

USPFC RIFLE-AIR-2026

GUIDING BODIES

United States Police & Fire Championships (USPFC)
7944 Convoy Court, San Diego, CA 92111
Tele. (858) 571-9919; E-MAIL: 4info@cpaf.org

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)
Bavariaring 21, D-80336, Munchen, Germany
Tele: +49 89 544.3550 FAX: +49 89 544.35544
Website: www.issf-shooting.org E-Mail: munich@issf-shooting.org

National Rifle Association, (NRA) (International Air Rifle Rules)
11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030

Note: Coordinator must remember that ISSF rules and NRA are used, since both Guiding Bodies are needed to cover all aspects of running this sport. Using the international standard is preferred. If there are any questions about weapons or rules, contact USPFC Director for Air Rifle.

EVENTS

INDIVIDUAL; UNISEX:

Master, Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

2 – PERSON TEAM: UNISEX

“A” Division: Master and Expert

“B” Division: Sharpshooter and Marksman

Team score will be an aggregate of Individual event scores, combined as a team.

NOTE: Competitors must enter and shoot the Individual event to be eligible to compete in the Team event.

Entry Deadline: June 2, 2026

USPFC RIFLE-AIR-2026

EQUIPMENT

Targets: ISSF/NRA approved targets only. If Electronic Scoring Target Systems are used the rules regarding the use of these systems must be sent to all competitors well in advance of the Games.

Weapons: All rifles must meet ISSF specifications. **10 m Air Rifle** - Any type of compressed air or gas rifle which conforms to the specifications shown in the ISSF Rifle Measurements Table and with the following additional restrictions:

- The total length of the air rifle system measured from the back end of the mechanism to the apparent muzzle must not exceed 850mm.
- The weight of the rifle with sights may not exceed 5.5kg

Ammunition: Any type or form of 4.5mm (.177 cal) projectile that is made of lead or similar soft material. Steel projectiles are prohibited.

Shooters must use only equipment and apparel that complies with the ISSF Rules. Anything (guns, devices, equipment, accessories, etc.) which may give a shooter an unfair advantage over others, and which is not mentioned in these Rules, or which is contrary to the spirit of the ISSF Rules and Regulations, is prohibited. The shooter is responsible for submitting all equipment and apparel for official inspection and approval to a USPFC Equipment Inspector prior to its use in USPFC competition. Team leaders are equally responsible for ensuring that the shooters' equipment and apparel comply with the ISSF Rules and Regulations.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Air Rifle

Where conflicts between ISSF/NRA guidelines and USPFC rules occur (i.e. awards formula, eligibility of competitors and substitution after competition begins) always use USPFC rules.

SCHEDULE: *For the purpose of scheduling venues for all rifle events, the order of events will be Air Rifle, followed by Small Bore Rifle, followed by Large Bore Rifle.*

CLASSIFICATION: USPFC Classifications will be used. *A competitor without an established USPFC classification may use their official national classification card or Score Record Book to receive an "Assigned Classification."*

The averages listed below will be used to establish USPFC Classification:

Master	95.00 and above
Expert	90.00 to 94.99
Sharpshooter	85.00 to 89.99
Marksman	Below 85.00

USPFC RIFLE-AIR-2026

Any competitor without an established USPFC classification who cannot present such evidence will shoot their Individual event. The score they obtain in their Individual event will be used to determine their proper classification for the awarding of medals in the various classes in the Individual event. This classification will also be used for the Team event.

A competitor's classification will not change during a tournament. A competitor will enter a tournament under their correct classification and shoot the entire tournament in that class. Should it be discovered during a tournament that a competitor has entered in a classification lower than their current rating, the competitor will be subject to possible disqualification. *USPFC reserves the right to reclassify any shooter based upon "known ability" or other evidence to the skill of the individual.*

All classifications and scores shall become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in USPFC or other nationally sanctioned competition at least once during 3 successive USPFC events. Master classifications and scores shall become obsolete if the competitor does not fire in USPFC competition at least once during 5 USPFC events.

Competing in a Higher Class - Any individual or team may elect, before firing, to compete in a higher classification than the one in which classified. Such individual or team must fire in such higher class throughout the tournament and not revert to earned classification for any event in that tournament.

Classification Appeals - Any competitor having reason to believe that they are improperly classified may file an appeal with the USPFC Director stating all essential facts. Any such appeals must be filed prior to the start of competition. The USPFC Director will make the final determination as to the classification.

Classification Protests - Any person who believes that another competitor has been improperly classified may file a protest with the USPFC Director stating all essential facts. Any such protests must be filed prior to the start of competition. The USPFC Director will make the final determination as to the classification.

Team Classification - Teams are classified by computing the "team average" based on the classification of each firing member of the team. To compute this "team average" the key in Table No. 1 for the different classes will be used and the team total divided by the number of firing members of the team. Any fractional figure in the team average of one half or more places the team in the next higher class. The "team average" will establish classification of the team as a unit but will not affect in any way the individual classification of team members.

Team Class Key

Master 4

USPFC RIFLE-AIR-2026

Expert	3
Sharpshooter	2
Marksman	1

COURSE OF FIRE:

- The 10-meter Air Rifle Match (Standing Position) will be used.
- 60 shots
- Any release of the propelling charge, after the first competition target is in place, without the pellet hitting the target, whether a pellet has been loaded or not, will be scored as a miss

“Dry firing” means the release of the cocked trigger mechanism of an unloaded rifle or the release of the trigger mechanism of a gun fitted with a device which enables the trigger to be operated without discharging the gun.

- A minimum of four (4) sighting targets will be provided for each course of fire.

A ten (10) minute preparation period will be followed immediately by the courses of fire. Shooting time including sighting shots is 105 minutes.

Preparation	No shooting	10 minutes
Competition (Standing)	60 shots	105 minutes

RESULTS TO USPFC DIRECTOR

The SCORES OF ALL INDIVIDUAL EVENT(S) COMPETITORS ARE KEPT by the USPFC for data entry into the Classification computer program used from Games to Games. The Sport Coordinator shall be responsible for the MANDATORY SUBMISSION of all Individual event(s) scores in this sport to the USPFC Director for Air Rifle. This should be done immediately upon the conclusion of the sport, and in no case later than 14 days after the conclusion of the USPFC.

USPFC RIFLE-AIR-2026

AWARDS

A maximum of 8 sets of medals (1st through 3rd place) will be required. USPFC will advise you of the number of sets needed based on total entries, plus a reasonable margin.

ATTENTION COORDINATORS

**THE USPFC GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL SPORTS.
YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS.**

**PRECISE RESULTS MUST BE FORWARDED
TO THE USPFC COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
CONCLUSION OF THIS SPORT**

The USPFC Director assigned to your sport is knowledgeable and experienced in providing assistance during the preparation and running of the sport. Questions, a detailed accounting of your preparations, and any area requiring approval of the USPFC shall be submitted in a timely manner to this USPFC Director.

The USPFC Directors want to work with you to make your sport a success.

PLEASE USE THE USPFC DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.