



**AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NORTH  
CAROLINA JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM  
2024 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OFFICIAL  
PROGRAM**

**MATCH DATE:** Saturday, March 16th, 2024 - 10:00AM (First  
Record Shot)  
First Sighting Shots: 9:50 AM  
Competitors Meeting: 9:20 AM

**MATCH LOCATION:** McDowell High School, Marion NC  
600 W Mc Dowell Jr High School Rd  
Marion, NC 28752

**SPONSORING AFFILIATE:** Department of North Carolina American Legion

**SPONSORED BY:** American Legion Hickory Post 48

**MATCH DIRECTOR:** Bobby Richardson, American Legion Junior Shooting Sports, Chairman  
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**RANGE OFFICER:** CAPT Steve Ross, USN (Ret.) 828.652.7920 ext 326 (cell 828.748.1705)

**MATCH OPEN TO:** Marksman must be a member of a club that is affiliated with an American Legion Post in the North Carolina and must compete in the National Postal Match. If an invited athlete is NOT an North Carolina resident OR is a member of an American Legion Post in another State, a non-compete statement IS required. Contact the Match Director immediately for instructions. Failure to report will result in disqualification.

This Shoulder-to-Shoulder Match is to determine the State Champions Only and is not affiliated with progression to the National Championship. The path to the National Championship is the second round of the National Postal. This is because the majority of states do not yet host Shoulder-to-Shoulder Championships.

**MATCH ENTRIES:** Invitation Only. The invitation to compete in the Department State Championship will be based upon the top competitors scores in each category (Sporter & Precision) from the First Qualification Round of the National Postal Match in the State of North Carolina. Respond to Match Director (Will or Will not attend)

- ENTRY FEES:** None.
- ENTRIES CLOSE:** Week of the match
- RULES:** The match will be conducted in accordance with the “2022-2024 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules.”
- SCHEDULE:** 3x20 format, Plus 10 Shot Final in Standing - **20 shots each in the order kneeling, prone, standing, BREAK, 10 Shot Final.** Total of 20 competitors. Competitor Meeting 0920, first Sighting Shot, 0950. Awards Approximately 1245 (earlier if possible).
- COVID ISSUES:** Current guideline is - “Masks Optional”
- CATEGORIES:** The category for competition is Sporter. All equipment will conform to National Standard 3-P rules. Equipment Checks may be conducted at the discretion of the Staff. Honor is the expectation.
- SCORING:** **Athena targets be used.** Scoring will be full ring and follow Section 8 of the “2022-2024 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules.”
- AWARDS:** **General** - Ceremony immediately following the match to award individual awards and Scholarships; First Overall \$1000, Second \$500 and Third \$250.
- Medals: First, Second, Third Individual in each Position (P,K,S)  
First Overall, Second, Third  
Plaque: Sportsmanship Award  
First Overall
- SAFETY:** competitors.
1. Safety must be the number one concern of all match officials, adult leaders, and competitors.  
Proper safety procedures will be enforced at all times.
  2. During the competition, infractions will result in a warning for the first offense and disqualification for the second infraction.
  3. Competitors will take their rifles in their cases to the line, handle their rifles on the line, and remove their rifles and cases from the line only when the Range Officer gives the command.
  4. Coaches ensure competitors are familiar with normal range etiquette, e.g. general safety rules, match procedures, when to move equipment to/on/from the firing line, talking, etc.
- CONCESSIONS:** Bottled water provided free of charge. Spectators may bring snacks as desired. No eating on the range (lead hazard).
- SUPPLIES:** Air tanks with fill adapters for standard Crossman rifles will be provided. Individuals provide their own pellets. Pellets must be “flat-nosed” to ensure proper scoring. Teams arriving without flat-nosed pellets may buy them at a price of \$8.00 per tin.
- DIRECTIONS:** Use address above. Parking is behind the school at the base of student parking lot adjacent to auxiliary gym on pavement overlooking football field, past yellow bus parking to the right. Use entrance from US-70; the entrance from Business 221 is locked. The Parking area adjacent to the baseball field may be used.