

**2019 Spirit of America**  
**Fullbore Rifle Prone National Championship**  
**Sponsored by the Bald Eagles Rifle Club**

**Dates:** September 7-13, 2019. Firing will begin at 8:00 AM each day.

**Location:** George Tubb Range, NRA Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico, USA. The range is located four miles west of I-25 on US 64 south and west of Raton.

**General Information:** There are currently 254 beds available for housing at the NRA Whittington Center. There is a Recreational Vehicle (caravan) campground that is equipped with full hookups. Reservations should be made at the following: NRA Whittington Center P.O. Box 700, Raton, NM 87740, Phone: (575) 445-3615, Fax: (575) 445-9418. It is recommended that reservations be made early for the competitor housing. The center will begin accepting housing reservations after February 1, 2019. These are two-person rooms and sharing with other competitors is recommended. More information on the NRA Whittington Center is available on the web at: <http://www.nrawc.org/>. Additional housing is available at many motels in nearby Raton, New Mexico.

Food service at the NRA Whittington Center may be available, providing there is enough interest. The hours of operation are 6 AM to 6 PM daily.

**Entries:** Entries should be made on-line at <http://www.baldeaglesrc.org>. For your convenience you may charge your entry fee using a PayPal account or credit card. For those unable to complete payment on-line, you may mail your payment to Bald Eagles Rifle Club Treasurer, Bill Lair, 185 McIntosh E., LaCrescent, MN 55947-1824. Questions should be addressed to: [baldeglesinf@gmail.com](mailto:baldeglesinf@gmail.com)

**Entry Closing Date:** Advance entries are recommended. Entries close **August 20, 2019** and should be mailed to arrive before that date, however you may also enter on line up to September 1, 2019 at: [www.baldeaglesrc.org](http://www.baldeaglesrc.org). Walk on entries will be accepted at the range providing they do not exceed the range capacity. Late entries after September 1st will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee.

**Individual entry fees** will be: \$200.00 for adults and \$60.00 for juniors. Entry fees include a daily range fee of \$20.00 charged by the NRA Whittington Center.

**Team Match fees** will be \$80.00 for the four man teams. Team entries are requested on the day preceding the team match, however, for last minute pick up teams entries may be made on the day of the match at least one hour prior to start time.

**Cancelation Policy:** There will be a \$20.00 non refundable cancelation fee on any and all cancelations. Anyone who has not cancelled three days prior to the first day of competition will result in no refunds, forfeiture of entire entry fee. Cancelations will be excepted by emailing: [baldeaglesinf@gmail.com](mailto:baldeaglesinf@gmail.com)

**Categories:** Target rifle; F-Class (Open); F-Class (T/R). There will be separate awards for each category. F-Class (T/R) may be combined with F-Class (Open) if there are insufficient entries to support a separate category.

**Rules:** The rulebook for *NRA International Fullbore Rifle* will be used and is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp>.

**Competitor Eligibility:** This competition is open to all. All competitors (including International shooters) are encouraged to join the NRA USA. Applications are available at the Stat Office or online at [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org). Cost for 1-year membership is \$35.00. NRA-USA membership is required for setting National Records.

**Competitor Classifications:** This is a classified match and will be conducted using the current NRA International Fullbore Rifle Classification system in all matches.

**Challenge Fees:** Challenge fees on the firing line will be \$5.00 paid at the time challenge is made, refundable if the shooter wins the challenge.

**Ammunition:** Individuals must provide their own ammunition. All ammunition is subject to testing.

**Target Rifle Ammunition:** The bullet weight for the .308/7.62 must be less than 156 grains and the bullet weight, for .223/5.56 must be less than 92 grains.

**F-Class:** Ammunition must comply with rule 3.17.

**Rifles: Target Rifle:** A rifle chambered for the unmodified 7.62x51MM or commercial .308 Winchester cartridge or a rifle chambered for the unmodified 5.56MM or commercial .223 Remington cartridge. Any safe trigger is acceptable.

**F-Class:** Rifles and rest must comply with rules 3.4 & 3.4.1.

**Target Service:** Competitors will be required to mark targets in individual matches unless assigned to other duties or are exempted from target service by the match director. Grand Seniors (70 years and older) are not required to pull targets, but may be asked to help on the firing line or pits. **Any competitor failing to perform his/her target pulling or scoring duties may be disqualified.** There are no paid pullers available, however you may bring someone to pull for you at YOUR EXPENSE.

**Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI):** Safety is paramount! Rifles will have actions open, magazines removed, and an ECI inserted into the chamber at **all times** except when on the firing line, during the preparation period, or during live firing. ECIs will be available for \$1.00.

**Procedure for Clearing the Line:** At no time is a competitor to leave the firing line with a loaded rifle! All competitors are responsible for safe rifles while on the firing

line. At no time should a competitor get out of position without having first placed an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in the empty chamber of his/her rifle. This must be verified by the competitor's scorekeeper. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification for both competitor and scorekeeper.

**Preparation Period:** Once the competitors have their relay called to the line they may place all their equipment on the line, except their rifles. Rifles must stay behind the ready line until the *two minute warning* has been given. When given the two minute warning, the competitors may bring their rifles to the line. The empty chamber indicator (ECI) must remain in the rifle until the *three minute preparation* period has been called. The ECI may be removed, but no ammunition may be loaded during the 3 minute preparation period. **Anyone who fires a shot during the preparation period will be scored a miss for the first record shot of that match, they will also receive no further sighting or practice shots. Anyone who fires a shot prior to the preparation period or any other non-firing period will be disqualified from the competition.**

**Blow-Off Period:** There will be a one minute blow-off for each relay at the beginning of each day, in individual and team matches. Shots fired during the blow-off must impact in the earth berm behind the targets. There will be no firing before sunrise or after sunset on any range on the Whittington Center.

**Squadding:** All matches will be squadded by the Statistical Officer. Squadding will be available one hour before the start of the match. Matches will start at 8 AM each day unless the Match Director makes an announcement prior to the end of the match on the previous day.

**Special Accommodations:** Special provisions may be made for competitors who enter the match as a Handicapped Competitor and/or a competitor who qualifies as a Grand Senior. Every attempt will be made to accommodate competitors with special needs such as sharing equipment, providing such needs are made known in a timely fashion. Sharing rides will not usually require special accommodation inasmuch as bus transportation to and from the pits will be provided. Parking behind each firing line is permitted. *Competitors must make arrangements with companions to move their vehicles if the driver is in the pits during a line change.*

**Awards:** The awards schedules for Target Rifle and F-Class (FT-R and F-Open) will be posted at the match. Award groups must contain a minimum of 5 individuals to qualify for awards. *Medals will be awarded to the top three grand aggregate winners in Target Rifle and F-Class (FT-R and F Open) only. Grand Aggregate Winning teams in each category will also receive medals. There will be class awards for the Grand Aggregate matches only. Awards will be given to match winners of the Daily Matches, Long and Short Range Aggregates, and the Grand Aggregate.* Awards will be given for the individual matches and the team matches immediately following the challenge period on the day the matches are shot. Daily aggregate, team aggregates, and grand aggregate awards will be presented at the awards dinner on Friday, September 14, 2018.

**Special Individual Awards:** High Junior, Senior, Grand Senior, Woman and Service will be awarded when 5 or more competitors are entered in any special category. Special Individual Awards are given only for the Grand Aggregate. Service is defined as: **Active Duty, Reserve or National Guard, Retired US Military or Veteran of US Military for SoA only.**

**Door Prizes:** Donated merchandize prizes will be awarded by random drawing at the Awards Dinner. Winners must be present to win.

**Challenge Period:** The Challenge period ends 30 minutes after the posting of the preliminary bulletin for each match.

**Targets:** 300 yards ->MR63; 500 yards -> MR65; 600 yards -> MR1; 900 & 1000 yards -> LR

**F-Class:** 300 yards ->MR63FC; 500 yards ->MR65FC; 600 yards -> MR1FC; 900 & 1000 yards -> LR-FC.

**\*\*\*Saturday, September 7, 2019\*\*\***

Match T-1

**The Cimarron 4 Man Team Match**

(Sponsored by Folsom Shooting Club)

Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

A Team shall consist of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members. Each firing member to fire 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900 & 1000 yards. Time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair and at the long ranges 33 minutes per firing pair. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

**\*\*\*Sunday, September 8, 2019\*\*\***

Match T-2

**The Angel Fire 4 Man Team Match**

(Sponsored by Sierra Bullets)

Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

A team shall consist of four firing members, a team captain and coach who may be firing members. Each firing member firing 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900 & 1000 yards. Time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair and at the long ranges 33 minutes per firing pair. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

**\*\*\*Monday, September 9, 2019\*\*\***

Match T-3

**The Raton 4 Man Team Match**

Stages at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

A Team shall consist of four firing members, a Team Captain and Coach who may be firing members. Each firing member shall fire 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900, and 1000 yards. The time limit at the short ranges will be 27 minutes per firing pair and at the long range 33 minutes. The team times are before and after the pit changes. All competitors are encouraged to participate in the Team Matches.

*Note: Practice firing will be conducted in concert with match T-3. Practice shooters will observe all time limits, pit changes, and line changes, and will pull targets for other practice shooters.*

**\*\*\*Tuesday, September 10, 2019\*\*\***

Match #1

*The Silver Mountain Target Match*

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards Pair firing (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relay 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relay 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

Match #2

*The R 'n R Design Match*

900 yards

900 yards, 2 convertible sighters and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, *string firing*.

Match #3 - Daily Aggregate #1

*Camaraderie Trophy Match*

The Aggregate of Matches #1 and #2

**\*\*\*Wednesday, September 11, 2019\*\*\***

Match #4

*The Sierra Bullets Match*

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards *pair firing* (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relays 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right; Relays 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

Match #5

*The Pacific Tool & Gauge Match*

1000 yards

1000 yards, 2 convertible sighting shots and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, *string firing*.

Match #6 - Daily Aggregate #2

*The US Armed Forces Trophy Match*

An Aggregate of Matches 4 and 5

**\*\*\*Thursday, September 12, 2019\*\*\***

Match #7

**The McMillan USA Short Yards Match**

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards *pair firing* (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relays 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right. Relays 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

Match #8

**The McMillan USA long yard Match**

900 yards

900 yards, 2 convertible sighting shots and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, *string firing*.

Match 9 - Daily Aggregate #3

**The Freedom Trophy match**

An Aggregate of Matches #7 and #8

**\*\*\*Friday, September 13, 2019\*\*\***

Match #10

**The Sinclair International Match**

300, 500, 600 yards

300, 500, 600 yards *pair firing* (two on the mound); 2 convertible sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each yard line. Relays 1 & 3 will be the shooter on the right. Relays 2 & 4 will be the shooter on the left. Each shooter will be expected to fire their next shot within 45 seconds from the time the previous score is accepted.

Match #11

**The Lapua Match**

1000 yards

1000 yards, 2 convertible sighting shots and 15 shots for record; 22.5 minute time limit, *string firing*.

Match #12 - Daily Aggregate #4

**The End of the Trail Trophy match**

An Aggregate of Matches 10 and 11

## Championship Trophies

### *The Spirit of America Championship*

The Grand Aggregate of the 4 daily aggregates: Matches #3, #6, #9, & #12 in both Target Rifle and F-Class Categories.

### *The Spirit of America Short Range Championship Trophy*

The Aggregate of Matches #1, #4, #7, & #10 in both Target Rifle and F-Class Categories. Individual Target Rifle award sponsored by R 'n R Design. Individual F-TR award sponsored by Powder Keg Shooters Supply.

### *The Spirit of America Long Range Championship Trophy*

The Aggregate of Matches #2, #5, #8, & #11 in both Target Rifle and F-Class Categories. Individual Target Rifle award sponsored by Berger Bullets. Individual F-TR award sponsored by Powder Keg Shooters Supply.

### *The Spirit of America Combined 4-man Team Match Championship Trophy*

To be eligible for this award, a team shall register under the same name for all 4-man team matches with up to 6 members on the team. There shall be 4 firing members and a designated coach and captain. The same team members must be on the team for all 4-man team matches (T-1, T2 & T-3) but individual designations of captain, coach, firing members and alternates may change.

**Awards dinner:** Dinner will be held Friday Sept. 13, 2019 time and place to be announced the morning of Sept. 12 or 13, 2019. Purchase additional tickets if necessary from Stat office.



## Addendum #1

1. The ***Bald Eagles Rifle Club Annual Membership Meeting*** and election of officers will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 following the challenge period for the match held that day.
2. There will be an ***Awards Dinner*** on Friday, Sept. 13, 2019 following the match at a time and place to be announced at the match. There will be no charge to competitors entered in the individual matches. Guests are invited for a charge of \$10.00. All competitors must pick up their awards prior to leaving. Awards not picked up will be considered as donations to the Bald Eagles Rifle Club.
3. Merchandise prizes will be awarded as door prizes at the Awards Dinner. Competitors must be present to win.
4. Match bulletins will be available online at: <http://www.baldeaglesrc.org/> one week after completion of the matches. Anyone desiring printed copies of the match bulletins via US Postal Service may request them in writing before leaving the Whittington Center.

**Registration and Entry Form**  
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(Please make it legible.)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL address: \_\_\_\_\_ NRA # \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enter as (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ NRA Fullbore Prone    \_\_\_\_\_ NRA F-Open    \_\_\_\_\_ NRA F-TR

Classification (circle): High Master    Master    Expert    Sharpshooter    Marksman

Birth Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle if Handicapped? **YES**

Special Category (circle): Woman    Senior    Grand Senior    Junior    Service

Entry for (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Full match: \$200.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior: \$60.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Daily match (1 or 2 days) Indicate date(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$70.00 / 1 day; \$120.00 / 2 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check if Team shooter only send registration with fees.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ checks payable in U.S. funds to **Bald Eagles Rifle Club**  
Mail Entries to: **Bill Lair, 185 McIntosh E, LaCrescent, MN 55947-1824.** Entries can  
also be made via the internet. Visit [www.baldeaglesrifleclub.org](http://www.baldeaglesrifleclub.org) for entry.