2021 National Championships – Smallbore Pistol Coaches

Greetings Smallbore Pistol Coaches!

I'm looking forward to seeing old friends as well as new faces at the 2021 Smallbore Pistol Nationals!

I hope you all weathered the challenges of this past year. We are looking for better days ahead! Make sure to read through the entire Nationals Program for current information on some special considerations dealing with Covid.

I've received some emails about pistol modifications and would like to clarify the event synopsis to avoid some confusion. There are changes to previous years as far as equipment goes.

4-H follows NRA Precision Rules, version January 2020. NRA has changed the rules in this version, I believe to increase attendance to their events. There are currently 2 divisions in Precision Pistol, the Open Division, and the Metallic Division. The 4-H Slow Fire Bullseye Match follows NRA Open Division Rules. The 4-H Modified Camp Perry Round follows NRA Metallic Division Rules.

If you look at the 4-H Event Synopsis, you'll see that Rule 3.4 describes the gun that can be used in both Divisions in general terms. Rule 3.2.1 describes the specifics for the Slow Fire Bullseye Match, and Rule 3.2.2 describes the specifics for the Modified Camp Perry Round.

To put it simply, Slow Fire Match allows any sights (except those that project a dot on the target), and Modified Camp Perry is iron sights only. Other modifications are allowed as long as they don't interfere with the safe functioning and operation of the pistol.

The original intent of 4-H was to keep guns on an even keel for the junior shooters, and not turn this thing into an "equipment race" In my experience, many modifications that are made do not really help a shooter that is not yet well based in the fundamentals. We're talking about what 4-H should do regarding the NRA rules, but for now it is more open than before.

Feel free to let me know if you have any questions regarding the upcoming Nationals, or pistol shooting in general.

See you at the range!

Eric