

**HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
24th ANNUAL AIR RIFLERY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, Honolulu, Hawai'i
Tuesday, October 31, 2023**

COMPETITION BULLETIN 1-23 REVISED

Governing rules for this Tournament are published in the 2022-2024 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules, 14th Edition, except as modified for this Tournament. All competitors must obtain current CMP registration numbers. (References herein to specific rules herein are for convenience only)

SAFETY FIRST: An approved clear barrel indicator (CBI) must be used to clearly indicate that a rifle is clear and safe. All bolts and pump handles must remain open until instructed otherwise by the Chief Range Officer on the firing line. When transporting an uncased rifle, the CBI must be clearly visible, the muzzle must point up and held in a manner that assures that the muzzle is well above head level. Adequate eye protection is mandatory and must be worn by all persons on the firing line (competitors, coaches, and staff) while firing is in progress. Spectators nearest the firing line are strongly encouraged to wear eye protection. Hearing protection is optional.

Team Rosters: Team rosters, including the use of an "alternate" team member from the submitted entry, if applicable, must be submitted to the Stat Office no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of this Tournament. Team entries, or substitutions of team members, will not be allowed or accepted thereafter. All team members and/or alternates must be listed on the official HHSAA Tournament Roster submitted to HHSAA by October 23, 2023.

Loading and Closing the Action: You may load your rifle only when you are on the firing line and instructed to do so by the Chief Range Officer. Loading from the ground is permitted in the prone and kneeling positions but loading in the standing position must be from a height not below the shooter's knee. Loading from the ground in standing is not permitted. Prior to closing the action in all positions, the muzzle of the rifle must be pointing below the top of the target frame. Trigger fingers must remain outside the trigger guard until you begin to aim at the target in preparation to release a propelling charge.

Target Identification: Targets must be identified correctly, or they will not be scored. It is the competitor's responsibility to make certain that the information on the target stickers issued at check-in is accurate. No additional writing or marking of targets is allowed. Only targets issued by the Tournament may be used. The first target card, Stage 1, shall be placed on the left. The second target card, Stage 2, shall be placed on the right. **Sighting shots must be shot on target card Stage 1 only unless prior approval is given by a Range Officer to shoot sighters on target card Stage 2.** The target number is your firing point number.

Check-in and Equipment Inspection: Each competitor shall check-in at the Stat office starting at 6:20 a.m. to receive his or her targets, competitor number and bib, point assignment, and Inspection Form. Equipment inspection begins at 6:30 a.m. Please fill in the information on the top portion of the Inspection Form before taking your place in the inspection line with your rifle and equipment. "Back-up" rifles or other equipment must also be inspected during this inspection period or may not be used in this match. **A muzzle velocity and trigger weight test may be included in the equipment inspection allowing 3 (three) attempts to pass each test.** An inspection sticker will be issued when the inspection is complete. It is the competitor's responsibility to always keep the completed Inspection Form with the rifle. A Range Officer can request to view the Inspection Form at any time during the competition.

Scoring: The Orion scoring system will be used. (See Rule 8.5) **All competitors shall use flat-headed, .177 pellets.** Scores, as determined by the Orion scoring system and applicable tournament rules, are final.

Coaching: Coaching is permitted only during the preparation, sighting, or changeover stages as specified in Rule 5.2. During any Record Fire Stage, an athlete, while on the firing line, may only communicate with a Range Officer or Tournament official. **Non-verbal coaching under Rule 5.2.2 is not allowed.**

Firing Line: The entire firing line must clearly be visible at all times during the competition. No equipment or any part of the air rifle may touch the ground beyond the firing line. A shooting kit, when in use in the standing or kneeling positions, or a shooting stand, when in use in the standing position, may be placed beyond the firing line. **Sighting scopes are allowed beyond the firing line.** (See Rule 4.7.3 and Rule 4.7.4)

JROTC Competition: To qualify for the JROTC awards, cadets must meet the eligibility criteria of Rule 3.0. All cadets from all JROTC programs are eligible for this award. While not a part of the HHSAA Air Rifle State Championships, scores from the HHSAA Air Rifle State Championship Tournament shall be used to determine the winner of the JROTC awards. All JROTC entries must be submitted to the Stat Office no later than 15 minutes prior to the first “Start” command of this Tournament.

Relays Plus Finals: For this year’s Tournament, there will be two relays of 60 shooters each and two Finals.

Relay 1	60 Boys
Relay 2	60 Girls
Relay 3	Boys’ Final
Relay 4	Girls’ Final

FINALS COMPETITION PROTOCOL

Rule 10.0 and 10.3 shall govern the Finals Competition, except as modified for this Tournament. Rule 10.1.1.a Final Round scores shall be added to the three-position score to determine the individual Tournament winners.

1. The top eight (8) shooters qualify to advance to the Finals Round. The course of fire is ten (10) shots in the standing position, fired singularly, one at a time.
2. Competitors shall be assigned firing points in accordance with Rule 10.3.
3. Bullseyes may be shot in any order and shooter shall notify the Range Officer assigned to the shooter the number of the bulls-eye shot immediately following release of each shot. Shooters are allowed fifty (50) seconds to fire each shot.
4. Range Officers shall hold their hands above their heads until the shooter releases their shot after which the Range Officer shall lower their hand. At the end of the allotted time for a shot, or when the Chief Range Officer orders, “Stop”, each Range Officer, when prompted by the Chief Range Officer, shall visually display the estimated shot value at which time the Chief Range Officer shall announce each competitor’s point number and estimated value of the shot.
5. Because we are using paper targets, only an estimated value will be announced for each competitor’s shot and the targets will be officially scored using the Orion system at the completion of all ten shots. The estimated score for the tenth target is not announced.
6. Competitors may only charge and load a pellet upon the order of the Chief Range Officer. This shall include the pumping or charging of a rifle if required or so equipped. Dry firing is not allowed during Finals. Rule 10.2.9
7. In the event of a malfunction that is determined to not be the fault of the shooter, the malfunction must be repaired or the rifle must be replaced within one (1) minute. An additional fifty (50) seconds is allotted to the shooter to execute the malfunctioned shot. No additional time shall be awarded for sighting shots except in the case where the shooter is moved to another target. In this case, a maximum of two (2) minutes for sighting shots is allowed. If the malfunction or repair is not remedied or if the malfunctioned rifle is not replaced within one (1) minute, the competitor shall withdraw from the finals. Rule 10.2.9.
8. The combined three-position score and the Finals score are added together to determine the Tournament individual winners.
9. During the Finals, team members, coaches, parents, and spectators are encouraged to applaud and cheer during the Finals except during the fifty (50) seconds while competitors are actually shooting (between the Chief Range Officer’s commands to “Start” and “Stop”). Rule 10.2.7.

Change in Target Retrieval Procedure: Competitors will NOT be allowed forward of the firing line to review their targets prior to collection by the Range Staff. After each record fire stage, competitors will be instructed to stand to the rear of their firing point while targets are retrieved. After targets are collected, competitors will be allowed forward to hang their targets for the next firing stage.