Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting

National Cadet Air Rifle Meeting

Competition Programme and General Rules 2027

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Part 1 – Nat CARM General Rules

Reference:

A. Cadet Training – Ranges. Regulations for Training with Cadet Weapon Systems and Pyrotechnics (2018)

B. Army Code 72195 – **.**177" Air Rifles and Associated Equipment 2022 (Mar 25 - Amdt 4)

C. The NSRA 3P Air Rifle & Sporter Air Rifle Rules (2013)

D. The ISSF Rifle Equipment Control Guide Edition (2026)

Rules

G1. These rules are to be observed in the spirit as well as the letter and are intended to be supplementary to Reference A.

G2. The Exercise Director, Senior Planning Officer (SPO) or RCO is empowered to stop shooting at any time during the meeting should they consider that circumstances including the weather conditions warrant it. CCRS's designated committee as appointed by CCRS's trustees (normally the Inter Services Matches Committee with appropriate representation from CCRS) is empowered to alter the programme, including the cancellation of matches, should circumstances make it necessary. The following personnel are recognised as permanent range staff on the range, who may fulfil any range duties they are qualified for:

a. A Range Conducting Officer (RCO) who will be in overall charge of the range.

b. A Senior Safety Supervisor, who will be the RCOs deputy.

c. Safety Supervisors, who are responsible for the safe running of a group of targets. Each group of targets will have one or two safety supervisors.

d. A qualified first aid CFAV for the range, who will not be assigned to any other duty.

e. Ammunition CFAVs who will be responsible for managing the ammunition, issuing to teams, collecting unfired sighters and completed scorecards.

f. NSRA Range Management staff who will be responsible for the management of the NSRA electronic targets and scoring systems.

G3. Protests must be actioned by the team coach in accordance with para G18. Any dispute which cannot immediately be resolved by the safety supervisor must be referred to the RCO without delay. If the protest is still unresolved, then the process and timings detailed in para G18 must be followed. The protest committee consists of:

a. The Exercise Director or the Chair of the appropriate CCRS Committee.

b. A minimum of one representative from each Service.

c. One of:

(1) CCRS's Shooting Manager.

(2) CCRS's Competitions Officer.

d. The RCO or their deputy, who should explain the reason and background behind the protest without mentioning the name of the unit or firer.

Safety

G4. AR drills are to be followed at all times in accordance with Reference B. A cadet or CFAV who has an unintended discharge through an error of drill will render their WHT void and must receive instruction and a retest before they may fire again, and their score in the match in which the incident took place will be void.

G5. As part of the end of practice drills:

a. The firer unloads as per specific rifles drills.

b. Safety Supervisor clears the rifle.

c. CFAV (Team Manager) opens the bolt and inserts the safety line into the barrel fully.

Eligibility

G6. Firing teams are to consist of the following, all of whom must hold a valid WHT:

a. A named team manager, who must be a CFAV but does not need to be the coach. The team manager may cover for more than one team.

b. A coach, who may be any CFAV or cadet with suitable experience.

c. Four cadet firers, who must be from the same CCF Contingent, SCC Area, ACF County or RAFAC Wing. They must be under 18 on the day of any competition they compete in. All cadets must have completed CLF AR1-4 prior to the competition.

d. No reserve firers are permitted.

e. One or more supernumeraries to assist on the range (eg team adjutant) who may be CFAV or cadets.

Rifles and Ammunition

G7. The BSA Scorpion or Air Arms S200 with no modifications may be used in accordance with Reference B, and a sling may be fitted for prone and kneeling practises in accordance with Reference C. It must have a suitable safety line.

G8. Only ammunition issued at the meeting may be used. Ammunition will be issued at the firing point.

Dress and Equipment

G9. The following dress standards are to be observed:

a. Firers when on the firing point:

(1) Uniform is to be of service pattern and as issued. Badges of rank must be worn.

(2) Belts need not be worn.

(3) An eye patch or blinder may be used.

(4) A plain, regimental, or single service HQ authorised cap of the appropriate service colour may be worn.

(5) Prescription spectacles, eyeglasses (not including shooting glasses), or contact lenses are to be worn in accordance with Ref A. Corrective lenses or filters may not be attached to the rifle.

(6) Sporter Air Rifle gloves may be worn that comply with ISSF rules.

b. Shooting mats will be provided on the prone firing points and knee rolls and shooting mats will be provided on the kneeling firing points.

c. CFAV and Cadets on the range, including range staff, should dress according to the conditions.

d. When off, or transiting to and from the range, CFAV and Cadets should wear uniform appropriate to their Service, including berets.

G10. All firers must set up between the lane markers for the target space. Teams may only use the chairs behind their lane.

Hearing and Eye Protection

G11. The use of issued ear defenders on the firing point and when forward of a line marked by the rear edge of the ammunition issuing tables is mandatory. Where ear defenders are required to be worn berets are to be removed.

G12. Safety glasses are to be worn on the firing point, by cadets and CFAV.

Ties and Targets

G13. Ties for first place in individual competitions will, unless otherwise stated in the match conditions, be determined by a tie shoot in accordance with Reference C.

G14. Targets are as detailed for each match in the match conditions. They may be substituted with as close an equivalent as possible should the ISSF electronic targets not be available.

Challenges and Protests

G15. The individual shot scores from the electronic targets cannot be contested.

G16. Protests on the procedure of a shoot (eg timings, target breakages, target moving as the shot is fired etc) must be made to a safety supervisor by the coach or team captain, preferably before the score is known. If upheld, the score made will be annulled and another pellet will be issued with the score from the issued pellet replacing that of the protested shot. If the protest is not upheld the score made will be taken.

G17. The RCO, their deputy or, if immediately available, a member of CCRS may take any appropriate action which, if it affects the score, must then be referred to the Protest Committee who will then either accept or reject the action and adjust the score accordingly.

G18. The following procedure must be followed in order for a protest to be considered:

a. The coach must request the presence of the RCO or their deputy who will make an initial decision.

b. If the decision of the RCO or their deputy is not accepted, a written protest must be lodged with the RCO within 20 minutes of the end of the detail, with contact details and a basic summary of the protest.

c. The RCO, on receipt of a written protest, will call a Protest Committee who will hear the protest without undue delay and make a decision, which will be final.

G19. The RCO or a safety supervisor may allow an extra sighting shot for the following reasons:

a. Delays of over five minutes outside the firer's control.

b. Where a firer has to change targets after commencing their shoot. They will get an additional 5 mins plus the remain time to complete their shoot and any sighters they require.

c. Where it is considered by the RCO or safety supervisor that an extra sighting shot is appropriate.

Extra sighting shots are not convertible and are not recorded on the register card.

Part 2 – Nat CARM Competition Procedures

P1. **General.** Each period in Nat CARM will consist of unlimited sighters followed by 10 shots to count from the prone (10 shots), kneeling (10 shots) and standing positions (2 x 10 shots).

P2. **Firing point set up.** When allowed by the RCO, teams are to set up on their allocated lane. All members of the team and their equipment must be wholly within an area bounded by a line perpendicular to the lane either side extending down to the edge of the firing point.

P3. **Firing Order.** Teams must fire in the order on the register cards.

P4. **Timings.** Each team of four firers will be allocated a lane for each period, each firer will be allocated their detail in the period. The following timings will apply for all matches, less Match 3:

Unlimited sighter and 10 scored shots 20 mins.

P5. Teams of less than four firers may shoot in team competitions but only individual scores will be recorded.

P6. Timings for Match 3 are as laid down in Part 3.

P7. The RCO at their discretion may allow extra time for events outside a team's control. Any shots fired after the time limit, where the RCO has not allowed extra time, shall be annulled.

P8. **Scoring.** The standard NSRA targets and scoring shall be used. Targets are inward gauging.

Part 3 – Nat CARM Matches

Nat CARM – Match 1

Friday Aggregate

1.1 **Outline.** Concurrent team and individual match, that is shot over four periods, on day one of Nat CARM. The combined scores of the four periods provide the final score for Match 1 (Friday Aggregate). Each period will contain 4 details with each cadet firing in one detail per period. Each cadet will fire one prone detail, one kneeling detail and two standing details, in the order allocated in the squadding.

1.2 **Ranges.** 10m.

1.3 **Timings.** Competition Procedure P4.

1.4 **Prizes.**

CCF Individual

1st The Sawyer Cup (CARM 01) and Gold Medal.
2nd A Silver Medal.
3rd A Bronze Medal.

CCF Team

1st The AG Wise Cup (XXX x07) and 4 Gold Medals.
2nd 4 Silver Medals.
3rd 4 Bronze Medals.

Community Cadet Individual

1st The Service Match Tankard (CARM 02) and Gold Medal.
2nd A Silver Medal.
3rd A Bronze Medal.

Community Cadet Team

1st The Aldershot Command Cup (CCRS 24) and 4 Gold Medals.
2nd 4 Silver Medals.
3rd 4 Bronze Medals.

1.5 **Ammunition.** Unlimited sighting pellets and 40 scoring pellets

1.6 **Targetry.** NSRA 10m electronic targets

1.7 **Scoring.** Competition Procedure P8. HPS 400

Nat CARM – Match 2

Saturday Aggregate

2.1 **Outline.** Concurrent team and individual match, that is shot over four periods, on day two of Nat CARM. The combined scores of the four periods provide the final score for Match 2 (Saturday Aggregate). Each period will contain 4 details with each cadet firing in one detail per period. Each cadet will fire one prone detail, one kneeling detail and two standing details, in the order allocated in the squadding.

2.2 **Ranges.** 10m.

2.3 **Timings.** Competition Procedure P4

2.4 **Prizes.**

CCF Individual

1st The Sawyer Cup (CARM 03) and Gold Medal.
2nd A Silver Medal.
3rd A Bronze Medal.

CCF Team

1st The King Cup (NSRA 02) and 4 Gold Medals.
2nd 4 Silver Medals.
3rd 4 Bronze Medals.

Community Cadet Individual

1st The Service Match Tankard (CARM 04) and Gold Medal.
2nd A Silver Medal.
3rd A Bronze Medal.

Community Cadet Team

1st The Gillibrant Cup (CCRS 11) and 4 Gold Medals.
2nd 4 Silver Medals.
3rd 4 Bronze Medals.

2.5 **Ammunition.** Unlimited sighting pellets and 40 scoring pellets

2.6 **Targetry.** NSRA 10m electronic targets

2.7 **Scoring.** Competition Procedure P8. HPS 400

Nat CARM - Match 3

Inter Cadet Force Final

3.1 **Outline.** A team of eight firers, all shooting is from the standing position.

3.2 **Ranges.** 10m.

3.3 **Timings.** Practice 1: 5 mins
Practices 2, 3, 4 & 5: 4 mins 10s each

3.4 **Prizes.**

Top Individual

1st The Edgar Husey Cup (XXX x14) and a Gold Medal.
2nd A Silver Medal.
3rd A Bronze Medal.

Top Cadet Force

1st The Challenge Cup (CCRS 63) and 8 Gold Medals.
2nd 8 Silver Medals.
3rd 8 Bronze Medals.

3.5 **Ammunition.** Practice 1: unlimited sighters
Practice 2, 3, 4 & 5: 5 scoring pellets per practice

3.6 **Targetry.** NSRA 10m electronic targets

3.7 **Scoring.** Competition Procedure P8. HPS 200

Nat CARM - Match 4

The Adult Competition

4.1 **Outline.** An individual match open to one CFAV attending with each team fired from the standing position.

4.2 **Ranges.** 10m.

4.3 **Timings.** Competition Procedure P4

4.4 **Prizes.**

1st A Gold Medal.
2nd A Silver Medal.
3rd A Bronze Medal.

4.5 **Ammunition.** Unlimited sighting pellets and 10 scoring pellets

4.6 **Targetry.** NSRA 10m electronic targets

4.7 **Scoring.** Competition Procedure P8. HPS 100

Nat CARM – Grand Aggregate and Cadet 50

5.1 The Grand Aggregate is the combined score from Match 1 and Match 2

5.2 Prizes.

CCF Top Individual

1st The Street Cup (TARA 92) and Gold Medal
2nd A Silver Medal
3rd A Bronze Medal

CCF Top Team

1st The RTR Cup (ARA 03) and 4 Gold Medals
2nd 4 Silver Medals
3rd 4 Bronze Medals

Community Cadets Top Individual

1st The Lady Gwendolen Guinness Cup (CCRS 55) and A Gold Medal.
2nd A Silver Medal.
3rd A Bronze Medal.

Community Cadets Top Team

1st The Sutton Cup (NSRA 01) and 4 Gold Medals
2nd 4 Silver Medals
3rd 4 Bronze Medals

Special prizes for SCC and RM Cadets

1st The Navy League Cup (CCRS 73) and Gold Medal
2nd A Silver Medal
3rd A Bronze Medal

Special Prizes for SCC and RM Cadet Teams

1st The Southern Command Cup (ARA 02) and 4 Gold Medals
2nd 4 Silver Medals
3rd 4 Bronze Medals

Special Prizes for ACF Cadets

1st The Rifle Brigade Cup (CCRS 56) and Gold Medal
2nd A Silver Medal
3rd A Bronze Medal

Special Prizes for ACF Cadet Teams

1st The Merlot Chitty Cup (TARA 53) and 4 Gold Medals
2nd 4 Silver Medals
3rd 4 Bronze Medals

Special Prizes for RAF Air Cadets

1st The Boulter Cup (CCRS 57) and Gold Medal
2nd A Silver Medal
3rd A Bronze Medal

Special Prizes for RAF Air Cadet Teams

1st The Fulton Trophy (TARA 87) and 4 Gold Medals
2nd 4 Silver Medals
3rd 4 Bronze Medals

5.3 Cadet 50 Badges are awarded to the top 50 individual scores in the Grand Aggregate or if the entries are lower a representative percentage will be awarded.