

**NATIONAL TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
2023 AGGREGATE DESCRIPTIONS**

The following descriptions of the aggregates comprising the territorial match is provided only as a reference and should not be considered as describing all conditions of a given match or aggregate. The current edition of the *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations* should be consulted for specific information on targets, sights, positions, etc. (Note: Marksmanship is of prime importance. Therefore, sighting targets and spotting scopes are to be allowed except as expressly forbidden by the *NMLRA Range Rules and regulations*.) ******Note: All territorial relays are to be 30 minutes in duration, except ANY bench and musket, which may use two (2) consecutive relays.**

**OFFHAND CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. A) (Flintlock or Percussion)
(This qualifies for NMLRA Offhand Classification)**

One rifle, any metallic sights, offhand, one relay per match.

Match	A1	25 yards	Five shots	Six bull 50 yard target (8 ring black)
	A2	50 yards	Five shots	Six bull 50 yard target (7 ring black)
	A3	50 yards	Five shots	Single bull 100 yard target (8 ring black)
	A4	100 yards	Five shots	Single bull 100 yard target (7 ring black)

**FLINTLOCK CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. B)
(This qualifies for NMLRA Offhand Classification)**

One rifle, Traditional rifle, open sights, offhand, one relay per match. (Sights may be adjustable.)

Match	B5	25 yards	Five shots	Six bull 50 yard target (8 ring black)
	B6	50 yards	Five shots	Six bull 50 yard target (7 ring black)
	B7	50 yards	Five shots	Single bull 100 yard target (8 ring black)
	B8	100 yards	Five shots	Single bull 100 yard target (7 ring black)

BENCH REST CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. C)

One or more rifles, sights as noted, five shots each target. Two (2) consecutive relays may be used to fire each of these matches. , Bench matches may be fired from the cross sticks and they will still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays for each match.

Match	C9	50 yards	any metallic sights	Six bull 50 yard target (8 ring black)
	C10	50 yards	any metallic sights	Six bull 50 yard target (8 ring black)
	C11	100 yards	any metallic sights	Single bull 100 yard tgt (8 ring black)
	C12	100 yards	any metallic sights	Single bull 100 yard tgt (8 ring black)

MUSKET CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. D)

One musket, as issue sights on an approved musket (See *NMLRA Range Rules and Regulations*), ten shots each target. Two (2) consecutive relays may be used to fire each of these matches. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate.

Match	D13	50 yards	offhand	1-bull 100 yard target (8 ring black)
	D14	100 yards	any military position	1-bull 100 yard target (7 ring black)
	D15	100 yards	offhand	200 yard target

ONE GUN CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. E)

One rifle, 14 pound weight limit, open sights, five shots each target, position as noted, offhand, one relay per match, except for bench rest matches, which may use two (2) consecutive relays. Bench rest matches may be shot from the cross sticks position and still be allowed two (2) consecutive relays to complete the match. Sights may be adjustable. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate.

Match	E16	50 yards	offhand	Single bull 100 yard target (8 ring black)
	E17	50 yards	bench rest	Six bull 50 yard target (8 ring black)
	E18	100 yards	offhand	Single bull 100 yard target (7 ring black)
	E19	100 yards	bench rest	Single bull 100 yard target (8 ring black)

CROSS STICK CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter.F)

One or more rifles may be used, 14-pound weight limit, sights as noted, five shots each target. Cross sticks may be either round, oval, triangular, square, or rectangle. (THE SHAPE OF THE WOOD DOESN'T MATTER!) Cross sticks must be made of wood and may not exceed the following dimensions: 2 pieces of wood, no wider than 2 ¼" , and no thicker than 1 ¼" each. If they are round, they MUST not exceed 1 ¼" in diameter. **The length of the sticks is up to the competitor.** They may be pointed on one end to facilitate insertion into the ground. They may be driven into the ground with a hammer or other device for safety purposes. They may also have an additional spike added to the pointed end not to exceed 4" in length. The pieces of wood must be BOLTED (with washers if desired) together to form an uneven X. They may have ONE layer of material on the sticks, either glued, strapped, tied, or laid on them to protect the rifle. All guns must be weighed before match. All targets must be posted in the "natural" position. (i.e., no target may be posted upside-down or sideways.) No practice or record target may be posted at the same distance as another record target for the same relay. Only one record target may be posted during the same relay regardless of the distance. A practice target may be posted at one distance and a record target posted at another distance during the same relay. Only one 30-minute relay allowed to complete each cross sticks match. Guns must be inspected before beginning a match. **Sitting on a chair, stool, or bucket is allowed.**

THESE RULES FOR THIS AGGREGATE DIFFER FROM THE OFFICIAL RULES OF THE NMLRA AND APPLY TO THE TERRITORIAL PROGRAM ONLY. THEY DO NOT AFFECT THE RULES FOR THE CROSS STICKS AGGREGATES SHOT AT THE NATIONAL SHOOT AT FRIENDSHIP, INDIANA.

Match	F20	50 yards	any metallic sight	Five bull buffalo (Large rings)
	F21	50 yards	any metallic sight	Five bull buffalo (Large rings)
	F22	100 yards	any metallic sights	Single bull buffalo
	F23	100 yards	any metallic sight	Single bull buffalo

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. G)

One or more rifles, any metallic sights, five shots each target, position as noted, one relay per match except for bench rest matches, which may use two (2) consecutive relays for each bench rest match. Bench rest matches may be fired from the cross sticks and they will still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays for each match.

Match	G24	25 yards	offhand	Six bull 50 yard target (8 ring black)
	G25	50 yards	offhand	Single bull 100 yard target (8 ring black)
	G26	50 yards	bench rest	Six bull 50 yard target (8 ring black)
	G27	100 yards	bench rest	Single bull 100 yard target (8 ring black)

JUNIOR / 4-H CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. H)
 (Age Limit: Shooter has not reached his/her 16th birthday at time of registration)
 Open to all 4-H shooting teams.

One or more rifles, any metallic sights, five shots each target, position as noted, one relay per match, except for bench rest matches, which may use two (2) consecutive relays for bench rest matches. Bench matches may be fired from the cross sticks and they will still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays for each match.

Match	H28	25 yards	bench rest	Six bull 50 yard target (7 ring black)
	H29	25 yards	offhand	Three bull 100 yard target
	H30	50 yards	offhand	Single bull 100 yard target (7 ring black)
	H31	50 yards	bench rest	Single bull 100 yard target (8 ring black)

PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. K)

Percussion pistol or revolver, ten shots each target, to be fired in one relay. Scores fired will be submitted to the NMLRA Pistol Committee Chairperson. In order to obtain a National Pistol Classification, the territorial competitor must request NMLRA classification through the Pistol Committee Chairperson. One relay per match.

Match	K36	25 yards	slow fire	25 yard pistol target
	K37	25 yards	limited fire*	25 yard pistol target
	K38	50 yards	slow fire	50 yard pistol target

**Time starts at first shot fired*

SUB-JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. M)

(Age Limit: Shooter has not reached his/her 12th birthday at the time of registration)

Must have a Junior Shooter card

One or more rifles, any metallic sights, 5 shots each target, bench rest matches may use two (2) consecutive relays for each match. Bench rest matches may be fired from the cross sticks and they will still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays for each match.

Match	M44	25 yards	bench rest	Three Bull 100 yd target
	M45	25 yards	bench rest	100 yard (8 ring black)

HUNTERS CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. N)

The matches of this aggregate are designed to provide a test of hunting accuracy. All targets must be posted in the "natural" position. (i.e., **no target may be posted upside-down or sideways, no sighters**). Practice targets may be purchased but not used as sighters with match target. Flint or Percussion, Traditional Offhand Rifle, Open sights. Sights may be adjustable.

Match	N46	25 yards	Five shots	Crow	Target #101
	N47	50 yards	Five shots	Standing Groundhog	Target #201
	N48	50 yards	Five shots	Running Fox	Target #701
	N49	100 yards	Five shots	Standing Bear	Target #711

SIGHTED SMOOTHBORE CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. O)

Flintlock or percussion, fixed open sights (front and rear). No limitations on caliber. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate.

Match	O50	25 yards	offhand	6 bull (7 ring black)
	O51	25 yards	offhand	3 bull 100 yard target
	O52	50 yards	offhand	100 yard target (7 ring black)
	O53	100 yards	offhand	200 yard target

UNLIMITED LONGHUNTER'S CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. P)

Any muzzle loading gun, any sights including scopes, ball, bullet, or sabot (we have approved sabots). Offhand. All targets must be posted in the "natural" position (i.e., **no target may be posted upside-down or sideways, no sighters**). Practice targets may be purchased but not used as sighters with the match target. One relay per match.

Match	P54	25 yards	Five shots	Squirrel target	Target # 202
	P55	50 yards	Five shots	Running Chuck target	Target # 203
	P56	50 yards	Five shots	Running Deer target	Target # 902
	P57	100 yards	Five shots	Standing Buffalo target	Target # 100

SMOOTHBORE CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. R)

Flintlock only. No rear sights above plane of barrel, no set triggers, 54 cal. minimum. One relay per match. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate.

Match	R62	25 yards	Five Shots	Standing Haffner Groundhog Tgt
	R63	25 yards	Five Shots	Running Deer Target #902
	R64	50 yards	Five Shots	100 yard (8 ring black)
	R65	100 yard	Five Shots	200 yard

LADIES HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. U)

Any metallic sight, one or more rifles, targets must be hung in natural position, no sighter targets when shooting the match. One relay per match.

Match	U73	25 yards	five shots	Running chuck	target #203
	U74	25 yards	five shots	Crow	target #101
	U75	50 yards	five shots	Running Fox	target #701
	U76	50 yards	five shots	Standing ground hog	target #201

CARTRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. V)

Rifles as used at Friendship matches. Any position allowed, bench, prone cross sticks, sitting cross sticks or offhand. **ANY SIGHTS ALLOWED to include period correct scopes.** One relay per match. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate. 14 pound limit on gun.

Match	V77	100 yards	ten shots	3 bull target
	V78	100 yards	five shots	Haffner Standing Bear TG711
	V79	100 yards	ten shots	5 bull Buffalo target
	V80	100 yards	five shots	Haffner Running Deer TG902

All rifles must keep the muzzle pointed up or down range between shots.

All rifles must use the open bolt indicator to show the rifle is safe.

Black Powder Cartridge Guidelines

The following guidelines should be used in conjunction with the Black Powder Cartridge Aggregate V being shot in the Territorial Matches.

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle- A hunting or military style rifle, single shot, originally made for black powder cartridges, of United States manufacture prior to 1896 and being typical of the era. Replicas thereof, regardless of origin of manufacture, are permitted. Hammer must be exposed. If replacement barrels, stocks, or other parts are used, they must be as original. No Schuetzen-style rifles permitted. One rifle will be used during all phases of the match. Examples of permissible rifles are: Ballard, Buck, Bullard, Cole, Farrow, Maynard, Peabody, Redfield, Remington Hepburn, Remington Rolling Block, Sharps, Springfield Trapdoor, Stevens Tip-up, Stevens No. 44, Wesson Falling Block, Wesson (hinged barrel), Whitney Phoenix, Whitney Rolling Block, Winchester 1885, and Wurffli. While the following single shot actions may not conform to the exact criteria, they are allowed because they conform to the spirit of the competition in form and function. Browning Model 1878, Browning Model 1885, C. Sharps '75, Falling Block Works, Stevens 44 ½ and Wickliff '76. Replicas other than exact reproductions of pre-1896 Black Powder actions as described above and shooting equipment as described herein may be approved by the Match Director.

1.a Maximum weight 14 pounds.

1.b Period correct scopes are allowed. Vernier ladder style sights are allowed. No modern or Olympic-type sights permitted.

1.c Trigger typical to the rifle and not subject to accidental discharge.

1.d Cartridges will be of the American black powder era. Originally black powder loaded, manufactured prior to 1896, and originally chambered in American-manufactured rifles, taking into account normal variations in types of brass and primers, as well as bore sizes, rifling styles, twist and chamber dimensions. Limited use and special chambering (wildcats) are not acceptable, Cartridges must be loaded with black powder or approved black powder substitute only. No smokeless powder in any quantity may be used. Match officials, at their discretion, may select one or more loaded cartridges at random, pull bullet, and check contents. Competitors will furnish their own ammunition.

1.e Cast or swaged lead or lead alloy projectiles only; no jacketed or gas checked bullets. Paper patching permitted. Breech seating is permitted but no additional time will be allowed.

1.f Stock: Forearm must be attached and shall be of traditional design not to exceed 2 inches in width, cannot extend below the line of the bottom of the receiver or base of trigger guard, and no attachments will be allowed on the forearm. Measured from the centerline of the bore, the drop at the heel shall not exceed 2 ¾ inches; drop at toe shall not exceed 8 inches. No portion of the rifle stock behind the rifle action shall be higher than ¾ inch below the centerline of the bore. The butt shall not be longer than 5 ¼ inches top to bottom. Cheek pieces are permitted, but no roll over. Pistol grips are permissible, but no flared or hand-contoured styles. Crescent-style buttplates are permissible, but cannot be over 1 1/8 inch deep when measured from a straight line from points of the buttplate. Commercial recoil pads are permissible. Stocks and forearms must be made of natural wood and must be in keeping with designs of stocks of the era.

1.g No slings are permitted

1.h A palm rest may not be used. A palm rest is any attachment or extension below the forearm which aids the normal hand grip and support of the rifle by the forward hand / arm.

1.i An "Open Bolt Indicator" is required in all matches to indicate the bolt is open. When the "Cease Fire" command is given, all rifles will be unloaded, and Open Bolt Indicators will be inserted immediately. Actions will remain open.

LIGHT BENCH CHAMPIONSHIP (Aggregate: Ter. W)

One or more rifles may be used, 14 pound limit, sights as noted, five (5) shots at each target. (Friendship Cheater sights are **NOT ALLOWED**. See rule # 5030 & 5220). Matches in this aggregate may use two (2) consecutive relays. Bench rest matches may be fired from the cross sticks and they will still be allowed to use two (2) consecutive relays for each match. Guns must be inspected before firing any match in this aggregate.

Match	W81	50 Yds	Any Metallic Sights	6-Bull 50 yard Target (7 ring black)
	W82	50 Yds	Any Metallic Sights	6-Bull 50 yard Target (7 ring black)
	W83	100 Yds	Any Metallic Sights	100-Yd Target (7 ring black)
	W84	100 Yds	Any Metallic Sights	100-Yd Target (7 ring black)

REVOLVER AGGREGATE (Aggregate: Ter. CC)

ANY percussion revolver, ten shots each target, except "CC98" which will be best 10 out of 13 shots to be scored. To be fired in one relay. Adjustable or fixed sights. The revolver will include replica "as-issued" revolvers of those manufactured between 1836-1865.

Match	CC95	25 yards	slow fire	25 yard pistol target
	CC96	25 yards	limited time fire	25 yard pistol target
	CC97	50 yards	slow fire	50 yard pistol target
	CC98	25 yards	slow fire	25 yard B-19 target

INLINE BENCH ANY SIGHTS (Aggregate: Ter. DD) (Any sights allowed to include scopes)

Each match is fired in 2 consecutive 5 shot relays.

Matches DD99 and DD100 each use two targets with one shot per record bull. One target per relay.

Match DD101 uses only one target with 5 shots per record bull. Same target for both relays.

Match	DD99	25 yards	10 shots	2x6-Bull (8 ring black)	1 shot per record bull.
	DD100	50 yards	10 shots	2x6-Bull (7 ring black)	1 shot per record bull.
	DD101	100 yards	10 shots	100yd-3 Bull	5 shots per record bull.