

National Rifle Association

Intercollegiate Rifle Sectionals

2017



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

NRA INTERCOLLEGIATE RIFLE SECTIONALS

A. General Match Information for Rifle 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 (Smallbore Rifle, Air Rifle). A competitor may fire either on a varsity or club team OR on an ROTC team.

NRA Intercollegiate Rifle Sectional Teams may “shoot five, count 4” if the captain chooses to. Team Coaches/Captains list the top four scores on the team card.

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. The NRA will also provide 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 re-scoring.

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

B. Match Conditions

Rules: All scores to be recognized as Sectional scores must be fired under the 2016 NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules, or 2016 NRA Precision Air Rifle Position Rules which are used throughout the 2016-2017 academic season. (Current NCAA Rifle Rules will be used to determine qualifying individuals and teams to attend the NCAA Rifle Championships). NRA National Sectional ranking will be determined from the two aforementioned rule books 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 seniors in their final semester who may carry

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.

NRA National Records: *NRA National Records shall be established only by American Citizens who are NRA members or Junior members of NRA affiliated clubs. National Records may be established only when competition exists, ie: more than one competitor or teams participates in an event. To be eligible for National Records collegiate teams must be comprised of Juniors or individual members or a mix of both.*

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 NRA College Club sectional paperwork, and scorecards on or before Thursday, February 16th. Intercollegiate Sectional scorecards received after the 16th will be ineligible for Championship qualification. PLEASE SUBMIT SCORECARDS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SECTIONAL ENDS.

The NRA must receive completed NCAA sectional paperwork, and scorecards by Thursday, February 23rd. Intercollegiate Sectional scorecards received after the 23rd will be ineligible for National Sectional Championship qualification. PLEASE SUBMIT SCORECARDS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SECTIONAL ENDS.

Please do not wait; submit completed scorecards in a timely fashion. Please note: it is the responsibility of each competitor to make sure that their scorecard/s are legible and complete.

Date of Sectionals: Sectionals are conducted between January 1 and February 12, 2017 for NRA College Club competitors, and between January 1 and February 20, 2017 for NCAA competitors as the local sponsor chooses. See *Coming Events* in the **SHOOTING SPORTS USA** online magazine for sectional locations and dates. <http://www.nrapublications.org/index.php/shooting-sports-usa/>

Entries: Complete the attached 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, the tournament sponsor may accept post entries.

Equipment: All equipment used in these matches must be in accordance with NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules, or NRA Precision Air Rifle Position Rules.

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 Smallbore Rifle Rule Book, and/or the NRA Precision Air Rifle Position Rule Book. Note: there have been revisions to section 15.

Challenges: Competitors may challenge the value of doubtful shot holes in accordance with procedures detailed in Section 16 of the NRA Rule Books. 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 on-line as soon as scores are compiled and finalized. 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 online posting. 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 SMALLBORE AND AIR RIFLE SECTIONALS

***Intercollegiate Rifle Sectionals may use either block time OR timed stages as the sponsor prefers*
A Match Directors Bulletin should be posted to make competitors aware of the chosen time selection**

A. Sectional Match No. 1 - Smallbore Rifle Individual

Open to: See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per competitor

Course of Fire: Smallbore Metric Position Rifle Course (Rule 7.5). 20 shots in each position - prone, standing and kneeling.

Sighting Shots: (Rule 9.2). Sighting shots (unlimited in number) may be fired at any time unless prohibited by the sectional sponsors program.

Time: Time allowed is as follows: Prone - 1 minute per record shot, Standing - 2 minutes per record shot; Kneeling - 1 1/2 minutes per record shot. Block time may be used.

Alternate Course of Fire, Sighting Shots and Time: *In 2017, college teams, and in particular NCAA varsity teams, may choose to conduct any NRA Collegiate Sectional match that they are sponsoring under the rules which are generally referred to as the "new" ISSF / USA Shooting rules. If these alternate rules are to be utilized it should be well communicated to all individuals and teams entering in the Sectional.*

Targets: The official USA/NRA 50 target will be used, or an electronic version thereof (Rule 4.3). Only one record shot per bullseye. If range facilities permit, all targets for a position may be mounted simultaneously, no extra time will be allowed for a target change. If target carriers are used, three additional minutes will be added to the total firing time for each position change.

Range: 50 feet.

Rifle: .22 caliber (Rule 3.1).

B. Sectional Match No. 2 - Smallbore Rifle 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 come 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. 4 - Air Rifle Individual

Open to: See Eligibility.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per competitor.

Course of Fire: Air Rifle Course (Rule 7.1), 60 shots standing.

Sighting Shots: (Rule 9.2).

Time: Total time allowed will be 120 minutes including sighters. (If 10-bull targets are used, each target will be allowed 20 minutes.)

Alternate Course of Fire, Sighting Shots and Time: *In 2017, college teams, and in particular NCAA varsity teams, may choose to conduct any NRA Collegiate Sectional match that they are sponsoring under the rules which are generally referred to as the "new" ISSF / USA Shooting rules. If these alternate rules are to be utilized it should be well communicated to all individuals and teams entering in the Sectional.*

Targets: Official NRA 10-meter AR-5/1 or AR-5/10 targets will be used, or an electronic version thereof (Rule 4.1). Only one shot per bullseye.

Range: 10 meters (33 ft.).

Rifle: Air Rifle, .177 caliber (Rule 3.1).

D. Sectional Match No. 4 - Air Rifle 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 come from Match No. 3. 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.**

E. Awards

The following awards will be provided by the NRA. The sponsoring organization may provide additional Sectional 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 every Sectional will receive a medal, providing there are at least 2 ROTC individuals in that 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. NCAA RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS (For Information Purposes Only)

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) will sponsor the 2017 Intercollegiate Rifle Championships at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Certain requirements must be met in order to be eligible to participate in the NCAA Championships.

A. Eligibility

The individual and/or team must represent an NCAA institution, and rifle must be officially recognized as a varsity sport at that institution and must be listed on the form submitted to NCAA. NCAA eligibility rules will be used for the Championships.

B. Rules

The Current NCAA Rifle Rules will govern NCAA certified competition and the NCAA Rifle Championships. Copies of the NCAA Rifle Rule Book are available by calling 888-388-9748, or you can download them from the NCAA website: <http://www.ncaa.com/>

C. Invitations

Invitations to the 2017 NCAA Rifle Championships will be extended from NCAA to teams and individuals.

D. Awards

The NCAA will provide awards for the top individuals and teams in each event.

III. NRA INTERCOLLEGIATE RIFLE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Rifle Association is proud to sponsor the 2017 Intercollegiate Rifle Club Championships, March 17-19, 2017. The site for the championships will be Fort Benning Military Base, Columbus, GA. <http://www.competitions.nra.org/collegiate/intercollegiate-rifle-club-championships.aspx>

A. Eligibility

Qualifying teams and individuals will be selected based on scores fired in the 2017 NRA Intercollegiate Rifle Sectionals.

B. Rules

Current NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules and NRA Precision Air Rifle Position Rules will govern the 2017 NRA Intercollegiate Rifle Club Championships.

C. Invitations

The teams and individuals who fire the minimum qualifying score in each event in the 2017 NRA Intercollegiate Rifle Sectionals are invited to compete in the 2017 NRA Intercollegiate Rifle Club Championship. Only one team per institution per event may qualify to compete. Once the teams are selected the same team members who fired in the sectional do not have to compete on the team in the Championships. Any shooter from that school, who fired in a Intercollegiate Rifle Sectional, may fire as a team member at the Championship. Team alternates must be listed prior to competition, (Rule 12.4). If selected teams are unable to attend, invitations may be passed down until all slots are filled. Teams may “shoot five, count four” as was done during the Intercollegiate Sectionals.

Individual MQS:	Smallbore Rifle - 450	Air Rifle - 495
Team MQS:	Smallbore Rifle - 1800	Air Rifle - 1980

D. Jury

NRA will provide the Jury for the Championships.

E. Awards

The 2017 National Individual and Team Champions will be named in Smallbore Rifle and Air Rifle from the scores fired at the NRA Intercollegiate Rifle Club Championships. The Butterman Trophy will be awarded to the Air Rifle Individual Champion. The Norwegian Trophy will be awarded to the Smallbore Rifle Individual Champion. Neck medallions will be presented to the second and third place individuals in each event. The top three teams in Smallbore Rifle and Air Rifle will receive a team plaque and four medallions. Team aggregate plaques will be awarded to first, second and third place aggregate teams in Smallbore Rifle and Air Rifle. Category medals may be presented if enough participants compete.

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

Date of Sectional _____

Location _____

City/State _____

**TEAM MATCHES -
SMALLBORE RIFLE (60 shots)**

of Teams _____

\$12.00 per Team _____

**INDIVIDUAL MATCHES -
SMALLBORE RIFLE (60 Shots)**

of Individuals _____

\$10.00 per Individual _____

**TEAM MATCHES -
AIR RIFLE (60 Shots)**

of Teams _____

\$12.00 per Team _____

**INDIVIDUAL MATCHES -
AIR RIFLE (60 Shots)**

of Individuals _____

\$10.00 per Individual _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____
(Team and Individual Fees)

**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 and used in our classification database.

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 classification database.

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 we have the time to determine the correct information. This may cost competitors a chance at the championship if they have the necessary scores. It is the competitors responsibility to ensure that their scorecard is complete and legible.*****

Thank you for your attention and support in this matter!