

2024 The America Match Program

September 13, 2024

**Sponsored by the Bald Eagles Rifle Club
NRA Whittington Center Raton, New Mexico**

General Information:

The America Match will be held in conjunction with the 2024 Spirit of America competition at the George Tubb Range, NRA Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico. The range is located 4 miles west of I-25 on US 64 south and west of Raton. There are currently 254 beds available for housing at the Whittington Center. There is a RV campground that is equipped with full hookups. Reservations should be made at the following: NRA Whittington Center P. O. Box 700, Raton, New Mexico 87740, Phone: 575-445-3615, Fax 575-445-9418. International competitors may contact NRAWC at any time prior to February 1st, 2024, for priority housing reservations. The center will begin accepting housing reservations from US competitors after February 1, 2024. More information on the Center is available on the web at <http://www.nrawc.org/>. Additional housing is available at many motels in nearby Raton, New Mexico. There will be an estimated 100 competitors.

International Competitors:

For any questions or concerns, please contact one of the following:
Bald Eagle Club President Ricky Hunt at rickylhunt@msn.com or 641-530-0418
America Match US Captain Bob Gill at bgill05@comcast.net or 559-804-1577

Entries:

Advanced online entries are recommended and preferred. The America Match team fee is \$400 USD and is payable online or the day before the event at the range. Match fees do not include target markers; however this will be discussed during the captains meeting. Please refer to the 2024 Spirit of America program for further details on that event including registration and fees.

The America Match registration form: <http://baldeaglesrc.org>

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF THE AMERICA MATCH

From Addendum II of the NRA International Fullbore Prone Rifle Rulebook

CONDITIONS:

The America Match in which National Teams compete for the America Trophy may only be conducted when authorized by the National Rifle Association (NRA) of the United States of America and when an official team endorsed by the NRA Competitions Division is present and competing. The Match shall be conducted under the currently approved Rules for the International Palma Match (International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations, ICFRA) and the match Conditions and Rules as defined herein.

FREQUENCY:

The America Match (Match) will normally be held every second year, with the venue alternating between Canada and the United States of America. The Match will not be held in a year in which the International Palma Match is being held unless it is held as a part of the World Champion program. Other countries may, on application to and approval by the National Rifle Association of the United States of America, be invited to conduct the match. The schedule will be determined by the National Rifle Association of the United States of America, with the date and venue of the match being announced to all potential competing nations not less than eighteen (18) months prior to the match. Teams must declare their intention to participate not less than twelve (12) months prior to the Match.

The America Match registration form: <http://baldeaglesrc.org>

ENTRY FEE:

The Host Country may charge an entry fee to defray the costs of conducting the Match. The fee shall be announced to all teams that have declared an intention to participate not less than six (6) months prior to the Match. The 2024 America Match team fee is \$400USD payable the day before the event. Match fees do not include target markers.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

Teams shall consist of a (1) Captain, a (1) Vice-Captain, one (1) main Coach, two (2) sub-Coaches, eight (8) firers and two (2) reserves, a total of fifteen (15) team members from a single country or ICFRA approved group of countries. Only one team from a country or group may enter. Only team members may take part in firing point activities.

DISTANCES:

The America match shall be fired at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards

NUMBER OF SHOTS:

Each firing member of the team shall fire two (2) sighting shots (convertible) and fifteen (15) shots on score at each distance.

TIME LIMITS:

1 hour 20 minutes 300 yds/300m and 600yds/600m and 1 hour 45 minutes 900yds/800m and 1000yds/900m

If firing is interrupted by any external cause for more than three (3) minutes, Team Captains may request an extension of time and a non-convertible sighting shot. The Chief Range Officer will ensure that any extension or additional shots is properly allowed.

CONDUCT OF THE MATCH:

The Council of the National Rifle Association hosting the Match shall appoint a Match Director, Executive Officer, Referee, and a Chief Range Officer who shall be responsible for the overall arrangements for and conduct of the Match in accordance with the Rules.

TEAM MEETING:

Not less than the day prior to the Match, the Match Director Executive Officer shall chair a meeting of all Team Captains, Vice-Captains and the Chief Range Officer to resolve any issues or questions pertaining

to the conduct of the Match. Team meeting will be held Wednesday September 11th upon completion of the day's firing.

DISPUTES:

Disputes (if any) shall be heard by a Match Committee of three (3) persons, consisting of the Match Director Executive Officer, Chief Range Officer and one other person from a/the non-host country appointed by those present at the prematch meeting.

RIFLES:

Rifles must conform to the currently approved Rules for the International Palma Match, except that the Host Country may specify the maximum rifle weight and minimum trigger weight and rules pertaining to the safe conduct of the match as defined in their current rules. Rifles must be chambered for standard 308 Winchester or 223 Remington. A rifle may be changed at any time for any reason at the discretion of the team captain. (see sighting shots above). Team members may use the same rifle.

RIFLE CHECKING:

At the discretion of the Host Country, rifles to be used by teams in the Match may be checked by the Match Director or Chief Range Officer for conformance with the Rules prior to the commencement of firing the first range. Rifles which have been checked and which conform to the rules shall have a distinguishing sticker attached. Random checks of rifles may also be carried out by the Match Director or the Chief Range Officer at any time during the course of the Match.

AMMUNITION:

308 Winchester or 223 Remington ammunition is to be provided by each team or team member. Refer to ICFRA rules for details. The Host Country is not required to provide ammunition. Random checks of ammunition may be carried out by the Match Director or the Chief Range Officer at any time during the course of the Match.

SHOOTING POSITION:

All shots shall be fired from the prone position, as defined the International Palma Match rules.

TARGETS:

Two targets shall be available to each team and shall conform to those of the Host Country for each distance shot. Draws for targets will be held by the Chief Range Officer at the 300y/m line. Teams shall shift targets between ranges. The Chief Range Officer will determine and inform the teams of the target rotation procedure. Authorized US targets are: SR-63, MR-1, and LR.

BUTTS OBSERVER:

Each team may, at its discretion, send one observer to the butts. Observers must be in the butts before the draws for targets are held.

SCORE CARDS:

Score cards shall be provided by the Host Country. Copies of the score cards for all teams in the Match shall be forwarded to the National Rifle Association of the United States of America no later than two months after the firing of the Match. The National Rifle Association of the United States of America shall maintain records of all scores made and of all team members, including coaches and reserves, for each America Match.

SCORING:

Each team shall provide two (2) scorers, who will score for another team as directed by the Chief Range Officer. Team members, including reserves, or other volunteers may act as scorers.

TIES:

Team scores are tied when the points and V(X)-bulls are equal. Ties shall be resolved by the highest team scores at the longest range fired.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS:

The "America Match" Trophy and fifteen (15) special America Match medals will be presented to the winning team after the event on the range. The Medals shall conform to the America Match design and shall be endorsed America Match, U-25, or F-Class, as appropriate, on the reverse side with the date of the match. The Host Country may add to this reverse side its national emblem. The Host Country may provide additional medals for Silver (second) and Bronze (third) places. The Trophy was purchased from a special fund established by Precision Shooting Magazine. The Trophy may, at the sole discretion of the NRA, be held by the Association of the winning team, or remain in the custody of the NRA. If the former, the Association will accept the responsibility for safe storage of the trophy, for having it properly engraved and for ensuring that it is transported to the next venue at the appropriate time.

GENERAL:

(1) Any matter not provided for in these Rules and Conditions shall be decided on at the Meeting of the Match Director Executive Officer, Chief Range Officer, Team Captains, and Vice-Captains prior to the Match.

(2) All matters arising during the Match shall be resolved by the Match Committee.

(3) As far as is practicable, no other firing, except as provided in these match Rules and Conditions, will take place on the same rifle range on the day that the America Match is held.

(4) Unless otherwise specified, the Rules of the International Palma Match and of the Host Country, as limited by these Rules and Conditions, shall be those governing the America Match.

VARIATIONS TO RULES AND CONDITIONS:

Variations to these Rules and Conditions may only be made by the National Rifle Association of the United States and shall be circulated to all participating teams not less than twelve months prior to the next firing of the Match.

AUTHORIZED COMPANION MATCHES:

The following matches are authorized to be held only in conjunction with the America Match. These matches may be held at the discretion of the Host Country.

THE AMERICA MATCH F-CLASS The same team composition as America Match, up to 15 team members, from a single country or ICFRA approved group of countries. Only one team from a country or group may enter. At least four of the firers must fire F/TR rifles, the rest may fire F/Open rifles. International F-Class (ICFRA) Rules will apply. USA F-Class targets are also authorized. All other match Conditions and Rules will be as those of the America Match.

AMERICA MATCH UNDER 25 The America Match Under 25 shall consist of teams of up to four (4) shooters, one (1) reserve, one (1) coach, and one (1) captain for a total of seven (7) maximum. Smaller teams, with less than seven (7), but with a minimum of four (4) persons are authorized. All other match Conditions and Rules will be as those for the America Match. Countries may enter multiple Under 25 teams.

AWARDS: The America Match F Class The host country shall provide up to fifteen (15) Gold Medals to the winning America Match F Class team. The America match Under 25 The host country shall provide up to seven (7) Gold Medals to the winning America Match Under 25 team.

Provisions for four man out of competition teams will be available as requested. Please contact Ricky Hunt for more information.