

2023 US Army Junior Air Rifle Championship (USAJARC)
Sectional Qualifiers: Saturday 1 October 2022 – Sunday 18 December 2022
National Championship: 19 – 21 January 2023

- 1. PURPOSE:** The 2023 U.S. Army Junior Air Rifle Championship features a competition format that gives all participants a true shoulder-to-shoulder competition after experiencing a state sectional and a national qualification competition. Competitors will fire Air Rifle Competitions throughout the nation, where their targets will be scored using the Orion Scoring Systems. By utilizing the Orion scoring system, the scores will be uploaded into a national results list that displays state and national rankings in real time. In addition to the air rifle competition, USAMU will host an optional 50 Meter 3 Position competition. Only competitors who qualified for the air rifle championship will be eligible to enter the smallbore competition.
- 2. EVENT DATES:** Sectional qualifiers will be held from Saturday 1 October 2022 through Sunday 18 December 2022. Last day to post qualifying scores will be Sunday 18 December 2022. The U.S. Army Junior Air Rifle Championship will be hosted at Fort Benning 19 – 21 January 2023.
- 3. MATCH SPONSOR:** The U. S. Army is sponsoring this youth national championship to promote the development of rifle marksmanship skills among American youth and to recognize those who respond to this challenge. The U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit, at Fort Benning, Georgia, is administering this competition in cooperation with Orion Scoring Systems, <http://www.orionscoringsystem.com> that is providing scoring services and results management for this year's sectional competitions. The Civilian Marksmanship Program's competition tracker will be used for the National Championships at Fort Benning.
- 4. RULES:** This official program and the current editions of the *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules*, *CMP Air Rifle and Air Pistol Competition Rules*, and *CMP Smallbore Rifle Competition Rules* will govern the conduct of the sporter, precision, and smallbore competitions respectively.
- 5. COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** This Championship is open to all junior shooting organizations and individual juniors who are school age (rule: 3.1) or younger. All school age youth are invited to participate, whether as individuals or as members of their club or school team. Schools and clubs are encouraged to enter as many individual shooters and teams as they can; however, you are not required to be a member of a club or school team to compete. A major objective of this competition is to give the experience and challenge of this unique state and national competition to as many junior shooters as possible; to include three-position sporter and international standing precision.
- 6. COMPETITION EVENTS:** USANARC offers competition in the following events:
 - a. Sporter Championship**
 - i. Individual Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle – 3x20
 - ii. Team Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle – 3x20
 - b. Precision Championship**
 - i. Individual Standing Precision Air Rifle - 60 shots
 - ii. Team, Standing Precision Air Rifle - 60 shots
 - c. Three Position Smallbore Championship (National Championship only)**
 - i. Individual Three-Position Smallbore – 3x20
 - ii. Teams, Three-Position Smallbore – 3x20
- 7. TEAM REQUIREMENTS:** Teams that are registered to compete in state sectionals will consist of five firing members, with the top 4 scores to count as the team total. (Rule: 3.2.3, Best-Four-Count teams). Teams invited to the national championship will abide by rule 3.2, teams that consist of four athletes; however, one alternate firing member per team is authorized to attend. If not used as a team member, they will shoot as an

individual. For the Smallbore competition at the national championship, teams will consist of 4 firing members, no Alternates will be allowed for this event.

8. SECTIONAL COMPETITIONS: All USAJARC sectional competitions will be hosted by Orion account holders who have the ability to upload their match results from their range target systems. The sectional matches will be shoulder-to-shoulder competitions open to all teams, clubs and individual junior shooters in that area. You may compete in only one sectional for qualification purposes. Orion scoring will ensure that all targets nationwide are scored according to the same standard. Orion scoring also will allow immediate, direct uploading of fired scores into an online match bulletin that shows current state and national rankings as well as final results immediately after the last match. The match website www.orionresults.com/usamu will list all approved match sponsors so that interested teams and shooters can contact them to enter.

9. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: The 2023 USAJARC National Championship will be by ***invitation*** only. The top 25 precision and sporter individuals and the top 25 teams in both disciplines will be invited to Fort Benning, Georgia for the National Championships. Invitees will be based on scores posted onto the Orion scoring system for the states sectionals. The national championship will be conducted on Suis Ascor electronic targets. ***Invitations will be sent only to the top 25 nationally. We will not use attrition to fill the match.***

10. SMALLBORE COMPETITION: The USAMU will host an optional Three-Position Smallbore competition as part of these proceedings. The smallbore match is only open to competitors who have already qualified for the Air Rifle National Championship. Competitors must pre-register for the smallbore event using the same entry form as the Air Rifle match. A paper team match will take place concurrently with the individual smallbore competition. Team Declaration Forms must be completed **before or at check in** and prior to the preparation and sighting period. Smallbore teams may be comprised of either a complete 4 person organizational team or “Pickup” team members.

11. HOW TO ENTER: Teams, clubs or individuals that wish to compete for an invitation to enter the U.S. Army Junior Air Rifle Championship should check the Orion website listing of match sponsors at www.orionresults.com/usamu, and contact the closest match sponsor that is offering a date and location best suited for them. Match entries for the sectional qualifier will be submitted directly to that match sponsor.

- a. **Sectional Entry Fees:** The entry fee for the **sectional qualifier** is \$6.00 for each competitor, and is paid to the host club for their target and administrative fees. There is no additional entry fee for teams.
- b. **National Championship Entry Fee:** There is no entry fee when attending the National Championship at Fort Benning.

12. CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY: The banquet and awards ceremony will be hosted by the Civilian Marksmanship Program, and will occur after the finals on Saturday, 21 January 2023. Tickets for competitors and one coach will be distributed at in-processing. For all others wishing to attend the banquet and awards ceremony, tickets may be purchased in advance for \$30.00 each. You may purchase these extra tickets upon check in of your competitor(s) for the championship. **Please remember to note on your registration form the number of tickets to be purchased.**

13. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For additional information regarding the Sectional Qualifiers or the National Championship please contact Mr. Roscoe Castle at roscoe.j.castle.civ@mail.mil, or (706) 545-4276.