

National Rifle Association

Intercollegiate Pistol Sectionals

2017



I. GENERAL INFORMATION NRA INTERCOLLEGIATE PISTOL SECTIONALS

A. General Match Information for Pistol Sectionals

Each Sectional Tournament is conducted by a local sponsor who provides the facilities and personnel as a service to the teams and individuals who participate. Sectionals are registered matches and guidelines for registered matches will be followed.

Since these are indoor tournaments and shooting conditions are almost identical for each, it is possible to conduct them at a number of locations throughout the country. Teams may select the most conveniently located Sectional to attend. A list of Sectionals is listed in the *Coming Events* section of the **SHOOTING SPORTS USA** online magazine each month. Details regarding a Sectional are to be obtained directly from the local sponsor. <http://www.nrapublications.org/index.php/shooting-sports-usa/>

Teams and individuals may fire in multiple Intercollegiate Sectionals of each type per year (Air Pistol, Free Pistol, Standard Pistol, Women's Air Pistol, and Women's Sport Pistol). A competitor may fire either on a varsity or club team or on an ROTC team.

A National Bulletin that lists every score fired in an Intercollegiate Sectional will be available to each competitor. Every eligible team is encouraged to take part in the Sectionals as they are an excellent training field for beginning teams and a proving ground for experienced ones.

The NRA provides an Official Referee when possible. NRA also provides awards for Sectional Tournaments. The tournament host provides the range facilities, personnel, and targets.

The Match Director may require that any or all fired targets from any Sectional be sent to NRA Headquarters for rescoring.

All fired targets must be retained until the challenge period for the Final Results Bulletin has ended, which is two weeks after the bulletin has been posted.

Only a single team from an institution may represent that institution. ROTC Teams must declare before the qualifying Sectional whether they are attempting to qualify for either the National Open Collegiate Pistol Championship or the National ROTC Championship.

B. Match Conditions

Rules: All scores to be recognized as Sectional scores must be fired under the 2016 NRA Int'l Pistol Rules that are used throughout the 2016-2017 academic season. NRA National Sectional ranking will be determined from the NRA Int'l Pistol Rule Book by applying eligibility and tie breaking rules to all Sectional scores. All sponsors, match staff, coaches and competitors are responsible for knowing and abiding by the NRA Rules. <http://www.competitions.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx>

Eligibility: NRA Rule 2.8 applies in that Intercollegiate Sectional matches are open to individuals and teams whose members represent any one college, junior college or university, provided each member is eligible for participation in intercollegiate competition under the rules of the institution.

*For purposes of NRA Intercollegiate Sectionals/Nationals ONLY: a collegian may compete for a maximum of four years during their undergraduate career. Collegians must be full-time during the semesters in which they compete, except for a seniors' final semester which may be less than 12 hours. If a collegian goes to graduate school directly after graduation from undergraduate

school, and has one, or more, year(s) of eligibility left, the graduate student may compete (and complete their four years of eligibility) in their first year of graduate school.
No student may compete in the Intercollegiate Sectional Program for more than four separate calendar years.

Students enrolled at any of the United States Service Academies may not compete in the ROTC category in this program.

Only NRA members are eligible for NRA National Records.

For reference, a complete reading of rule 2.8 is as follows:

Regularly enrolled undergraduate students who carry 12 or more semester hours or the equivalent in an accredited two or four-year collegiate level institution and who have not received a Bachelor's Degree. Eligibility to compete as a collegian shall extend for a maximum of four years within a five-year period beginning when a student first attends any class as a full-time (12 or more credit hours) student. The five-year period may only be interrupted by extended military service. (60 consecutive days or more), service with a recognized foreign aid agency of the U.S. Government or certified missionary service.

In order for scores from a Sectional to be recognized for NRA Sectional Awards there must be teams and individuals entered in the Sectional concerned from at least two eligible institutions.

The NRA must receive completed sectional paperwork, and scorecards by Thursday, February 16th. Please do not wait to submit your scorecards. SUBMIT YOUR SCORECARDS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SECTIONAL ENDS.

Intercollegiate Sectional scorecards received after the 16th will be ineligible for Championship qualification. Please submit completed scorecards in a timely fashion. Please submit payment as soon as possible, if it does not accompany the scores.

Please note: it is the responsibility of each competitor to make sure that their scorecard/s are legible and complete. Illegible and incomplete scorecards will be ENTERED LAST, IF AT ALL.

Date of Sectionals: Sectionals are conducted between January 1 and February 12, 2017 as the local sponsor chooses. See *Coming Events* in **SHOOTING SPORTS USA** online for Sectional locations and dates. <http://www.nrapublications.org/index.php/shooting-sports-usa/>

Entries: Complete the entry form and mail with the correct remittance to your Sectional sponsor, not the NRA Headquarters.

Entry Closing Date: All entries should be made two weeks prior to the Sectional that competitors elect to enter. If range space is available, post entries may be accepted by the tournament sponsor.

Equipment: All equipment used in these matches must be in accordance with NRA Int'l Pistol Rules. Please note: in 2017, specialized shooting shoes may be worn.

Coaching: No coaching on the firing line is allowed. Rule 9.10 & 12.2.

Ties: Ties will be broken by the method prescribed in Section 15 of the NRA Int'l Pistol Rules for NRA Sectionals awards and ranking for national bulletin (Air and Free Pistol - 15.3, 15.7(a), Standard Pistol and Women's Sport Pistol - 15.4, 15.7(b)). Please be familiar with these rules.

Challenges: Competitors may challenge the value of doubtful shot holes in accordance with procedures detailed in Section 16 of the NRA Int'l Pistol Rules. Challenge fees are determined by the sectional sponsor.

Souvenir: To each firing competitor, team, team captain, and match staff in the Sectional Tournaments, souvenir pins will be awarded to recognize their participation in the NRA Intercollegiate Sectional Championships.

National Sectional Bulletin: Official Collegiate Results Bulletin will be available online as soon as scores are compiled. The bulletin will list all scores fired in the 2017 NRA Intercollegiate Sectionals. There will be a separate listing of the All-American Teams, results of the NCAA Rifle Championships, the NRA Intercollegiate Rifle Club Championships, the NRA Intercollegiate Pistol Championships and the ACUI Clay target Championships. The ranking of the national scores will become final two weeks after the posting of the official bulletin. All challenges and protests regarding the findings in the official bulletin must be filed with the National Rifle Association before the two weeks have elapsed.

II. SPECIFIC INFORMATION

NRA INTERCOLLEGIATE PISTOL SECTIONALS

A. Sectional Match No. 1 - Free Pistol Individual

Open to: See Eligibility

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per competitor.

Course of Fire: Free Pistol Course (Rule 7.4), 60 shots standing.

Sighting Shots: (Rule 10.14(d).) Unlimited sighting shots may be fired.

Time: Rule 10.14(c) will apply. Time limit is a minimum of 1 1/2 minutes per shot. Total allowable shooting time, including sighting shots, is 2 hours.

Targets: Official NRA 50 ft. B-11 targets will be used, or an electronic version thereof (Rules 7.6, 10.10 and 14.3.3)

Range: 50 feet.

Pistol: Free Pistol, .22 caliber (Rule 3.6).

B. Sectional Match No. 2 - Free Pistol Team

Open to: Teams of four firing members and a team captain. (Captain may be a firing member.) See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per team.

Course of Fire: (1) An aggregate comprised of scores fired by team members in Match No. 1, or (2) A separately fired team score. If any of the team members have fired as individuals, then the team score must consist of those individual scores from match No. 1. If the team members do not wish to fire individual scores, then a separately fired team score will count. **Team members must be designated before the individual match commences.**

C. Sectional Match No. 3 - Standard Pistol Individual

Open to: See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per competitor.

Course of Fire: Standard Pistol Course (Rule 7.3); 3 courses of 20 shots each. Each course consists of four 5-shot series.

1. 4x5 shots in 150 seconds per 5-shot series.
2. 4x5 shots in 20 seconds per 5-shot series.
3. 4x5 shots in 10 seconds per 5-shot series.

Sighting Shots: A maximum of 5 sighting shots are permitted. Before the competition begins, a series of 5 sighting shots may be fired within a time limit of 150 seconds. Rule 10.13(b).

Time: As specified above.

Targets: Official NRA 50 foot B-33 targets will be used.

Range: 50 feet.

Pistol: Standard Pistols with the long barrels can be fired in competition at the Sectionals. National Records may not be established using the long barrel. All Standard Pistols used at the NRA's Intercollegiate Pistol Championships must comply with Rule 3.5.

D. Sectional Match No. 4 - Standard Pistol Team

Open to: Team of four firing members and a Team Captain. (Captain may be a firing member.) See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per team.

Course of Fire: (1) An aggregate comprised of scores fired by team members in Match No. 3 or (2) A separately fired team score. If any of the team members have fired as individuals, then the team score must consist of those individuals' scores from Match No. 3. If the team members do not wish to fire in individual scores, then a separately fired team score will count. **Team members must be designated before the individual match commences.**

E. Sectional Match No. 5 - Air Pistol Individual - Men and Women

Open to: See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per competitor.

Course of Fire: Air Pistol Course (Rule 7.5), 60 shots standing.

Sighting Shots: Unlimited sighting shots are allowed. All sighting shots must be fired before the first record shot. (Rule 10.15(b).)

Time: Total time allowed will be 1 hour and 45 minutes including sighters.

Targets: Official NRA 10-meter, B-40/1 or B-40/4 targets will be used, or an electronic version thereof (Rules 7.6, 10.10 and 14.3.3) Only one shot per bullseye.

Range: 10 meters (33 ft.)

Pistols: Air Pistol, .177 caliber (Rule 3.7).

F. Sectional Match No. 6 - Air Pistol Team - Team members may be men and women

Open to: Teams of four firing members and a team captain. (Captain may be a firing member). See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per team.

Course of Fire: (1) An aggregate comprised of scores fired by team members in Match No. 5, or (2) A separately fired team score. If any of the team members have fired as individuals, then the team score must consist of those individuals' scores from Match No. 5. If the team members do not wish to fire individual scores, then a separately fired team score will count. **Team members must be designated before the individual match commences.**

G. Sectional Match No. 7 - Women's Sport Pistol Individual

Open to: See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per competitor.

Course of Fire: Women's Sport Pistol course (Rule 7.2), 2 courses of 30 shots each. Each course consists of:

Precision Course: 6 series of 5 shots in 6 minutes.

Rapid Fire Course: 6 series of 5 shots in 3 seconds with a 7 second pause.

This means: The precision Course will be preceded by a 5 shot series of sighting shots, fired within the Precision time, fired on the B-33 target. The Rapid Fire Course will be preceded by a 5 shot series of sighting shots fired within the Rapid Fire time. Each shot to be fired within a 3 second exposure of the

target with each exposure being spaced 7 seconds apart, fired on the B-39 target.

Sighting Shots: A maximum of 5 sighting shots are allowed within 6 minutes, (Rule 7.2 & 10.12(a)4, (b)4).

Time: As specified above.

Targets: Official NRA 50 feet B-33 targets will be used for Precision Course and B-39 targets will be used for Rapid Fire Course.

Range: 50 feet.

Pistol: Same as Standard Pistol. See section C for details.

H. Sectional Match No. 8 - Women's Sport Pistol Team - Competitors must be women only

Open to: Teams of three firing members and a team captain. (Captain may be a firing member) See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per team.

Course of Fire: (1) An aggregate comprised of scores fired by team members in Match No. 7, or (2) A separately fired team score. If any of the team members have fired as individuals, then the team score must consist of those individuals' scores from Match No. 7. If the team members do not wish to fire individual scores, then a separately fired team score will count. **Team members must be designated before the individual match commences.**

I. Sectional Match No. 9 - Women's Air Pistol Individual - Competitors must be women only

Open to: See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per competitor.

Course of Fire: Air Pistol Course (Rule 7.5), 40 shots standing.

Sighting Shots: Unlimited sighting shots are allowed. All sighting shots must be fired before the first record shot. (Rule 10.15 (c)).

Time: Total time allowed for competition will be 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Targets: Official NRA 10-meter, B-40/1 or B-40/4 targets will be used, or an electronic version thereof (Rules 7.6, 10.10 and 14.3.3) Only one shot per bullseye.

Range: 10 meters (33 ft.)

Pistols: Air Pistol, .177 caliber (Rule 3.7)

J. Sectional Match No. 10 – Women's Air Pistol Team - Competitors must be women only

Open to: Team of three firing members and a Team Captain. (Captain may be a firing member.) See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per team.

Course of Fire: (1) An aggregate comprised of scores fired by team members in Match No. 9, or (2) A separately fired team score. If any of the team members have fired as individuals, then the team score must consist of those individuals' scores from Match No. 9. If the team members do not wish to fire individual scores, then a separately fired team score will count. **Team members must be designated before the individual match commences.**

NEW! Collegiate men are invited to take the line with the ladies for 40 shot Air Pistol and Sport Pistol. These will be "Official Side Matches" for both the Sectionals and the Nationals. The top men that participate in the Sectional Side Matches will be invited to participate in the Nationals Side Matches. Awards will be given at the Nationals only.

K: Side Match No. 1 – Men's 40 Shot Air Pistol

Fired in the same format as Match No. 9, alongside the ladies, or separately. No teams.

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per competitor.

L: Side Match No. 2 – Men’s Sport Pistol

Fired in the same format as Match No. 7, alongside the ladies, or separately. No teams.

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per competitor.

M. Awards

The following awards will be provided by the NRA. The sponsoring organization may provide additional awards.

Sectional Individual Awards: The high scoring competitor at each Sectional will receive a Gold Sectional Medallion. The second highest scoring competitor will receive a Silver Sectional Medallion if 7 or more competitors enter. The third highest scoring competitor will receive a Bronze Sectional Medallion if 10 or more competitors enter. The high ROTC individual in Free, Standard and Air Pistol will receive a medal, providing there are at least 2 individuals in each category.

Sectional Team Awards: The high scoring team at each Sectional Tournament will receive commemorative tankards provided there are 2 or more teams competing. There are no ROTC tankards.

III. NRA NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Rifle Association is proud to sponsor the 37th Annual NRA National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships. The Championships will be held March 20-24, 2017 at Fort Benning Military Base, Columbus, GA.

<http://www.competitions.nra.org/collegiate/intercollegiate-pistol-championships.aspx>

A. Eligibility

Teams and individuals will be invited based on the 2017 NRA Intercollegiate Pistol Sectional scores. Scores for selection to the championships must be postmarked and received by the NRA no later than Wednesday, February 16th, 2017. Sectional sponsors and coaches are encouraged to call the NRA to verify receipt of arrival of their sectional scores for those who may be eligible for invitation to the Championships. Call Victoria Croft (703) 267-1473.

B. Invitations

Shooting events will include Free Pistol, Standard Pistol, ROTC Standard Pistol (Teams only) Open Air Pistol, Women's Air Pistol, Men's 40 shot Air Pistol, and Women's/Men's Sport Pistol. The top ten teams and no less than the top thirty individuals from the Free Pistol, Standard Pistol and Open Air Pistol Sectional events will be invited to compete in the Championships. There will be up to five ROTC Standard Pistol Teams invited to the Nationals. Women will be invited to participate in a Women's Air Pistol Championship and Women's Sport Pistol Championship in both individual and team events. Men will be invited to shoot the 40 shot Air Pistol and Sport Pistol events alongside the women. If enough men compete, awards will be provided. Invitations will be based on score and number of participants in the College Pistol Sectionals. Anticipate twenty invitations for the Women's Air Pistol and Women's Sport Pistol individual events, and five team invitations each for Women's Air Pistol and Women's Sport Pistol events. The top scoring men will be invited. Once the top teams and individuals are selected from the Sectional scores, selectees will be notified. Complete details will follow in the Championship Program.

C. Competition

The course of fire for the individual matches will be 60 shots Free Pistol, 60 shots Standard Pistol, 60 shots Open Air Pistol, 40 shots Women's Air Pistol and 60 shots Women's Sport Pistol. The team scores will be an aggregate of the individual scores. Free Pistol, Standard Pistol and Open Air Pistol teams will consist of four team members each. Women's Air Pistol and Women's Sport Pistol teams will consist of three team members each. Side Match #1 will take place simultaneously, or directly after, Women's Air Pistol. Side Match #2 will take place simultaneously, or directly after, Women's Sport Pistol.

D. Rules

The 2016 NRA Int'l Pistol Rules will govern the NRA Intercollegiate Pistol Championships. All Standard Pistols used at the Championships must comply with Rule 3.5.

E. Jury

NRA will provide the Jury for the Championships.

F. Awards

The 2017 National Individual and Team Champions will be named in Free Pistol, Standard Pistol and Air Pistol from the scores fired at the NRA Intercollegiate Pistol Championships. Neck medallions will be presented to the top three individuals in each event and to the top three teams in each event. The MIT Trophy Plaque will be presented to the winner of the Free Pistol Individual Championship. The Melaragno Trophy Plaque will be presented to the winner of the Women's Air Pistol Championship. Five Art Sievers Trophy Plaques will be presented to the winning Air Pistol Team Champions. Five Joel S. Sexton Trophy plaques will be presented to the winning Standard Pistol Team Champions. The Side Match winners will be presented medallions. The top three teams in Free Pistol, Standard Pistol and Open Air Pistol will receive a team plaque and four medallions. The top three teams in Women's Air Pistol and Women's Sport Pistol will receive a team plaque and three medallions. The West Point Leadership Trophy Plaque will be presented to the winning aggregate team. Team aggregate plaques will be awarded to second and third place aggregate teams in Free Pistol, Standard Pistol and Air Pistol.

**IV. 2017 NRA INTERCOLLEGIATE
PISTOL SECTIONAL ENTRY FORM**

Date of Sectional: _____

Location: _____ City/State: _____

TEAM MATCHES - FREE PISTOL

INDIVIDUAL MATCHES - FREE PISTOL

of Teams _____

of Individuals _____

\$12.00 per Team _____

\$10.00 per Individual _____

**TEAM MATCHES -
STANDARD PISTOL**

**INDIVIDUAL MATCHES -
STANDARD PISTOL**

of Teams _____

of Individuals _____

\$12.00 per Team _____

\$10.00 per Individual _____

TEAM MATCHES - AIR PISTOL

INDIVIDUAL MATCHES - AIR PISTOL

of Teams _____

of Individuals _____

\$12.00 per Team _____

\$10.00 per Individual _____

**TEAM MATCHES -
40 SHOT AIR PISTOL**

**INDIVIDUAL MATCHES -
40 SHOT AIR PISTOL**

of Individuals _____

of Individuals _____

\$12.00 per Team _____

\$10.00 per Individual _____

**TEAM MATCHES -
SPORT PISTOL**

**INDIVIDUAL MATCHES -
WOMEN'S SPORT PISTOL**

of Individuals _____

of Individuals _____

\$12.00 per Team _____

\$10.00 per Individual _____

Side Match #1 – Men's 40 Shot Air Pistol

Side Match #2 – Men's Sport Pistol

of Individuals _____

of Individuals _____

\$5.00 per Individual _____

\$5.00 per Individual _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____
(Team and Individual)

**THE SCHOOL REPRESENTED BY THIS ENTRY IS
AFFILIATED WITH THE NRA**

I certify that all teams and individuals included in this entry are eligible according to match regulations and rules.

Submitted by _____
Name of Coach

Address _____
Street City State Zip

College/University _____

Coaches, Sectional Sponsors, Team Captains, Competitors!
Please post this on the official match bulletin board

Everyone **MUST READ** this entire sheet!

PLEASE make sure competitors fill out their scorecards ENTIRELY. Every blank must be filled in, and all selections need to be clearly marked or circled.

PLEASE be sure that the scorecards are LEGIBLE! The NRA Collegiate Program would prefer if the competitors would print.

PLEASE be sure the competitors use their permanent home addresses on their scorecards. The address written on the card is entered in our classification database, and it is where the results bulletins will be mailed next summer.

PLEASE be sure that ALL competitors fill out an individual scorecard, even if they are only shooting for team record. The address information is necessary for the database, not to mention the mailing of results bulletins.

PLEASE look for the **2017 All American forms** on the NRA Collegiate Programs website: <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/coldir.asp>
The Coach Award nomination forms are also available on the website.

*****If a scorecard is illegible or incomplete NRA Collegiate Program staff will put the scorecard to the side and enter it last; IF the necessary time is available to determine the correct information. This may cost the competitors a chance at the championship if they have qualifying scores. PLEASE make this clear to the competitors. It is the competitors responsibility to ensure that their scorecard is complete and legible.*****

Thank you for your attention, and support in this matter!