

2024 PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR OLYMPIC STATE SMALLBORE & AIR RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sponsored by: Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association

Sanctioned by: USA Shooting

Hosted by: Palmyra Sportsmen's Association

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Registration: Entries will be accepted starting on Saturday, November 11th. The current availability of the Junior Olympics relay times can be viewed on the Palmyra Sportsmen's website. **All registration will be completed online on the sportsmen's club website, www.palmyrasportsmens.com. Payment will also be taken online at the time of registration.**

If you have any issues please contact, contact Shelley Gestl at sgestl@comcast.net and cc Erin Gestl at egestl@wcupa.edu, or call 717-832-3385. Team fees can be paid at the time of the match. Any cancellations after 10 days before your scheduled date will be nonrefundable.

The January dates of the Junior Olympics overlap with the Palmyra Invitational. Athletes may fire the Junior Olympics and have their score also count for the Palmyra Invitational. For this to occur, the athlete must register for both events.

Dates: December 17, 2023, January 13-15, February 17-18, 2024.

Other dates and times may be added if needed

Relay Starting Times: *The below time reflects the start of the 15 minute preparation.*

Saturday, Feb 17

12:00pm Smallbore

2:30pm Air Rifle

4:30pm Air Rifle

6:30pm Smallbore

Sunday Dec 17, Feb 18

8:00am Smallbore

10:30am Air Rifle

12:30pm Air Rifle

3:00pm Smallbore

5:30pm TBD

Jan 13-15

Smallbore: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 1:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm

Air Rifle: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 1:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm

Air Rifle Relays held in January will be held on the Palmyra basement range. All other air rifle relays will be held on the Palmyra upper range.

Additional relays may be added as needed or event times altered to accommodate the maximum number of competitors.

Location: Palmyra Sportsmen's Association, 410 Sportsman Road, Annville, PA 17003

Eligibility: Athletes will remain as eligible juniors until December 31st, 2024 in the year which they become 21 years of age.

Membership: All competitors must be individual members of USA Shooting and the PRPA and must show membership cards at check in or join at match. Please go to USA Shooting.org and pennarifleandpistol.org for membership signup. Additional forms will be available at check-in.

Entry Fees: Smallbore or Air Rifle: USA Shooting Registration \$12.00, PA Rifle & Pistol Assn. \$3.00, Match fees, Match fees \$9.00 – Total Individual fee \$24.00 for each event. Smallbore or Air Rifle. All teams are \$10.00 per event. Make checks payable to “Palmyra Sportsman’s Association.”

Residence: Each competitor may claim residence in only one state and must declare the state of residence on the entry form. Residents are eligible for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place USA Shooting State Champion medallions. Residency is defined as to where the competitor holds a current and valid driver’s license. If the competitor does not have a driver’s license, residency is then defined as to where the competitor’s parents/guardians reside. Non-residents may compete for invitations to the National Championship and are encouraged to do so. Non-residents are not eligible for state awards.

Entry: Only scores from a registered State Junior Olympic match will count for invitation to the National Junior Olympic Championships. Shooters ***may not*** compete in more than one state JOSC. Juniors who fire in their own home state JOSC will not be allowed to shoot in another state. Juniors from states which are not holding a state JOSC, and those who cannot attend their own state JOSC, will be allowed to enter as a non-resident in another state. Non-residents should declare their home state at entry and are not eligible for state resident awards.

A. Resident Qualifier: Competitors shooting in their declared state of permanent residency. Competitors in this category are eligible to be the state resident qualifier to the National JOSC.

B. Automatic/At-Large: Competitors shooting in other than their declared state of residency are eligible for at-large/automatic invitations to the National JOSC.

Categories: The following categories will be used for the competition:

U21 (21 years old and under by Dec 31, 2024)

U18 (18 years old and under by Dec 31, 2024)

U15 (15 years old and under by Dec 31, 2024)

Rules: The Current ISSF Rules will Govern

Targets & Distance: SIUS Electronic targets will be used for the match at distances of 50 feet for smallbore and 10 meters for air rifle.

Course of Fire & Time Limits: Target lifts are expected to be operational for the match.

Smallbore: The positions will be fired in the following order: Kneeling, Prone, and Standing. 15 minutes will be given for preparation/sighting in Kneeling. 1 hour and 30 minutes will be given for the 60 shots in the 3 positions (Prone and Standing sighters as well as change-over periods are included in this time).

Air Rifle: 15 minutes will be given for preparation/sighting. 1 hour and 15 minutes will be given for the 60 record shots

Teams: All teams entered in the team competition must represent a single USAS & PRPA affiliated clubs. Teams will consist of three (3) firing members in both smallbore and air rifle.

Sights: Metallic Sights only

Coaching: Coaching on the firing line will **not** be permitted. Non-verbal coaching is allowed. Only competitors and match officials will permitted in the range during the event unless directed to do so by the match officials.

Scoring Protests: For Smallbore see rule 6.15.4.2. Briefly, if a shooter contests the value of a shot, a protest will only be accepted when made before the next shot or if it is the last shot, within three (3) minutes. If a protest is made concerning the value of a shot, the shooter will be requested to fire another shot at the end of the competition, so that this extra shot may be counted if the protest is upheld and the correct value of the disputed shot cannot be determined. If the protest concerning a shot value other than zero, or failure to register, is not upheld, a two (2) point penalty from the score of the disputed shot will be awarded. The protest fee is \$0.

Ties: All ties will be broken in accordance with USA Shooting Rules.

Awards:

A Junior Olympic Participation Pin provided by USAS will be given to each participant. Medallions provided by USA Shooting: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medallions for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place residents, respectively.

Category Awards: Awards for the categories will be given according to the number of entries.

Teams: State Champion Awards will be given and category awards according to the number of entries.

A competitor of team can only receive one award per event (smallbore or air rifle).

Score Sheets: Official State JO Score Reporting Sheets will be used. They must be completely filled out and signed by the competitor in order to be considered for invitation to the National JOSOC. Legible handwriting is required. Entries should be made using the entry form enclosed with this program.

Directions to Palmyra: From North and East: Take 78W to 81S to 934S, Fort Indiantown Gap exit to Annville. Take 422W (right) into Palmyra. After the Sheetz gas station on the right, turn right at the next light onto Forge Rd. See directions below. **From South:** Take the turnpike west and get off at the Lebanon exit. Take 72N and then 322W. In Campbelltown turn right onto 117N (Forge Rd.) into Palmyra. Go straight across 422 at the light (Forge Rd). See the directions below. **From West:** Take 322E until you reach Hershey, but do not get off at the Hershey Medical Center (Ephrata) exit, keep going straight and 422E will begin. Follow 422E into Palmyra. After you pass Railroad St., turn left at the second light (Forge Rd.). See the directions below. **Directions Continued for all:** Once on Forge Rd., go about 1.8 miles; as the road makes a very sharp left, a small road (Sportsman Road) goes straight. Take the small road (Sportsman Road) and 0.2 miles later the club sign is overhead. The clubhouse is located at the bottom of the hill.

Accommodations: Please check the website, www.palmyrasportsmens.com for a listing of several hotels in the area. Tell them you are competing at the at the Palmyra Sportsmen's club.

Open bolt indicators will be used when rifles are out of their cases. If needed, open bolt indicators would be available for use during the match at no charge.

Compressed air is available at the range at no charge. CO₂ is not available.

PA Residents must be a member of Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association

State Resident Qualifiers: USA Shooting will issue official invitations to the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships (NJOSC) for high scoring male and female state resident provided they fire a minimum qualifying. Only scores from a registered State Junior Olympic match will count for invitation to the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships.

Invitations will be issued based off of the following cut-off scores (keep in mind, if needed scores may be lowered to invite up to range capacity).

AUTOMATIC INVITE CUT SCORES:

Air Rifle – 580

Smallbore Rifle – 575

National JORC: A complete match program and other information will be sent to all competitors via email who earn invitations. Please see the USA Shooting website for specifics