

National Marksmanship Competition

The National Marksmanship Competition (NMC) is an individual event limited to 220 competitors that serves as a unique opportunity for Cadets to demonstrate the safe and proper handling of firearms in a competitive environment while contributing to the development of skills required by the law enforcement profession.

This is not a team event and the Classification System is not applicable. The competitor capacity is determined by availability of firing points at the range. Assignment to a relay will be based on the competitor's highest scores previously fired on two Public Safety Cadets Center Fire Pistol Courses (PSCCFPC) submitted on the NMC Firearms Training Certification Form. The highest 220 aggregate scores submitted will be assigned a relay to compete in the NMC. Entry requests with all required forms must be submitted via email and received by June 30, 2023.



This event will be conducted on an outdoor range at the Gatlinburg Sportsman's Center, Sevierville, TN.

Competitors will fire a modified Public Safety Cadets Center Fire Pistol Course (PSCCFPC) on conventional bull's-eye targets at 15 yards using Smith and Wesson, M&P9 M2.0 Compact, 4" barrel, NS, striker-fire, 9mm semi-automatic pistols.

Each relay will take approximately 2 hours to complete. Time includes transport, safety briefing, firing and scoring. Requests for relay time changes may be made at NCTC check-in based on "space available".

Competitors selected to compete in the NMC will be assigned relay date/time in association with other competitive events and notified upon check-in at the NCTC on July 17th.

Competitor Eligibility

Due to the limitations of the range facility, this tournament is limited to 220 competitors, certified by their Lead Mentor/Advisor and a qualified firearms instructor (certified by a federal, state, county, or municipal government or the NRA) as meeting competitor qualifications. The Lead Mentor and Firearms Instructor must submit an NMC Firearms Training Certification Form* containing the names of each Cadet/Explorer meeting competitor qualification requirements and their highest scores fired on two PSCCFPC. X count will be used to determine "tie-breakers". The relays will be filled by the highest 220 scores submitted upon registration received no later than June 30, 2023.

**See Forms in the NCTC Guidebook, Section VII or on the PSC website under the "Resources" tab.*

Competitor Qualification

Each competitor who enters this tournament must have received a minimum of eight (8) hours of instruction in, but not limited to, fundamentals of marksmanship, safe range operations, target scoring, firearms safety, nomenclature, and proper loading of magazines by a qualified firearms instructor (certified by a federal, state, county, or municipal government or the NRA). In addition, each competitor must successfully complete at least two PSCCFPC, submitting their two highest scores on the NMC Firearms Training Certification Form no later than June 30, 2023.

Registration Instructions

To register for the NMC, Mentors/Advisors should send an email to: nctc@publicsafetycadets.org placing "NMC" in the subject line and identify your Agency and Unit/Post Number in the email. Please use this email address to submit all of your NMC specific information, forms and inquiries no later than June 30, 2023.

Mentors/Advisors are requested to carefully complete the NMC required forms, as incomplete forms or inaccurate information will delay processing and may result in a participant not being registered in time to take part in the marksmanship competition. In the event there is a qualified substitution for the youth participant previously registered it is the responsibility of the Mentor/Advisor to update PSC with this information via email at: nctc@publicsafetycadets.org no later than June 30, 2023.

Items required for competitor registration are:

1. Completed, signed **NMC Firearms Training Certification Form**
2. Competitor qualifying highest scores on two PSCCFPC included on Firearms Training Certification Form
3. Completed, signed **Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club Release of Liability Form** (either Minor or Adult)

Mentors/Advisors will receive a confirmation response for each registration at the email address you provide. Registrations received after the stratified 220-shooter limit has been met will be placed on a waiting list.

Required Forms

In addition to the **Code of Conduct, Agreement Assuming Risk of Injury or Damage, Waiver and Release of Claims, Authorization Form**, the following forms are required and available in .pdf format online at: www.PublicSafetyCadets.org. Click "Resource Center", then select form(s) from "Summer Showdown – National Competitive Training Conference" "Resource Center". These forms are not available in hardcopy format. Completed forms should be scanned and emailed to: nctc@publicsafetycadets.org **no later than June 30, 2023**. Please use, "NMC" in the subject line and identify your Agency and Unit/Post Number on the email.

- **NMC Firearms Training Certification Form**

The Lead Mentor/Advisor and qualified Firearms Instructor must submit an NMC Firearms Training Certification Form containing the names of each Cadet/Explorer qualified under the Competitor Certification requirements. (See Competitor Eligibility). A scanned copy of this Form may be submitted via email to: NCTC@publicsafetycadets.org.

- **Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club Release From Liability Form (Minor/Adult)**

An original signed and complete Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club Release Form is required from all competitors both Minors and Adults (ages 18-20) with registration email. Minors require parents' signature.

Fees

There are no additional fees to compete in the NMC.

Transfer (Substitution) Policy

No later than on or before 6:00p.m. PDT, June 30, 2023, an individual may request that his/her NMC registration be transferred to another person qualified to participate in the NMC. The person to whom the registration is transferred must be from the same Unit/Post. Such request must be made by the Mentor/Advisor via e-mail to nctc@publicsafetycadets.org. All required registration information must be submitted for the person to whom the registration is transferred by 6:00p.m. PDT, June 30, 2023.

Transportation

Transportation between the Gatlinburg Convention Center and the Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club will be provided by a 15 pax shuttle van. The Range Shuttle will load at the GCC parking circle on Airport Road. Competitors will have priority seating with remaining seats available on first come-first served basis. The Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club is located at 649 King Branch Road, Sevierville, TN 37876, approximately 7 miles (15 to 30-minute drive depending on congestion in town) from the Gatlinburg Convention Center. Traffic delays may impact timely return to the Gatlinburg Convention Center for subsequent competitions.

Each relay will take approximately 2 hours to complete. Time includes transport, safety briefing, firing and scoring. It is each competitor's responsibility to report to the Shuttle Departure Point at your appointed relay time.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to be at the range at his or her assigned time.

Parking

Parking at the Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club is available, but limited in designated areas at no cost.

Unit Mentor/Post Advisor Check-In

A Mentor/Advisor will need to ensure that competitors have met eligibility requirements and confirm that a Firearms Training Certification Form is on file for their Cadets/Explorers and during check-in upon arrival at the Gatlinburg Convention Center on July 17, 2023.

Firearms and ammunition will be provided at the range. No personal firearms or ammunition will be allowed.

Orientation & Safety Briefing

A tournament orientation and safety briefing will be held on the range before each relay fires. Score cards and

firing point will be assigned at that time. *All Cadets/Explorers participating in the NMC are required to attend this orientation and safety briefing.*

Course of Fire – National Marksmanship Competition (NMC)

The pistol competition will be conducted at 15 yards using the official National Rifle Association, B-2 50 Foot Slow Fire and B-3 50 Foot Timed & Rapid-Fire bull's-eye pistol targets. The course will be fired in three stages. A competitor will fire 10 rounds in each stage from a fixed, standing position. The competitor must fire all stages during his or her assigned range time only. NRA rules will govern except as modified by the program.

Match	Distance	Type Fire	Shot String	Strings	Target	Possible Score
No. 1 Slow Fire	15 yards	Striker-fire	5 Minutes	1 (10 shots)	B-2	100
No. 2 Timed Fire	15 yards	Striker-fire	20 Seconds	2 (5 shots)	B-3	100
No. 3 Rapid Fire	15 yards	Striker-fire	10 Seconds	2 (5 shots)	B-3	100

No. 4 Aggregate Match (Unfired): The total of the scores fired in Matches 1, 2, and 3 will determine the National Champion.

All stages are fired with two hands from the standing position without any support to the body. For Match No. 1, ten rounds are loaded in one magazine for this match only. For Match No. 2 and 3, five rounds are loaded for each string of fire. Two magazines loaded with five rounds each will be used for the timed and rapid-fire matches.

Shooters must load their own magazines on the firing line.

Sighting Shots

Sighting shots are allowed in this tournament. Each competitor will be allowed five sighting shots prior to the commencement of Match No. 1 in each relay. The values of sighting shots will not be entered as the score. The five sighting shots will be provided only before the first stage.

Scoring

1. Targets will be identified by the competitor's name, date, relay number and target number prior to each match.
2. Targets will be scored by the range safety officers after each match.
3. Only the Range Master or designee will be allowed to plug or over-lay a target.
4. Each competitor is responsible to make certain their name, date, relay and target number are printed legibly on the score card and target issued them.
5. Any score card turned in without proper, necessary, or accurate information will be disqualified.
6. Each competitor is responsible to check their scores as written on their score card and sign the score card at the conclusion of their relay and turn them in to the range safety officer.
7. The signature of the competitor conveys their agreement with the scores and will in all cases forfeit the right of protest.
8. An exception may be made when an incorrect high score is recorded that affects the outcome of the match and the determination of winners as all winning score cards will be checked for accuracy and changed as needed by the statistical officer based upon the recorded shots as opposed to the recorded score.

Scoring Devices

The use of scoring devices is limited to scoring officials and the Range Master. Use of scoring devices by competitors is prohibited.

Appeals

Any appeal to the calculation of shooters' scores must be received in writing in the NMC Office no later than 5:30 p.m. on July 20, 2023. It must be approved by the Unit Mentor and list with specificity the reason or reasons for the appeal. The appeal will address only any potential calculation errors and not the actual scoring protocol or process.

Tournament Information

It is each competitor's responsibility to know and obey the NMC rules, the provisions of this bulletin, and any tournament director bulletins that may be posted on the tournament bulletin board. It is also the competitor's responsibility to:

1. Have full knowledge of the rules under which the match is fired.
2. Conform to the proper firing position.
3. Have equipment that meets all rules and tournament specifications in any match in which it is to be used.
4. Understand that after due warning of any infraction of existing rules, a repetition of the rule infraction shall be cause for disqualification for that match or for the tournament.
5. Frame the correct target for the specific match.
6. Maintain own scorecard, initial after each stage of fire, and sign completed scorecard. Ensure that the scoring official has signed.
7. Wear approved eye and ear protection provided at the range.
8. Wear long pants.
9. Provide and wear a 'baseball' or "boonie" style hat and footwear that completely covers the shooter's feet during each stage of fire. **Flip-flop type footwear is NOT acceptable.**

Firearms

Only firearms and ammunition provided by the Public Safety Cadets and issued at the range will be permitted. The firearms furnished for this tournament will be a Smith & Wesson, M&P9 M2.0 Compact, NS, striker-fire, 9mm semi semi-automatic pistol.

NO PERSONAL FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION WILL BE ALLOWED.

Range Master Authority

The Range Master has the authority to remove any competitor or spectator from the match venue if:

1. At anytime the shooter displays unsafe handling of a firearm, to include but not limited to, pointing a firearm toward others; accidental discharge (with exception of "early fires"); inappropriate conduct or failure to obey commands.
2. Any competitor cheats or alters the rules of the NMC or alters scores, score cards or targets.
3. Only the Range Master or designee will be allowed to plug or over-lay a target.

Spectator Area

A designated area will be available for spectators to safely observe the competition. "Coaching" will not be allowed by anyone during the event.

Awards Schedule

Individual Awards:

Match No. 1 Slow-Fire

First Place: Medal
Second Place: Medal
Third Place: Medal

Match No. 2 Timed-Fire

First Place: Medal
Second Place: Medal
Third Place: Medal

Match No. 3 Rapid-Fire

First Place: Medal
Second Place: Medallion
Third Place: Medal

Match No. 4 Aggregate (Not Fired) National Public Safety Cadets Marksmanship Champions

First Place: Trophy, Medal & *Captain Drew C. Burham Award for Marksmanship Excellence*
Second Place: Trophy and Medal
Third Place: Trophy and Medal

All "Place" winners will be awarded the PSC Competitive Marksmanship Distinction badge.

Winners of the first, second, and third-place aggregate (Match No. 4) will not be eligible for individual awards in Matches 1 through 3. A competitor will be eligible for only one award in Matches 1 through 3.

Each Cadet participating in the Marksmanship Competition will receive a Certificate of Participation.

GATLINBURG SPORTSMAN'S CENTER
PARENT/GUARDIAN RELEASE OF LIABILITY
FOR A MINOR

As parent/guardian of _____, a minor, I hereby consent to his or her
(participant)

participation in the PUBLIC SAFETY CADETS, NATIONAL MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION, 18-20 JULY 2023 at the Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club in Sevier County, Tennessee. I release the Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club and all their officers and agents, acting officially, from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes, which may occur by reason of their participation in the above captioned activity. I agree that this release is binding upon my relative, heirs, executors, and assigns and those of _____.
(participant)

This release does not waive any statutory right conferred by act of Congress or the Legislature of the State of Tennessee.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

GATLINBURG SPORTSMANS'S CLUB

ADULT RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I release the Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club and all their officers and agents, acting officially, from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes, which may occur by reason of my participation in the PUBLIC SAFETY CADETS, NATIONAL MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION activities in Sevier County, Tennessee, 18 - 20 JULY 2023. I agree that this release is binding upon my relatives, heirs, executors, and assigns.

This release does not waive any statutory right conferred by act of Congress or the Legislature of the State of Tennessee.

Printed Name

Signature

Date



2023 PUBLIC SAFETY CADETS NATIONAL MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION

Firearms Training Certification

In order for Cadets/Explorers to be eligible to compete in the 2023 Public Safety Cadets National Marksmanship Competition, a qualified Firearms Instructor, certified by a federal, state, county, or municipal government or the National Rifle Association of America (NRA) and the Unit Lead Mentor/Advisor must attest that each Cadet/Explorer has received a minimum of eight (8) hours of instruction in, but not limited to: fundamentals of marksmanship, safe range operations, target scoring, firearms safety, nomenclature, necessity of proper clothing, eye and ear protection, as well as proper loading of magazines. Additionally, each Cadet/Explorer must have successfully demonstrated the safe and proper handling of a semi-automatic pistol through successful completion of at least two Public Safety Cadets Center Fire Pistol Courses (PSCCFPC). Competitive Relays will be selected from the aggregate of the two highest PSCCFPC scores submitted.

CERTIFICATION

Sponsoring Agency: _____ Unit/Post#: _____

I am a qualified Firearms Instructor (certified by a federal, state, county, or municipal government or the NRA) approved by the sponsoring agency for the above captioned Unit/Post. I hereby attest, by my signature contained hereon, the below listed Cadets/Explorers from the aforementioned Unit/Post have met the eligibility requirements to participate in the 2023 Public Safety Cadets National Marksmanship Competition as set forth above.

Signature of Certified Firearms Instructor

Date

Printed Name of Certified Firearms Instructor

I, as the Lead Mentor/Advisor attest that the below listed Cadets/Explorers have completed the minimum firearms training as described above and successfully completed the PSCCFPC course of fire at least twice. These Cadets/Explorers will conduct themselves in a professional manner and obey all range safety rules.

Signature of Unit Lead Mentor/Advisor

Date

Printed name of Unit Lead Mentor/Advisor

Name of each Cadet/Explorer who has successfully completed required classroom and practical training, and demonstrated the safe and proficient handling of a semi-automatic pistol through successful performance of the Public Safety Cadets Center Fire Pistol Course (PSCCFPC) and their two highest PSCCFPC scores performed:

NAME

PSCCFPC Score-1 w/X

Score-2 w/X

Aggregate-w/X

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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- 9.
- 10.

Use additional sheets of paper as necessary to list names.



Public Safety Cadets Center Fire Pistol Course (PSCCFPC)

The Public Safety Cadets Center Fire Pistol Course (PSCCFPC) will be fired on conventional bull's-eye targets using a .38 Special revolver or 9mm double-action only, or striker-fire, semi-automatic pistol. This course of fire will provide an experience for Public Safety Cadets or Law Enforcement Explorers to demonstrate the safe and proper handling of handguns in a competitive training environment while contributing to the development of skills required in the law enforcement profession.

Prior to live fire, each Cadet/Explorer must have received classroom instruction in, but not limited to, fundamentals of marksmanship, safe range operations, target scoring, firearms safety, nomenclature, necessity of eye and ear protection, as well as proper loading of magazines, by a qualified firearms instructor that has been certified by a federal, state, county, or municipal government or the National Rifle Association of America (NRA).

The PSCCFPC will be conducted at 15 yards using the official NRA, B-2 50 Foot Slow-Fire and B-3 50 Foot Timed & Rapid-Fire bull's-eye pistol targets. The course will be fired in three stages consisting of two strings each. A shooter will fire 10 rounds in each stage, five rounds per string from a fixed, standing position. The competitor must fire all stages during his or her assigned relay time only.

All stages are fired with two hands from a fixed, standing position without any support to the body. The course will be fired in three stages. A competitor will fire 10 rounds in each stage. The competitor must fire all stages during his or her assigned range time only. For semi-automatic pistols, two magazines loaded with five rounds each will be used for each stage; slow, timed and rapid fire. Shooters must load their own cylinders/magazines on the firing line.

Stage	Distance	Shot String	Strings	Target	Possible Score
No. 1 Slow Fire	15 yards	5 Minutes	2 (5 shots)	B-2	100
No. 2 Timed Fire	15 yards	20 Seconds	2 (5 shots)	B-3	100
No. 3 Rapid Fire	15 yards	10 Seconds	2 (5 shots)	B-3	100

Aggregate Score (Unfired): The total of the scores fired in stages 1, 2, and 3 will determine the score of the PSCCFPC.

It is each shooter's responsibility to know and obey all range safety rules and instructions under the provisions of the PSCCFPC. It is also the competitor's responsibility to:

1. Have full knowledge of the rules under which the PSCCFPC is fired.
2. Conform to the proper firing position.
3. Have equipment that meets all rules and specifications in any course of fire in which it is to be used.
4. Understand that after due warning of any infraction of existing rules, a repetition of the rule infraction shall be cause for disqualification for that course of fire.
5. Frame the correct target for the specific stage of fire.
6. Maintain own scorecard, initial after each stage of fire, and sign completed scorecard. Ensure that the scoring official has signed.
7. Wear approved eye and ear protection.
8. Wear long pants.
9. Provide and wear a 'baseball' or "boonie" style hat and footwear that completely covers the shooter's feet during each stage of fire. (Flip-flop type footwear is NOT acceptable)