 shots Standing. (Classified M, EX, SS, MM, IJ, VT)
- 6: Sporting Rifle Prone: 60 shots (Classified M, EX, SS, MM, IJ, JR, VT)
- 7: Sporting Rifle 3-Position: 20 shots Prone, Standing, and Kneeling(Classified M,EX,SS,MM,IJ, JR,VT)
- 8: Hunting Rifle Prone: 60 Shots Prone (Classified M, EX, SS, MM, IJ)
9. Hunting Rifle Standing 60 Shots Standing (Classified M, EX, SS, MM, IJ)

BONUS EVENT:

- 10: Air Pistol: 60 shots standing (Classified M, EX, SS, MM, IJ, VT)

AWARDS: A Provincial Champion plaque will be awarded to the top shooter in each event except Air Pistol; top Air Pistol shooter will receive a Winter Wrap-Up winner plaque. Winners of these awards are ineligible for the classification awards in the corresponding event. A Lady Champion is declared in Air Rifle based on the first 40 shots.

Medals will be awarded in each event in the classes indicated. Seconds will be awarded in all classes with 3 or more competitors; thirds in all classes with 5 or more competitors. In both Air Rifle and Air Pistol matches there will be a similar set of awards for Ladies; based on the first 40 shots in the match.

(We reserve the right to combine classes if a match has more than one class with only one or two competitors).

RULES AND CLASSIFICATIONS

- 1) NOTE: targets from postal competitions may not be used in the Championships. A competitor may pick up his/her fired targets at the match but will forfeit any chance of winning a tie-breaker that requires re-scoring of his/her targets.
- 2) SFC rules and classifications will apply in ISSF and Sporting Rifle matches.
- 3) Shooters without a current SFC classification card will shoot as Temporary Experts. NRA International classifications will be given limited recognition. Please bring your classification and membership card to the match.
- 4) In line with current SFC rules: a Sporting Rifle JUNIOR is a shooter who has not reached his/her 16th birthday as of Dec. 31, 2017. An Intermediate Junior (both Sporting and ISSF Rifle) is a shooter who has not reached his/her 21st birthday as of Dec. 31, 2017. Juniors must indicate date of birth on the entry form.
- 5) A Veteran is a shooter who is 55 years of age or older as of January 1, 2017.
- 6) Classifications in Hunting Rifle will be based on scores fired in the LSBA matches.
- 7) All competitors in the ISSF and Sporting Rifle matches **MUST** be members of the ONTarget Rifle and Pistol Alliance, the CSSA, or the Federation Quebecois de Tir. CSSA membership is being accepted in place of ONTarget but this is expected to be the last time. Membership in the Shooting Federation of Canada is not mandatory but is strongly recommended: it is required to validate a classification card.

8) ISSF Prone, 3-Position, and ISSF Sport Rifle time limits will as usual be somewhat below full ISSF times see below:

- 30 minutes for each 20 shots prone
- 40 minutes for each 20 shots standing
- 35 minutes for each 20 shots kneeling

All stages of a match are to be fired on consecutive relays. In special circumstances such as equipment breakdown this rule may be waived but only if available range space and time permit. Note that there will be no "doubling-up" of prone scores in matches 1 and 2 as was sometimes done in the winter matches; each match is a separate and complete course.

9) Air Rifle and Pistol time limits are 90/60 minutes for 60/40 shots - with an added 15 minute prep and sighting time.

10) Sporting Rifle time limits are the straight 30 minutes for any stage (prone, standing or kneeling).

SPORTING RIFLE RULES

- 1) All rifles will be checked before shooting starts for weight (4kg max) and trigger pull (1kg min).
- 2) Rifle dimensions must conform to the SFC rule book. Rifle dimensions will not be checked at weigh-in but we will spot-check any that appear questionable as the match progresses. If a rifle fails a spot-check scores already fired with it may be disqualified so if you have any doubt bring your rifle over to be checked before you start shooting.

ISSF RIFLE RULES

- 1) There will be no specific equipment checks; but as the match proceeds we will spot-check any item that appears questionable. This includes rifles, accessories and clothing.
- 2) The equipment rules are basically ISSF. Note that it is the shooter's responsibility to make sure his/her equipment complies with the rules. If you are in doubt about any item have it checked out before the match - if an item fails a spot-check scores already fired with it may be disqualified.

HUNTING RIFLE RULES

Thee SFC rules for Hunting Rifle were published on page 29 of AIM magazine - Spring/Summer 2004. For those unfamiliar with these rules I am including a copy with this notice.

FEE SCHEDULE:

	SENIOR	JUNIOR
ONTarget Membership (if necessary)	See Application Forms @ Range.	
Event #1	22.00	12.00
Events #2 to #10	17.00	9.00

Please note: Port Elgin, Kincardine, and Owen Sound do not charge range fees so the entry fees at these ranges are one-half the above.

PACKAGES: If more than one event is being entered the full fee is charged for the first event only; the fee for each additional event is reduced \$2.00 for Seniors, \$1.00 for Juniors. A package of events #1, 2, 3 and 5 would be \$67.00 for Seniors; \$36.00 for Juniors, e.g.

In all events the reduced entry for JUNIORS applies only if the shooter is competing for JUNIOR awards only. To be eligible for the classification awards as well a JUNIOR must pay the same entry fee as a Senior; this fee makes him eligible for both JUNIOR and classification awards.

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