

2023 TERRITORIAL PROGRAM FORMAT

The following is a short preview of the steps taken to complete a successful Territorial Match.

1. Individual club applies for an application to NMLRA Territorial Match Committee. You need to return the completed 2023 application along with the questionnaire and signed acknowledgement that you have read and understand entire application and host package. The Territorial Committee returns application, questionnaire, and guidelines to potential sponsor.
2. Our advertising for Territorial's starts in the January issue of *Muzzle Blasts*. The deadline for applying for a 2023 Territorial is **DECEMBER 31, 2022**. *Muzzle Blasts* has a one-month lead time on printing. This means you do not get an ad until the month after we receive and approve your application.
3. **Territorial Committee reviews application verifies through the Field Representative and identifies the NMLRA Official Representative.**
4. Territorial Committee ensures advertisement of each match is provided to the Editor of *Muzzle Blasts* in time for insertion prior to individual Territorial.
5. Prior to approved Territorial, the Territorial Committee will send the Match Director the following: rule books, scoring aids, report forms, awards, membership applications, and registration forms. These will be mailed from the NMLRA office.
6. Following the event, the sponsor sends the match results, NMLRA share receipts, membership applications, all unused supplies, awards, etc., and any picture and/or article to the NMLRA office. **(All materials and match results must be returned within 14 days of the match. Please return all requested items so everything can be verified for accounting purposes.)**
7. **Send all completed paperwork after the match to the NMLRA.**
NMLRA
Attn: Territorial Program
National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association
P.O. Box 67
Friendship, IN 47021
(800) 745-1493
8. The Territorial Committee submits article and/or pictures to *Muzzle Blasts*.

The following pages provide detailed information on the many facets of the program. Should clarification be needed, contact the Territorial Committee contact person.

**NATIONAL TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
2023 APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(Required before application approval)**

This questionnaire is part of the Territorial Application. It is to be answered by the person that will serve as Match Director. Read over the Territorial Guidelines and *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations*. Then, use the guidelines to answer the following questions. The purpose of the questionnaire is to ensure a thorough understanding of the guidelines, so that any misunderstanding may be corrected before the match, in order for all matches to be consistent in all territories.

1. Who is eligible to compete in the Territorial Matches, and what must this person show to register and become a competitor? _____

2. Can individual matches be entered? _____
3. What forms, materials and funds must be returned to the NMLRA office and to who's attention?

When must the forms, materials and funds be received by the NMLRA? _____
4. How long do competitors have to examine the official posting of scores and winners before they become official? _____
5. What is the time period of a Territorial Match Relay? _____
Except _____
6. Can the sponsor award additional medals, merchandise, or "Grand Prize," other than the NMLRA Territorial Awards or the Territorial 50 Club patch, Territorial 100 Club Patch, or State Territorial Top Gun Patch? _____
7. Who will be eligible to compete in the National Territorial Championships?

8. Are scopes allowed in Aggregate V? _____
9. What shooting positions may be used in Aggregate V? _____
10. What are registration and aggregate fees for members? _____ Juniors? _____
Non-Members? _____
11. Which aggregates are provisional, and no awards will be given for those aggregates?

12. Are there any free aggregates offered? _____ If so, which ones? _____
13. What are the changes in Aggregate F? (Cross Sticks) _____

14. What is the deadline for applying for a 2023 Territorial? _____
15. Is re-entry allowed for any aggregate? _____ If yes, which aggregates allow re-entry? _____
16. If a target becomes unattached to the target backer due to natural occurrences, such as winds, during a match, is that considered an equipment failure, therefore a valid alibi? _____ Yes _____ NO If so, what is the proper procedure permitted to the competitor?

**2023 NATIONAL TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
APPLICATION**

TERRITORY APPLIED FOR: _____

Date of Territorial: _____ Alternate Date: _____

Sponsor Club: _____

Match Director: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

UPS Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

e-mail address: _____

Is the Match Director the person to contact by those responding to advertising?:

_____ Yes _____ No

If not, give the complete mailing address of the person to be contacted:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

e-mail address: _____

Range Location: _____

Number of Firing Points: _____

Does the Sponsor have Range Liability Insurance? _____ Yes _____ No

With whom, what amount, and expiration date: _____

Check aggregates to be included on the Match Program:

Uniform Aggregates to be shot at all Rifle Territorials:

A. Offhand

B. Flintlock

C. Bench

E. One-Gun

F. Cross-Stick

K. Pistol

N. Hunter's

O. Sighted Smoothbore

P. Unlimited Longhunter

W. Light Bench

Aggregates for hosts to choose UP TO 6 from to customize their event:

_____ **D. Musket**

_____ **G. Ladies**

_____ **H. Junior**

_____ **L. Primitive** (includes Mountain Man) plus 3 of the following:

_____ Hawken _____ Free Trapper _____ Open Seneca _____ Rifle Frolic

_____ **M. Sub-Junior**

_____ **Q. Ladies Offhand**

_____ **U. Ladies Hunter's**

_____ **V. Cartridge**

_____ **Y. Youth Hunter's**

_____ **DD. Inline Bench**

Aggregates for Shotgun Territorials:

_____ **I. Skeet**

_____ **J. Trap**

_____ **S. Ladies Trap**

_____ **Z. Ladies Skeet**

_____ **AA. Flintlock Trap**

_____ **BB. Flintlock Skeet**

_____ **EE. Re-entry Trap Traditional**

_____ **FF. Re-entry Trap Any Muzzle Loading Shotgun**

Chief Range Officer: _____
Protest Committee _____

NMLRA Official Representative: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Has the Sponsor Club conducted large (50+ competitors) matches? _____ Yes _____ No

Please describe: _____

The Sponsor Club, _____ agrees that, should this application be approved, they will conduct the National Territorial Match in accordance with the rules, policies, and guidelines of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.

President _____
(Sponsor Club President's signature is required)

Date: _____

Please list Name/Address/Title/Phone of another officer of the Sponsor Club if the Match Director is also the club president.

Officer Title: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

e-mail address: _____

Enclose pictures of each of the ranges that you will be using, i.e., paper, primitive, shotgun, and/or pistol. If you have chosen to run a simultaneous shoot with the Territorial Program, please enclose a detailed program of that shoot. It must be pre-approved to be eligible to run simultaneously with a territorial. Pictures are not required if your club has hosted previously.

NATIONAL TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 MATCH GUIDELINES

It is the purpose of the National Territorial Championships to bring a national shooting program closer to black powder shooters nationwide. At the same time, recognition of these shooters, as they compete successfully in these matches, is of the utmost importance.

All Competitors who compete in a Territorial Aggregate will be considered when tabulating top scores for the year of 2023. Awards for the top three (3) places in each aggregate will be sent out at the end of the year. There will be a top ten listed for all aggregates soon after the end of the year 2023. The Championships will no longer be held at Friendship, Indiana the following year.

In order for these matches, and the winners, to receive the recognition they deserve, it is important that there is a strong consistency throughout the entire Territorial Match Program. Therefore, the territorial matches **MUST** be conducted according to the rules and guidelines of the NMLRA.

The NMLRA will provide national advertising and promotion, an awards program, an NMLRA Official Representative, and necessary administrative support.

The sponsor should make arrangements for obtaining a suitable range facility; for answering responses to national advertising campaigns; the registration of entrants; collecting and accounting for match fees; **insurance**; posting, collecting, and scoring of targets, posting of scores; and awarding of medals.

If your club is NMLRA affiliated and carries insurance with the NRA endorsed insurance company which is Lockton Affinity, a Kansas City subsidiary of Lloyd's of London, no other insurance endorsement is needed. The toll-free telephone number for them is 1-877-487-5407. No other insurance endorsement is needed. If not, you will have to contact your insurance company and get NMLRA named as an additional insured. NMLRA will pay the added expense.

This set of guidelines is provided to help conduct a match in such a way as to be a source of pride to the individual competitor, the sponsoring club, and the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated. Please put them in writing to help our review policies.

2023 APPLICATION

In order to sponsor a territorial match, the sponsor must apply to the Territorial Committee. An application form and an application questionnaire will be provided and must be completed and returned to the NMLRA office.

In order to promote cooperation between potential sponsors within each territory, it is suggested that various interested sponsors work together through your field representatives, in determining the most advantageous location for these matches. The possibility of rotating the site on a yearly basis should be considered. Two Territorials per state may be considered.

A standard format advertisement will be used in *Muzzle Blasts* and will be inserted in the Territorial Advertisement at the earliest possible time. If special advertising copy is also used in *Muzzle Blasts*, the sponsor will be responsible to *Muzzle Blasts* for the cost.

MATCH PROGRAM

Each sponsor will receive the 10 aggregates that are uniform to all programs. Each sponsor is encouraged to choose UP TO 6 of the additional aggregates offered to enable hosts to customize their individual Territorial Programs. A full description of the aggregates offered will follow at the end of the guidelines.

The sponsor is encouraged to include in the aggregates selected, the junior, sub-junior and ladies' aggregates to ensure that the National Territorial Match Program has something for the entire family. We need this new generation of competitors to ensure the survival of our sport! A system of priorities of sponsorship has been established.

- 7.1 Rifle, pistol, and primitive matches could be held by one club in a territory, with shotgun matches (skeet and trap) at another club in the same territory. The two clubs would coordinate their reporting to the Territorial Match Committee.
- 7.2 Shotgun matches could stand alone in the event there was no sponsor for rifle and pistol matches.
- 8.3 Should more than one club from a state apply, priority will be given to charter clubs.

Additionally, a sponsor may have a simultaneous match in conjunction with the territorial. To have the simultaneous program approved, a description of the matches must accompany the application. Approval will only be given to a program that reflects the spirit of muzzle loading and is conducted according to the rules and guidelines of the NMLRA.

PERSONNEL

In order to conduct a smoothly run match, certain key positions must be filled before the match. A general description of the duties of these key positions follows:

The **Territorial Committee** is responsible to the NMLRA Board of Directors for proper administration of the National Territorial Championship Program. They also coordinate the related activities of *Muzzle Blasts*, NMLRA Field Representatives, and NMLRA Territorial Official Representatives. They procure and distribute awards, develop advertising programs, maintains records and reports, and correspond with sponsors and competitors. If possible, a member of the committee will attend territorial matches.

The **Match Director** is responsible for the general operation of a specified territorial match, to include registration, membership applications, scoring, posting of scores, reporting match results, and transfer of the NMLRA share of match receipts. He/she should be familiar with match operation and have a good working knowledge of the *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations*. The Match Director will be the contact person between the NMLRA Territorial Committee and sponsor. He/she may be a competitor. He/she will be provided a copy of the *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations*.

The **Range Officer** is responsible for range operation. He/she must have a full appreciation of the importance of safe range operation. He/she ensures adherence to appropriate sections of the *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations*. He/she may compete, but a responsible substitute must be appointed to serve his/her place as Range Officer when he/she is shooting. He/she will be provided a copy of the *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations*.

The **Protest Committee** is a group of three persons having 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. One copy of the *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations* will be provided for use by the Protest Committee.

The **NMLRA Official Representative** is selected by the NMLRA Territorial Committee and serves as a consultant to the Match Director. He/she ensures compliance with NMLRA policies and rules. He/she verifies match results and the match financial summary sheet. He/she offers an evaluation of the territorial match at which they officiate. He/she may be a competitor. He/she could be a Field Representative or a Director.

COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

Everyone who wishes to compete in a NMLRA Territorial is eligible.

Those who are NOT members of the NMLRA, NRA, SASS, NSSA will pay a higher registration and aggregate fee. They will be eligible for all awards at a Territorial to include the top gun award for that Territorial and for overall Champion of the year.

COMPETITORS MUST SHOW A VALID NMLRA, NRA, SASS, or NSSA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE REDUCED REGISTRATION AND AGGREGATE FEES. Registration fee shall be \$20.00, and each aggregate fee shall be \$20.00

NON-MEMBERS of the above-mentioned organizations will be required to pay the increased registration and aggregate fees. Registration fee for NON-Members shall be \$25.00 and each aggregate fee for NON-members shall be \$25.00.

Sub-Junior, Junior, and Intermediate competitors are required to pay a registration fee of \$1.00 for each Territorial. Aggregate fee for Sub-Junior, Junior and Intermediate competitors shall be free.

NMLRA memberships may be purchased at time of registration. This purchase will extend the competitor's current NMLRA membership or effect a new membership. Membership application forms will be provided by the NMLRA and must be available at the registration desk.

Registration forms will be provided by the NMLRA and must be completed before the competitor is issued targets. These registration forms must be returned to the NMLRA office, along with other match reports. Copies may be made and retained by the sponsor for it's own use.

ENTRY FEES

A registration fee of **\$20.00 per shooter must be charged for those who are members of the NMLRA, NRA, SASS, or the NSSA.** One half of this fee (\$10.00) must be returned to the NMLRA, the other one half remains with the host club.

A registration fee of **\$25.00 per shooter must be charged for those who are NOT members of the NMLRA, NRA, SASS, or the NSSA** one half of this fee, (\$12.50) must be returned to the NMLRA, the other half remains with the host club.

A registration fee of **\$1.00 per Sub-Junior, Junior, or Intermediate shooter must be charged for those who are or are not members of the NMLRA, NRA, SASS, or the NSSA** one half of this fee (\$0.50) must be returned to the NMLRA. The other half remains with the host club.

AGGREGATE FEES

A fee for each Aggregate of **\$20.00 per shooter must be charged for those who are members of the NMLRA, NRA, SASS, or the NSSA** One half of this fee (\$10.00) must be returned to the NMLRA, the other one half remains with the host club.

A fee for each Aggregate of **\$25.00 per shooter must be charged for those who are NOT members of the NMLRA, NRA, SASS, or the NSSA** one half of this fee, (\$12.50) must be returned to the NMLRA, the other half remains with the host club.

There is NO fee for Sub-Junior, Junior, or Intermediate Aggregates.

Individual matches may not be entered.

Fees over and above the registration fee and the aggregate fee are not permitted. (Exception; fees for shotgun aggregates may be higher to recoup costs of birds. NMLRA will get only \$10.00 of said aggregates.)

The sub-junior, junior, and Intermediate competitor must have a **NMLRA, NRA, SASS or NSSA** sponsor.

The total aggregate fees, and registration fees collected for entry in the territorial matches are to be divided equally between the sponsor and the NMLRA. A Territorial Match Financial Summary Sheet will be provided by the NMLRA. This sheet is to be completed and returned, along with the NMLRA share of receipts, to the NMLRA Office. **Attention: Territorial Program.**

The NMLRA share should be in the form of a check or money order and made payable to: **The National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.**

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*. The targets are to be fired as issued; aiming spots, dots, etc. are not allowed.

Targets may be purchased from the NMLRA or purchased from other sources selling NMLRA approved targets. (Contact NMLRA Office 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.

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, and winners identified on that official posting, 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 are in disagreement of the posted scores.

AWARDS

The aggregate awards will be: First place - gold medal, second place - silver medal, third place - bronze medal. Fourth and Fifth place aggregate medals will be given for Sub-Junior, Junior and Intermediate Aggregates. Individual match awards will also be awarded in all matches.

It is the intent of the territorial match to identify and recognize those shooters who have shown excellence in a given category of competition. Therefore, no "Grand Prize" award may be offered.

No awards, merchandise included, other than those permitted in this section of the Territorial Match Guidelines, may be offered. Exception to this: the awarding of the specially designed "Territorial 50 Club patches", "Territorial 100 Club patches", and "Top Gun" Patches for each Territorial.

Awards will be forwarded to the sponsor, in care of the Match Director, in adequate time to be on hand at the close of the match.

REPORTING OF RESULTS

In order to gain deserved recognition, and to establish eligibility for the National Territorial Championships, **match results must be reported to the NMLRA office within 14 days of your shoot.** A form will be provided by the NMLRA for this report. Match results will not be placed in the official files until the NMLRA share of match receipts has been received by the NMLRA.

Should the sponsor wish to have the results of the territorial match reported in *Muzzle Blasts*, they should forward any written narrative and good quality photographs to the Territorial Match Committee. It is preferred that all written narratives be typed. If photographs are submitted, be sure to identify the individuals, this can be done in the document along with the photo ID with it.

ADVERTISING

The NMLRA will provide advertising and promotional campaigns in various publications, on our home web page, and through several other member organizations. Individuals who respond to this campaign will be notified when a territorial match is approved in their vicinity.

Once approved, a given territorial match will be advertised in *Muzzle Blasts* at no charge to the sponsor. Should the sponsor wish more advertisement coverage, they will be responsible to *Muzzle Blasts* for the additional advertisement. The lead time between receipt of advertising copy and publication in *Muzzle Blasts* is three months.

The sponsor will be expected to provide specific territorial match information to the Territorial Match Committee, NMLRA Official Representative, and inquiring individuals, such as program details, camping information, directions, location, person(s) to contact, dates and hours, etc. *Muzzle Blasts* advertising will identify the sponsor, dates, location, and person to contact for further information.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR TERRITORIAL MATCH

The Territorial Committee will be responsible for approving Territorial Match applications. Generally, the earliest application will be favored. The Field Representative or an official representative in the area may be contacted for his/her assistance in the evaluation of applications, if necessary. The NMLRA requests that an alternate date for the matches be included on the application due to conflicting Territorial's in the same region.

NMLRA club charter, range location within the territory, range suitability, camping facilities, and match operation experience will be among the points of consideration on determining acceptance of application.

As quickly as possible, the Territorial Committee will notify the applying sponsor of the approval or disapproval of its application.

NATIONAL TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 AGGREGATE DESCRIPTIONS

The following descriptions of the aggregates comprising the territorial match is provided only as a reference and should not be considered as describing all conditions of a given match or aggregate. The current edition of the *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations* should be consulted for specific information on targets, sights, positions, etc. (**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 ANY bench and musket, which may use two (2) consecutive relays.**

OFFHAND CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. A) (Flintlock or Percussion) (This qualifies for NMLRA Offhand Classification)

One rifle, any metallic sights, offhand, one relay per match.

Match A1	25-yards	Five shots	Six bull 50-yard target (eight ring)
A2	50-yards	Five shots	Six bull 50-yard target (seven ring)
A3	50-yards	Five shots	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)
A4	100-yards	Five shots	Single bull 100-yard target (seven ring)

FLINTLOCK CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. B) (This qualifies for NMLRA Offhand Classification)

One rifle, Traditional rifle, open sights, offhand, one relay per match. (Sights may be adjustable.)

Match B5	25-yards	Five shots	Six bull 50-yard target (eight ring)
B6	50-yards	Five shots	Six bull 50-yard target (seven ring)
B7	50-yards	Five shots	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)
B8	100-yards	Five shots	Single bull 100-yard target (seven ring)

BENCH REST CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. C)

One or more rifles, sights as noted, five shots each target. Two (2) consecutive relays may be used to fire each of these matches. Bench matches may be fired from the cross sticks, and they will still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays for each match.

Match C9	50-yards	any metallic sights	Six bull 50-yard target (eight ring)
C10	50-yards	any metallic sights	Six bull 50-yard target (eight ring)
C11	100-yards	any metallic sights	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)
C12	100-yards	any metallic sights	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)

MUSKET CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. D)

One musket, as issue sights on an approved musket (See *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations*), ten shots each target. Two (2) consecutive relays may be used to fire each of these matches. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate.

Match D13	50-yards	offhand	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)
D14	100-yards	any military position	Single bull 100-yard target (seven ring)
D15	100-yards	offhand	200-yard target

ONE GUN CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. E)

One rifle, 14-pound weight limit, open sights, five shots each target, position as noted, offhand, one relay per match, except for bench rest matches, which may use two (2) consecutive relays. Bench rest matches may be shot from the cross sticks position and still be allowed two (2) consecutive relays to complete the match. Sights may be adjustable. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate.

Match E16	50-yards	offhand	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)
E17	50-yards	bench rest	Six bull 50-yard target (eight ring)
E18	100-yards	offhand	Single bull 100-yard target (seven ring)
E19	100-yards	bench rest	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)

CROSS STICK CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. F)

One or more rifles may be used, 14-pound weight limit, sights as noted, five shots each target. Cross sticks may be either round, oval, triangular, square, or rectangle. (THE SHAPE OF THE WOOD DOESN'T MATTER!) Cross sticks must be made of wood and may not exceed the following dimensions: 2 pieces of wood, no wider than 2 ¼", and no thicker than 1 ¼" each. If they are round, they MUST not exceed 1 ¼" in diameter. **The length of the sticks is up to the competitor.** They may be pointed on one end to facilitate insertion into the ground. They may be driven into the ground with a hammer or other device for safety purposes. They may also have an additional spike added to the pointed end not to exceed 4" in length. The pieces of wood must be BOLTED (with washers if desired) together to form an uneven X. They may have ONE layer of material on the sticks, either glued, strapped, tied, or laid on them to protect the rifle. All guns must be weighed before match. All targets must be posted in the "natural" position. (i.e., no target may be posted upside-down or sideways.) No practice or record target may be posted at the same distance as another record target for the same relay. Only one record target may be posted during the same relay regardless of the distance. A practice target may be posted at one distance and a record target posted at another distance during the same relay. Only one 30-minute relay allowed to complete each cross sticks match. Guns must be inspected before beginning a match. **Sitting on a chair, stool, or bucket is allowed.**

THESE RULES FOR THIS AGGREGATE DIFFER FROM THE OFFICIAL RULES OF THE NMLRA AND APPLY TO THE TERRITORIAL PROGRAM ONLY. THEY DO NOT AFFECT THE RULES FOR THE CROSS STICKS AGGREGATES SHOT AT THE NATIONAL SHOTS AT FRIENDSHIP, INDIANA.

Match F20	50-yards	any metallic sights	Five bull buffalo (Large rings)
F21	50-yards	any metallic sights	Five bull buffalo (Large rings)
F22	100-yards	any metallic sights	Single bull buffalo
F23	100-yards	any metallic sights	Single bull buffalo

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. G)

One or more rifles, any metallic sights, five shots each target, position as noted, one relay per match except for bench rest matches, which may use two (2) consecutive relays for each bench rest match. Bench rest matches may be fired from the cross sticks, and they will still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays for each match

Match G24	25-yards	offhand	Six bull 50-yard target (eight ring)
G25	50-yards	offhand	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)
G26	50-yards	bench rest	Six bull 50-yard target (eight ring)
G27	100-yards	bench rest	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)

JUNIOR/4-H CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. H) (Age Limit: Shooter who is under the age of 16, meaning not having reached their 16th birthday at time of registration) Open to all 4-H shooting teams.

One or more rifles, any metallic sights, five shots each target, position as noted, one relay per match, except for bench rest matches, which may use two (2) consecutive relays for bench rest matches. Bench matches may be fired from the cross sticks, and they will still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays for each match.

Match H28	25-yards	bench rest	Six bull 50-yard target (seven ring)
H29	25-yards	offhand	Three-bull 100-yard target
H30	50-yards	offhand	Single bull 100-yard target (seven ring)
H31	50-yards	bench rest	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)

SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. I)

Singles are shot first, stations one through eight in a high-low sequence. Doubles are shot in the high-low sequence from stations one and two; and in the low-high sequence from stations six and seven. All birds shot out of proper sequence shall be scored lost. All birds must be properly thrown to be scored a hit or a miss. The 25th bird is the option bird - shooter returns to the station where the first miss occurred. If a double bird is missed, the shooter shall call for another pair of doubles and shoot in the same sequence as the original miss, with only the original missed bird counting for score. The competitor may use two guns. If the competitor has shot 24 straight (clean), then the competitor chooses the option of where he/she wishes to shoot the 25th bird. Lo-Gun Match to be shot with gun lowered from the shoulder and be clearly down when the shooter calls for the bird. Upon release of the bird, shooter shall raise the gun to the shooting position and fire. Break open muzzle loading shotguns are allowed. See rule # 2470 in NMLRA Rules and Regulations.

Match I32a		25 birds
I32b	Lo-Gun	25 birds
I32c	Doubles	24 birds
I32d	Singles	16 birds

TRAP CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. J)

Break open muzzle loading shotguns are allowed. See rule # 2470 in NMLRA Rules and Regulations.

Match J33	10 yards	15 birds
J34	16 yards	15 birds
J35	20 yards	10 birds

PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. K)

Percussion pistol or revolver, ten shots each target, to be fired in one relay. Scores fired will be submitted to the NMLRA Pistol Committee Chairperson. In order to obtain a National Pistol Classification, the territorial competitor must request NMLRA classification through the Pistol Committee Chairperson. One relay per match.

Match K36	25-yards	slow fire	25-yard pistol target
K37	25-yards	limited fire*	25-yard pistol target
K38	50-yards	slow fire	50-yard pistol target

**Time starts at first shot fired*

PRIMITIVE AGGREGATE (Aggregate: Ter. L)

The matches of this aggregate are designed to prove baseline skills in primitive competition. Distances should be unknown to competitors. Sighters are not usually fired, and no spotting scopes are allowed. Sights should be as described in the *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations* under the rules for the Primitive Range. Loading is to be from the pouch and horn/flask.

The targets involved are steel gongs and paper targets. The paper targets may be purchased from the NMLRA. A series of matches is offered to suit the needs of varying clubs. **Any series must include the Mountain Man Match.** Of the other matches presented, **three must be selected** and identified on the **APPLICATION** form.

These matches may be fired using firearms of either flint or percussion ignition. While period costume or clothing is recommended, it is not required.

Match L39 - Free Trapper

Target is standard six bull 50-yard, 7-ring black target. Range should be from 45 to 60 yards. One sighting shot permitted, five shots for record, one per bull, each shot to be fired from a different position: offhand, kneeling, sitting, prone, and cross stick. Maximum score - 50 points.

Match L40 - Hawken

Target is single bull 100-yard, 7-ring black target. Range is approximately 130 yards. Minimum caliber is .45. Five shots for record, no sighters or spotting. Three shots are to be fired from a "chunk log" or cross sticks - **to be determined before the match and same used by all competitors.** Two shots are to be fired offhand. Maximum score - 50 points.

Match L41 - Open Seneca

Four standard NMLRA animal silhouette targets and one "X" center target are to be used. A six bull 50-yard target overlay is used for scoring. This is a running event. The competitor runs about 150-yards before arriving at the first shooting position. There should then be a run of about 30 yards between each of the five shooting positions. The rifle must be loaded only at the firing position, and not on the run. The range at each position is different, the following ranges being suggested: 15, 25, 45, 65, and 75 yards. One shot is fired at each station. There is a ten-minute time limit to complete the course. Over ten minutes disqualifies the competitor. The shorter time is used to break ties after X's. Maximum score - 50 points.

Match L42- Mountain Man (This match is required) Maximum score for this match is 100 points, based on six shots, knife and tomahawk throws, and fire-making. Ties are broken on the basis of fire-making time.

Part 1 - Split Ball on an Axe. Use a double bit axe embedded in end of log, with clay pigeons supported by nails on each side of axe head. Range should be 15 to 25-yards. One shot, both clay pigeons must be hit and broken in order to score. Scoring value is ten points.

Part 2 - Cut Playing Card. Use playing card supported in such a manner that only the edge is presented as a target. Range should be about 20 yards. One shot, the card must be cut cleanly into two pieces in order to score. Scoring value is ten points.

Part 3 - Cut Crossed Strings. Secure two strings in a frame a minimum of 12 inches square, in such a manner that a cross is presented as a target. Range should be about 25-yards. With one shot, both strings must be severed in order to score. Scoring value is ten points.

Part 4 - Tomahawk Throw. Secure a playing card to the end of a log. Three throws for score. One complete turn of the tomahawk is required. Cutting card scores five points. Sticking tomahawk scores one point; bonus for three sticks without ever cutting card, scores one point. Maximum scoring value is 15 points.

Part 5 - Knife Throw. Secure a playing card to the end of a log. Three throws for score. One complete turn of the knife is required. Cutting card scores five points. Sticking knife scores one point; bonus for three sticks without ever cutting card, scores one point. Maximum scoring value is 15 points.

Part 6 - Gongs. Three gongs set at match coordinator's discretion. Ten points per gong. Maximum scoring value is 30 points.

Part 7 - Fire-Making. Using flint, steel, and traditional form of tinder, the competitor makes a fire. The score is determined by the time elapsed from the first strike of flint and steel until an open flame is seen. A stopwatch is required for timing.

Scoring value: 0 to 5 seconds	-	10 points
6 to 10 seconds	-	9 points
11 to 15 seconds	-	8 points
16 to 20 seconds	-	7 points
21 to 25 seconds	-	6 points
26 to 30 seconds	-	5 points

31 to 35 seconds	-	4 points
36 to 40 seconds	-	3 points
41 to 45 seconds	-	2 points
46 to 50 seconds	-	1 points
over 51 seconds	-	0 points

10 points possible.

Match L43- Rifle Frolic

Target is the NMLRA Bottle Silhouette target. Range is 45 to 65 yards. Six shots are fired for record, all offhand. Scoring values are as follows: nick body - three points; center body - five points; nick neck - seven points; center neck - ten points. A nick is any shot touching but not fully in the bottle. Maximum score is 60 points.

SUB-JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. M)

(Age Limit: Shooter who has not reached his/her 12th birthday at the time of registration).

One or more rifles, any metallic sights, 5 shots each target, bench rest matches may use two (2) consecutive relays for each match. Bench rest matches may be fired from the cross sticks, and they will still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays for each match.

Match M44	25-yards	bench rest	Three-bull 100-yard target
M45	25-yards	bench rest	Single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)

HUNTERS CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. N)

The matches of this aggregate are designed to provide a test of hunting accuracy. All targets must be posted in the "natural" position. (i.e., **no target may be posted upside-down or sideways, no sighters**). Practice targets may be purchased but not used as sighters with match target. Flint or Percussion, Traditional Offhand Rifle, Open sights. Sights may be adjustable.

Match N46	25-yards	Five shots	Crow	Target #101
N47	50-yards	Five shots	Standing Groundhog	Target #201
N48	50-yards	Five shots	Running Fox	Target #701
N49	100-yards	Five shots	Standing Bear	Target #711

SIGHTED SMOOTHBORE CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. O)

Flintlock or percussion fixed open sights (front and rear). No limitations on caliber. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate.

Match O50	25-yards	offhand	Six bull 50-yard target (seven ring)
O51	25-yards	offhand	3 bull 100-yard target
O52	50-yards	offhand	Single bull 100-yard target (seven ring)
O53	100-yards	offhand	200-yard target

UNLIMITED LONGHUNTER'S CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. P)

Any muzzle loading gun, any sights including scopes, ball, bullet, or sabot (we have approved sabots). Offhand. All targets must be posted in the "natural" position (i.e., **no target may be posted upside-down or sideways, no sighters**). Practice targets may be purchased but not used as sighters with the match target. One relay per Match.

Match P54	25-yards	Five shots	Squirrel	Target # 202
P55	50-yards	Five shots	Running Chuck	Target #203
P56	50-yards	Five shots	Running Deer	Target # 902
P57	100-yards	Five shots	Standing Buffalo	Target # 100

LADIES OFFHAND CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. Q)

One or more rifles, any metallic sight, offhand, one relay per match.

Match Q58	25-yards	Five shots	3 bull 100-yard target
Q59	25-yards	Five shots	Six bull 50-yard target (eight ring)
Q60	50-yards	Five shots	single bull 100-yard target (eight ring)
Q61	50-yards	Five shots	6 bull 50-yard target (7-ring)

LADIES TRAP CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. S)

Break open muzzle loading shotguns are allowed. See rule # 2470 in NMLRA Rules and Regulations.

Match S66	10 yards	15 birds
S67	16 yards	15 birds
S68	20 yards	10 birds

LADIES HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. U)

Any metallic sight, one or more rifles, targets must be hung in natural position, no sighter targets when shooting the match. One relay per match.

Match U73	25-yard 5 shots	Running groundhog	Target#203
U74	25-yard 5 shots	Crow	Target#101
U75	50-yard 5 shots	Running fox	Target#701
U76	50-yard 5 shots	Standing groundhog	Target#201

CARTRIDGE (Aggregate: Ter. V)

Rifles as used at Friendship matches. Any position allowed, bench, prone cross sticks, sitting cross sticks or offhand. **ANY SIGHTS allowed to include period correct scopes.** One relay per match. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate. 14-pound limit on gun.

Match V77	100-yards 10 shots	3-bull target	
V78	100-yards 5 shots	Haffner Standing Bear	TG711
V79	100-yards 10 shots	5 bull Buffalo target	
V80	100-yards 5 shots	Haffner Running Deer	TG902

All rifles must keep the muzzle pointed up or down range between shots.

All rifles must use the open bolt indicator to show the rifle is safe.

Black Powder Cartridge Guidelines

The following guidelines should be used in conjunction with the Black Powder Cartridge Aggregate V 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 ½ 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.

- a. Maximum weight 14 pounds
- b. Period correct scopes are allowed. Vernier ladder style sights are allowed. No modern or Olympic-type sights permitted.
- c. Trigger typical to the rifle and not subject to accidental discharge.
- d. Cartridges will be of the American black powder era. Originally black powder loaded, manufactured prior to 1896, and originally chambered in American-manufactured rifles, taking into account 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 bullet, and check contents. Competitors will furnish their own ammunition.
- e. Cast or swaged lead or lead alloy projectiles only; no jacketed or gas checked bullets. Paper patching permitted. Breech seating is permitted but no addition time will be allowed.
- f. 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 ¾ inches; drop at toe shall not exceed 8 inches. No portion of the rifle stock behind the rifle action shall be higher than ¾ inch below the centerline of the bore. The butt shall not be longer than 5 ¼ 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.
- g. No slings are permitted
- h. 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.
- i. 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.

LIGHT BENCH CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. W)

One or more rifles may be used, 14-pound limit, sights as noted, five (5) shots at each target. (Friendship Cheater sights are **NOT ALLOWED**. See rule # 5030 & 5220). Matches in this aggregate may use two (2) consecutive relays. Bench rest matches may be fired from the cross sticks and they will still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays for each match. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate.

Match W81	50 Yds	Any Metallic Sights	6 bull 50-yard target (7-ring)
W82	50 Yds	any metallic sights	6 bull 50-yard target (7-ring)
W83	100 Yds	Any Metallic Sights	Single Bull 100-yard target (7-ring)
W84	100 Yds	any metallic sights	Single Bull 100-yard target (7-ring)

UNLIMITED YOUTH HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. Y)

Competitors who have not yet reached their 21st birthday at time of registration are eligible.

Any muzzle loading gun, any sights including scopes, ball, bullet, or sabot (we have approved sabots). Offhand. All targets must be posted in the "natural" position (i.e., **no target may be posted upside-down or sideways, no sighters**). Practice targets may be purchased but not used as sighters with the match target. One relay per Match.

Match Y88	25-yard 5 shots	Standing Groundhog	Target#201
Y89	25-yard 5 shots	Running Deer	Target#902
Y90	50-yard 5 shots	Standing Bear Target	Target#711

LADIES SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. Z)

Singles are shot stations one through eight in a high-low sequence. All birds must be properly thrown to be scored a hit or a miss. The competitor may use two guns. Break open muzzle loading shotguns are allowed. See rule # 2470 in NMLRA Rules and Regulations.

Match Z91	16 yards	16 birds	singles
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FLINTLOCK TRAP CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. AA)

Flintlock only.

Match AA92	10 yards	15 birds
AA93	16 yards	15 birds

FLINTLOCK SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. BB)

Flintlock only.

Singles are shot stations one through eight in a high-low sequence. All birds must be properly thrown to be scored a hit or a miss. The competitor may use two guns.

Match BB94 16 yards 16 birds singles

**INLINE BENCH ANY SIGHTS (AGGREGATE DD)
(Any sights allowed to include scopes)**

Match DD 99 25 yds 6 bull, 8-ring black, 2-SB1 targets 5 shots each target (1 on each record bull) 2 consecutive relays, one target per relay

DD100 50 yds 6 bull, 7-ring black, 2- SB7 targets 5 shots each target (1 on each record bull) 2 consecutive relays, one target per relay

DD101 100 yds 3 bull, 1-100 yd-3 target 10 shots (5 on each record bull) 2 consecutive relays, only one target

**TRAP-TRADITIONAL AND ORIGINAL RE-ENTRY AGGREGATE
(AGGREGATE EE)**

Entry fee per entry and re-entry of \$5.00, to be split 50/50 with NMLRA (host club may charge separate target surcharge, not to be split with NMLRA). On re-entry, only highest score for each match will count as score.

Match EE102 Traditional and Original Guns Only 10 Yards 15 shots
(No screw in chokes, sealed ignition, or 209 primers)

EE103 Traditional and Original Guns Only 16 Yards 15 shots
(No screw in chokes, sealed ignition, or 209 primers)

**TRAP-ANY MUZZLE LOADING SHOTGUN RE-ENTRY AGGREGATE
(AGGREGATE FF)**

Entry fee per entry and re-entry of \$5.00, to be split 50/50 with NMLRA (Host club may charge separate target surcharge, not to be split with NMLRA). On re-entry, only highest score for each match will count as score.

Match FF104 Any Muzzle Loading Shotgun 16 Yards 15 shots

FF105 Any Muzzle Loading Shotgun 20 Yards 15 shots

Target List

6-bull 50 yd (8-ring black)	6-bull 50 yd (7-ring black)	Single bull 100 yd (8-ring black)	Single bull 100 yd (7-ring black)	3 bull 100 yd
Target SB-1	Target SB-7	Target 100 YD-1	Target 100 YD-2	Target 100 YD-3
Match A1	Match A2	Match A3	Match A4	Match H29
Match B5	Match B6	Match B7	Match B8	Match M44
Match C9	Match H28	Match C11	Match D14	Match O51
Match C10	Match L39	Match C12	Match E18	Match Q58
Match E17	Match O50	Match D13	Match H30	Match V77
Match G24	Match Q61	Match E16	Match L40	Match DD101
Match G26	Match W81	Match E19	Match O52	
Match Q59	Match W82	Match G25	Match W83	
Match DD99	Match DD100	Match G27	Match W84	
		Match H31		
		Match M45		
		Match Q60		
200 yd	5 bull buffalo (large rings)	Single bull buffalo	Bottle Silhouette	Crow #101
Target 200 YD-1	Target BUFF-3	Target BUFF-1	Target 2427	Target # 101
Match D15	Match F20	Match F22	Match L43	Match N46
Match O53	Match F21	Match F23		Match U74
	Match V79			
Standing Groundhog #201	Running Fox #701	Standing Bear #711	Running Squirrel #202	Running Groundhog #203
Target # 201	Target # 701	Target # 711	Target # 202	Target #203
Match N47	Match N48	Match N49	Match P54	Match P55
Match U76	Match U75	Match V78		Match U73
Match Y88		Match Y90		
Running Deer #902	Standing Buffalo #100	Pistol target 25 yd	Pistol target 50 yd	
Target # 902	Target # 100	Target # TG2412	Target # TG2414	
Match P56	Match P57	Match K36	Match K38	
Match V80		Match K37		
Match Y89				
Misc. Targets	Uses 4 animal silhouette targets, one "X" center target, & one 6-bull 50 yd overlay for scoring.			
Match L41	Wood log, clay pigeons, playing cards, string, 3 gongs, tinder.			
Match L42				
Odds and Ends				
Match I32a	25 "birds"	Match S68	10 "birds"	
Match I32b	25 "birds"	Match Z91	16 "birds"	
Match I32c	14 "birds"	Match AA92	15 "birds"	
Match I32d	16 "birds"	Match AA93	15 "birds"	
Match J33	15 "birds"	Match BB94	16 "birds"	
Match J34	15 "birds"	Match EE102	15 "birds"	
Match J35	10 "birds"	Match EE103	15 "birds"	
Match S66	15 "birds"	Match FF104	15 "birds"	
Match S67	15 "birds"	Match FF105	15 "birds"	

