

2021 Junior Air Rifle National Championship

Sectional Qualifiers: 1 October 2020 – 13 December 2020

National Championship: 21-23 January 2021

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1. **PURPOSE:** The 2021 Junior Air Rifle National Championship [JARNC] features a competition format that gives all participants a true shoulder-to-shoulder competition after experiencing a state sectional and a national qualification competition. Competitors will fire air rifle competitions throughout the nation, where their targets will be scored using Orion Scoring Systems. By utilizing the Orion Scoring System, the scores will be uploaded into a national results list that displays state and national rankings in real time.
2. **EVENT DATES:** Sectional qualifiers will be held from 1 October 2020 through 13 December 2020. Last day to post qualifying scores will be 13 December 2020. The Junior Air Rifle National Championship will be hosted at Ole Mill Range in Griffin Georgia 21-23 of January, 2021.
3. **MATCH SPONSOR:** The match is being cosponsored by Ole Mill Range and The X Count. These two organizations united to host this youth national championship to promote the development of rifle marksmanship skills among American youth and to recognize those who respond to this challenge. This competition is being administered in cooperation with Orion Scoring Systems, <http://www.orionscoringsystem.com>, which is providing scoring services and results management for this year's sectional competitions.
4. **RULES:** Current edition of the *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules* and this official program will govern the conduct of the sporter competition; the current edition of USA Shooting rules will govern the conduct of the precision competition.
5. **COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** This Championship is open to all junior shooting organizations and individual juniors who are school age (rule: 3.1) or younger. All school age youth are invited to participate, whether as individuals or as members of their club or school team. Schools and clubs are encouraged to enter as many individual shooters and teams as they can; however, you are not required to be a member of a club or school team to compete. A major objective of this competition is to give the experience and challenge of this unique state and national competition to as many junior athletes as possible; to include three-position sporter and international standing precision. Competitors must be members of the organization with which they compete.
6. **COMPETITION EVENTS:** Junior Air Rifle National Championship offers competition in the following events:
 - a. **Sporter Championship**
 - i. Individual Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle – 3x20
 - ii. Team Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle – 3x20
 - b. **Precision Championship**
 - i. Individual Standing Precision Air Rifle - 60 shots
 - ii. Team, Standing Precision Air Rifle - 60 shots
7. **TEAM REQUIREMENTS:** Teams that are registered to compete in state sectionals will consist of five firing members, with the top 4 scores to count as the team total. (Rule: 3.2.3.c, Best-Four-Count teams).

Teams invited to the national championship will abide by rule 3.2.1. Teams consist of four athletes; however, one alternate firing member per team is authorized to attend. If not used as a team member, they will shoot as an individual.

Due to the restrictions put in place by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is understood a fair number of competitors (athletes) were forced to practice, train, and compete via remote technology to include but not limited to; use of the internet, internet based applications, and other telecommunications technologies (herein known as “online technology”) and/or travel considerable distance to clubs/organizations governed by less restrictive guidelines (herein known as a “remote club”). It is also understood not all clubs were/are equipped with such technologies which caused athletes to seek clubs and organization equipped to accommodate the online technology athlete along with the joining of a remote club is in direct contrast with National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle rule 3.2.5 “Determining Team Eligibility”. To maintain the spirit of this rule, online technology clubs and organization that were established and operational prior to March 1, 2020 and clubs/organization local to the competitor that added online/remote capabilities to satisfy the needs/requirements of their respective membership will be allowed to enter team(s) for the Sectional Competition and if qualified will be eligible for the Championship Competition. To qualify under this exception the athlete:

- A. Must be an active, current and exclusive member of the online technology or remote club and must have joined the online technology or remote club prior to June 30, 2020.
- B. Must train/or meet with the online technology or remote club (via internet application or in person) an average minimum of 3 times per week since joining the online technology or remote club prior to June 30, 2020.
- C. Is not currently member nor affiliated with a club or shooting organization (that actively and primarily participates in the athletes class and discipline) local to the athlete’s primary residence in conjunction with the online technology or remote club. If so, the athlete will represent the club or shooting organization local to their primary residence or compete as an individual.
- D. If the athlete does not satisfies A, B, and C of this exception, a written waiver must be submitted to The X Count and will be review by a representative of both The X Count and Georgia Competitive Shooters for consideration.
- E. Violation of this exception will lead to disqualification of both the team and athlete.
- F. Teams must compete shoulder to shoulder at the same sectional.

8. **SECTIONAL COMPETITIONS:** All JARNC sectional competitions will be hosted by Orion account holders who have the ability to upload their match results from their range target systems. The sectional matches will be shoulder-to-shoulder competitions open to all teams, clubs and individual junior shooters in that area. You may compete in only one sectional for qualification purposes. **Teams and athletes competing in Sporter will shoot a course of fire consistent to the 3X20 format as governed by the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules and Precision Air Rifle will shoot a course of fire consistent to the 60 Standing Air Rifle in integer format governed by USA Shooting Rules.** Orion scoring will ensure that all targets nationwide are scored according to the same standard. Orion scoring also will allow immediate, direct uploading of fired scores into an online match bulletin that shows current state and national rankings as well as final results immediately after the last match. The match website <http://www.orionresults.com/bishopdwenger> will list all approved match sponsors so that interested teams and shooters can contact them to enter.
9. **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:** The 2021 Junior Air Rifle National Championship will be by ***invitation*** only. The top 15 precision and sporter individuals and the top 15 teams in both disciplines will be invited to Ole Mill Range for the Junior Air Rifle National Championships. Invitees will be based on scores posted onto the Orion scoring system for the states sectionals. The national championship will be conducted on Megalink electronic targets. ***Invitations will be sent only to the top 15 nationally. We will use attrition to fill the match.***
10. **HOW TO ENTER:** Teams, clubs, or individuals that wish to compete for an invitation to enter the Junior Air Rifle National Championship should check the Orion website listing of match sponsors at <http://www.orionresults.com/bishopdwenger> and contact the closest match sponsor that is offering a

date and location best suited for them. Match entries for the sectional qualifier will be submitted directly to that match sponsor.

- a. **Sectional Entry Fees:** The entry fee for the **sectional qualifier** for each competitor will be set by the hosting club, and is paid to the host club for their target and administrative fees.
- b. **National Championship Entry Fee:** There is a \$50/athlete entry fee when attending the National Championship at Ole Mill Range, Griffin, GA. There is no charge for Team Coaches to attend either the event or the banquet.

11. CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY: The banquet and awards ceremony will occur after the finals on Saturday, 23 January 2021. Tickets for competitors and one coach will be distributed at in-processing. For all others wishing to attend the banquet and awards ceremony, tickets may be purchased in advance for \$30.00 each. You may purchase these extra tickets upon check in of your competitor(s) for the championship. **Please remember to note on your registration form the number of tickets to be purchased.**

12. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For additional information regarding the Sectional Qualifiers or the National Championship please contact Diane Rice at vp@thexcount.com or (260) 437-3860.