



USA SHOOTING/NRA PROGRESSIVE POSITION PISTOL POSTAL COMPETITIONS PROGRAM

PURPOSE

Because almost all of our PPP clubs are too far apart to compete shoulder to shoulder on a regular basis, we have created a postal competition program to give junior athletes an opportunity to participate in a postal competition three times per year (Fall, Winter and Spring), leading up to the Junior Olympic PPP Nationals. This program is designed to provide competitive experience and test skills practiced in between postal matches in preparation for the Nationals.

ELIGIBILITY:

PPP competitors may participate in this program until they reach the year of their 21st birthday.

RULES:

The current [Progressive Position Air Pistol Rules](#) will govern. A copy can be downloaded from the USA Shooting web site.

COURSE OF FIRE:

Competitors will shoot one match course of 40 shots per postal competition. You may use single shot per bull, two shots per bull or five shots per bull.

There will be three postal competitions: Fall, Winter and Spring

This postal program will initially be for individuals only. However, we expect to support teams in the future and eventually evolve this into a postal league program.

COACHING:

Coaching on the firing line is only allowed in the two Supported Positions. However, coaches may not assist in shooting the shot.

Coaching assistance in the International (One-Handed) Standing on the firing line will cease when the preparation period begins.

POSTAL LOGISTICS

Clubs have two options.

Option A - If a club already owns an Orion Air Pistol electronic scoring system they may score the targets locally using Orion and email the data file to Erik Anderson at Shooters Technology.

Option B – If a club does **not** have an Orion Air Pistol scoring system, they will mail (e.g. USPS) the targets to Shooter's Technology for scoring with Orion.

Option A - *For those PPP clubs that have do have access to Orion:*

1. Each competitor will register for the selected PPP postal match and pay their fees online. No paper registrations. However, Match Directors will have the option of entering a walk-on competitor who is not a USAS member. There will be a fee of \$10 for a **non**-USAS member/competitor.
2. The PPP club will conduct the postal competition at a time and day of its choosing and email the Orion match data file on or before the postmark due date indicated for the Fall, Winter or Spring postal competitions to support@shooterstech.net
3. The club will use their Orion pistol scoring system to score all PPP targets. Clubs should print and distribute individual score sheets as soon as scoring and firing is complete. Challenges should be handled immediately.
4. All match scores will be compiled and published on the Orion Result Center website for each postal competition (Fall, Winter and Spring). Scores will be posted one week after the postmark due date, assuming on time postal delivery of paper targets.
5. Awards to the top three high competitors in each category will be mailed out to the individual competitors' mailing addresses indicated in the USAS database (make sure competitor/member profiles are up to date).

Option B – For those PPP clubs that do NOT have access to Orion Air Pistol scoring system:

1. Each competitor will register for the selected PPP postal match and pay their fees online. No paper registrations. However, Match Directors will have the option of entering a walk-on competitor who is not a USAS member. There will be a fee of \$10 for a **non**-USAS member/competitor.
2. The PPP club will conduct the postal competition at a time and day of its choosing and mail the targets to Shooters Technology postmarked on or before the due dates for each postal competition.
3. Clubs and competitors may “eyeball” score the targets, but must refrain from plugging or making any modifications to any shot hole. Plugged holes may not score properly by Orion and may be disqualified.
4. The paper targets will be scored by Shooter’s Technology with the Orion electronic scoring system. Mail your paper targets to:

Shooters Technology LLC
Attn: Erik Anderson
3057 Nutley St., Suite 553
Fairfax, VA 22031

5. Shooter’s Technology will email each competitor their individual score sheet. Make sure that emails are up to date in the USAS database. No paper targets will be returned.
6. All match scores will be compiled and published on the Orion Result Center website for each postal competition (Fall, Winter and Spring). Scores will be posted one week from the postmark due date deadline, assuming on time postal delivery of all paper targets.
7. Awards to the top three high competitors in each category will be mailed out to the mailing addresses indicated in the USAS database (make sure that mailing addresses are up to date in the USAS member database).

Paper Target Protocols

Only Orion Air Pistol targets or any ISSF approved paper targets (measuring 17cm by 17cm) may be used. Other types of paper targets may **not** be used since they are not compatible with Orion. If the target has this logo on it (see logo insert), it is ISSF approved. See list of ISSF approved target suppliers in the Appendix.



Any protests will be sent to Shooter’s Technology at support@shooterstech.net. Protests must include: which target and which shot on the target is being challenged. If not an obvious system error a two point penalty will be recorded for any lost challenges (rule 6.13.4.5.1).

Mail your paper targets to:

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Paper targets **must be marked** with the following information on each target:

- Competitor name
- USAS member #
- Target series (e.g. #1 through #8 - if using five shots per bull)

Match Directors must indicate any cross fires and/or misses on each paper target.

No paper targets will be returned, but individual score sheets will be emailed to each competitor (*make sure that emails are updated on the USAS member database*).

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Clubs may shoot their postal matches any time before the postmark due date. All paper targets will be scored all together at one time, one week after the postmark due date. All scores will be posted one week after the postmark due date.

- ☐ **Fall Postal –postmark due date 18 December 2011**
- ☐ **Winter Postal – postmark due date 4 March 2012**
- ☐ **Spring Postal – postmark due date 6 May 2012**

ORION RESULTS WEBSITE

All results from each postal competition will be posted to the Orion Result Center located at www.orionresults.com

ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION:

All competitors should register online no later than one week prior to the postal competition start date. However, Match Directors will have the option of entering a walk-on competitor who is not a USAS member. There will be a fee of \$10 for a non-USAS member/competitor.

Entry fee is \$5 per participating USAS member competitor, per postal competition. Each USAS member competitor will be required to pay online at the time of registration to keep cost of the postals to a minimum.

Click the link to find a PPP National Postal Match on the USAS website
[Membership/Find Match](#).

AWARDS:

Individual:

Top competitors in each category will be awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.

Teams:

At this time we are unable to support teams. However, we are working toward the ultimate goal of supporting teams and leagues in postal events at some time in the future.

In the meantime it is important that all PPP athletes update their 'club affiliation' in the USAS database. This will be an important identifier for team scores in the future.

Anyone interested in donating special trophies or awards for the postal competition is welcome to contact Michael Theimer at michael.theimer@usashooting.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

USA Shooting is the primary coordinator for the National Progressive Position Air Pistol postal competitions. The NRA is a co-partner and sponsor. Shooters Technology is providing the target scoring support.

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Appendix A

Target Suppliers for ISSF Approved Targets

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| Champion Shooters Supply | http://www.championshooters.com |
| Champion's Choice | http://www.champchoice.com |
| Pilkington Competition Equip | http://www.pilkguns.com |
| Orion Scoring Systems | http://www.orionscoringsystem.com |

If you discover other ISSF approved target suppliers, we will gladly add them to the list. Please send contact information to Mike Theimer at michael.theimer@usashooting.org