

# 2013 Spirit of America Fullbore Rifle Prone National Championship

*Sponsored by the Bald Eagles Rifle Club*

**Dates:** September 8 through September 14, 2013. Firing will begin at 8 AM each day.

**Location:** George Tubb Range, NRA Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico, USA

**General Information:** There are currently 254 beds available for housing at the NRA Whittington Center. There is a Recreational Vehicle (caravan) campground that is equipped with full hookups. Reservations should be made at the following: NRA Whittington Center P.O. Box 700, Raton, NM 87740, Phone: (575) 445-3615, Fax: (575) 445-9418. Additional housing is available at many motels in nearby Raton, New Mexico. It is recommended that reservations be made early for the competitor housing. The center will begin accepting housing reservations after February 1, 2013. These are two person rooms and sharing with other competitors is recommended. More information on the NRA Whittington Center is available on the web at: <http://www.nrawc.org/>. Food service at the NRA Whittington Center may be available, providing there is enough interest. The hours of operation are 6 AM to 6 PM daily.

**Entries:** Entries should be mailed to Bald Eagles Rifle Club, C/O: Lonnie Kuhns 2605 West Vine Drive, Fort Collins, CO. 80521. More information is available at [www.baldeaglesrc.org](http://www.baldeaglesrc.org) or questions may be emailed to the match director at: [Lonnieekuhns@aol.com](mailto:Lonnieekuhns@aol.com). Questions about entries may be directed to [lonnieekuhns@aol.com](mailto:lonnieekuhns@aol.com)

**Entry Closing Date and Fees:** Advance entries are recommended. Entries close September 1, 2013 and entries should be mailed to arrive before that date, however late entries will be accepted at the range providing they do not exceed the range capacity. Late entries after September 1 may be assessed a \$20.00 late fee. There is a 10% discount available for "Early Bird" individual full match registrations with payment received by July 8. Individual entry fees will be: \$195.00. Fees for juniors will be \$60.00. Team Match fees will be: \$160.00 for 8 man teams and \$80.00 for the four man teams. Team entries are requested on the day preceding the team match however entries may be made on the day of the match at least one-half hour prior to start time. Daily fees for individuals will be \$70.00 for one day, \$120.00 for two days. Entry fees include a daily range fee of \$20.00 charged by the NRA Whittington Center.

**Categories:** Target rifle; F-Class (Open); F-Class (T/R). There will be separate awards for each category. F-Class (T/R) may be combined with F-Class (Open) if there are insufficient entries to support a separate category.

**Rules:** The rulebook for NRA International Fullbore Rifle will be used and is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp> The rules will also be available at Match Headquarters.

**Competitor Eligibility:** This competition is open to all. All competitors (including International shooters) are encouraged to join the NRA USA. Applications are available at the Stat Office or online at [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org). Cost for 1-year membership is \$35.00. **NRA-USA membership is required for setting National Records.**

**Competitor Classifications:** This is a classified match and will be conducted using the current NRA Fullbore classification system in all matches.

**Challenge Fees:** Challenge fees on the firing line will be \$2.00.

**Ammunition:** Individuals must provide their own ammunition. All ammunition is subject to testing.

**Target Rifle:** The bullet weight for the .308/7.62 must be less than 156 grains and the bullet weight for .223/5.56 must be less than 92 grains. A limited amount of .308/7.62 ammunition is available for purchase at \$1.00 per round.

**F-Class:** Ammunition must comply with rule 3.17

**Rifles:** Target Rifle: A rifle chambered for use with the unmodified 7.62x51 or commercial .308 Winchester cartridge. Any safe trigger is acceptable. A rifle chambered for use with the unmodified 5.56mm or commercial .223 Remington cartridge. Any safe trigger is acceptable. F-Class: Rifles and rests must comply with rules 3.4 & 3.4.1

**Target Service:** Competitors will be required to pull/mark targets in individual matches unless assigned to other duties or exempted from target service by the match director.

**Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI):** *Safety is paramount!* Rifles will have actions open, magazines removed, and an **ECI** inserted into the chamber at **ALL** times *except* - - when on the firing line during the preparation period or during live firing. ECIs will be available for purchase at the range for \$1.00.

**Procedure for Clearing the Line:** At no time is a competitor to leave the firing line with a loaded rifle! All competitors are responsible for safe rifles while on the firing line. At no time should a competitor get out of position without having first placed an **Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI)** in the empty chamber of his/her rifle. This must be verified by the competitor's scorekeeper. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification for both competitor and scorekeeper.

**Preparation Period:** Once the competitors have their squadding they may place all their equipment on the line, except their rifles. Their rifles must stay behind the ready line until the 2 minute warning has been given. When given the 2 minute warning the competitors may bring their rifles to the line. The empty chamber indicator (ECI) must remain in the rifle until the three minute preparation period has been called. The ECI may be removed but no ammunition may be loaded during the 3 minute preparation period. Anyone who fires a shot during the preparation period will be scored a miss for the first record shot of that match. **Anyone who fires a shot prior to the preparation period or any other non-firing period will be disqualified from the competition.**

*There will be a one minute blow off for each relay at the beginning of each day, individual and team matches.*

*There will be no firing before sunrise and after sunset on the Whittington Center.*

**Squadding:** All matches will be squadded by the Statistical Officer. Squadding will be available starting one hour before the start of the match. Matches will start at 8AM each day unless the Match Director makes an announcement prior to the end of the match on the previous day. Special provisions may be made for competitors who enter the match as a handicapped competitor and/or a competitor who qualifies as a Grand Senior. We will also make every attempt to accommodate competitors with special needs such as sharing equipment providing such needs are made known in a timely fashion. Sharing rides will not usually require special accommodation inasmuch as bus transportation to and from the pits will be provided and parking behind each firing line is permitted.

**Scoring:** Competitors will score. Any competitor failing to perform his/her scoring duties may be disqualified.

**Awards:** The awards schedules for Target Rifle and F-Class will be posted at the match. Award groups must contain a minimum of 5 individuals or teams to qualify for awards. Medals will be awarded to the top three match winners in Target Rifle and F-Class for each of the Individual matches. There will be no monetary or class awards for these matches. Monetary awards will be given to match and class winners of the Daily Aggregates and the Grand Aggregate.

Medals will be awarded for the short range and long range individual matches and the team matches immediately following the challenge period on the day the matches are shot. Daily aggregate, team aggregate, and grand aggregate awards will be presented at the awards dinner on Saturday, September 14, 2013.

**Special Individual Awards:** High Junior, Senior, Grand Senior, Woman, Police, or Service will be awarded when 5 or more competitors are entered in any special category. Special Individual Awards are given only for the Grand Aggregate.

**Challenge Period:** The Challenge period ends 30 minutes after the posting of the preliminary bulletin for each match.

**Practice:** The range will be available for squadded practice on Saturday September 7 at all yard lines. Housing will be available on those practice days at the NRA Whittington Center, providing early reservations are made. Practice day fees are included in the entry fee.

**Targets:** **TR** 300 yards → MR63; 500 yards → MR65; 600 yards → MR1; 900 & 1000 yards → NRA LR.  
**F-Class** 300 yards → MR63FC; 500 yards → MR65FC; 600 yards → MR1FC; 900 & 1000 yards → LR-FC.

**Team Participation:** One of our objectives is to provide the opportunity for all to participate in the Team Matches and we will make every effort to accommodate all shooters. Team sign-up list will be available at the Statistical Office.

**\*\*\* Sunday, September 8, 2013\*\*\***

**Match 1**

**The Rightsight Match**

**300, 500, 600 yards**

300, 500, 600 yards Pair firing (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relay 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relay 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

**Match 2**

**The R 'n R Design Match**

**900 yards**

900 yards, 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, string firing.

**Match 3 – Daily Aggregate #1  
(Camaraderie Trophy match)  
An Aggregate of Matches 1 and 2**

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**\*\*\* Monday September 9, 2013\*\*\***

**Match T-1**

**The Cimarron 4 Man Team Match**

**(Sponsored by *Folsom Shooting Club*)**

**Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards**

A Team consisting of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members with each firing member firing 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900 & 1000 yards. Time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair team time, and at the long ranges 33 minutes. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

**\*\*\* Tuesday, September 10, 2013\*\*\***

**Match 4**

**The Sierra Bullets Match**

**300, 500, 600 yards**

300, 500, 600 yards Pair firing (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relay 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relay 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

**Match 5**

**The Pacific Tool & Gauge Match**

**1000 yards**

1000 yards, 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, string firing.

**Match 6 – Daily Aggregate #2**

**The US Armed Forces Trophy Match**

An Aggregate of Matches 4 and 5

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**\*\*\* Wednesday, September 11, 2013\*\*\***

**Match T-2**

**The Angel Fire 4 Man Team Match**

**(Sponsored by Sierra Bullets)**

**Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards**

A Team consisting of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members with each firing member firing 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900 & 1000 yards. Time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair team time, and at the long ranges 33 minutes. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

**\*\*\* Thursday September 12, 2013\*\*\***

**Match 7**

**The McMillan USA short yards Match**

**300, 500, 600 yards**

300, 500, 600 yards Pair firing (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relay 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relay 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

**Match 8**

**The McMillan USA long yard Match**

**900 yards**

900 yards, 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, string firing.

**Match 9 – Daily Aggregate #3**

**(The Freedom Trophy match)**

An Aggregate of Matches 7 and 8

**\*\*\* Friday, September 13, 2013\*\*\***

**Match T-3**

**The Raton 8 Man Team Match**

**(Sponsored by *Galaxy Glass*)**

**Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards**

A Team consisting of eight firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members with each firing member firing 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900, and 1000 yards. Time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair team time, and at the long range 33 minutes. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches. Four man teams will be accommodated for this match.

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**\*\*\* Saturday, September 14, 2013\*\*\***

**Match 10**

**The Sinclair International Match**

**300, 500, 600 yards**

300, 500, 600 yards Pair firing (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relay 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relay 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire their next shot within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

**Match 11**

**The Lapua Match**

**1000 yards**

1000 yards, 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, string firing.

**Match 12 – Daily Aggregate #4**

**(The End of the Trail Trophy match)**

**An Aggregate of Matches 10 and 11**

## *Championship Trophies*

**The Spirit of America and Fullbore National Championship**  
**The Grand Aggregate of the 4 daily aggregates: Matches 3, 6, 9, & 12**  
**in Target Rifle and F-Class Categories**

**The Spirit of America Short Range Championship Trophy**  
**The winner of the Aggregate of Matches 1, 4, 7, & 10 in Target Rifle and F-Class Categories**  
*Individual Target Rifle award sponsored by R 'n R Design*  
*Individual F-TR award sponsored by Powder Keg Shooters Supply*

**The Spirit of America Long Range Championship Trophy**  
**The Winner of the aggregate of Matches 2, 5, 8, & 11 in Target Rifle and F-Class Categories**  
*Individual Target Rifle award sponsored by Berger Bullets*  
*Individual F-TR award sponsored by Powder Keg Shooters Supply*

**The Spirit of America Combined 4-man Team Match Championship Trophy**  
To be eligible for this award, a team shall register under the same name for both four-man team matches with up to **6** members on the team. There shall be 4 firing members and a designated coach and captain. The same team members must be on the team for both 4-man Team Matches (#T-1 & T-2) but individual designations of captain, coach, firing members and alternates may change.

### **Addendum**

- ⇒ The Bald Eagles Rifle Club will host a dinner on **Sunday, September 8** at 5:30PM as a fund raiser for equipment for the clubhouse. The cost will be \$10.00.
- ⇒ The Bald Eagles Rifle Club Annual membership meeting and election of officers will be held on **Tuesday, September 10**, following the challenge period for the match held that day.
- ⇒ A shooters “Swap Meet” will be held after shooting **Wednesday, September 11**. Bring your shooting equipment to sell or trade. No illegal firearms please. A 10% donation of the sales to the Bald Eagles Rifle Club would be appreciated.
- ⇒ There will be an Awards Dinner on **Saturday, September 14** following the match at a time and place to be announced at the match. There will be no charge to competitors entered in the individual matches. Guests are invited for a charge of \$10.00. All competitors must pick up their awards prior to leaving. Awards not picked up will be considered as donations to the Bald Eagles Rifle Club.
- ⇒ The match bulletins will be available online at: <http://www.baldeaglesrc.org/> one week after completion of the matches. Anyone desiring printed copies of the match bulletins may request them in writing to receive them via US Postal Service.

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**Registration and Entry Form**

(please make it legible)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL address: \_\_\_\_\_

NRA # \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enter as (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ NRA Fullbore prone; \_\_\_\_\_ NRA F-Open; \_\_\_\_\_ NRA F-TR

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (mo/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped? \_\_\_\_\_ Special requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase .308 Winchester ammunition – Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Special Category *circle*: Police    Woman    Senior    Grand Senior    Junior  
Service --> *Please specify* - Branch of service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Entry for (check one):    \_\_\_\_\_ Full match:            \$195.00 (\$175.00 if received by July 9, 2013)  
   \_\_\_\_\_ Junior: \$60.00 (\$50.00 if received by July 9, 2013)  
   \_\_\_\_\_ Daily match (1 or 2 days) Indicate date(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
   (\$70.00 / 1 day; \$120.00 / 2 days)  
   \_\_\_\_\_ Team shooter only. (send registration with no fees – team fees are  
   collected at the range)

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (*checks payable in U.S. funds to "Bald Eagles Rifle Club"*)

Mail Entries to:

Bald Eagles Rifle Club C/O Lonnie Kuhns, 2605 West Vine Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80521