

2014 Spirit of America
Fullbore Rifle Prone Championship
Sponsored by the Bald Eagles Rifle Club

Dates: September 5 - 12, 2014. Firing will begin at 8:00 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. It is recommended that reservations be made early for the competitor housing. The center will begin accepting housing reservations after February 1, 2014. 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/>. Additional housing is available at many motels in nearby Raton, New Mexico. 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: John W. Gaines, Match Director, 122 Hidden Haven Dr., Boerne, TX 78006 . More information is available at www.baldeaglesrc.org or questions may be emailed to the match director at jrgaines@gvtc.com.

Entry Closing Date and Fees: Advance entries are recommended. Entries close September 1 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: \$200.00. Fees for juniors will be \$60.00.

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.

Team Match fees will be \$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. Do not submit team entry fees before the day of the match.

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> 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. 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 (Hornady 155 gr. Match) is available for purchase at \$20.00 per box of 20 rounds.

F-Class: Ammunition must comply with rule 3.17

Rifles:

Target Rifle: A rifle chambered for the unmodified 7.62x51 or commercial .308 Winchester cartridge, or a rifle chambered for 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 mark targets in individual matches unless assigned to other duties or are exempted from target service by the match director. A limited number of target pullers may be available for hire. Indicate the desire for a paid puller on your entry. Priority will be for the physically impaired.

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 relay called to the line they may place all their equipment on the line, except their rifles. 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.*

Blow-Off Period: 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 any range 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 aggregates, and grand aggregate awards will be presented at the awards dinner on Friday, September 12, 2014.

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 Fri. Sept 5 at all yard lines. Practice day fees are included in the entry fee.

Targets: Target Rifle: 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 competitors 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.

*****Saturday, September 6, 2014*****

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

The Aggregate of Matches 1 and 2

***** Sunday September 7, 2014*****

Match T-1

The Cimarron 4 Man Team Match

(Sponsored by Folsom Shooting Club)

Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

A Team shall consist of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members. Each firing member to fire 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 and at the long ranges 33 minutes per firing pair. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

*****Monday, September 8, 2014*****

Match 4

The Sierra Bullets Match

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards *pair firing* (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relays 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relays 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 sighting shots and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, *string firing*.

Daily Aggregate #2
The US Armed Forces Trophy Match
An Aggregate of Matches 4 and 5
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***** Tuesday, September 9, 2014*****

Match T-2

The Angel Fire 4 Man Team Match

(Sponsored by Sierra Bullets)

Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

A team shall consist of four firing members, a team captain and coach who may be firing members. 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, and at the long ranges 33 minutes per firing pair. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

***** Wednesday, September 10, 2014*****

Match 7

The McMillan USA Short Yards Match

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards *pair firing* (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relays 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right. Relays 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 sighting shots and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, *string firing*.

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Match 9 – Daily Aggregate #3

The Freedom Trophy match

An Aggregate of Matches 7 and 8

*****Thursday, September 11, 2014*****

Match T-3

The Raton 4 Man Team Match

(Sponsored by Galaxy Glass)

Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

A Team shall consist of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members. Each firing member shall fire 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900, and 1000 yards. The time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing

pair, 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.

*****Friday, September 12, 2014*****

Match 10

The Sinclair International Match

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards *pair firing* (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relays 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right. Relays 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 sighting shots 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 Championship

The Grand Aggregate of the 4 daily aggregates: Matches 3, 6, 9, & 12
In both 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 both 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 both 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

1. The Bald Eagles Rifle Club will host a dinner on Friday, September 5 at 5:30PM as a fund raiser for equipment for the clubhouse. The cost will be \$10.00 for competitors and guests.
2. The **Bald Eagles Rifle Club Annual Membership Meeting** and election of officers will be held on Tuesday, September 9, following the challenge period for the match held that day.
3. A "**Shooters Swap Meet**" will be held after shooting Wednesday, September 10. 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.
4. There will be an **Awards Dinner** on Friday, September 12 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.
5. 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 via US Postal Service may request them in writing before leaving the Whittington Center.

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Registration and Entry Form
(please make it legible)

Last Name _____ First: _____
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:

Special Category (circle): Police; Woman; Senior; Grand Senior; Junior
Service: (Please specify) Branch of service _____ Rank _____

Entry for (check one):

_____ Full match: \$200.00 (\$175.00 if received by July 9, 2014)

_____ Junior: \$60.00 (\$50.00 if received by July 9, 2014)

_____ 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 John W. Gaines, 122 Hidden Haven Dr., Boerne, TX 78006.