

Conventional Pistol Match (2700)

***complete description of sport is after match bulletin**

Match Schedule: One relay at 9:00 a.m. There will be a 10 minute break between .22 and Centerfire. A 45 minute lunch break (NO FOOD IS AVAILABLE AT THE RANGE) between Centerfire and .45 aggregates.

Sighters: There will be a 10 minute unlimited sighting period prior to the start of the match, beginning at 8:40 a.m.

Match Conditions: NRA membership is recommended but not required. NRA Conventional Pistol Rules and classifications will be utilized. Unclassified competitors must shoot in the Master class. USE OF ALCOHOL BEFORE OR DURING MATCH IS FORBIDDEN.

"NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR EMPTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINERS ARE PERMITTED ON THE CLUB PREMISES. VIOLATORS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM COMPETITION AND REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY."

Course of fire: All slow fire at 50 yards on B-6 targets; timed and rapid fire at 25 yards on B-8 targets. Range is equipped with turning targets at 25 yards.

- Match #1 - .22 Slow Fire (20 shots)
- Match #2 - .22 National Match Course (30 shots)
- Match #3 - .22 Timed Fire (20 shots)
- Match #4 - .22 Rapid Fire (20 shots)
- Match #5 - .22 Aggregate
- Matches #6-10, same as 1-5, except caliber is Centerfire
- Matches #11-15, same as 1-5, except caliber is .45
- Match #16 - Grand Aggregate

Awards: One Open winner per match, with class awards within classifications, open winner not eligible for class awards. Within classifications, one award per each 5 competitors. Classes will be combined upwards, if necessary, to make a class of at least 5 competitors, except shooters will not be combined with High Masters. If less than 5 High Masters, they will compete for Open award only. After match expenses, 50% of entry fees will be returned to competitors in awards.

Fee: \$40.00 for entire match, \$20.00 for one gun, \$30.00 for two guns.

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*Outdoor 2700 matches are fired with three guns and are sometimes referred to as three gun matches. The three guns are .22 caliber, centerfire, and .45 caliber pistols. Competitors only need two guns to compete as I will explain later on. There are some shooters who use revolvers for bullseye pistol shooting but the sport is dominated by semiautomatic pistols.

The first gun is the .22 caliber pistol or revolver. These consist of Rugers, Smith & Wesson model 41's, High Standards, Hammerlis, and Pardinis. The Feinwerkbau AW93 is beginning to gain in popularity. Some competitors use 1911 pistols with .22 conversion units like the Marvel. The .22 Ruger target pistol with a trigger job and dot sight is an excellent entry level gun. The referee may randomly weigh triggers on competitor's pistols at some of the bigger matches such as Regional Championships, State Championships or the National Championships. The trigger pull on the .22 must be at least two pounds.

Next, the Center Fire Pistol is any center fire pistol or revolver .32 caliber or larger. Guns that fall into this category are Hammerli or Pardini .32 cal pistols; these are .32 S&W long caliber. The Smith and Wesson Model 52 in .38 special was popular at one time. Some shooter use custom 1911pistols in .38 special, 38 super, or 9mm. Most shooters use a .45 caliber pistol for their centerfire matches. Using the .45 for centerfire eliminates the need for competitors to have three guns and three different types of ammunition. The trigger pull on centerfire pistols and revolvers must be at least two and a half pounds, however if you are using a .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol for the centerfire portion of the match, the trigger pull must be at least three and a half pounds.

The third gun is the .45 caliber pistol or revolver. Most competitors use a 1911 style pistol for the .45 matches. You will need one with a good trigger and adjustable sights or dot sight to get started. However to be competitive in the upper classes such as Master and High Master you will need a pistol that has been accurized by a pistolsmith. Shooters in these classes have pistols, which will shoot groups under two inches out of a Ransom Rest at fifty yards. The trigger pull on the .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol must be at least three and a half pounds. The trigger pull on a .45 caliber revolver must be at least two and a half pounds. Most outdoor matches are what is called a 2700. Competitors fire 270 rounds, 90 with each gun. Each 90 shot match or 900

as they are called are the same course of fire except they are fired with the different caliber guns. Competitors fire the .22 caliber 900 first, then the center fire 900, and finally the .45 caliber 900. The 900 point matches are made up of four fired matches. First is the Slow Fire Match, which is twenty rounds slow fire. The second match is the National Match Course which is ten rounds slow fire, ten rounds timed fire and ten rounds rapid fire. The third match, the Timed fire match is twenty rounds timed fire. The fourth match is the Rapid Fire Match which is twenty rounds rapid fire.

All shooting is done ten rounds per target. After each ten round target, shooters score and repair targets. All slow fire is fired at fifty yards. Timed and rapid fire is fired at twenty-five yards. For slow fire, competitors fire two ten rounds targets with a ten-minute time limit for each target. In timed fire and rapid fire, shooters fire two strings of five rounds per target. Each five round string in timed fire is has a twenty second time limit. The five round strings in rapid fire have a ten second time limit.

There is usually a fifteen-minute break between the .22 Match and the Center Fire Match. Shooters get a lunch break between the Center Fire Match and the .45 Match which is usually about forty-five minutes.

The 2700 described here is the most common type of outdoor match. Some matches may vary from this. Obtain a match program from the match sponsor, as this will spell out the course of fire and match conditions for the tournament. Competitors compete in one of five classes: Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert, Master and High Master. Shooters are placed in classes according to their averages so they are shooting against other shooters of the same skill level. There are also other matches that are fired in conjunction with Regional Championships, State Championships, and the National Matches. These are Distinguished Revolver matches, and CMP leg matches. The scores for these matches are not part of the aggregate score from the 2700. There is an additional fee for shooting these matches; competitors in the 2700 do not need to fire these additional matches if they choose not to. However, don't be surprised if you show up to a match and someone offers to loan you a service pistol or revolver and ammunition to shoot the leg matches.

The Distinguished Revolver Match is fired with service type revolvers. Competitors who place in the top 10% of the non-distinguished shooters earn ten, eight, or six leg points. A shooter who earns thirty leg points is awarded the Distinguished Revolver badge by the NRA. Firearms used in this match are unmodified revolvers in .38 special with iron sights (see NRA rule 3.1.4). Ammunition is limited to .38

special with 158 grain lead bullets. The course of fire for this match is a thirty round national match course.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Service Pistol leg matches are also held in conjunction with Regional Championships, State Championships, and the National Championships. Competitors fire .45 caliber 1911 or 9mm M9 service pistols with iron sights in this match. Allowable alterations to these pistols are limited and listed in the CMP rule book. Ammunition is restricted to round nose, full metal jacket, ball type ammo. Competitors placing in the top 10% of the non-distinguished shooters competing in the match earn ten, eight, or six leg points. Shooters need to accumulate thirty leg points to be awarded the Distinguished Pistol badge by the CMP. The thirty points accumulated by the shooter must include one eight or ten point leg. Non-distinguished shooters are only eligible to fire four leg matches per year. The course of fire for this match is a thirty shot National Match Course.

Competitors may enter partial matches if space is available at the range. Match sponsors give first preference to shooters who enter the full three-gun 2700, but will allow competitors to enter and only shoot one or two of the 900's if space is available. A new shooter who only has a .22 can enter and only shoot the .22 caliber 900 if space is available.

Most shooters are willing to help new shooters. If you have questions, contact the match sponsor. If you have questions at a match, ask the line officer or range officer. Tell the match sponsor that you are a new shooter when you are entering a match. Usually they will keep an eye on new shooters to answer any questions and ensure you enjoy the event.