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Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program

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SUMMARY of CHANGE

AR 350-66

Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program

This major revision, dated 27 August 2012--

- o Changes the title from Armywide Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program to Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program (cover).
- o Establishes the responsibilities, policies, and objectives for the Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program (paras 1-4 and 1-5).
- o Defines the role of small arms marksmanship competition in Army training (para 2-1).
- o Defines civilian and Inter-service matches criteria for Army personnel participation (para 3-1).
- o Revises participation eligibility for excellence-in-competition matches and adds U.S. Army Reserve small arms championships at Level 3 competitive event (table 3-1).
- o Revises the prohibited requirements for participation in non-Army matches (table 3-1, note 9).
- o Determines procedures for the award of credit points in Army component-sponsored excellence-in-competition matches (para 4-1).
- o Changes the U.S. Army Reserve Command level to the same level as the Active Component and National Guard (throughout).

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The proponent of this regulation is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7. The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulations. The proponent may delegate this approval authority, in writing, to a division chief within the proponent agency or its direct reporting unit or field operating agency, in the grade of colonel or the civilian equivalent. Activities may request a waiver to this regulation by providing justification that includes a full analysis of the expected benefits and must include formal review by the activity's senior legal officer. All waiver requests will be endorsed by the commander or senior leader of the requesting activity and forwarded through their higher headquarters to the policy proponent. Refer to AR 25–30 for specific guidance.

Army internal control process. This regulation contains internal control provisions in accordance with AR 11–2 and identifies key internal controls that must be evaluated (see appendix B).

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation and establishment of command and local forms are prohibited without prior approval from the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7 (DAMO–TRI), 450 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310–0450.

Suggested improvements. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to the Headquarters, Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7 (DAMO–TRI), 450 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310–0450.

Distribution. This publication is available in electronic media only and is intended for command levels C, D, and E for the Active Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve.

History. This publication is a major revision.

Summary. This regulation provides responsibilities and guidance on the Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program.

Applicability. This regulation applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve, unless otherwise stated.

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Chapter 1

Purpose

1–1. Purpose

This regulation establishes Department of the Army responsibilities and policy for implementing the Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program.

1–2. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

1–3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1–4. Responsibilities

a. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). The ASA (M&RA) will delegate overall supervision of the Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program to the Army Marketing and Research Group, a field operating agency. The Director, Army Marketing and Research Group will exercise overall supervision of small arms competitive marksmanship programs and international competitions through the Commander, Accessions Support Brigade (ASB).

b. Chief, Army Reserve and Chief, National Guard Bureau. The CAR and CNGB will exercise control over small arms competitive marksmanship activities of their respective Reserve Components.

c. Commander, Accessions Support Brigade. The Commander, ASB will—

(1) Approve Inter-service, national, and international level competitions in which Army personnel may compete.
(2) Support the participation of Active Army personnel selected to represent the Army and the U.S. in approved national and international marksmanship competitions.

(3) Supervise the expenditure of funds for support of Active Army personnel in national and international competitions.

d. Commander, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. The Commander, USAMU will—

(1) Conduct competitive marksmanship clinics as directed by Commander, ASB.
(2) Maintain records of Active Army and Reserve Component personnel competing in excellence-in-competition (EIC) matches.

(3) Conduct the Small Arms Firing School as a part of the national matches.

(4) Conduct and supervise the annual Armed Forces (Inter-service) International Shooting competitions.

(5) Select, support, and supervise personnel to represent the Active Army in the Armed Forces (Inter-service), national, and international level competitions.

(6) Notify the Commander, ASB of Active Army personnel selected to represent the U.S. in approved international sporting level competitions.

(7) Issue orders authorizing the award of the EIC badges and the distinguished designation badge.

1–5. Objectives

The objectives of the Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program are as follows:

a. Promote training interest and raise the standards of proficiency in the use of individual Service weapons.

b. Improve marksmanship training techniques and assist in the improvement of weapons and equipment associated with the combat Soldier.

c. Provide for development of individual marksmen.

d. Provide an opportunity for individuals who excel in the use of small arms to assemble, prepare, and compete as representatives of parent units and commands, Army commands (ACOMs), the Army, and the U.S.

e. Provide outstanding Army marksmen in order to attain and maintain Army leadership in Armed Forces (Inter-service) and national competition.

f. Provide outstanding marksmen who can assist the U.S. in attaining and maintaining leadership in international competition and world military competition.

g. Provide an opportunity for the Army to assist marksmanship training activities of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) personnel and to engage in all types of competitive marksmanship activities.

Chapter 2 General Competitive Marksmanship Policy

2-1. Small arms marksmanship

Participation in military and civilian-sponsored small arms marksmanship competitions offers Soldiers the opportunity to refine marksmanship skills, compete against other military and civilian marksmen, and earn superior marksmanship awards in addition to the Army basic marksmanship awards available through annual qualification standards.

a. Army personnel will be provided opportunities to prepare for and participate in small arms marksmanship competitions. These preparations, which include those for international competitions, are classified as training.

b. Authority for planning, directing, conducting, supervising, and publicizing competitive marksmanship activities within the Army is delegated to the lowest possible command element. Plans for competitive marksmanship activities will include provisions to publicize excellence in marksmanship, both internally and externally.

c. Competitive marksmanship match programs at all levels within the Army will include combat-type EIC matches. Level 1 matches will be restricted to the combat course of fire. Range commands will be in accordance with training doctrine. In addition, the program of matches may include a national match course EIC rifle and pistol match, provided adequate facilities are available.

d. Match programs should emphasize and encourage the following:

(1) A variety of shooting styles, distances, and timing of firing with as many weapons and weapon systems as possible.

(2) Training of experienced competitive marksmen.

(3) Development of shooter and/or instructors.

(4) Off-duty competitive marksmanship activities.

(5) Development of shooters or instructors who may be used to supervise weapons training and marksmanship activities within their units and commands.

e. ACOM participation in international level competitions is authorized and encouraged.

f. Army personnel selected to represent the Army in Armed Forces (Inter-service), national, and international level competitions may be assigned at such places as appropriate to—

(1) Prepare for and participate in authorized competitions.

(2) Plan, observe, or coordinate matters pertaining to authorized competitions.

2-2. Active Army and Reserve Component nondistinguished competitors

a. The Active Army and Reserve Component nondistinguished competitors are subject to special requirements when entering approved EIC matches conducted at civilian-sponsored regional and state championship matches. These competitors must sign a statement affirming that they have not exceeded the 14 credit points allowed for Active Army and Reserve Component personnel in EIC competitions at this level. Credit points earned in the national trophy individual rifle or pistol matches are not counted as part of the 14-point maximum.

b. Competitors must also provide the match sponsor a listing of their participation in Service matches during the current calendar year.

c. Failure to provide the information in paragraphs 2-2*a* and 2-2*b* may be cause for disqualification and may prohibit participation in other EIC matches.

2-3. Distinguished designation

a. Credit points held by nondistinguished military personnel and civilians who become members of the Army may be transferred and applied toward an Army distinguished designation.

b. Civilians or military personnel from other Services who attained distinguished designation prior to entry in the Army may be so recognized by the Army upon proper documentation and may be awarded a distinguished badge, if appropriate.

2-4. Support of competitive marksmanship activities

The Army may provide logistical support to the Civilian Marksmanship Program for competitions and other activities, subject to the following limitations:

a. All weapons, equipment, and targets required to support marksmanship training which are chargeable to appropriated funds must be included in applicable tables of allowances.

b. Commercial ammunition is authorized when Service ammunition is not available. However, Army units are not authorized to use unit funds to purchase munitions. Title 10, U.S. Code (10 USC), 31 USC, and Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Indiana Manual 37-100 (DFAS-IN 37-100) prohibit Army units from using funds for other than their intended purpose and specify that munitions may be purchased only with procurement ammunition, Army funds or missile procurement, Army funds, which are controlled at headquarters. It is a Federal offense for units to procure munitions using anything other than procurement ammunition, Army or missile procurement, Army funds. See AR

5–13 for additional policy regarding Army munitions requirements, authorizations, forecasts, requests, and expenditures.

Chapter 3

Civilian and Inter-service Matches

3–1. Participation in civilian and Inter-service matches

Soldiers may compete in matches registered or approved by the National Rifle Association (NRA) or other civilian-sponsored competitions. However, if a Soldier competes in such a match with a Service or match rifle, at ranges between 200 through 600 yards and/or meters, the Soldier must compete in the military category if either their transportation or other travel expenses are paid, wholly or in part, from appropriated funds, or if the Soldier uses government-issued equipment or ammunition.

3–2. National matches and national trophy matches

a. Rules and regulations as approved by the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety (CPRPFS) govern participation in the national trophy matches.

b. Active Army and Reserve Component personnel may not enter the national matches or other EIC matches in the civilian category.

3–3. Excellence-in-competition matches

a. Each individual is authorized to fire for credit points in no more than four recognized EIC matches with each weapon (Service rifle and Service pistol) during the calendar year.

b. An individual who fires in any portion of a match is considered to have participated in the entire match.

c. Credit is awarded for unassisted individual performance using the Service rifle or Service pistol and Service ammunition.

d. Total credit points for any one match constitute a leg and credit points are awarded towards any of the following:

(1) Distinguished designation.

(2) EIC badges.

(3) Distinguished designation badges.

e. Nondistinguished persons are not authorized to enter EIC matches for practice on a noncredit basis.

f. The Commander, USAMU, in accordance with AR 600–8–22, will make announcement of EIC awards to eligible personnel.

g. The restriction on the limit of combat points is rescinded. Individuals are eligible to earn a distinguished badge shooting only combat matches; however, a prerequisite leg is required at Level 3 to earn the distinguished status.

h. In EIC matches, iron sights only will continue to be used and will not be replaced by optics.

i. In EIC matches, ammunition supplied by the match director will have an assigned Department of Defense identification code and will be the same for all competitors, unless specified in the program.

j. An EIC match will not be conducted without being part of a competitive event consisting of at least one additional individual match for each EIC discipline fired.

3–4. Non-Army match participation

Two non-Army matches will be allowed per calendar year for a maximum lifetime total of 14 points. Once 14 points have been earned, further participation in non-Army matches is prohibited. There is no match substitution restriction but the total number of EIC matches remains at four per calendar year. Participation eligibility is according to table 3–1.

3–5. Army component-sponsored competitions

a. Competitors from other Services and U.S. civilians may be invited to participate in Army component-sponsored competitions except for the U.S. Army small arms championships. Participation eligibility is determined according to table 3–1.

b. Table 3–1 should be used by Army component personnel to determine the eligibility of personnel for the various Army component-sponsored EIC matches. Participants identified in table 3–1 include the Army National Guard (ARNG), the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR), the U.S. Navy (USN), the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), the U.S. Navy Reserve (USNR), the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR), the U.S. Air Force (USAF), the U.S. Air Force Reserve (USAFR), the Air National Guard (ANG), the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) civilians, and U.S. Military Academy (USMA).

Note. The numerical entries in table 3–1 correspond to the notes below it. All notes apply separately to pistol and rifle matches.

**Table 3-1
Participation eligibility for excellence-in-competition matches**

Competitive event, of which a match is a part	Army	USAR and/or ARNG	USN USNR	USMC USMCR	USAF USAFR ANG	Service Academy ROTC cadets	USCG	Civilians
LEVEL 1: U.S. Army installation and/or division, USAR Command, major subordinate command, and direct reporting unit (DRU), ARNG state championships	(1, 3)	(1, 3)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1, 8)	(2)	(2)
LEVEL 2: Marksmanship Area Competition regions, Joint Special Operations Command, 1st Army, ACOMs, and all non-Army matches	(17)	(17)	(4, 5, 10,13, 16)	(2, 15, 16)	(5, 6, 9, 16)	(7, 8, 10, 11)	(3, 5, 9, 13, 16)	(12, 13)
LEVEL 3: Winston P. Wilson National Guard (NG) Championship, USAR small arms championships, U.S. Army small arms championships, Inter-service championships, and national trophy matches	(3, 14 3, 3, 3, 18)	(3, 14, 3, 3, 3, 18)	(2, 2, 3, 3, 16)	(2, 2, 3, 3, 16)	(3, 2, 6, 3, 3, 16)	(3, 3, 3, 3, 16)	(2, 2 3 3, 16)	(2, 2, 2, 3)

Notes:

- ¹ Limited to Army, USAR, ARNG, ANG, USMA, and Army ROTC personnel who have not earned a bronze EIC badge.
- ² Entry not authorized.
- ³ One per calendar year.
- ⁴ USN instructions to be furnished.
- ⁵ Entry authorized only when circumstances preclude participation in parent Service major command championship or equivalent.
- ⁶ ANG participation authorized.
- ⁷ Parent Service restrictions apply.
- ⁸ USMA and Army ROTC cadets only as range capacity permits.
- ⁹ Two non-Army matches will be allowed per calendar year for a maximum total of 14 points. Once 14 points have been earned, further participation in non-Army matches is prohibited. There is no match substitution restriction, but the total number of EIC matches remains at four per calendar year. USAF personnel require written authority of Headquarters, USAF. USCG personnel require written authority from the commanding officer.
- ¹⁰ The USN personnel may compete in not more than one approved EIC rifle and/or pistol match in NRA regional championship per calendar year if 20 or more credit points have not been earned in either a NRA regional or other Service command championship.
- ¹¹ ROTC cadets compete in the civilian category.
- ¹² Two matches per calendar year unless there has been no participation in ACOM competitions. If there has been no participation in ACOM competitions, three matches are authorized.
- ¹³ Entry limited to one Service-sponsored major command championship per calendar year.
- ¹⁴ Participation in the annual Winston P. Wilson NG Championship will be allowed for rifle and pistol matches only up to range capacity and is restricted to Army component and USAF personnel.
- ¹⁵ Personnel of the USMC and USMCR are authorized to participate in other approved matches that are fired in regional and state championships only until they have accumulated 10 points from such matches. After accumulating 10 points, they are no longer authorized to compete in such matches. Marines may compete in not more than four matches per year, all of which may be approved EIC matches.
- ¹⁶ Personnel from other Services should refer to their internal regulations for determining participation eligibility.
- ¹⁷ Two non-Army matches per calendar year is the only restriction on the number of Level 2 matches that may be shot; however, to attain distinguished status, a prerequisite leg from Level 3 is required.
- ¹⁸ Army component personnel will not be eligible for points in the four point elementary level match at the national matches. To qualify for points at the national matches, Army personnel must shoot the National Trophy Individual Match.

Chapter 4

Procedures for Award of Credit Points in Army Component-Sponsored Excellence-in-Competition Matches

4-1. Award of credit points

- a. Competitors will be ranked in order of merit by score.
- b. Credit points will be awarded to the highest 10 percent of the eligible nondistinguished participants (see table 4-1). Fractions of 0.5 and over are rounded to the next higher number.
- c. For credit points to be awarded, the match must meet the following criteria:
 - (1) Conform to the regulations governing the conduct of the match.
 - (2) Include at least 10 eligible nondistinguished competitors.
 - (3) Be completed.
- d. A bronze EIC badge will be awarded to Army competitors who earn their first credit points, regardless of credit point value.
- e. A silver EIC badge will be awarded to individuals when 20 credit points have been earned.
- f. The match director will report EIC match results to the USAMU, upon completion of an EIC match, in accordance with paragraph 4-1h. The USAMU EIC awards custodian will then issue orders awarding the bronze, silver, or distinguished designation badge, or credit toward each, as appropriate.
- g. Award of the appropriate distinguished designation badge is made when an individual has earned 30 EIC credit points in recognized matches. Upon earning this award, the individual loses the nondistinguished status with that weapon.
- h. The match director at Army component-sponsored competitions is responsible for reporting EIC match results to: Commander, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (Custodian, EIC Awards), 7031 Bills Street, Fort Benning, GA 31905-3103.
- i. The USAMU EIC awards custodian will report the EIC match results from paragraph 4-1h as follows:
 - (1) Civilian, ROTC, and retired military competitor results will be reported to: Director of Civilian Marksmanship Program, P.O. Box 576, Port Clinton, OH 43452-9187.
 - (2) USAF, USAFR, and U.S. Air Force National Guard competitor results will be reported to: Headquarters, Air Force Services Agency, Fitness and Sports Branch (Air Force Shooting Program Manager), 10100 Reunion Place, Suite 402, San Antonio, TX 78216-4138.
 - (3) USCG competitor results will be reported to: Commandant (G-OMO), USCG, 21 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001.
 - (4) USMC and USMCR competitor results will be reported to: Officer in Charge, Marksmanship Training Unit, Weapons Training Battalion (Competition Rifle and Pistol Management), Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, VA 22134-5040.
 - (5) USN and USNR competitor results will be reported to: Chief of Naval Operations (Awards and Special Projects Branch), Washington, DC 20350-2000.

Table 4-1
Award of credit points for highest 10 percent of eligible competitors

Competition	Portion of top 10 percent receiving points	Number of points
U.S. Army installation and/or division, USAR (U.S. Army Reserve Support Command and General Officer Command), and NG state championships	All	4 (maximum)
All others	Highest scoring 1/6 Next highest score 1/3 Remainder who are authorized credit points	10 8 6

4-2. Conduct of matches

- a. The program of matches conducted at Level 1 and Level 2 will include combat-type individual rifle and pistol matches.
- b. Commanders conducting matches according to this regulation must forward one copy of the official bulletin and separate registration lists of rifle and pistol competitors to Commander, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (Custodian, EIC Records), 7031 Bills Street, Fort Benning, GA 31905-3103. The NG will submit two copies of official bulletin to Commander, National Guard Marksmanship Training Center (Manager, EIC Awards), Box 11, Camp J.T. Robinson,

North Little Rock, AR 72199–9600. Bulletins will be submitted within 45 days of match completion. The bulletins and lists are prepared as follows:

- (1) Official bulletins will rank competitors in order of excellence. The Commander, USAMU prescribes the format.
- (2) Registration lists will be in alphabetical order by last name—
 - (a) Last name, first name, and middle initial.
 - (b) Rank.
 - (c) Social security number (last four only).
 - (d) Address of the individual's parent unit or the home address of civilian competitors.
 - (e) The home address of civilian, USAR, ARNG, and other Service competitors.

Appendix A References

Section I Required Publications

AR 600–8–22

Military Awards (Cited in para 3–3*f*.)

AR 5–13

Total Army Munitions Requirements Process and Prioritization System (Cited in para 2–4*b*.)

Section II Related Publications

A related publication is a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this publication.

Air Force Instruction: AFI 34–227

Excellence in Competition (EIC) (Available at www.e-publishing.af.mil/search.)

DFAS–IN 37–100

Financial Management (Available at <http://asafm.army.mil/>.)

DODI 1300.4

Inter-Service Transfer of Commissioned Officers (Available at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/>.)

10 USC

Armed Forces (Available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>.)

31 USC

Money and Finance (Available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>.)

Section III Prescribed Forms

This section contains no entries.

Section IV Referenced Forms

DA Form 11–2

Internal Control Evaluation Certification

DA Form 2028

Recommended Changes to Publication and Blank Forms

Appendix B Internal Control Evaluation

B-1. Function

The function of this checklist is for conducting the Small Arms Civilian Marksmanship Program.

B-2. Purpose

The purpose of this evaluation checklist is to assist the ACOMs, Army service component commands (ASCCs), and DRUs in evaluating the key internal controls listed. It is not intended to cover all controls.

B-3. Instructions

Answers must be based upon the actual testing for key internal controls (for example, document analysis, direct observation, and interviewing). The key controls are direct observation and document analysis by the ACOMs, ASCCs, and DRUs Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship manager. Answers that indicate deficiencies must be explained and the corrective action identified in supporting documentation. These internal controls must be evaluated at least once every 5 years. Certification that the evaluation has been conducted must be accomplished on DA Form 11-2 (Internal Control Evaluation Certification).

B-4. Test questions

- a.* Did ACOMs, ASCCs, and DRUs develop Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program standard operating procedures, including emergency procedures, for small arms use at the competition?
- b.* Did ACOMs, ASCCs, and DRUs ensure personnel are trained in operator preventive maintenance checks and services, safe competition practices, and correct firing techniques?
- c.* Did ACOMs, ASCCs, and DRUs ensure small arms competitor candidates meet state or host nation small arms completion requirements?

B-5. Supersession

Not applicable.

B-6. Comments

Help make this a better tool for evaluating internal controls. Submit comments to the Headquarters, Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 Training Directorate (DAMO-TR), 450 Army Pentagon, Room 2D639, Washington, DC 20310-0450.

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

ACOM

Army command

ANG

Air National Guard

ARNG

Army National Guard

ASA (M&RA)

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

ASB

Accessions Support Brigade

ASCC

Army service component command

CAR

Chief, Army Reserve

CNGB

Chief, National Guard Bureau

CPRPFS

Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety

DRU

direct reporting unit

EIC

excellence-in-competition

NG

National Guard

NRA

National Rifle Association

ROTC

Reserve Officers' Training Corps

USAF

U.S. Air Force

USAFR

U.S. Air Force Reserve

USAMU

U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

USAR

U.S. Army Reserve

USCG

U.S. Coast Guard

USMC

U.S. Marine Corps

USMCR

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

USN

U.S. Navy

USNR

U.S. Naval Reserve

Section II**Terms****Armed Forces (Inter-service) championships**

Annual matches held at the Inter-service-level. Pistol championships are held at Fort Benning, GA and are conducted by the USAMU. The USMC, prior to the national matches, conducts rifle championships at Quantico, VA. The Army conducts Inter-service international championships at Fort Benning, GA.

Civilian Marksmanship Program and Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety

The Civilian Marksmanship Program promotes firearm safety training and rifle practice for all qualified U.S. citizens with special emphasis on youth. The Civilian Marksmanship Program operates through a network of affiliated shooting clubs and associations that covers every state in the U.S. The clubs and associations offer firearms safety training and marksmanship courses as well as the opportunity for continued practice and competition. The U.S. Congress created the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The original purpose was to provide civilians an opportunity to learn and practice marksmanship skills so they would be skilled marksmen if later called on to serve the U.S. military. Over the years the emphasis of the program shifted to focus on youth development through marksmanship. From 1916 until 1996, the U.S. Army administered the Civilian Marksmanship Program. In 1996, Congress created the CPRPFS to take over administration and promotion of the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

Director of Civilian Marksmanship

An individual appointed by the Board of Directors, CPRPFS who is responsible for the daily operations of the CPRPFS and the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

Distinguished designation

Award of the Distinguished Pistol Shot or Distinguished Rifleman Badge. These awards are presented to individuals who have earned 30 credit points while firing a Service rifle or a Service pistol in EIC matches.

Excellence-in-competition badge

An award presented for placing in the top 10 percent of the eligible nondistinguished competitors in an EIC match.

Excellence-in-competition match

A match in which credit toward the distinguished designation may be earned and bronze or silver EIC badges awarded (also referred to as a leg match).

Installation championships

Matches conducted at the installation level prior to the ACOM and continental Army championships.

Leg

A term derived from the stand or legs upon which a trophy cup is placed. In order to take permanent possession of certain trophies in the past, the trophy had to be won more than one time and the winner took possession of one of the legs. Previous regulations required that Army competitors win EIC badges in specific matches, coined leg matches, prior to being awarded a distinguished designation badge. The present system is based on a credit point system. Total credit points earned in any one match constitutes a leg.

Leg match

See EIC match.

Army command and/or continental Army championships

A match held at the ACOM level or at the continental Army level prior to the Army rifle and pistol championships.

National Guard championships

Conducted annually as prescribed by the CNGB.

National matches

National matches are part of the Civilian Marksmanship Program and include the national trophy matches, the NRA's national rifle and pistol championships, the small arms firing schools, and special events and ceremonies. The national matches are conducted annually at Camp Perry, OH.

Nondistinguished competitor

An individual who has not earned 30 credit points for the weapon being used in an EIC match.

Other approved excellence-in-competition matches

The EIC matches approved by the Board of Directors, CPRPFS, and conducted in conjunction with civilian-sponsored regional or state championships.

U.S. Army small arms championships

An annual match held at Fort Benning, GA.

Section III**Special Abbreviations and Terms**

This section contains no entries.

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