

Michigan Rifle & Pistol Association Guidelines for Affiliates Hosting State Championship Matches

The Michigan Rifle & Pistol Association (MRPA) welcomes those affiliates willing to step forward and undertake the commitment involved with running a State Championship match. The MRPA also commits to supporting the efforts of those affiliates by honoring requests for information, expertise and, if possible, manpower to help assure that the match is conducted in a manner befitting a State Championship.

NRA requirements for conducting a State Championship match include the need for approval by the state association. The application form has a section for state association approval.

The MRPA requires Board of Directors approval for State Championship matches not conducted by one of the divisions.

Requests for approval for conducting a State Championship match are to be submitted to either the MRPA Division Director for the related discipline (preferred) or to the Secretary/Treasurer of the MRPA.

Requests should be submitted in a timely manner so as to allow for all approvals (MRPA & NRA) and to provide sufficient notice to potential competitors. Suggest at least five months in advance of planned event.

Approval notification will be provided by the MRPA Division Director in a timely manner.

Criteria for approval of "State Championship" match:

- Must be MRPA affiliate member.
- Must endeavor to assure that the match does not conflict with other state, regional or national matches in that shooting discipline.
- Must provide proposed match bulletin or program.
- Must provide documentation that shows experience/capability for conducting the match in a manner which justifies State Championship designation.

Criteria for designation as "State Champion":

- A. Must be Michigan resident.
- B. Must be member of MRPA ¹ in good standing prior to the start of the match.

If the person with the highest score for the match does not meet the criteria, they will be designated as "Match Winner" and receive appropriate trophies and/or awards in recognition of their achievement.

It is acceptable for the sponsors of the event to have a separate "State Champion" trophy/award available for the person with the highest score who meets the "State Champion" criteria.

MRPA membership:

- Competitors are not required to be members of the MRPA to participate.
- MRPA does require that adult non-members be charged a \$5.00 fee for the event and that sponsors remit said fees to the MRPA Secretary/Treasurer after the match. (Does not apply to junior or collegiate competitors.)
- Sponsors are requested to promote membership in MRPA and to have application forms available at the match. Persons who complete the application and submit appropriate fees are considered members as of that point. Sponsors are to send applications and fees to the MRPA Secretary/Treasurer after the match.

In matches involving a substantial MRPA Division effort, the Division Director may request a per competitor fee, similar in amount to the NRA fee, be remitted to the Division.