

US Rifle Team Tryout Process

2013

The tryout process described below is unchanged from 2012. Some clarifications have been added to help the shooters and coaches better understand the process. These clarifications include the answers to questions asked over the past several years.

The US Rifle Team (USRT) tryout process employs a simple target grading system that uses horizontal lines drawn on the target above and below the X, 10, 9, and 8 rings. Shots are scored as a zero for X ring elevation, one point for shots in 10 ring elevations either above or below the horizontal X ring line, three points for a 9 ring, and five points for an 8 ring elevation. Shots at 3 or 9 o'clock within the elevations of X, 10, 9, etc is scored according to that elevation. No points are added or deducted because of wind shots. As an example a nine o'clock shot in the 9 ring but at X ring elevation is a zero point shot. A shot at twelve o'clock in the 9 ring is a 3 point shot.

It may be helpful to get a LR target center or a plot sheet and draw horizontal lines on it. This will give you a visual of the process described.

A qualifying score is 48 points or less over 120 consecutive shots for record.

The National Team coach will send the plot sheets and a digital photo of each target, clearly marked with the shooter and coaches name, date, time, location, and target number as in target 1 of 6, 2 of 6, etc to Head Coach Emil Praslick with a copy to the Captain.

Tryout Process Restrictions, Requirements and Clarifications:

1. Rifle and equipment must meet current ICFRA rules. ICFRA Rules are available at the ICFRA web site. This includes but not limited to trigger weight at .5 Kg minimum, 156 grain bullet maximum weight, and a front lens not greater than 0.50.
2. All shots must be under National Team Coach supervision.
3. All targets submitted for consideration must be shot consecutively. No cherry picking targets.
4. All plot sheets submitted must be signed by the National Team coach with the name of the shooter, coach, date, time, location of the tryout and note if shot without coaches direct management. Plot sheets must be numbered 1 of 6, 2 of 6, etc.
5. Digital photos of each qualifying target must be submitted with the same information as the plot sheets clearly marked on each target face and clearly legible in the photo. Shooters and coaches have found that putting this information on a piece of white paper using a Sharpie marker and taping the paper to the corner of the target face works very well. Use brightly colored or white small round pasters for each shot hole. If shooting forty (40) shots on a single target face use different colors that are clearly and distinctly visible. Use white pasters if shooting only twenty (20) shots per target face.
6. The National Team coach will submit their confidential report to the USRT Head Coach, copy USRT Captain, commenting on the following:
 - a. General observations of the shooter.
 - b. Ability to accurately call shots.
 - c. Stamina
 - d. Time to fire after command

- e. Condition of equipment.
 - f. Recommendation to the US Rifle Team.
7. The tryout process may consist of several days, different weekends or week days. We do not encourage shooters to try to shoot 120 consecutive shots in one day. We recommend two days at a minimum.
 8. Shooting under a coach. Shooters must shoot under a National Team coach's supervision. Shooters may NOT shoot blind i.e. without a coach adjusting for wind and elevation for more than twenty (20) shots for qualification purposes. We do not recommend this process and will not adjust or divine the shots to center for the shooter. The coach must be directly in the loop but may divide their time between shooters if the situation requires it. All target faces and plot sheets for which the shooter shot without a coach must be clearly marked if this process is used.