



## 9.1.1 Intent and Spirit

The intent and spirit of CMP Rimfire Sporter rules is to provide smallbore rifle target competitions where competitors use low-cost, readily available sporter type .22 caliber rimfire rifles.

- **Excluded Guns (Per National 4-H):** Any firearm built or modified to give the impression of a modern military style firearm such as an AR or AK is not allowed in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Front pistol grips, heat shield/shroud, suppressors (sound), and magazines extending more than 2 inches below the receiver are prohibited. (December 2024)
- **Targets: Indoor:** 10512RF- CMP rimfire sporter, reduced- for prone and sitting/kneeling positions, 1321RF-CMP rimfire sporter, reduced- for standing position; **Outdoor:** B-19 CMP Rimfire Sporter Target
- **Distance: Indoor:** 50 ft; **Outdoor:** 50 yards (prone and sitting/kneeling) and 25 yards (standing)
- **Course of Fire:**
  - **Qualifying:** 30 shots for record. Slow fire – 10 shots Prone, Kneeling/Sitting, and Standing
  - **State Shoot:** 60 shots for record; 50 yards: Prone position – 10 shots, slow fire and 10 shots, rapid fire; Kneeling or Sitting – 10 shots slow fire and 10 shots rapid fire; 25 yards: Standing – 10 shots slow fire and 10 shots rapid fire
- **Time Limit: Slow fire:** 10 shots for record in 10 minutes; **Rapid fire:** 5-shot strings in 25 seconds (semi-auto) or 30 seconds (manual repeater).

## Equipment

- **Rifle:** Overall weight of the rifle may not exceed 7.5 lbs., with sights and an empty magazine. If a sling is used; it may be removed when rifle is weighed. Any type of action, semi-automatic or manually operated with a trigger pull capable of lifting a 3.0 lb NRA trigger pull weight. Rifles may have barrels equipped with porting, flash suppressors, muzzle brakes or recoil compensators, but sound suppressors (silencers) are NOT allowed, per 4-H Rule. (Updated 4-H National Standard 12-2024).
- **Guns Must Cased When Brought to the Range:** All guns must be UNLOADED and in an enclosed case when not on the shooting line, with muzzle end of the case marked. During check-in, firearms must be brought to the check-in station cased, with safety flag in place and the action open. Any magazines included in the case should be unloaded. Safe handling is imperative, particularly with respect to muzzle control. A site for opening cases will be designated. Presenting a gun at check-in that is loaded with a live cartridge in the chamber or with a loaded magazine inserted in the gun will be grounds for disqualification from the current relay of the event.
- **CMP Gun Classifications:** SD 4-H will recognize the three CMP Rimfire Sporter gun classifications: O-Class, T-Class and TU-Class, with separate individual records kept for each class. For determination of the national team representatives from South Dakota, all classes of CMP guns will be scored together, and those totals used toward the overall aggregate score. Please see additional SD 4-H Shooting Sports resources for assistance in proper classification of CMP rifles.
- **Stock: O-Class (open sights) or T-Class Rifles (telescopic sights):** must have a standard sporter stock constructed of wood or synthetic material. The pistol grip must be constructed as an integral part of the buttstock. The stock may have a Monte Carlo cheek-piece but may not have an orthopedic or asymmetrically shaped cheek-piece or pistol grip. The attachment of cheek pads is permitted if the attached material is not orthopedically shaped and is fixed so it cannot be moved or adjusted for different firing positions. Adjustable buttplates and adjustable cheek pieces that are fixed and **cannot be readily adjusted without tools** are permitted; no changes are permitted during an event.

- **TU-Class (tactical/unlimited) Rifles:** TU-Class may include a very limited group of rifles configured as modern sporter rifles, provided they meet the “Excluded Guns” policy stated above. TU-Class Rimfire Rifles are rifles that have non-standard stocks (folding, push-button, etc.) or adjustable cheek-pieces that **are adjustable without the use of tools**, have orthopedically-shaped cheek-pieces or pistol grips, or have non-standard barrels or configurations. Rifles with fluted barrels will be classified in the TU- class.
- **Adjustments and Limits:** No changes to stock adjustments are permitted once set. All guns must conform to the listed weight and trigger pull requirements. Magazines may not extend more than two inches below the action and may not rest on the ground or be used to support the rifle.
- **Sling:** Standard leather or web sling no wider than 1 1/4 inches may be used in prone, sitting or kneeling positions. Slings must be fixed to the stock in no more than one position. Rails with adjustable sling swivels are not permitted. A single point M-LOK sling attachment is allowable but cannot be moved during the competition.
- **Sights:** Open sights may be used; receiver sights or a scope not exceeding 6x magnification is permitted. If a variable power scope is capable of greater than 6x, the adjustment device on variable telescopes must be set to 6x maximum and secured with tape or other similar means so that it cannot be changed during match. The magnification must remain at the sealed power during the entire match, with the check-in seal remaining intact.
- **Safety Flags:** Safety Flags (formerly called Empty Chamber Indicators or ECIs) must be placed in all rifles and pistols when they are on a Shooting range. Safety flags may only be removed during authorized Preparation and Firing times.
- **Other Equipment:** A shooting mat or cloth, kneeling roll (6” maximum diameter) and a shooting stand are allowed.
- **Clothing:** Competitors may wear no more than two layers of ordinary soft, casual or sports clothing (shirt, sweatshirt, etc.). Shirts or sweatshirts must be made of single layers of soft, flexible clothing. The addition of shoulder or elbow pads or double layers, except normal pockets, is not permitted. Shooting jackets, pants, leather shooting vests, and shooting shoes, etc. are not allowed. Competitors may wear one ordinary work or sports glove on the hand that supports the rifle, provided the glove is not padded. Ordinary low-cut shoes, work boots, or hunting-style boots may be worn.
- **Ear Protection:** Adequate ear protection carrying an OSHA Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) of at least 25 dB is required for all participants. Noise canceling devices without an OSHA NRR rating are not adequate as they are designed to make listening more enjoyable, not reducing the dB of sound entering the ear. Coaches or spectators on or near firing lines are subject to the same requirements. In all disciplines, devices placed over, on, or into the ear are not allowed to receive wireless, communication, background noise or similar broadcasts that could interfere with range

## Range Operation:

- In Rapid-Fire stages: after the “Load” command, all actions must be locked OPEN or CLOSED on an empty chamber prior to the “Start” command. Manually holding the action open with the magazine inserted is not permitted.
- Competitors will not be allowed to chamber a **live round** until after they are in the shooting position.

## NGB Rules

The most recent version of the CMP Games Rifle & Pistol Competition Rules will be used and can be found under the South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports Rules & Regulations: [extension.sdstate.edu/state-shooting-sports-rules-and-resources](https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-shooting-sports-rules-and-resources)

The main body of the CMP Rimfire Sporter Rifle Matches rules is contained in Section 9.