

# **Air Guns Rules**

These sport rules are modified from International Paralympic Committee competition rules to suit the population and goals of the Valor Games.

Please note: The 2019 Valor Games are not a qualifying event for USA Nationals or other Paralympic sanctioned events.

#### **Air Guns Competition Times/Dates**

# Thursday – September 26<sup>th</sup> at Mission Concepción Sports Park

8am-9:30 am Air Guns Heat 1 Warmup & Competition (MCSP Gym) 9:40am-11:10am Air Guns Heat 2 Warmup & Competition (MCSP Gym)

11am-2pm Lunch at MCSP

11:20am-12:50pm Air Guns Heat 3 Warmup & Competition (MCSP Gym)
1pm-2:30pm Air Guns Heat 4 Warmup & Competition (MCSP Gym)
2:40pm-4:10pm Air Guns Heat 5 Warmup & Competition (MCSP Gym)

TBD Air Guns Awards; approx. 15 minutes after competition ends (MCSP Gym)

Note: Awards will follow the completion of all heats.

## Civilian Marksmanship Program

The 2019 Valor games is excited to have the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) providing the fully electronic scoring targets again this year. CMP will be posting the scores during matches and will coordinate all scores and results. This CMP system is what was used at the 2016, 2018, and 2019 Warrior Games Shooting competition.

# **Event Check-in and Packet Pick-up – MANDATORY for ALL Athletes!!**

Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> (5:00-9:00 PM)

Marriott Plaza Hotel – 555 South Alamo Street, San Antonio

#### **Disability/Classification Divisions**

- Open Division Includes competitors who do not have a permanent physical disability.
   Examples of open category competitors include individuals with PTSD, TBI or orthopedic injuries.
- <u>SH1 Division</u> Includes all other competitors with a permanent physical disability that can support the weight of the rifle (spinal cord injury, leg amputees, and stroke).
- <u>SH2 Division</u> Includes competitors who do not have the ability to support the weight of the rifle with their arms and therefore require a spring stand (upper body injuries and arm amputees).









## **Novice Events**

- 10M Air Rifle Prone (Open, SH1 & SH2) 40 shots
- 10M Air Rifle Standing (Open, SH1 & SH2) 40 shots
- 10M Air Pistol (Open & SH1) 40 shots

**Note:** Standing means to stand and shoot with no rifle support, if able to stand. If unable to stand, then you sit and shoot with no rifle support (no weight on the shooting table). If you are an SH 2 then you are allowed to use a spring stand.

**Elite Events:** Athlete must be Paralympic classifiable to compete in the Elite level events. These are the only results that will count towards meeting military standards for the VA athlete training grant.

- 10M Air Rifle Prone (SH1 & SH2) 60 shots
- 10M Air Rifle Standing (SH1 & SH2) 60 shots
- 10M Air Pistol (SH1) 60 shots

#### GENERAL EVENT RULES

- Each athlete can compete in 2 shooting events.
- Only Paralympic classifiable athletes can compete in the elite shooting events. You must show your classification card to the Air Guns Coordinator at registration.
- Each heat will be considered a final.
- All events shall be fired at a distance of 10 meters. Only target grade (not "field" grade) air (compressed air or CO2) single shot rifles and pistols with iron sights firing a .177 caliber soft lead match pellets can be used for competition.
- Correcting lenses and telescopes cannot be attached to the rifle; any sight not containing a lens or system of lenses is permitted.
- Male and female athletes will compete in the same divisions.
- Appropriate language is expected on the range and athletes should respect the range officials and competition staff as well as your fellow competitors. Any athlete using profane language will be asked to leave the competition.

#### **EVENT DETAILS**

# Air Pistol

**Open** - The pistol is held with one hand in the standing position.

**SH1** - The pistol is held with one hand. Athlete is standing unless injury has impacted balance, stability or strength in the lower extremities. For those athletes, a wheelchair or other seat may be used.









#### Air Rifle - Prone

**Open and SH1** – The athlete will be seated and may rest both elbows and lean the torso against the bench or a table on the firing point for stability (see IPC rules). Athletes may use a sling to support the weight of the rifle.

**SH2** – If the athlete is unable to support the rifle due to injury, the rifle will be supported by a spring stand (see IPC rules). Spring stands may be tested by range officials to determine if the spring stand meets IPC rules. The athlete will be seated and may rest both elbows and lean the torso against the table on the firing point for stability.

#### Air Rifle - Standing

**Open** - The athlete will be in the standing position (see ISSF rules).

**SH1** – Athletes will rest one elbow on their hip or ribcage to support the weight of the rifle. The athlete may be in the standing position or seated, if required, but may not rest any part of the arms against a bench, table, chair or wheelchair.

**SH2** – If the athlete is unable to support the rifle due to injury, the competitor may fire from a stand, bench or table, and the rifle will be supported by a spring stand that meets IPC rules. The athlete may be standing up or seated, if required, but may not rest any part of the arms against a bench, table, chair or wheelchair (see IPC rules).

**SH1 & SH2** - Athletes with spinal cord injuries or conditions that impact torso stability may use a backrest on their chairs.

Specific rules about the guns, ammunition, targets, ranges and other competition equipment are available at the USA Shooting website: <a href="http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/usasrules">http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/usasrules</a>
Specific rules for athletes with physical disabilities are available at the International Paralympic Committee's shooting-specific website: <a href="https://www.ipc-shooting.org">www.ipc-shooting.org</a>

#### **Awards**

- Medals will be given to the top three athletes in each division.
- Medal ceremonies will be conducted at the Air Gun venue immediately after the completion of all heats.

Please contact the Air Gun Coordinator, for questions directly related to Air Guns.

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