



2026 NMLRA Territorial Rifle & Pistol Championships Guide

The goal of the NMLRA National Territorial Championship Program is to be a sustainable outreach opportunity open to everyone willing and able to participate. Events shall be conducted per this program guide, current published NMLRA rules, and National matches if not addressed otherwise. It is critical that we have strong consistency at each of the locally hosted national events, both for recognition at each local event and end of year rankings and standings. All competitors nationally will have their highest score posted for that year's National top 10 & National top gun recognition.

The NMLRA will provide standard national advertising and promotion, an awards program, an NMLRA Official Representative, and necessary administrative support. Any additional supplemental advertising may be requested and paid for by the sponsor/host club. Lead time is about 3 months for Muzzle Blasts Publication.

As a host/sponsor of an event, you shall be responsible for a suitable & safe range facility with appropriate insurance coverage. You may need to answer questions, registration, collecting & accounting for registration and match fees, supplying correct targets for all hosted matches, scoring targets, posting scores, breaking all award ties and handing out awards. Following the event, please submit payment of the NMLRA's share and all records, scores, and reports to the NMLRA within 14 days after your event. Documents may be sent by E-mail. Please, consider reporting and retaining your awards for the next year. Even if you are not sure about hosting an event the following year. We'll help to find someone in your area/state that can take it over rather than shipping awards back and forth.

Please, complete the Territorial Application(s) for Rifle & Pistol and/or Shotgun and return the application to the NMLRA Office or Territorial Coordinator. Please reach out to us with any questions or comments. More than one event per state may be considered. Please be mindful of other events and dates. Dates should fall between **January** and No later than October.

Keep in mind some FAQ from competitors that may include, but not limited to: Where is your event? Address or GPS? What facilities and accommodations are available at the range, loading benches, shooting benches, covered firing line, camping, utilities, access, accommodations. You should be prepared for as many as 40~60 competitors. With the typical average or 30 or less.

MATCH PROGRAM

We want to encourage each host to try and host as many or all of the aggregates. To attract as many competitors as possible and not turn anyone away who wishes to compete. This is especially true for all youth, ladies and top gun aggregates. Family Sport!

An event may be Rifle, Pistol, & Shotgun combined or individual stand-alone events for Rifle, Pistol, or Shotgun or any combination of the above. All simultaneous side matches held in conjunction with a territorial event must be requested and approved.

All applications will be considered for approval. All reasonable accommodation will be extended to new hosts. Questions – Ask us! We're here to help!



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Competitor Eligibility

Everyone who wishes to compete in a NMLRA Territorial Event is eligible & all are equally eligible for all awards regardless of membership affiliation. However, adults 21 years old and older that are not current NMLRA members shall pay higher registration and aggregate fees. Members should have proof of membership, their NMLRA Number and current expiration date. New and Renewal memberships may be sold at the event, and the host club may keep \$5 total from each membership sold. Membership Receipts must be sent to the NMLRA Office.

Event Fee Table:	Registration	Paid Aggs Each	Free Youth Aggs
Youth, Junior Competitor (Jr. Comp.)	\$1.00	\$15.00 / each	\$0.00 / each
Adult, Current NMLRA Member	\$15.00	\$15.00 / each	N/A
Adult, Non-Member (N/M)	\$20.00	\$20.00 / each	N/A

Registration forms and all membership forms shall be completed before a competitor is issued targets. Please send the registration forms in with your documents, they can be emailed or mailed to the Office. Hosts are strongly encouraged to keep copies of all records, forms, and reports they send into the Office.

All Fees Registration and Aggregate Fees are split 50/50 with the host and the NMLRA.

For example:

- Youth (Jr. Cmp.) under 21 years old: Registration - \$1.00 (\$0.50/\$0.50)
- Adult (21-year-old and older) Current Member of the NMLRA –
Reg & Each Agg: \$15.00 (\$7.50/\$7.50)
- (N/M) Adult Non-Members
Reg & Agg: \$20.00 (\$10.00/\$10.00)

There is No fee (Free) for sub-junior, junior, intermediate, or youth aggregates.

The sub-junior, junior, intermediate, or youth competitor (under 21) must have a NMLRA sponsor. The sponsor need not be family. We do not ever want to turn away youth or junior competitors from an event.

However, if a Jr or Youth Competitor wishes to buy and compete in an adult aggregate. They only need to pay the member agg fee of \$15/agg each adult paid agg. Their registration is still \$1.00, not \$15.00. The \$1.00 is a registration fee, not a membership.

Individual matches may not be entered. Only complete Aggregates may be selected and bought, not individual matches. It is at the competitor's discretion what matches they compete in within the aggregates they have bought. Each Territorial Match shall be uniquely completed. One cannot use the same target for more than one territorial match.

Fees over and above the registration fee and the aggregate fee are not permitted.

Targets - Targets are to be supplied by the sponsor. The targets for each match are specified in the National Territorial Championship Match Program that follows. The targets used must comply with the description in the NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations.



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Targets may be purchased from the NMLRA or purchased from other sources selling NMLRA approved targets. (Contact Territorial Coordinator about special ordering of targets, or for appropriate target substitution.)

When issued to a competitor, each target must be identified with the competitor's number along with match number. The targets are to be fired as issued; aiming spots, dots, etc. are not allowed. Each match must be fired separately. One target cannot be scored and entered in two or more matches or aggregates. All targets must be turned in after each relay, except for matches that allow two (2) consecutive relays. Consideration should be given to safety, speed, and prevention of target falsification.

Scoring - Scoring will be in accordance with NMLRA rules. Scoring aids will be provided by the NMLRA, along with suggestions for improving scoring accuracy. Scores fired in territorial match aggregates must be officially posted. After all scores in a territorial match have been posted, a period of 30 minutes must be allowed in order for competitors to examine their scores and the opportunity to file a protest if they disagree with the posted scores. Also, during that time all match and aggregate ties are broken per the NMLRA Rules. See Appendix for some helpful information.

Awards – Awards will be supplied by the NMLRA for each match, aggregate, Territorial 50 club, 100 club, open, and ladies top gun patches.

At each hosted event: Top values for -

- All match awards: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place [Gold, Silver, Bronze] or [Blue, Red, White]
- All aggregate awards: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place [Gold, Silver, Bronze]
- Additional Sub-Jr, Jr, Intermediate, & Youth aggregates: 4th & 5th
(Same award as 3rd (Bronze), only marked 4th & 5th)
- Each Match a 50 or higher 5 shot match 50.05 total possible score – 50 Club Patch
- Each Match a 100 or higher 10 shot match 100.10 total possible score – 100 Club Patch
- Ladies Top Gun Patch – Points from specific matches and aggregates
- Open Top Gun Patch – Points from specific matches and aggregates

Then at the end of the season when all the scores are compiled, the NMLRA will award at a minimum the top competitor in each event. Typically, Jr/Youth top three national places will receive a national top gun award in each Jr/Youth aggregate. Depending on participation we'll evaluate adult aggregates for national awards.

National Top Gun is calculated with points awarded to the top 10 ranking for each aggregate at the end of season. 10 points for 1st descending down to 1 point for 10th. Adding up all the points from each aggregate to recognize the National Men's, Ladies, and Youth – Top Gun at the end of the year.



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Reporting Results -

Please send your results into the office within 14 days of your event.

- Membership Receipts (New & Renewal of Memberships Sold)
- Registration Forms and/or Sheet(s)
- Match/Agg Line Scores – Very important for end of season calculations!
- Award Report
- Financial Report (Memberships, Registrations, Agg's: Total, Club, and NMLRA Shares)
- Check or Money Order with payment of NMLRA's Share.

The payment, Membership Receipts, and Financial Report should be mailed. The rest of the documents can be either mailed or emailed to the office.

Match results will not be placed in the official files until the NMLRA share of match receipts has been received by the NMLRA.

Should you wish to submit an article or report to Muzzle Blasts for publication following your event, please send double-spaced typed written narrative. It may include photographs with individuals identified separately. Send to either the office or Territorial Coordinator.

Personnel:

- The Match Director is responsible for the general operation and administration of their specific event. Including, but not limited to registration, membership, scoring, posting and reporting results. Proper accounting and transfer of fees and membership dues. Should be familiar with match operations and NMLRA Range Rules & Regulations. They are the primary contact with the NMLRA staff. They may be a competitor at their own event. They may be the primary public contact or designate someone else for that role.
- The Range Officer is responsible for range operation. They shall have full appreciation of the importance of safe range operation and ensure adherence to appropriate sections of the NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations. They may compete, but a responsible substitute must be appointed to serve their place as Range Officer when they are shooting.
- Registration/Target Clerk(s) shall help guide competitors through the process of completing the registration forms and as needed renewing or buying new NMLRA Memberships. May also, be working closely with the score keeper(s) helping to enter scores and post results. May help with handing out targets to the competitors. They may also be a competitor.
- Score Keeper(s) scoring targets turned in by the competitors. Following the guidance in the NMLRA Range Rules & Regulations. They may be a competitor, but they should not score their own targets. Keeping the targets in secure, organized location until all targets are turned and scored. Only then can all the match ties be broken by the NMLRA Range Rules.
- Protest Committee is a group of at least three people who have a thorough knowledge of the NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations, and the ability to apply those rules in an impartial manner. In the absence of rules, they must be able to express the "spirit of the match" in making decisions. They may compete but must excuse themselves when considering protests involving their own scores, in which situation, a substitute must be appointed by the Match Director.



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- The NMLRA Official Representative is selected by the NMLRA Territorial Coordinator and serves as a consultant to the Match Director. They ensure compliance with NMLRA policies and rules. They may help with all aspects of the event. They may be a competitor. They are typically a Field Representative, NMLRA Range Safety Officer or the Match Director.

It takes a team to run an event. It could all be done with one or two, but it is much easier with at least 3 or 4 people or more. Thank Each and Every Person that helps out at each of these events.

NMLRA Charter Clubs are a preferred/typical host/sponsor for Territorial Events.

NMLRA Territorial Committee is responsible to the NMLRA Board of Directors for proper administration of the National Territorial Championship Program. They also help the NMLRA Territorial Coordinator and Office staff procure and distribute awards, develop advertising programs, maintain records and reports, and correspond with sponsors and competitors. They coordinate the related activities with Muzzle Blasts and other NMLRA groups.

If possible, a member of the committee will attend territorial matches.

National Territorial Championship - 2026 Aggregate Descriptions

The following descriptions of the aggregates comprising the territorial match are provided only as a reference and should not be considered as describing all the conditions of a given match or aggregate. The current edition of the NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations should be consulted for specific information. (Note: Marksmanship is of prime importance. Therefore, sighting targets and spotting scopes are to be allowed except as expressly forbidden by the NMLRA Range Rules and regulations.) *****Note: All territorial relays are to be 30 minutes in duration, except noted bench and musket, which may use two (2) consecutive relays.

Rule 1170 – Ammunition: Projectile is patched round ball except as noted in program or special rules. Exceptions: C, I, K, P, Q, and AA

Sights:

No Rear	Trade gun	See Rules 5650 & 9050
Fixed	Sighted Smoothbore	See Rules 5640 & 9060
Fixed Open	Rifle Frolic	See Rule 9090, Sealed adjustable, rendered “Fixed”
As Issue	Musket	See Rules, 7000-7130
Any/Period	Cartridge	Any sight, including up to period correct scopes.
Open Adj	Adjustable Open Sights	See Rules 5010-5030, & 6103.1
AMS	Any Metallic Sight	Rules 5040, 5050, & 5055
Any/Scope	Any Sight	Rule 5060

Positions:

Offhand	Rifle Offhand	Rule 5610
One hand	Pistol Offhand	Rule 6101.1A
AMP	Any Military	Rule 7090 (prone, sit, kneel, standing)
X-Stick	Cross Sticks	See Agg F below, otherwise Rules 5310-5340
Bench	Bench Rest	Rules 5090 & 5100
Any	Cartridge	Any position above, Offhand, AMP, Cross Stick, or Bench

Bench: Bench Rest matches may be fired from cross sticks and still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays per match if allowed (2) consecutive relays.



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❖ Agg A, B, C, & D are used to calculate the Open Top Gun Winner.

* Denotes the Match score(s) used to break ties, more than (1) it is total for 2.

A. Offhand Championship Aggregate (Classification on request)

One flintlock or percussion rifle.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
A1	25	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
A2	50	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)
A3	50	Offhand	5	1	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)
A4	100	Offhand	5	1	AMS	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)*

B. Hunter Championship Aggregate

One traditional flintlock or percussion rifle.

Note: All targets posted "Natural Position". No sighters posted the same relay/distance.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
B5	25	Offhand	5	1	Open Adj	Haffner Crow #101
B6	50	Offhand	5	1	Open Adj	Haffner Standing Groundhog #201
B7	50	Offhand	5	1	Open Adj	Haffner Running Fox #701
B8	100	Offhand	5	1	Open Adj	Haffner Standing Bear #711*

C. Longhunter Championship Aggregate

Any flintlock, percussion, or inline muzzleloader. Any projectile, ball, bullet or sabot.

Note: All targets posted "Natural Position". No sighters posted the same relay/distance.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
C9	25	Offhand	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Squirrel #202
C10	50	Offhand	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Running Chuck #203
C11	50	Offhand	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Running Deer #902
C12	100	Offhand	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Standing Buffalo #100*

D. One-Gun Championship Aggregate

*Inspection required – weighed. One flintlock or percussion rifle. 14-lbs. limit max.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
D13	50	Offhand	5	1	Open Adj	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)
D14	50	Bench	5	2	Open Adj	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
D15	100	Offhand	5	1	Open Adj	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)*
D16	100	Bench	5	2	Open Adj	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)

Top gun points are awarded as follows: Same for Open and Ladies

Matches: 3rd = 1 pt., 2nd = 2 pts., & 1st = 3 pts. Agg: 3rd = 4 pts., 2nd = 5 pts., & 1st = 6 pts.

Add all the points for each of the matches 1 – 16 and Agg's A – D for each competitor and in the event of a tie, the winner of match A2 is the winner.



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E. Rifle Frolic Championship Aggregate (A.K.A. Primitive)

One traditional flintlock or percussion rifle. No spotting scopes, sighters or sight adjustments.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
E17	25	Offhand	5	1	Fixed Open	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
E18	25	Offhand	5	1	Fixed Open	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
E19	50	Offhand	5	1	Fixed Open	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)
E20	100	Offhand	5	1	Fixed Open	200-YD*

F. Cross Stick Championship Aggregate (Applies only to Territorial Only, Not Friendship)

*Inspection required – weighed. One or more flintlock or percussion rifle. 14-lbs. limit max.

Note: All targets posted “Natural Position”. No sighters posted the same relay/distance.

Only one Record Target/relay any distance. **Seated** on the ground, stool, bucket... No support above your waist. (i.e., no arms or back support) See appendix for more information.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
F21	50	X-Stick	5	1	AMS	Five Bull Buffalo (Large Rings)
F22	50	X-Stick	5	1	AMS	Five Bull Buffalo (Large Rings)
F23	100	X-Stick	5	1	AMS	One Bull Buffalo (Eight Ring Black)*
F24	100	X-Stick	5	1	AMS	One Bull Buffalo (Eight Ring Black)*

G. Light Bench Championship Aggregate

*Inspection required – weighed. One or more flintlock or percussion rifle. 14-lbs. limit max.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
G25	50	Bench	5	2	AMS	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)
G26	50	Bench	5	2	AMS	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)
G27	100	Bench	5	2	AMS	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)*
G28	100	Bench	5	2	AMS	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)*

H. Bench Championship Aggregate

One or more percussion or flintlock rifles.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
H29	50	Bench	5	2	AMS	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
H30	50	Bench	5	2	AMS	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
H31	100	Bench	5	2	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)*
H32	100	Bench	5	2	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)*

I. Hunter Bench Championship Aggregate (A.K.A. Inline Bench)

Any Muzzleloader rifle, ball, bullet or sabot. Note: All targets posted “Natural Position”. No sighters posted the same relay/distance.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
I33	50	Bench	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Running Chuck #203
I34	50	Bench	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Standing Groundhog #201
I35	100	Bench	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Standing Buffalo #100
I36	100	Bench	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Standing Bear #711*



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- For Handgun (Pistol or Revolver) Offhand is one handed, standing, Rule 6101.1A
- LTF (Limited Timed Fire) Rules 6402 – 6402.3

J. Pistol Championship Aggregate (Classification on request)

**See Range Officer for LTF (Limited Timed Fire) Timing and instructions. 2 strings of 5, see the rule book. One percussion, flintlock pistol, or revolver (revolvers must be loaded and fired 1 chamber/round at a time for LTF match)

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
J37	25	Offhand	10	1	Open Adj	25-Yrd Pistol (Nine Ring Black)
J38	25	Offhand	5+5	**LTF	Open Adj	25-Yrd Pistol (Nine Ring Black)
J39	50	Offhand	10	1	Open Adj	50-Yrd Pistol (Eight Ring Black)*

K. Revolver Championship Aggregate (Classification on request)

**See Range Officer for LTF (Limited Timed Fire) Timing and instructions. (1) 10 min String.

Any percussion, revolver (Never load more than 5 chambers/rounds and 1 cylinder at any time, only cap on the line) 5+5=10. B-19 target is scored best 10 of 13. Ball or bullet.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
K41	25	Offhand	10	1	Open Adj	25-Yrd Pistol (Nine Ring Black)
K42	25	Offhand	5+5	**LTF	Open Adj	25-Yrd Pistol (Nine Ring Black)
K43	50	Offhand	10	1	Open Adj	50-Yrd Pistol (Eight Ring Black)*
K44	25	Offhand	13	1	Open Adj	NRA B-19

L. Pistol Hunter Championship Aggregate

One percussion, flintlock pistol, or revolver. Note: All targets posted "Natural Position". No sighters posted the same relay/distance.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
L45	25	1or2Hand	5	1	Open Adj	Haffner Standing Groundhog #201
L46	25	1or2Hand	5	1	Open Adj	Haffner Running Chuck #203
L47	50	1or2Hand	5	1	Open Adj	Haffner Standing Buffalo #100*

M. Flintlock Championship Aggregate (Classification on request)

One traditional flintlock rifle.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
M49	25	Offhand	5	1	Open Adj	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
M50	50	Offhand	5	1	Open Adj	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)
M51	50	Offhand	5	1	Open Adj	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)
M52	100	Offhand	5	1	Open Adj	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)*



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N. Trade Gun Championship Aggregate (A.K.A. Smoothbore/Fowler)

*Inspection is required first before any match targets are posted or fired. (Sights, Trigger, Caliber & Smoothbore). One traditional flintlock muzzleloader. No set trigger, .54 Caliber min. No rear sight above the plane of the barrel.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
N53	25	Offhand	5	1	No Rear	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)
N54	25	Offhand	5	1	No Rear	Three Bull (Eight Ring Black)
N55	50	Offhand	5	1	No Rear	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)
N56	100	Offhand	5	1	No Rear	200-YD*

O. Sgt. Smoothbore Championship Aggregate (A.K.A. Sighted Smoothbore)

*Inspection is required first before any match targets are posted or fired. (Sights & Smoothbore Check). One flintlock or percussion Smooth rifle. Any Caliber, Fixed Open (Front/Rear) sights, may have a set trigger.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
O57	25	Offhand	5	1	Fixed	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)
O58	25	Offhand	5	1	Fixed	Three Bull (Eight Ring Black)
O59	50	Offhand	5	1	Fixed	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)
O60	100	Offhand	5	1	Fixed	200-YD*

P. Musket Championship Aggregate

*Inspection is required first before any match targets are posted or fired. (sights, half-cock, and trigger pull 3 lbs. min.). One NMLRA “as issue” Musket, See NMLRA Rule Book. Per National Matches Roundball or Minie Ball

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
P61	50	Offhand	10	2	As issue	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)
P62	100	AMP	10	2	As issue	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)
P63	100	Offhand	10	2	As issue	200-YD*

Q. Cartridge Championship Aggregate

*Inspection required – weighed. One or more Friendship rifle. 14-lbs. limit max. Any position: bench, prone, X-sticks, offhand... Any sight, including up to period correct scopes. Note: All targets posted “Natural Position”. No sighters posted the same relay/distance. All rifles must be kept pointed muzzle downrange between shots and must use an open chamber indicator for safety. See the appendix for more information.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
Q65	100	Any	10	1	See Above	Three Bull (Eight Ring Black)
Q66	100	Any	5	1	See Above	Haffner Standing Bear #711
Q67	100	Any	10	1	See Above	Five Bull Buffalo (Large Rings)
Q68	100	Any	5	1	See Above	Haffner Running Deer #902*

R. Senior Championship Aggregate

One percussion or flintlock rifle. Age over 60 years old at the time of registration. Note: All targets posted “Natural Position”. No sighters posted the same relay/distance for animal target.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
R69	25	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Haffner Running Deer #902*
R70	25	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Haffner Running Fox #701
R71	50	Bench	5	2	AMS	Three Bull (Eight Ring Black)
R72	50	Bench	5	2	AMS	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)



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❖ Agg S, T, U, & V are used to calculate the Ladies Top Gun Winner.

S. Ladies Offhand Championship Aggregate (Classification on request)

One or more flintlock or percussion rifles

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
S73	25	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Three Bull (Eight Ring Black)
S74	25	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
S75	50	Offhand	5	1	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)
S76	50	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)*

T. Ladies Hunter Championship Aggregate

One or more flintlock or percussion rifle.

Note: All targets posted "Natural Position". No sighters posted the same relay/distance.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
T77	25	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Haffner Running Chuck #203
T78	25	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Haffner Crow #101
T79	50	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Haffner Running Fox #701
T80	50	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Haffner Standing Groundhog #201*

U. Ladies Rifle Championship Aggregate

One or more flintlock or percussion rifles

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
U81	25	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)*
U82	50	Offhand	5	1	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)
U83	50	Bench	5	2	AMS	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
U84	100	Bench	5	2	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)

V. Ladies Bench Championship Aggregate

One or more percussion or flintlock rifles.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
V85	50	Bench	5	2	AMS	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
V86	50	Bench	5	2	AMS	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
V87	100	Bench	5	2	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)*
V88	100	Bench	5	2	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)*

Ladies Top Gun: Matches 73 – 100 and Agg's S – V. Tie Breaker is Match S76 6B @ 50 Yards.

W. Ladies Pistol Championship Aggregate (Classification on request)

**See Range Officer for LTF (Limited Timed Fire) Timing and instructions. 2 strings of 5, see rule book. One percussion, flintlock pistol, or revolver (revolvers must be loaded and fired 1 chamber at a time for LTF match)

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
W89	25	Offhand	10	1	Open Adj	25-Yrd Pistol (Nine Ring Black)
W90	25	Offhand	5+5	**LTF	Open Adj	25-Yrd Pistol (Nine Ring Black)
W91	50	Offhand	10	1	Open Adj	50-Yrd Pistol (Eight Ring Black)*



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- All Youth Aggregates are open to all youth, 4H, Boy Scouts, YHEC... Limited to age, Requires Youth Competitor registration (\$1.00) and a NMLRA Member Sponsor. Sponsor need not be family, may be any NMLRA Member at the event.

X. Sub-Junior Championship Aggregate

One or more percussion or flintlock rifles. Under 12 years old at the time of registration.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
X93	25	Bench	5	2	AMS	Three Bull (Eight Ring Black)*
X94	25	Bench	5	2	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)

Y. Junior Championship Aggregate

One or more percussion or flintlock rifles. Under 16 years old at the time of registration.

Match

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
Y97	25	Bench	5	2	AMS	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)
Y98	25	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Three Bull (Eight Ring Black)
Y99	50	Offhand	5	1	AMS	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)*
Y100	50	Bench	5	2	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)

Z. Intermediate Championship Aggregate (Classification on request)

One percussion or flintlock rifles. Under 21 years old at the time of registration.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
Z101	25	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)
Z102	50	Offhand	5	1	AMS	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)
Z103	50	Offhand	5	1	AMS	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)
Z104	100	Offhand	5	1	AMS	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)*

AA. Youth Hunter Championship Aggregate

Any Muzzleloader, ball, bullet or sabot. Under 21 years old at the time of registration.

Note: All targets posted "Natural Position". No sighters posted the same relay/distance.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
AA105	25	Offhand	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Standing Groundhog #201
AA106	25	Offhand	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Running Deer #902
AA107	50	Offhand	5	1	Any/Scope	Haffner Standing Bear #711*



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AB. Primitive Championship Aggregate **New 2026 (Back in the Program, Note All Changes)**

Dropped in 2025 due to low hosting & participation. Agg was complicated and a lot of work to host.

We've reworked this aggregate, and we'll try it again and see how it works. We'd like your feedback.

Any Muzzleloader, ball, bullet or sabot. Under 21 years old at the time of registration.

- All matches shot as noted with one primitive sighted percussion or flintlock rifle.
- No caliber limits or restrictions.
- Production and custom muzzleloaders with adjustable sights OK but may not be adjusted after starting the aggregate. The host club may wish to seal sight adjustments with tape or a sticker.
- Front sight color shall be black, white, or a natural metallic color such as brass, silver, gold, or iron.
- No coaching, no sighters, no spotting scopes or magnified optical viewing of posted match targets.
- Primitive dress & loading are encouraged but not specifically required.
- Hawk, Knife, and Fire-Starting equipment may be borrowed or supplied.
Especially for new competitors to the sport who may not have this equipment.

Match	Yards	Position	Shots	Relays	Sights	Target
AB109	25	Offhand	6	1	Primitive	Bottle (B-1) TG2427
AB110	50	Offhand	5	1	Primitive	Haffner Standing Buffalo #100
AB111	100	†Various	†2+3=5	1	Primitive	†One Bull (Seven Ring Black)
AB112	~Var	Offhand	6+	N/A	Primitive	Mountain Man Match*

†No more than 3 shots primitive support (X-stick or Chunk), and at least 2 shots offhand - Competitors Choice.

The goal with these changes were event/club flexibility, complexity reduction, and hopefully competitor appeal.

*Mountain Man Match (6 various primitive target shots, hawk, knife, and flint & steel fire start)

Part 1: 6 various primitive target shots (3 various gongs & 3 various novelty targets) These targets and distances are largely at the match director/host club's discretion with some general guidance from the program to help keep the various events somewhat consistent nationally. To allow different ranges to host this aggregate it is acceptable to use paper or other material animals, shapes, or substitutions silhouettes in place of steel gongs and live novelty targets. For example, the TG2419 – Fun Target or similar. Self-Healing Rubber targets or even paper substitutions posted on fixed target frames. We've requested clubs to pick at least one of the three original Novelty Targets, Cut the card, Cut the crossed Strings, and/or split the ball and break the 2 clay birds from the old program (can be paper simulation if necessary). Then up to two more of their choice. Flexibility and simplicity for match setup. For the competitors, updated scoring, allowing for half value in addition to all or nothing scoring on novelty targets.

Part 2: Hawk and knife throw is unchanged from the old program regarding three (3) throws each. Thrown by the handle and must complete 1 full revolution. 5 points for cutting the card, 1 point for a stick. And add 1 bonus point to the total for 3 sticks without cutting the card for a total of 4. The only change is now competitors without the equipment, my barrow equipment – allowing newer competitors to compete and try this without having to own everything needed.

Part 3: Flint and steel – Fire Start. Using a primitive/traditional flint, steel, and tinder timed flame. Using a stopwatch, the time starts on the first strike of the flint and steel. The elapsed time stops with observation of a visible flame. The score is taken from the table on the score card, see next page for a copy of the score card. Record all times, even if more than 60 seconds for match tiebreaker where the best time wins the tie. Again, competitors my barrow equipment. Host clubs may if they wish, supply char cloth and/or tinder at their option.



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AB. Primitive: Match AB112 - Primitive Mountain Man Score Card Sheet

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- All matches shot as noted with one primitive sighted percussion or flintlock rifle. No caliber limits or restrictions.
- Production and custom muzzleloaders with adjustable sights OK but may not be adjusted after starting the aggregate.
- The host club may wish to seal sight adjustments with tape or a sticker.
- Front sight color shall be black, white, or a natural metallic color such as brass, silver, gold, or iron.
- No coaching, no sighters, no spotting scopes or magnified optical viewing of posted match targets.
- Primitive dress & loading are encouraged but not specifically required.
- Hawk, Knife, and Fire-Starting equipment may be borrowed or supplied.

Especially for new competitors to the sport who may not have this equipment.

Any questions, please ask!

Part 1: (6) Shots at various primitive targets: Hit or Miss

Match	Points	Position	Shot	Name	(X or 0)	
112.1	10-1X	Offhand	1	Gong 1		<Description entered by host club/See RO>
112.2	10-1X	Offhand	1	Gong 2		<Description entered by host club/See RO>
112.3	10-1X	Offhand	1	Gong 3		<Description entered by host club/See RO>
112.4	10-1X	Offhand	1	Novelty 1		<Description entered by host club/See RO>
112.5	10-1X	Offhand	1	Novelty 2		<Description entered by host club/See RO>
112.6	10-1X	Offhand	1	Novelty 3		<Description entered by host club/See RO>
Total						

At discretion of the Host Club/Match Director

Part 2: Tomahawk & Knife Throw @ Standard Playing Card. Complete revelation Required.

Match	Points	Name	Tries	Scoring:	Throw 1	Throw 2	Throw 3	Sub-Total	Total
112.06-08	15	Hawk	3	Cut Card -5pts					
112.09-11	15	Knife	3	Stick -1pt					

Thrown from the handle. Add one bonus point for (3) sticks without ever cutting the card.

Part 3: Flint & Steel Fire-Making: Using a primitive/traditional flint, steel, and tinder timed flame.

Match	Points	Time (sec.)	Points
112.12	10		

Time (stopwatch) starts on the first strike of the flint and steel.

Elapsed time stops with observation of a visible flame.

i.e., 10.99 = 10pts, 30.59 = 6pts, & 60.01 = 0 pts.

Record all times, even if more than 60 sec. for match tiebreaker

Best Time Wins.

Min T(s)	Max T(s)	Points:
0	10	10
11	15	9
16	20	8
21	25	7
26	30	6
31	35	5
36	40	4
41	45	3
46	50	2
51	60	1
Over	60	0

Cmp N°: _____

Name: _____

AB112
Match Total: _____



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Appendix:

Cross Stick Additional Information (Agg. F)

Cross Sticks, shall be:	Notes for these Matches
- Made from (2) pieces of wood - Wood can be any shape - Size no larger than 2-1/4" x 1-1/4" or 1-1/4" diameter. Any Length - Bolted together to form an uneven X May use washers - May have (1) One layer of material between wood & rifle (protection) - Pointed or have up to a 4" x 1/4" steel spike To be pushed or driven into the ground Hammer may be used if needed	- All targets must be posted in the "natural" position. (i.e., no target may be posted upside-down or sideways.) - Only one record target may be posted during the same relay regardless of the distance. - No practice or record target may be posted at the same distance as another record target for the same relay. - A practice target may be posted at one distance and a record target posted at another distance during the same relay. - One 30-minute relay per match. - Must be seated, as noted

Note that these rules differ from National Cross stick rules, specifically allowing sitting on anything higher than a pad (Higher off the ground)

Black Powder Cartridge Guidelines (Agg. Q)

The following guidelines should be used in conjunction with the Black Powder Cartridge Aggregate Q being shot in the Territorial Matches.
Black Powder Cartridge Rifle – A hunting or military style rifle, single shot, originally made for black powder cartridges, of United States manufacture prior to 1896 and being typical of the era. Replicas thereof, regardless of origin of manufacture, are permitted. Hammer must be exposed. If replacement barrels, stocks, or other parts are used, they must be as original. No Schuetzen- style rifles permitted. One rifle will be used during all phases of the match. Examples of permissible rifles are: Ballard, Buck, Bullard, Cole, Farrow, Maynard, Peabody, Redfield, Remington Hepburn, Remington Rolling Block, Sharps, Springfield Trapdoor, Stevens Tip-up, Stevens No. 44, Wesson Falling Block, Wesson (hinged barrel), Whitney Phoenix, Whitney Rolling Block, Winchester 1885, and Wurffli. While the following single shot actions may not conform to the exact criteria, they are allowed because they conform to the spirit of the competition in form and function. Browning Model 1878, Browning Model 1885, C. Sharps '75, Falling Block Works, Stevens 44 1/2 and Wickliff '76. Replicas other than exact reproductions of pre-1896 Black Powder actions as described above and shooting equipment as described herein, may be approved by the Match Director.

- Period correct scopes are allowed. Vernier ladder style sights are allowed. No modern or Olympic-type sights permitted.
- Trigger typical to the rifle and not subject to accidental discharge.
- Cartridges will be of the American black powder era. Originally black powder loaded, manufactured prior to 1896, and originally chambered in American-manufactured rifles, considering normal variations in types of brass and primers, as well as bore sizes, rifling styles, twist and chamber dimensions. Limited use and special chambering (wildcats) are not acceptable, Cartridges must be loaded with black powder or approved black powder substitute only. No smokeless powder in any quantity may be used. Match officials, at their discretion, may select one or more loaded cartridges at random, pull bullets, and check contents. Competitors will furnish their own ammunition. Cast or swaged lead or lead alloy projectiles only; no jacketed or gas checked bullets. Paper patching permitted. Breech seating is permitted but no additional time will be allowed.
- Stock: Forearm must be attached and shall be of traditional design not to exceed 2 inches in width, cannot extend below the line of the bottom of the receiver or base of trigger guard, and no attachments will be allowed on the forearm. Measured from the centerline of the bore, the drop at the heel shall not exceed 2 3/4 inches; drop at toe shall not exceed 8 inches. No portion of the rifle stock behind the rifle action shall be higher than 3/4 inch below the centerline of the bore. The butt shall not be longer than 5 1/4 inches top to bottom. Cheek pieces are permitted, but no roll over. Pistol grips are permissible, but no flared or hand-contoured styles. Crescent-style butt plates are permissible but cannot be over 1 1/8 inch deep when measured from a straight line from points of the butt plate. Commercial recoil pads are permissible. Stocks and forearms must be made of natural wood and must be in keeping with designs of stocks of the era.
- No slings are permitted. -Continued Next page->

Black Powder Cartridge Guidelines (Agg. Q) Continued from previous page ←

- A palm rest may not be used. A palm rest is any attachment or extension below the forearm which aids the normal hand grip and support of the rifle by the forward hand/arm.
- An Open Bolt Indicator is required in all matches to indicate the bolt is open. When the "Cease Fire" command is given, all rifles will be unloaded, and Open Bolt Indicators will be inserted immediately. Actions will remain open.



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Targets:

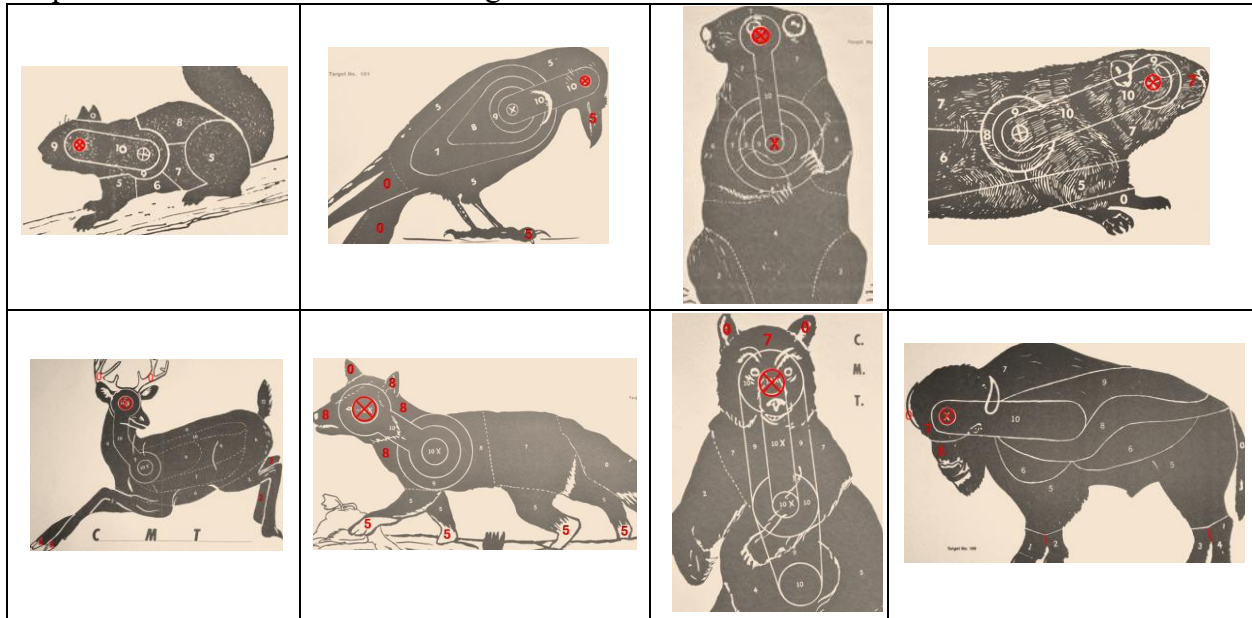
See NMLRA Rules 10010 – 10200.8 and 10340 – 10370 for Target information

*Note – The NMLRA now has the B-19 targets for sell for Territorial Matches. This target is not listed on the website, you'll need to call or email the office to quote/order this target.

Scoring Targets

See NMLRA Rules 10500 – 10660

Helpful information on the animal targets: ⊗ Denotes Center for widest shot to break ties.



*Claws will be considered part of the animal outline and will be scored accordingly, using the half in rule.

Note the lines between the legs of the buffalo separating 1, 2, 3, & 4 point zones.

The white dot in the center of the standing groundhog is also an X.

All widest considerations to break ties will be made from the marked X in the head of the animal.

Targets turned in for scoring that have been fired at scoring 0 points will be entered as 0.001 to denote that it was completed by the competitor. These matches are still eligible for awards, pending participation.

Breaking of Ties

See NMLRA Rules 10680 – 10790

- ⚙ Score Value
- ⚙ Number of X's
- ⚙ Widest Shot (The target with the widest shot shall lose, the target with the second widest shot shall lose, and so on. Leaving the competitor with the tighter overall group as the winner)
- ⚙ Animal Targets... Rule book "Wide Shot from center of black loses." However, Friendship Scoring uses the widest shot from the X in the animal head.

Noted Matches marked in this document with an * denote the match target(s) used to break ties for the aggregate. If more than one (1) match is marked per agg, the (2) scores are added together to break the tie.

If you have any questions about scoring targets, breaking ties, or anything else please ask - We are happy to help.



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No.															ladies	
Used	Target	offhand	finlock	int	bench	lad rifle	lad bench	l-gun	fofie	musket	offhand	jr	sub-jr			
16	One Bull (Eight Ring Black)	A3	M51	Z103	H31 & 32	U82 & 84	V87 & 88	D13 & 16	E19	P61	S75	Y100	X94	Primitive		
13	Six Bull (Eight Ring Black)	A1	M49	Z101	H29 & 30	U81 & 83	V85 & 86	D14	E17 & 18		S74	Y99				
11	One Bull (Seven Ring Black)	A4	M52	Z104	G27 & 28	N55	O59	D15		P62		Y97				
10	Six Bull (Seven Ring Black)	A2	M50	Z102	G25 & 26	N53	O57	R72			S76	Y97				
7	Three Bull (Eight Ring Black)			Q65	lgt bench	N54	O58	R71			S73	Y98	X93			
4	200-YD	x-sticks				N56	O60		E20	P63						
3	Five Bull Buffalo (Large Rings)	F21 & 22		Q67		tradegun	sgt smooth									
2	One Bull Buffalo (Eight Ring Black)	F23 & 24			hunt bench	pistol hunt	lad hunt		youth hunt							
5	Hafner Standing Groundhog #201	B6			I34	L45	T80		AA105							
3	Hafner Running Fox #701	B7					T79	R70								
4	Hafner Standing Bear #711	B8			I36				AA107							
2	Hafner Crow #101	B5					T78									
4	Hafner Running Chuck #203	hunter			I33	L46	T77									
4	Hafner Running Deer #902		C11	Q68				R69	AA106							
4	Hafner Standing Buffalo #100		C12	cartridge	I35	L47		senior						AB110		
1	Hafner Squirrel #202		C9													
1	Bottle													AB109		
6	25-Yrd Pistol (Nine Ring Black)	J37 & 38	W89 & 90	K41 & 42												
3	50-Yrd Pistol (Eight Ring Black)	J39	W91	K43												
1	NRA B-19	pistol	ladypistol	K44												
1	+Mountain Man Match*													Mount Man		

Putting the topgun aggs together will help in the program tabulations
 Grouping all the youth aggs together will also help with financial calulations
 Grouping the all the aggs together with other similar aggs will hopefully be helpful in the future.

Open Top Gun		Open		Ladies Top Gun	
Agg Type	Sub-Type	Rifle	Handgun	Limited	Limited
	Offhand*	Supported	Offhand	As Noted	
A. Offhand		F. Cross-Sticks	J. Pistol	M. Finlock	R. Senior
B. Hunter		G. Light Bench	K. Revolver	N. Tradegun	S. Ladies Offhand
C. Loughunter		H. Bench	L. Pistol Hunter	O. Sgt. Smoothbore	T. Ladies Hunter
D. One-Gun		I. Hunter Bench		P. Musket	U. Ladies Rifle
E. Rifle Frolic				Q. Carriage	V. Ladies Bench
AB. Primitive					W. Ladies Pistol

*One-Gun, is both offhand and supported with one gun.