

New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Junior NRA 3 Position Smallbore Rifle National Matches Detailed Participation Requirements Policy and Procedures

Focus: Presentation of the eligibility requirements, performance standards, and rules and regulations which must be met by all Junior Smallbore participants in order to represent the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association annually at the NRA 3 Position Smallbore Rifle National Matches held at Camp Perry, Ohio, along with the procedures to be followed while present at the National Matches by those who qualify, through the presentation of both a General (Item 1 of 2) and a Detailed (Item 2 of 2) Version of this Policy.

Goal: To prepare members of the NYSRPA Junior Smallbore Program for optimal performance at the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches through encouraging NYSRPA Membership, maximum participation in both Indoor and Outdoor individual practices held via NYSRPA Affiliated Junior Clubs, promoting participation in State Indoor and Outdoor Regionals and Sectionals, establishing standards for College-bound Juniors, and encouraging Juniors to compete in other associated matches, such as the USA Shooting Junior Olympics, and New York State Empire State Games.

Time Period: Entire Calendar Year. Indoor Season consists of generally September thru April. Outdoor Season consists of generally April thru July. The NRA 3 Position Smallbore Rifle National Matches take place in the 3rd week of July, annually.

1. National Matches Eligibility:

a) ***NYSRPA Membership:*** ***In order to be eligible to represent New York State at the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches, it is required that each Junior in consideration be a member of the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association.*** Families which have more than one Junior are encouraged to hold a Family Membership with the State Association, as one Family membership covers the whole family. For Parents and Siblings who will be accompanying Juniors to the Smallbore Rifle National Matches, it is strongly encouraged that these family members also be members of the NYSRPA, as their membership would allow for them to be included in the various benefits which the State Association offers to our New York Juniors while at the National Matches (such as that NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore banquet fees are covered by the NYSRPA for NYSRPA members, etc.). For information as to how to become a member of the NYSRPA, please contact the NYSRPA Office, at (800) 469-7772.

b) ***Indoor Season Practices:*** ***Juniors are required to attend a minimum of 3/4 of their practices during the Indoor season at their respective NYSRPA Junior Affiliated Club.*** This means that if there are 16 indoor practices (for example), that every Junior who wishes to participate with the NYSRPA in the upcoming NRA 3P Smallbore National Matches that year are required to participate in ***at least*** 12 of the 16 practice sessions. Junior Coaches, at the conclusion of the Indoor season, are asked to submit a report to the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director, containing the number of practice sessions held, along with the names, ages, classifications and weekly scores of all juniors who participated in their Indoor Junior Smallbore Program. ***All Juniors who successfully complete at least 3/4 of the provided Indoor practices will have completed the Indoor attendance requirement for participation in the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches with the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Team.***

c) ***Outdoor Season Practices:*** ***Juniors are required to attend a minimum of 3/4 of their practices during the Outdoor season at their respective NYSRPA Junior Affiliated Club, prior to the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches.*** This means that if there are 12 outdoor practices (for example), that every Junior who wishes to participate with the NYSRPA in the upcoming NRA 3P Smallbore National Matches that year are required to participate in ***at least*** 9 of the 12 practice sessions. Junior Coaches are asked to submit a report containing the number of practice sessions held, along with the names, ages, classifications and weekly scores of all juniors who participated in their Outdoor Junior Smallbore Program to the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director, no later than 3 weeks prior to the Smallbore Phase of the National Matches. ***All Juniors who successfully complete 3/4 of the provided Outdoor practices will have completed the Outdoor attendance requirement for participation in the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National***

Matches with the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Team.

d) For Juniors Who Are Attending College: It is the responsibility of each Junior to stay in touch with the NYSRPA Jr. Director. Juniors will also adhere to the above stated attendance requirements, unless they are involved in a NCAA Division I, II, or III Collegiate Rifle Shooting Program. In that case, they are to follow the school's practice schedule.

1) Juniors Involved in a Collegiate Shooting Program: Juniors who are on a NCAA Division I, II, or III Collegiate Rifle Team and are interested in competing on the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Team for the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches that coming year are to check in with the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director monthly, to keep the Director in touch with the Junior's progress, scores, and their attendance at team practices.

2) Juniors Not Involved in a Collegiate Shooting Program: Juniors who are not involved in a collegiate shooting program, but are attending College, are to adhere to the above mentioned Junior Indoor and Outdoor Season Practice policies. If the Junior is attending a College which is a) Not in NY State, or b) Not near a NYSRPA Affiliated Junior Club, and the Junior is interested in competing on the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Team at the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches, then it is the *Junior's responsibility* to notify the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director as to this circumstance, and arrange a practice schedule. Once again, Collegiate Juniors are responsible for communicating with and reporting their scores to the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director on a monthly basis.

e) USA Shooting Junior Olympics: Junior attendance is not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged by the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director, as this is an opportunity to acquire an increased awareness of Indoor Smallbore Competition.

f) Empire State Games: Junior attendance is not mandatory, but is encouraged by the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director, as this is an opportunity to acquire an increased awareness of Outdoor Smallbore Competition.

g) Indoor and Outdoor Smallbore Rifle Regionals/Sectionals Competitions: Junior attendance is not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged by the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director, as this option in particular gives Juniors who are interested in joining the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Team at the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches the opportunity to practice the "Smallbore National Match Course" during both the Indoor and Outdoor seasons.

h) **If any Junior who is interested in participating with the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Team at the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches cannot attend the required number of scheduled Indoor and Outdoor season practices at their NYSRPA Affiliated Jr. Club needed to satisfy the attendance requirements as stated above due to illness, etc, then it is the Junior's responsibility to schedule a conference with the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director, to discuss necessary actions.**

2. Junior Communication With The NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director Regarding Participation in the National Matches:

a) All NYSRPA Juniors who have met the above attendance requirements, and are interested in representing the State of New York at the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches must contact the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director via phone and/or email **by May 1st** of the respective year of the Nationals, notifying the Director as to their willingness to participate. Information that they must provide are as follows:

- 1) Junior's First & Last Name
- 2) Address
- 3) Home phone number (required)
- 4) Email Address
- 5) Junior's Date of Birth
- 6) NYSRPA Number (All Juniors must be members of the NYSRPA to compete on the NYSRPA Junior Smallbore Teams)
- 7) NRA Number
- 8) NRA Smallbore Indoor and Outdoor Classifications
- 9) If the Junior has competed at the Smallbore National Matches before
- 10) Who will be accompanying the Junior (Parents, Siblings, Coaches, etc.)
- 11) Do those who are accompanying the Junior have an NYSRPA membership

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- 12) Has the Junior made lodging arrangements, if yes, where
- 13) Date of arrival at Camp Perry
- 14) Shirt size of the Junior and sizes of any accompanying family member(s) (For State Junior t-shirts order)

The NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director will advise each Junior through the registration process, should they request it. Otherwise, it is expected that each Junior will complete and submit their Registration with the NRA for the 3P Smallbore Rifle Phase of the NRA National Matches **by June 30th*** of the year of the Nationals. (*-It is strongly suggested that Juniors complete and submit their Registration forms as soon as they receive them in the mail (if they are returning Juniors), or complete them online when the entries open at the NRA Competitive Shooting Programs website, <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/>, and notify the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director after doing so). New Juniors may ask for the assistance of their Junior Club Coach(s), or contact the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director for assistance in completing their registration.

b) If a Junior would like to request lodging on-base at Camp Perry during the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches (recommended), the Junior must contact the Camp Perry Lodging Office **by March 1st** of the respective year of the Nationals, at (888) 889-7010 or (614) 336-6214. Failure to do so will result in the Junior's family becoming responsible for arranging the Junior's housing accommodations for the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches.

3. Upon Each Junior's Arrival To Camp Perry for the NRA 3P Smallbore National Matches:

a) First, Juniors will retrieve their Welcome Packets from Inprocessing, which is located in the CMP Building (Building 3). Welcome packets provide each Junior and their family with general information pertaining to their visit at Camp Perry (Base rules, maps, etc.)

b) Next, Juniors will go to the NRA Entry Office, where they will pick up their Competitor Packet. It is *strongly suggested* that each Junior pick up their packet as soon as possible upon arrival to Camp Perry, to avoid the risk of forgetting to get it. Competitor packets contain such important information as the point number on which the Junior is assigned during the Individual stages of the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches, as well as which relay they are on. At this time, all Juniors should check the stickers on their packets, to make sure the information is correct. Failure to do so may result in being placed in the wrong awards category. Juniors are asked to please ask a Coach or the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director if they are unsure as to the validity of the information on their packet.

c) After they have picked up their Competitor Packet, Juniors must check in with the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director. The Director will have lodging on base for the duration of the Smallbore National Matches. This module or hut will serve as "NY State Jr. Headquarters", and will have the New York State Flag flown in front of it. On Practice Day (Wednesday), there will be a short Post-Match Meeting 30 minutes after the completion of the Practice Match for final check-in, in front of the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director's housing. Juniors will be expected to provide their shooting point number, relay, accompanying family members names, and lodging information at that time. On the door of the Jr. Headquarters, the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director will have a large envelope with paper and pens/pencils. This envelope may be used for correspondence with the Director at any time during the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches.

4. **Post-Match Meetings:** At the conclusion of each day's match, there will be a meeting at the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director's place of housing, also known as "NY State Jr. Headquarters". **Meetings will take place 30 minutes after the end of the match. All Juniors are required to attend these meetings.** Attendance is required, as it serves as the time when everyone can meet and discuss the day's events, any personal bests, along with the next day's events. If the weather does not cooperate with this designated meeting point, the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director will inform everyone ahead of time as to an alternate meeting spot, by either direct communication from the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director to each Junior, or by the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director informing the NYSRPA Coaches, and the Coaches informing the Juniors.

5. Rules and Regulations During the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches for NYSRPA Juniors:

a) The Rules and Regulations to be observed by all members of the NYSRPA, while present at the National Matches, for both firing and non-firing members, will be in accordance with the posted National Matches Rules and Regulations Policies, as stated by the National Rifle Association, Civilian Marksmanship Program, and Ohio National Guard. Failure of any NYSRPA member to observe these rules as posted by the above mentioned organizations will be dealt with in accordance to the seriousness of the situation by the authorities of the organizations involved. Therefore, the NYSRPA, working in conjunction with its above affiliations, will be actively enforcing the National Matches Rules and Regulations Policies, especially those for:

1) *Behavior* - It always has been, and always will be expected that the Juniors who represent the NYSRPA at the National Matches will act with the utmost of safety, professionalism, maturity, and responsibility. Immature and reckless behavior will not be tolerated, and will be dealt with accordingly by the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director, as the Director deems fit after deliberation with those involved, in accordance with the seriousness of the situation. In the event of a problem, the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director will meet with the Junior(s) involved, Parents/Chaperones, and the NYSRPA Coaches and Captains. Upon deliberation with the Head NYSRPA Jr. Coach(s), the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director will make a decision as to adequately rectify the situation. Non-compliance with the rules and regulations that result in serious situations may ultimately result in expulsion of the Junior(s) from the National Matches, expulsion of the Junior(s) from the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Program for the remainder of, OR one calendar year, or the Junior(s) ultimately being expelled from the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Program.

2) *Chaperones and Parents* – Parents who travel to the National Matches will be responsible for the actions of their Junior(s), as well as any accompanying family members for the duration of their stay at the National Matches. If any Junior is to travel to the National Matches without a parent, then a chaperone will be assigned by the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director, unless the parents request an adult in attendance to be the Junior's chaperone, in which they would need to notify the chaperone and Director in advance. Should the adult Chaperone not be a member of the NYSRPA party, then the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director and NYSRPA Coaches and Captains will ensure that the NYSRPA rules and regulations, including curfew, are enforced to the Junior(s) by the stand-in Chaperone. Chaperones will be responsible, just as a parent, for the actions of their assigned Junior(s) while at the National Matches.

3) *Housing Assignments* – All Juniors, whether housed on or off base, will be housed with at least one adult. **No exceptions.** Juniors who are staying with adults such as Coaches or Chaperones will be assigned to single-sex rooms. The only co-ed housing will be in family situations, where one or both parents will stay in the same room as their Junior(s). The adult(s) in each Junior room will be responsible for the actions of their Juniors during the evening hours, as well as for enforcing the NYSRPA Jr. curfew.

4) *Curfew* - **The curfew for all NYSRPA Smallbore Juniors is 10pm.** It will be the responsibility of each **Chaperone** and **Parent**, that each Junior will be back at their place of lodging at that time, and remain there for the duration of the night.

6. NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Banquet:

a) On the night before Team Day, the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director will host the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Banquet at a pre-determined buffet restaurant. The time and place will be written in the Director's May article of *The Bullet*, the official newsletter of the NYSRPA, and confirmed to all in attendance as each Junior checks in upon their initial arrival to Camp Perry and/or at the Post-Match Meetings. The dinner will be buffet style, and the all-you-can-eat dinner will be free to all Juniors and accompanying family members who are NYSRPA members.

b) *Attendance* - **Attendance by all Juniors representing the NYSRPA is mandatory.**

c) *Attire* - Casual. Juniors will be expected to wear one of their NYSRPA shirts to the banquet. The NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director will notify the Juniors ahead of time as to if there is a certain shirt that they are to wear.

7. **NYSRPA Junior Smallbore Team:**

a) **Background:** Each NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Team which competes on Team Day will consist of 4 NYSRPA Juniors, 1 Team Captain (Adult) and 1 Team Coach (Adult). The number of teams that will compete from New York will be derived based on dividing the total number of NYSRPA Juniors attending by 4.

b) **Eligibility:** All NYSRPA Juniors who have completed the above stated attendance requirements (1a-1h), and who compete on both Individual days at the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches will be eligible to compete on Team Day.

c) **Team Squadding:** A designated Coach and the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director will purchase the team score cards, complete them, and hand them to each Team Captain on Team Day. The points on which teams are squadded are determined by the NRA Statistical Office, not by competitors. Each team is assigned four firing points, one for each Junior. Generally, the NYSRPA Junior Teams have been assigned together, so that one four-man team is squadded next to another.

d) **Team Assignments:** Team assignments will be made by the Coaches and the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director at least one day prior to the Team Day stage of the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches. Essentially, team assignments will be made to place Juniors with like scores on the same four-person team, with the top four scoring Juniors on the top NYSRPA Junior Smallbore team. However, factors such as each Junior's age/category and classification will also be taken into consideration. Team placement will be partially considered based upon the following recorded scores, in this order:

- i) Scores from the 2 Individual days of the National Matches
- ii) Scores submitted from practice sessions from the Outdoor season
- iii) Scores submitted from practice sessions from the Indoor season

e) **Posting of Teams, and Team Members:** Teams and their respective members will be posted the day prior to Team Day, on the door of the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director's housing, aka "NY State Jr. Headquarters". The posting will have the name of each team, the respective Coach, Captain, and 4 Juniors on each team, and the firing point numbers at which each team is to report to.

f) **Team Day Attire:** All NYSRPA Juniors, Coaches and Captains will be required to wear a "New York State Junior Smallbore Team" T-Shirt, of which the NYSRPA will provide. Juniors, Coaches, and Captains will be advised as to which shirt to wear ahead of time by the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director. The type of pants/jeans/shorts worn by the team members will be comfortable to all involved as determined by the day's weather, but also in good taste in respect to the grandeur of the National Matches.

8. **National Matches Smallbore Phase Awards Ceremony:**

a) **Background:** The Awards Ceremony for the NRA 3P Smallbore Phase of the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio will be held at the Post Theater, which is located on-base adjacent to the Rodriguez Range. The date and the time of the Award Ceremony will be posted in the NRA National Matches Program. The purpose of the Awards Ceremony is to recognize all participants who have competed in this Phase of the National Matches, and recognize those exceptional competitors who earned National awards. The National Matches Administrative Staff, including the CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) and NRA (National Rifle Association) encourage all who attended and competed in the 3P Smallbore National Matches to attend this prestigious event.

b) **Awards Ceremony Attendance: Attendance by all Juniors representing the NYSRPA is mandatory.** Attendance is mandatory, as attendance from the NYSRPA Juniors shows respect and good sportsmanship toward not only their fellow State Juniors - but also to their fellow competitors from across the country, for their accomplishments in this prestigious sport. Family members and other accompanying adults are also encouraged to attend. All NYSRPA Juniors, Coaches, Captains, and family members attending the Awards Ceremony will meet in front of the entrance to the Post Theater *at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the program.*

c) **Attire:** All NYSRPA Juniors, Coaches and Captains will attend the Awards Ceremony wearing the Navy Blue NYSRPA t-shirts, and khaki pants, khaki capris, or a long khaki skirt. **No**

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shorts, no jeans. The Navy NYSRPA shirts will be provided by the NYSRPA Jr. Smallbore Director ahead of time. As the Award Ceremony is a prestigious event, Juniors should use good grooming skills and wear appropriate footwear.

Conclusion:

In order to be considered for New York State Junior Smallbore representation at the National Matches, the above such requirements must be met. These guidelines, as stated in both the General (Item 1 of 2) and Detailed (Item 2 of 2) Versions of the Policy, are in place not only to better prepare Juniors in the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Junior Smallbore Program for participation in the NRA 3P Smallbore Rifle National Matches, but also to form an able and prepared shooter, team member, and a more disciplined person of deeper character. If any Junior has questions regarding this policy, they are advised to contact Jennifer Canfield, the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Junior Air Rifle / Smallbore Director at this number: (716) 487-7033.