

Marine Corps League National Marksmanship Postal Matches

The **National Marksmanship Postal Match Program** is a program much like the Americanism and the Newsletter competitions. The intent of this program is to promote teamwork and camaraderie within the Detachments, with the emphasis on retention and recruitment. It is a level of competition that everyone can participate in and have fun, and hopefully gain some bragging rights for your Detachment. It is NOT intended to be a Marksmanship Shooting Team with the intent of competing in NRA-sanctioned matches; It is a friendly competition with the end-goal of retention and recruitment.

The matches will be held from **1 March to 30 October** annually. All shooting must be completed during that time. Registration forms, scorecards, and applicable fees must be **submitted (postmarked) by 30 October** to the below address. The fees are currently \$10 per shooter per individual matches. There are no extra fees for team scores. For example, if an individual chooses to compete in each match, the total entry fee will be \$40. If the individual is a member of a team, there will be no extra fee for the team portion.

The individual matches are as follows:

- **Service Rifle** – Any US service rifle or civilian equivalent such as the M1903 Springfield, M1 Garand, M14/M1A, M-16/M4/AR-style, with open sights, a barrel length up to 20” and any type of stock that does not provide additional support
- **Service Pistol** – Any US service pistol or civilian equivalent such as the M1911 .45ACP, Beretta M9 or FS 92 (9mm only), Sig Sauer M17 or M18, or .38 caliber six-cylinder revolver, with open sights and no modified hand grips
- **Open Rifle and/or Open Pistol** – Any caliber of .22 caliber or higher, but below .50 caliber. Optics up to 4x magnification may be used; variable magnifications will be kept at no higher than 4x. Lasers are not allowed.

All checks are to be made payable to **Marine Corps League National Headquarters**. Registration fees submitted in advance of the scores will NOT be refunded if the individual or team fails to submit a certified scorecard before the deadline of 30 October. Registration forms and scorecards are available in the Library section of the MCL website. They must be typed or printed legibly with the competitor’s full legal name, using no nicknames or aliases, and signed by either a Commandant or Team Captain, to certify the scores are true and correct. When filling out the registration forms, mark either “Service” or “Open” for the pistol, or “Service” or “Optics” (in lieu of “Open”) for the rifle. There are no .22LR matches at this time.

****Again, you are signing that the score cards are true and correct. Please ensure the math is accurate, as I will not give the benefit of the doubt. If a score is mathematically higher than what is entered, the shooter will receive the lower recorded score. Scores will be corrected and amended if the score is mathematically lower than what is entered. This includes X or V counts as well. Remember, scores are 5 or higher on the 10X target, or 3 or higher on the 5V targets. There are no 4 or below or 2 or below on these respective targets.**

Please send the completed registration, score cards, and fees to:

Mike Sturch
National Marksmanship Committee
82 Esfahan Drive, Unit #7
San Jose, CA 95111

Team Composition:

- Teams (both Rifle & Pistol) will consist of four (4) or five (5) competitors
- MCL Competitors must be a member in good standing of the League
- A team consisting of only four (4) competitors will receive a blind score in lieu of a fifth (5th) competitor
- The blind score will be calculated as an average of the registered competitors of that team, and added to the team score as the fifth (5th) competitor
- Entries of three (3) or less are eligible for individual awards, but not for team awards
- Teams will be comprised of a MCL Detachment or Department, MODD Pound or Pack, a USMC Active Duty or Reserve Unit, or a Young Marines of the MCL Unit
- All competitors on a team must be from the same Detachment, Department, Pound, Pack, or Unit
- More than one team may be entered from a Detachment, Department, Pound, Pack, or Unit, as long as it meets the above criteria
- A competitor can NOT be a member of more than one team
- An Active Duty or Reserve competitor may fire on an MCL/MODD Team, as long as that competitor is a member in good standing of that MCL/MODD unit
- Young Marines of the MCL may enter these matches under the Young Marines Marksmanship rules

General Match Information:

The range length for the rifle match will be fired at 200 yards with the NRA SR 200 yd (10X) or the Army 5V target, or at 100 yards with the NRA SR-1 target.

The range length for the pistol competition will be fired at 25 yards with the NRA B-8 target. If not possible to shoot at 25 yards, it may be fired at 50 feet using the NRA B-5 target only.

These targets are available through the National Target Company, PO Box 2152, Rockville, MD 20847-2152. Phone # 800-827-7060. They are available from other companies as well; just please ensure they are the correct NRA standard targets.

Course of Fire:

Service Rifle/Open Rifle:

(3 Sighter Rounds; 3 minutes; any position; then 2 stages of each below)

1. 10 Rounds, 10 minutes; Slow Fire Prone position
2. 10 Rounds; 10 minutes; Slow Fire Sitting position
3. 10 Rounds, 10 minutes; Slow Fire Standing

The Kneeling position may be used in any stage except for the Standing position. If a competitor can not assume a specific position, they may elect to fire in the next progressive position. Disabled competitors may enter in a "Disabled Class" and may fire in any safe position they can assume or seated in a chair. This must be declared on their registration and score card. Slings may be used in any position.

Service Pistol/Open Pistol:

1. 10 Rounds Slow Fire; 10 minutes
 2. Two (2) 5-Round Strings Timed Fire; 20 seconds per string
 3. Two (2) 5-Round Strings Rapid Fire; 10 seconds per string
- (There will be a pause between all strings of fire for reloading)

For the Service Pistol, standard grips may not exceed 1 ½" below the frame, and may not have finger grooves or other non-standard military design. A two-handed grip is acceptable for all pistol matches.

Alibis apply only to timed and rapid fire strings. A competitor can only claim one alibi in both strings of fire for one stage. The alibi will consist of the remaining shots to complete that string of fire.

Scoring:

There is a possible 600 point total aggregate, (if fired on a 10-X target), for each individual match. New score cards have been made available on our MCL website. Scoring should be recorded and entered in the following manner: X's, 10's, 9's, 8's, 7's, 6's, and 5's. Misses should be recorded as "M". If you are recording each individual shot as you fire them during the rifle matches, you may enter them in the order they are fired.

Awards:

Awards will be presented to the top 10% individual shooters, and the top 3 team, much like the Division and Marine Corps EIC (or Leg) Matches. The top 1/3 will receive Gold, the next 1/3 will receive Silver, and the remaining will receive Bronze. There will also be a top 3 individual aggregate award presented for Service Rifle and Pistol only.

The below scoring classifications will remain in use for the MCL Marksmanship Ribbon awards:

Scoring Classifications:

	SCORE
HIGH MASTER	570-600
MASTER	500-569
EXPERT	400-499
SHARPSHOOTER	300-399
MARKSMAN	0-299