2027 Junior Air Rifle and Pistol Nationals

Sectional Qualifier Guidelines

This information is intended to outline and guide the requirements for individual AirNats Host Sites and Sectionals

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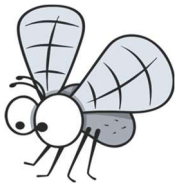

QUICK INFO:

- **Entry Fees**: There is no cost to host a Sectional. Host sites may charge competitors an entry fee.
- **Clear Barrel Indicators (CBIs)**: CBI'S are required for all uncased rifles/pistols unless the athlete is on a firing point with the range officer's command to remove the CBI.
- **Eligibility :** In keeping with the tradition of this match, a 'Junior' will be defined as an athlete that is currently enrolled in high school, or younger.
- **Sectional Qualifier Timeframe**: Sectional Matches will take place October 1st – November 30th at approved sectional host sites.
- **Championship Invitations**: First-round invitations to the championship will be sent out to host site match directors for distribution on December 8th.
- **Championship Registration Deadline**: Teams and Individuals must register for the championship by Wednesday, January 20th, 2027.

Match Director Contact: Dan Shanebrook (Competitions@marksmanship.us or (260) 440-0932).

What are AirNats Qualifiers?

Sectional Qualifiers are competitions held at host sites around the country and serve as national qualifying events for the Junior Air Rifle and Pistol Nationals. These matches give high school athletes and teams the opportunity to compete in a regional event closer to home while earning their place at AirNats. Host sites may offer qualifiers in Precision 60 Shot Standing in both rifle and pistol, as well as Sporter 3 Position Air Rifle. After the qualification period ends, championship invitations will be sent by email to the sectional host sites for distribution to the teams and athletes who qualify to attend the championship.

Who can host AirNats Qualifiers?

We encourage all junior shooting programs and athletes to participate in an AirNats Sectional Qualifier Match. If there are no approved Sectional Host Sites in your area, or you are unable to attend another Sectional due to a scheduling conflict, we encourage you to apply to become a Sectional Host Site. Sectional matches should be open to all eligible athletes and teams who wish to participate and, ideally, bring athletes from multiple programs together to compete at the same time.

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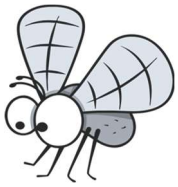

1. QUALIFYING COMPETITION ELLIGIBILITY:

For scores to be considered as qualifying scores, matches must abide by the following criteria:

- Must be open to all teams and competitors that wish to compete in the match.
- Must be governed by one of the following rule books:
    - **Sporter Competition**:
        - 2024 – 2026 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules
            - View or download here: CMP Website or Download PDF
    - **Precision Air Rifle & Air Pistol Competitions**:
        - 2026 CMP Air Rifle and Air Pistol Competition Rules
            - View or download here: CMP Air Rifle and Air Pistol Rulebook
        - 2026 Approved Version of the ISSF Official Statutes, Rules and Regulations.
            - View or download here: ISSF Rules and Regulations
- If a competitor wishes to shoot in multiple AirNats Qualifier Matches, they must submit via email to the National Match Director which of the matches they intend to use for their qualifying score prior to competition in any event.
- If multiple scores for a single athlete are submitted and a qualifying match has not been declared and submitted on time to the MD, the first score fired will be used.

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2. QUALIFYING EVENTS:

In keeping with the tradition of this match, a 'Junior' will be defined as an athlete that is currently enrolled in high school, or younger.

- **Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle**
    - Individual or Team (See team rules)
    - 60 shots, 3x20 K-P-S format using integer scoring.
- **Precision Air Rifle**
    - Individual or Team (See team rules)
    - 60 shots fired in a time limit of 1h15m, all standing position, decimal scoring.
- **Air Pistol**
    - Individual or Team (See team rules)
    - 60 shots fired in a time limit of 1h15m, all standing position, integer scoring.

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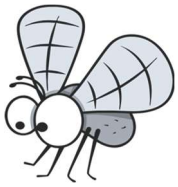
3. TEAMS:

- **Club Teams**:
    - 4 athletes from the same CMP-affiliated shooting club.
    - For the purposes of this match, club teams will include a local club, school, or JROTC junior club team only. All sporter teams must be local club teams. We require that teams with CMP residency waivers register as Open Teams for this match only.



- All 4 athletes of a local team are expected to fire their qualifying scores at the same sectional match. Exceptions are at the discretion of the National Match Director and must be made before any qualifying team's athletes are called to the line in their qualifying match.
- **Local Team Declaration**: Local teams must be finalized on Scopos (Orion) by December 2nd.

- **Open Teams**:
  - 4-person team; no residency requirements
  - Open clubs must fire as a team in the sectional. They are not required to shoot at the same sectional location; however, coaches must declare in writing and submit the team members online before any of the open team's athletes are called to the line in their qualifying match.
  - **Open Team Declaration Form**: Open teams must be submitted online at https://marksmanship.us/all-things-air-nats/sectional-open-team-declaration

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5. TARGETS AND SCORING:

- **Targets:** Qualifying scores may be fired on electronic target systems (Megalink, Sius, etc.) or Scopos (Orion) Scoring System paper targets.
- **Dynamic Scoring:** Scopos (Orion) Dynamic Team formation will be used for qualifying teams. This will auto assign athletes to Team 1, Team 2, Team 3 etc. by order of score.

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6. CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION:

- **Location**: Gary Anderson Competition Center
  Camp Perry Training Site
  Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 USA

- **Dates**: January 28th – January 31st, 2027

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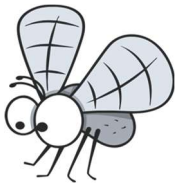

7.TEAM QUOTAS & INVITATIONS:

Quotas/Invitations: Teams that qualify above the cut score will earn a Quota Spot for their Club. If an athlete on a qualifying team is unable to attend the Championship, another athlete from the same Club may fill that spot, provided they have also fired a qualifying score. Individual invitations are specific to the athlete who earned them and cannot be transferred to another athlete

- Sectional Matches will take place October 1st – November 30th at approved sectional host sites.
- Sectional Match Results will be used to determine team quotas and invitations to the championship.
- Championship Quotas/Invitations will be sent to host site match directors on December 8th.

Your registration for the match will constitute your acceptance of your championship invite/quota spot. Registration for first round invites is due December 20th after which time invites for unclaimed slots will be extended to second-round invites. Attrition may be used to fill any unused lanes at the discretion of the national match director.

If you have a qualifying score but know you will not be able to attend the championship, please notify the National Match Director as soon as possible. This allows us to invite more teams to the championship.

- **Team Quotas:**
  - The top 15 sporter air rifle teams will receive championship quotas.
  - The top 30 precision rifle teams will receive championship quotas.
  - The top 10 pistol teams will receive championship quotas.
- **Invites:**
  - The top 15 sporter rifle individuals will receive championship invitations.
  - The top 30 precision rifle individuals will receive championship invitations.
  - The top 25 pistol individuals will receive championship invitations.
  - The top 5 SH1 and SH2 athletes in each discipline will receive championship invitations.

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8. TEAM ALTERNATES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

- **Local Team Alternates**: Local Teams may bring an alternate competitor along with their 4-person team. The alternate competitor will compete as an individual in the Championship. The alternate will receive a medal if the counting team medals. To be eligible to compete in the Championship, the alternate must have competed in the same approved qualifying match as their team.

- **Open Team Alternates:** Open Teams may bring an alternate competitor along with their 4-person team. The alternate competitor will compete as an individual in the Championship. The alternate will receive a medal if the counting team medals. To be eligible to compete in the Championship, the alternate must have fired a qualifying score in an approved sectional match.

Direct questions to the National Match Director for clarification.

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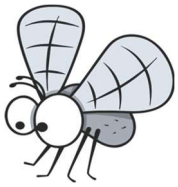

9. SCORE REPORTING & RESULTS:

- Any scores fired at an approved qualifying match must be submitted to the Match Director by December 2nd.
- Match scores should be uploaded to Scopos (Orion) Results whenever possible. National qualifying results can be viewed at: https://rezults.scopos.tech/club/bishopdwenger/
- Scores that are unable to be submitted via Scopos (Orion) Results should be emailed to the National Match Director by Dec. 2nd.
- Match scores on Scopos (Orion) Results are **UN-OFFICAL RESULTS**. Official results will not be tabulated until **AFTER** all scores have been submitted on December 2nd.
- Official results along with qualifying invitations will be emailed to all host sites and posted to the All Things AirNats website on December 8th.

It Is the responsibility of the Host Site to notify all athletes that have qualified that they are eligible to register and compete in the National Championship.

10. DEADLINES:

- **October 1st – November 30th** - Sectional Matches will take place at approved sectional host sites.
- **December 2nd** – All scores from Sectional Matches MUST be uploaded to Scopos (Orion) Results when possible or emailed to the National Match Director (competitions@marksmanship.us).
- **December 3rd – 7th** – Qualifying scores will be tabulated and discrepancies will be evaluated.
- **December 8th –** Official Qualifying Results are posted on the All Things AirNats webpage and emailed out to all Sectional Match Directors.

If you have a qualifying score but know you will not be able to attend the championship, please notify the National Match Director as soon as possible. This allows us to invite more teams to the championship.

- **December 20th –** All first-round invites must be accepted by registering teams/individuals for the championship.
- **December 21st –** Second-Round invitations (if applicable) are extended to additional teams up to capacity to fill the championship.
- **January 20th –** All athletes must be registered for the National Championship at Camp Perry.
- **January 28th – 31st, 2027 -** Junior Air Rifle and Pistol National Championship

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11. CONTACT INFO & QUESTIONS:

- National Match Director: Dan Shanebrook (Competitions@marksmanship.us or (260) 440-0932).
- Match Administrator: Diane Rice (cgo@marksmanship.us)

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