



CANADIAN JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (CJNC)

SFC GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The goals of the CJNC program are to promote the sport of target shooting and increase the involvement of junior Canadian shooters in the sport of target shooting at the recreational and competitive level. Regardless of the discipline, age, gender, ability, or disability of the individual, there is a place for everyone in the Target Shooting sports. The responsibility of the SFC is to offer and coordinate the delivery of safe, developmentally appropriate programs of consistently high quality across the country.

Once introduced, an individual can remain active in Target Shooting for many years, either as a recreational participant or as a competitive athlete. Target Shooting is considered a life-long sport. In Canada, the majority of participants in Target Shooting commence their careers as recreational athletes at the local club level. Basic technique improvements and development of resources will be created by participation in the CJNC program. The remote competitions will make available an opportunity for junior shooters to improve their abilities, liaise with other juniors in their province/territory, participate on a national level, connect with coaches in their province/territory and create a safe and fun-filled learning experience. A supervised remote competition will provide the potential for the participants being motivated to remain in the sport and compete in the in person competition.

Participating in the CJNC program will produce long term development for the junior shooter. It enables the junior to move from the Learn to Shoot stage to the Training to Train stage and potentially to the Training to Compete stage. This increases the potential for the junior shooter to move into the Training to Win stage and target shooting becoming a lifelong journey – an activity for life.

With the addition of the CJNC, the SFC wants to rebuild the junior base of athletes in all provinces and territories. As you are aware, shooting was not selected for the last Canada Games. Many PTSO lost sources of funding, juniors athletes and coaches since then. We now need to prove to the Canada Games organizers that our sport is alive and that we have juniors in all the provinces and territories.

There will be a Canadian Junior National Championship every year, beginning 2022. The decision to begin with a remote Championship took into account the existing COVID pandemic guidelines.

Alternating years for the in person competition, between the East Coast and the West Coast of Canada, will reduce costs for the junior athletes. During remote years, all juniors in a PTSO may compete. In person year competitions will include a selected team from each PTSO.

Remote Competitions

- 1.1** The first remote CJNC will be held the weekend of August 20 and 21, 2022.
- 1.2** The venues will be selected at least three years in advance in order for all Provincial/Territory Sport Organization's (PTSO's) and junior athletes to plan accordingly.
- 1.3** Remote competitions will be one day pistol (individual and mixed team), one day rifle (individual and mixed team), or both on the same day (depending on the number of participants).
- 1.4** Athletes eligibility and age classifications :
 - International Junior - under 21 years old on December 31st of the year of the competition
 - Canadian Junior - under 16 years old on December 31st of the year of the competition.

Competitors must be Canadian citizens or hold permanent residency status. All competitors must be residents of their respective province/territory for at least 6 months prior to the Match. SFC Membership or PTSO Membership must be held by each shooter for insurance coverage purposes.
- 1.5** Social media promotion, schedule and postings will be made on the SFC Facebook and Instagram Accounts. Each competition will be posted on the SFC Calendar (website) six months ahead of time (depending on COVID procedures). Each PTSO location is to share pictures on the SFC Website, Facebook, and Instagram Accounts. Results will be promoted by each PTSO. Each year, the host PTSO will have to inform the SFC of the location of the Event so that the information can be posted on the SFC website.
- 1.6** It will be the responsibility of each PTSO to provincially promote their events – Facebook, Instagram, Newsletter (SFC will be able to foster this process).
- 1.7** The host PTSO will liaise with the host Province to secure any available grants, sponsorships, etc.

Responsibility of the SFC

- 2.1** The SFC is to provide Awards to the PTSO 10 days before the competition (by mail). SFC Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all disciplines/genders will be awarded (International Junior and Canadian Junior)– 3 Air Rifle (Male, Female, Mixed) and 3 Air Pistol (Male, Female, Mixed), which is a total of 18 medals. Challenge Coins will be given to each participant as a souvenir.
- 2.2** The Awards budget for each year will be \$1,000.
- 2.3** In order to help reduce the registrations fees, the SFC will give each PTSO an allocation of \$20.00 per junior that participates in the remote event, to a maximum of \$5,000 for the whole country.

Responsibility of the PTSO

- 3.1** Remote match program creation will be developed by each PTSO. Each PTSO may hold finals in the locations at their own discretion.
- 3.2** Registrations are to be uploaded to the Google Sheet Document – Domestic – Canadian Junior Championships one week before the Match.
- 3.3** Permission for a group picture and individual National winners will be included in the Registration Form. The following will be included on the Registration Form: a) agreement to follow all safety regulations; b) for participants under 18 years of age, parents must sign the registration form giving their child permission to participate in the competition; and c) permission for their child to be photographed for display on the SFC website, Facebook, and Instagram Account.
- 3.4** If necessary, the PTSO can hold the CJNC in more than one location to help reach as many juniors as possible.
- 3.5** Internet connection is required for results entries in the national scoring system.
- 3.6** The number of targets and necessary equipment is provided by the PTSO. The number of athletes registered will dictate the venue and schedule provided by the PTSO.
- 3.7** One Provincial level Official and one Club level Official is the minimum requirement. Each PTSO will have to forward the names of the Officials to the SFC.
- 3.8** In the event that Canada is still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, proper sanitization and social distancing guidelines must be followed. PPE requirements will be in effect and PPE must be available at the venue. If there are quarantine/isolation recommendations in place, the guidelines must be followed by each PTSO.
- 3.9** The PTSO will cover the Officials expenses and Range rentals. Projections for the PTSO coaches and management team will be set by the PTSO. The registration fee will be equal within all PTSO's and less than in person years, which will be determined in collaboration with all the Provincial Representatives.
- 3.10** The Competition Day Checklist will be the responsibility of each PTSO Match Director.

In Person Competitions

- 4.1** Locations
 - Truro, Nova Scotia - March 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2023
 - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - March 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2025
 - 2027 - eastern province TBD
 - 2029 - western province or territory TBD
- 4.2** In person competition locations will be alternating every two years from the East Coast to the West Coast of Canada, offering less travel costs to the juniors and PTSO's every two years.
- 4.3** Coaches must have the following minimum certification:
 - 1 CompDev trained
 - 1 Instructor Beginner certified

If the PTSO cannot meet this requirement, it must ask SFC permission for a Bye (one-time only) for this stipulation.

The certification of each coach must be completed by January 1st of the year of the competition. There must be one male and one female coach (if two coaches are of the same gender, a “chaperone” of the other gender is mandatory).

- 4.4 Creating and managing online registration will be done on the SFC website.
- 4.5 The Host PTSO Committee must submit to the SFC the Match Program 6 months prior to the date of competition.
- 4.5 A four-day In person competition will be: Day 1 - PET, Opening Ceremony and qualification relays; Day 2 - Qualification relays, Day 3 - Qualification Relays if necessary, Finals Mixed Team Finals (based on individual results and top 5 teams) Day 4 - Individual Finals- Pistol and Rifle and Closing and Award Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony will be held immediately following the last final.
- 4.6 Based on the range capacity and registration, the program may be reduced to a 3 day competition.
- 4.7 Athletes eligibility and age classifications :
 - International Junior - under 21 years old on December 31st of the year of the competition;
 - Canadian Junior - under 16 years old on December 31st of the year of the competition.
- 4.8 Competitors must be Canadian citizens or hold permanent residency status. All competitors must be residents of their respective province/territory for at least 6 months prior to the Match. SFC Membership must be held by each shooter for insurance coverage purposes.
- 4.9 Each PTSO may submit a team up to four people - male and female rifle; male and female pistol.
- 4.10 The Competition Day Checklist will be the responsibility of the PTSO Match Director.

Responsibility of the SFC

- 5.1 All Official expenses will be covered by the SFC. Meals for the volunteers will be covered by the SFC.
- 5.2 The SFC Budget will be a maximum of \$10,000. \$4,000 will be allocated to the organizing PTSO.
Jr. National Coach expenses will be covered by the SFC.
- 5.3 Awards will be SFC Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all disciplines/genders – 3 Air Rifle (Male, Female, Mixed) and 3 Air Pistol (Male, Female, Mixed), which is a total of 18 medals. Challenge coins will be given to all participants.
- 5.4 The results will be published on the SFC Website.

Responsibility of the PTSO

- 6.1** If the PTSO has two coaches of the same gender, the PTSO must cover the cost of a “chaperone” of the other gender. There must always be male and female supervision provided.
- 6.2** Permission for a group picture and individual National winners will be included in the Registration Form. The following will be included on the Registration Form: a) agreement to follow all safety regulations; b) for participants under 18 years of age, parents must sign the registration form giving their child permission to participate in the competition; and c) permission for their child to be photographed for display on the SFC website, Facebook, and Instagram Account.
- 6.3** Host PTSO are to take a group picture of the athletes, coaches, and officials for posting on the SFC website and other social media.
- 6.4** Transportation to and from the airport (with registration) and transportation to and from the venue and hotel will be provided by the host PTSO.
- 6.5** The minimum number of targets provided by the host PTSO will be 10 – paper or electronic. The Venue should be available for 4 days.
- 6.6** Water must be supplied for the competitors and staff for the duration of the competition.
- 6.7** The venue must provide washrooms for males and females. Space for spectators should be available at the venue.
- 6.8** One National level Official (CRO) and one Provincial level Official is the minimum requirement for the CJNC. Club Officials from the hosting PTSO should be present to obtain the next level of certification. One PTSO supplied Official is required for the scoring electronically or paper. Paper scoring will require volunteers, which will be determined and provided by the host PTSO.
- 6.9** The Match Director will be provided by the PTSO.
- 6.10** Registration deadline will be 30 days prior to the Match. At that time (30 days prior to the Match), the Match Director will contact the SFC confirming the number of entries and the plans for the Match. One day before the event, the Match Director will confirm with the SFC that all arrangements are ready.
- 6.11** Lunch will be the only meal that must be available for purchase at the venue on the days of the Match.
- 6.12** In the event that Canada is still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, proper sanitization and social distancing guidelines must be followed. PPE requirements will be in effect and PPE must be available at the venue. If there are quarantine/isolation recommendations in place, the guidelines must be followed by each PTSO. If the 2 metre social distancing is required, the in person match will have to be cancelled (decision 6 months prior to the event). The CJNC for that year will become a remote event.
- 6.13** The host PTSO organizing budget will include: transportation (driver’s insurance required); Range Rental; Social Night; Volunteer Expenses; Coaches’ Expenses (the Organizing PTSO only).

- 6.14** The participating PTSO's Budget will cover coaches' expenses (individual PTSO Coaches). Juniors will be responsible for transportation to the airport/bus from their home, food, and accommodations during the competitions.
- 6.15** Each PTSO will choose the members of their teams and will determine the selection process, informing the SFC of their selections. Pictures of the in person event will be shared on the SFC Website and other social media.
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