



2023 CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

RIFLE

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Trois-Rivières - Québec



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MESSAGE FROM THE MATCH ORGANIZERS

On behalf of the organizing committee and the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC), we welcome all participants to the 2023 National Rifle Championship. For the first time in several decades, the championship will be held in Quebec at the Club sportif de la Mauricie.

This club has an air-conditioned compressed air shooting range of 10 shooting ranges and an outdoor range of 10 shooting positions for 50M events. The facilities are accessible to athletes with a disability (AWAD) and are equipped with SIUS electronic targets. During the competition, athletes will have the opportunity to obtain a "qualification score", according to the criteria established by the SFC.

The event will also serve as a selection event for SFC High Performance Teams (in accordance with the most recent version of the Athlete Selection Criteria posted on the SFC [website](#)). We are pleased to present an open national championship for all Canadian athletes, whether or not they aspire to become members of the national team. The Shooting Federation of Canada places great importance on the development of athletes of all ages and skill levels and believes that participation in high-performance competitions enriches the athletes' sport experience and advances individual performance. We would like to thank the many volunteers who put their time, expertise, and effort into making this competition possible. It would not have been possible to hold an event of this magnitude without their remarkable contribution. In particular, we salute the work of the members of the organizing committee who played a key role in the preparation of this competition: Gérard Michaud, Guillaume Paré, Michel Poitras, Sylvain Leclerc, Manon Normandin, Gale Stewart, Christian Jacques, Jean Delisle as well as volunteer members of the Club sportif de la Mauricie. We wish all athletes all the best of success.

Have a good competition!

Guillaume Paré
Rifle Section Chair
Match Director

Manon Normandin
Chief Range Officer

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Registration and Fees

You must register and pay online on the Canadian Shooting Federation website [here](#).

By using the online system and you will receive a confirmation email when the transaction is completed.

All international competitors will receive their invitation letter as soon as their payment has been received.

Registration deadline: June 15, 2023

It should be noted that mandatory administrative fees are not refundable in case of withdrawal.

After the deadline, registrations will only be accepted if there are places left and will be subject to a late registration fee of \$25, regardless of discipline.

The holding of the sporting and hunting rifle events will be conditional on at least 5 participants being registered. Competitors in those events must register, **before the registration deadline**, on the SFC website to determine if the events will be held. No registration will be accepted on site or after the start of the competition.

If the sporting and hunting rifles events are not presented for lack of participants, registrations will be refunded in full including administrative costs.

ISSF event	100,00 \$
ISSF event junior	85,00 \$
Air Rifle Mixed team	30,00 \$
ISSF Prone	85,00 \$
ISSF Prone - Junior	70,00 \$
WSPS event	100,00 \$
Sporting or Hunting rifle	85,00 \$
Sporting or Hunting rifle - Junior	70,00 \$
Registration	100,00 \$
Late registration fee (after June 15)	25,00 \$

1.2 Location of Club sportif de la Mauricie Range

The National Championship will be held in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, at:

Club sportif de la Mauricie.
1500, Route Bradley
Trois-Rivières, Québec G8V 2J6

The shooting range is about 1h15 from the Jean Lesage International Airport (YQB) located in Quebec City. It is also possible to arrive at Montréal-Pierre-Eliot-Trudeau International Airport (YUL). Depending on the traffic of Montreal's road network, it takes about 2h30 to get to Trois-Rivières.

We would like to point out that the shooting range is not served by public transportation and there will be no shuttle service between the hotels, the range, and the airport.

1.3 Range Equipment

Athletes must bring all the equipment they need. The shooting club does not provide the shooting mats.

1.4 Accommodations

Here is a summary list of the main hotels located in Trois-Rivières. It is the responsibility of participants to book their own accommodation. No group rates were negotiated with the hotels for the competition. **Please book early since Trois-Rivières is a popular destination in summertime.**

Hotel	Address	Contact
Les Suites Laviolette (Ascend)	7201, Rue Notre Dame O Trois-Rivières G9B 1W2	819-377-4747
Comfort Inn	6255 Rue Corbeil Trois-Rivières G8Z 4P9	819-371-3566
Travelodge Wyndham	3600 Boul Gene-H.-Kruger Trois-Rivières G9A 4M3	819-379-3232
Hôtel Delta	1620 Rue Notre Dame Centre Trois-Rivières G9A 6E5	819-376-1991
Hôtel Gouverneur	975 Rue Hart Trois-Rivières G9A 4S3	888-910-1111
Super 8	3185 Boul St-Jean Trois-Rivières G9B 2M4	819-377-5881
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	2000 Rue des Grands-Marché Trois-Rivières G9B 0Y9	819-841-4774

1.5 Transportation

Participants are responsible for arranging their travel to the range and accommodation.

It is possible to rent a vehicle at the Quebec City International Airport or the Montreal International Airport. Please check the websites of the 2 airports to find out the different providers available.

1.6 Food

There are no restaurants located near the shooting range. However, it is possible to have meals delivered to the shooting range.

1.7 SFC Membership

All competitors must be members in good standing of the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC). The SFC National Office will verify that this is the case prior to the competition, during registration. All competitors must be able to provide proof of membership or must pay the membership fee at the time of registration.

Americans who are members in good standing of the NRA or USA Shooting for the year 2023 are not required to be members of the SFC.

Note: Athletes who are not Canadian citizens must provide proof of insurance valid in Canada or purchase an SFC membership with insurance included.

[Join \(sfc-ftp.ca\)](https://sfc-ftp.ca)

1.8 Classifications

Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC) members with a current, valid classification will compete in their respective class.

USA competitors with a current, valid USA Shooting classification card/digital passport for ISSF events or a current NRA classification for non-ISSF events will be placed in the equivalent SFC classification.

All competitors are asked to register according to their true classification. This will be verified by the SFC National Office prior to the match. However, everyone must have proof of their classifications available at registration. This will be required of all athletes who do not pre-register.

Anyone not having a current SFC classification/USA Shooting classification for ISSF events nor a current SFC or NRA classification for non-ISSF events shall compete as:

- (a) as a Temporary Expert for Sporting Rifle;
- (b) as a Temporary Expert for all non-ISSF events;
- (c) as a Temporary Master for all ISSF events; or
- (d) for those with no classification that qualify according to age rules, may compete as a Veteran, International Junior or Sub-junior.

After shooting in one SFC match (1 full course) however, an American shooter will be assigned an SFC classification (at no charge) based on his/her scores in that match. He/She must use that classification in all subsequent SFC matches, or until he/she is reclassified, the same way as any SFC shooter. Please also refer to specific classification rules within each discipline section. There is no classification for the Hunting Rifle event. The Jury has the right to correct obvious mistakes.

Classifications :

Men & Women	Master - MA
	Expert - EX
	Sharpshooter - SS
	Marksman - MM
	International Junior – IJR - Under 21 on December 31 of the year of the competition
	Sub-junior – JR - Under 16 on December 31 of the year of the competition
	Veteran - 55 years and older as of January 1, 2023
Adaptive .22 Rifle	SH1
	SH2
Adaptative Air Rifle	SH1

Please tick the appropriate classification abbreviation when registering.

Note: A Veteran, Junior Intermediate or Junior shooter (who pays the full amount of the entry) may participate in all events, with the exceptions mentioned, and is eligible for all prizes, as specified, including awards in the "Veteran", "Junior Intermediate" and "Junior" categories.

Veterans must use the appropriate equipment to be eligible, i.e. no riflescopes. IN ADDITION, Veterans who have "stopped competing" are allowed to use their "old" equipment even if it no longer meets the current rules (they will then participate as Veterans only).

1.9 SFC High Performance Athlete Selection Criteria

The criteria for the SFC High Performance and Identified teams can be found on the Shooting Federation of Canada website [here](#). Attendance at 2023 National Championships is required to be eligible for any 2024 Shooting Federation of Canada team.

Athletes can shoot qualifying scores at the 2023 Canadian National Rifle Championships for the 2024 High Performance National and Development Teams (only those not currently on the 2023 High Performance Team), 2024 National Junior Team, and 2024 Identified Team. In order for scores to be eligible athletes must submit a QSDR [form](#) to the High Performance [portal](#) by July 2, 2023. Athletes must specify whether the first, second, or both courses of fire

The 2023 Canadian National Pistol Championships are also a qualifying event for both the 2023 Pan Am Games and 2024 Pan Am Championships. Both events are Paris 2024 Olympic qualifying events. Full details on the qualification process can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions about this, contact the SFC office directly (admin@sfc-ftp.ca). No information will be shared about the process in the competition.

1.10 Rules

The most recent rules published by the ISSF, including subsequent amendments, interpretations and corrigenda posted on the ISSF website, will apply to all ISSF papers (including finals). Athletes and coaches are responsible for reviewing the ISSF Rules, which can be found on the website:

https://www.issf-sports.org/theissf/rules_and_regulations.ashx

Sport rifle events will be governed by the current SFC rules for this discipline. With respect to the hunting rifle, the rules drafted by Red Bowes and updated by Robert Wood will apply.

The juries (equipment checks, classification and appeals) that will oversee the 2023 Canadian National Rifle Championship will be appointed by the Rifle Section.

Qualified shooting officials with appropriate licenses will lead the competitions.

For the use of air or CO2 cylinders only, see Regulation 6.2.4.2. of the ISSF rulebook, which states: "It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that any air or CO2 cylinder used has not exceeded its validity date. This may be subject to inspection when checking the equipment.

Protests will be examined by the jury. Each protest costs \$25.00.

The jury's decisions are final.

1.11 Rifle Section Meeting

In order to reach as many members as possible, the meeting of the rifle section will be held face-to-face at the shooting range as well as virtually on August 5 at 6 pm or immediately after the end of the official air practice.

If you cannot be present in person please use the following link:

[SFC FTC Rifle Section | Jitsi Meet](#)

1.12 Match Start Times

It should be noted that the times indicated in the program for the ISSF events correspond to the time of the first scoring shot.

For Sporting & hunting rifles the time mentioned in the program is the time of the first sighting shot.

Please note the schedule as specified in this program. As with all events, it is possible that certain circumstances may cause delays. Events will not start earlier than posted time, but they may start later. We therefore ask that you be ready at the indicated time.

1.13 Special Notice of the Match Committee

In the event that a competitor's fired shots hit the electronic scoring target protection plate, the following penalty sequence shall be followed:

- First Occurrence: Yellow Card...Warning.
- Second Occurrence: Green Card...2 point penalty.
- Third Occurrence: Red Card...disqualification due to unsafe shooting practices.

The score that has been fired for record will be entered into the record sheets. No refund will be offered to the competitor.

1.14 Safety

All pertinent firearms safety practices will be observed. Failure to follow safety rules or direction from Range Officers or Range Jury may be cause for disqualification and/or removal.

Eye protection is recommended for all competitors and officials on ranges while shooting is in progress. Any medical emergencies should be immediately reported to a range official.

The Organizing Committee and the Shooting Federation of Canada will not be responsible for any articles lost or stolen or any article left at the range during the competition.

No uncased rifle may be transported outside of the shooting range.

1.15 Permits for International Competitors

Visitors to Canada who are bringing an air pistol or air rifle that has a muzzle velocity of less than 500 feet per second do not require permits. For visitors to Canada please see the RCMP website at: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfppcaf/index-eng.htm>

for more information about Form CAFC 909 which is required to bring firearms into Canada. There is also a section on the SFC Website at:

[Shooting Federation of Canada - New Export & Import Permit Guidelines \(sfc-ffc.ca\)](http://www.sfc-ffc.ca/News/NewsDetail.aspx?NewsID=10)

[Shooting Federation of Canada - Shooters Visiting Canada \(sfc-ffc.ca\)](http://www.sfc-ffc.ca/News/NewsDetail.aspx?NewsID=11)

For additional information and 'Letters of Invitation', please contact Guillaume Paré, Match Organizer via e-mail: gpare@fqtir.qc.ca

Attention 'International' competitors: Please be aware, we DO NOT use any outside agents to sell registrations and/or VISAs to this event. If someone is offering this service, then it is an act of fraud which should be reported and we are in no way associated with such actions. Register ONLY directly with us. Each competitor is responsible for applying and obtaining any necessary travel VISAs and/or equipment applications for entry into Canada and unfortunately, we are NOT able to assist in this process in any way.

1.16 Air Rifle/Pistol Propellant

Compressed air will be available for filling of rifle cylinders, but competitors must provide their own tank/cylinder adapters. If you require CO2 gas, you must provide your own.

1.17 Smoking, vaping, Cannabis and/or Substance Use

Smoking and/or vaping is not permitted in any range, stats or scoring offices, any other closed room or tent, OR on any of the firing lines. Kindly go beyond the parking lot area if you must smoke or vape. Alcoholic beverages, cannabis use of any kind and/or any illegal substance use is not permitted on the premises at all.

1.18 Anti-doping Controls

Anti-doping controls may be conducted by the Shooting Federation of Canada and the Canadian Centre for Drug-free Sport in accordance with ISSF and International Olympic Committee anti-doping regulations.

1.19 Jurys and officials

Specific juries and officials' information will be posted on the range(s), as applicable.

1.20 Results

Results will be posted on the SFC website as soon as they are available, after the conclusion of the entire event. They will also be emailed to participants using the email address on file with the SFC.

1.21 Dress Code

All competitors, officials, coaches, volunteers and any other parties involved in this event must adhere to the ISSF Dress Code policy as attached hereto as Exhibit I. If this policy is violated in any way, please immediately make a formal report of such breach to the Match Director, the Chief Range Officer and/or the relevant Section Chair.

1.22 Code of Ethics

All competitors, officials, coaches, volunteers, and any other parties involved in this event must adhere to the ISSF Code of Ethics policy as attached hereto as Exhibit II. If this policy is violated in any way, please immediately make a formal report of such breach to the Match Director, the Chief Range Officer and/or the Pistol/Rifle Section Chair.

Behavior issues: Please be aware that the Organizing Committee will not tolerate any abuse of any kind of our volunteers, officials, or competitors. If the organizing committee determines that such abuse has occurred or that the ISSF Code of Ethics has been breached, the organizing committee will eject any individual responsible for such abuse. The individual may be ejected from any venue utilized by the National Championship.



2. RIFLE EVENTS

2.1 Schedule

Here is the complete schedule of the championships:

	Site	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	
2023-08-02	Office	Registration Desk and equipment check												
	50 M		3P - Men PET			3P - Women PET			Prone 50M relay 1					
	10 M	Entrainement libre												
2023-08-03	Bureau	Registration Desk and equipment check												
	10 M	Entrainement libre												
	50 M		3P - Men 1			3P - Women 1			Prone 50M relay 2					
2023-08-04	Bureau	Registration Desk and equipment check												
	10 M	Entrainement libre												
	50 M	3P - Women 2			3P - Men 2			Finals 3P Women		Finals 3P Men		Awards		
2023-08-05	Bureau	Registration Desk and equipment check												
	10 M	Women Air PET				Men Air PET								
	50 M	Closed												
2023-08-06	Bureau	Registration Desk and equipment check												
	10 M	Women air Relay 1		Women air Relay 2		Women air Relay 3		Mixte Team Air Relay 1		Mixte Team Air Relay 2				
	50 M	Closed												
2023-08-07	Bureau	Registration Desk												
	10 M	Men air Relay 1		Men air Relay 2		Men air Relay 3		Women air Relay 4		Women air Relay 5		Women air Relay 6		
	50 M	Closed												
2023-08-08	Bureau	Registration Desk												
	10 M	Men air Relay 4		Men air Relay 5		Men air Relay 6		Finale air Womens		Finale air Mens		Awards		
	50 M	Closed												
2023-08-09	50 M		Sporting prone Relay 1		Sporting 3p Relay 1			Hunting rifle Relay 1						
2023-08-10	50 M		Sporting 3p Relay 2		Sporting Prone Relay 2			Hunting Rifle Relay 2		Awards				

**This schedule may be modified based on the number of registrations.
A final version will be given to the athletes upon arrival and published at the range.**

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2.2 Event Summaries

Event	Course of Fire	Targets
ISSF Air Rifle 10M	2 courses of 60 shots	Electronic
ISSF Mixed Team Air Rifle 10M	1 course of 30 shots per team member	Electronic
ISSF 3 positions 50M	2 courses, 20 shots kneeling, prone and standing	Electronic
ISSF Prone 50M	2 courses of 60 shots	Electronic
Adaptative – Rifle SH1 ou SH2	2 courses of 60 shots	Electronic
Sporting Rifle Prone 50M	2 courses of 60 shots	Electronic
Sporting Rifle 3 positions 50M	2 courses, 20 shots kneeling, prone and standing	Electronic
Hunting Rifle 50M	2 courses of 60 shots	Paper 4 scoring diagrams, 5 shots per diagram

Notes

- The allocation of firing points will be carried out randomly.
- The schedule and composition of relays will be posted at the shooting range before the competition.
- Athletes will be called to the firing line 10 minutes prior to the start of the adjustment shooting period.
- The signing time will be 15 minutes.
- The men's and women's 3-position rifle events will be contested simultaneously if the number of participants allows.

Teams

- In ISSF there will be 3-person teams in each of the following: ISSF Open and ISSF Junior Prone: mixed teams of men and women ISSF Men 3 Position, Junior 3 Position, Women 3 Position, Junior 3 Position, Men Air Rifle, Junior Men Air Rifle, Women Air Rifle, Junior Women Air Rifle.
- In Sporting Rifle there will 3-Person teams in each of the following: Open Prone, International Junior Prone, Open 3 Position, International 3 Position. In all team events Juniors can shoot on both the Open and Junior Teams if they have paid the adult fee.

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2.3 Finals

The finals of the ISSF events will be played in accordance with the ISSF rules currently in force.

Event	Participants
Women Air Rifle	Top 8 Canadian Women
Men Air Rifle	Top 8 Canadian Men
Women 3-Position	Top 8 Canadian Women
Men 3-Position	Women 3-Position

In each ISSF event, the results of the final will be used to determine the podium. Results will be reviewed at the end of the match, and the results will be displayed. Junior athletes must pay the senior event fee to be eligible for the finals.

2.4 Awards

There will be match prizes and category prizes in both men's and women's events. Junior athletes may compete for category and junior prizes if they pay the adult athlete fee. The number of awards per category will be based on the number of entries per category.

One or two shooters = one award.

Three or four shooters – two awards.

Five shooters or more = three awards.

International competitors cannot be declared the Canadian Champion, instead they will only be eligible for class awards

2.5 Registration and Equipment Check

The equipment check will take place in the room located above the air range. According to the day and time indicated in the schedule.



EXHIBIT I

ISSF DRESS CODE

This event will be governed by the ISSF Dress Code which can be found in its entirety at the following link:

<https://www.issf-sports.org/dresscode>

Of specific interest are the following sections within the full document above:

6.7 COMPETITION CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

6.7.5 ISSF Dress Code

It is the responsibility of athletes, coaches and officials to appear on the ranges dressed in a manner appropriate for a public sports event. Clothing worn by athletes and officials must comply with the ISSF Dress Code. See 6.20 for the full ISSF Dress Code.

6.20 THE ISSF DRESS CODE

ISSF Rule General Technical Rule 6.7.5 states:

“It is the responsibility of athletes, coaches and officials to appear on the range dressed in a manner appropriate for a public sports event. Clothing worn by athletes and officials must comply with the ISSF Dress Code.”

This Rule is the foundation of the ISSF Dress Code.

6.20.4 DRESS REGULATIONS FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS



EXHIBIT II

ISSF CODE OF ETHICS

This match will be governed by the ISSF Code of Ethics and can be found at this link:
https://www.issf-sports.org/theissf/rules_and_regulations/code_of_ethics.ashx

2023 Canadian National Rifle Championships

Trois-Rivières, Quebec. August 2 to 10, 2023

I am aware that the Canadian National Rifle Championships involves many inherent risks, dangers and hazards, including but not limited to the use and operation of firearms, with association hazards, negligence on the part of the event organizers, event volunteers, coaches, other athletes and spectators.

I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers, and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, property damage, or lost resulting from such dangers, risks, and hazards. In consideration of the Shooting Federation of Canada allowing me to take part as manager, coach, or athlete, or official in the 2023 Canadian National Rifle competitions, I hereby agree as follows:

1. To assume and accept all risks, dangers and hazards in connection with my participation in, and/or travel to and from, the Competitions;
2. To waive any and all claims that I may have against the Competition Director, The Shooting Federation of Canada, its directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives;
3. To release the Shooting Federation of Canada from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I, or my next of kin, may suffer or incur as a result of my participation in, and/or travel to or from the competitions, due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence or the part of the Competition Director, or officials;
4. To hold harmless and indemnify the Shooting Federation of Canada for any and all liability for property damage or personal injury suffered by myself or by a third party as a result to my participation in, and/or travel to or from the Competition.

I will immediately remove myself from participation in the Event and notify the nearest official, if at any time I sense any unusual hazard or unsafe condition or if I feel that I have experienced any deterioration in my physical, emotional or mental fitness, or that of my clothing, gear or equipment, for continued safe participation in the Event.

Privacy Consent

I grant the Shooting Federation of Canada, the Canadian National Rifle Championships and its affiliate's permission to collect, use and disclose my personal information for the following purposes:

- Communication of events, programs and information.
- Publication of participant registration lists and results of the competition and hence forth in newsletters, media releases or websites.
- Agree to the use of my photograph, videotape, audio tape and or interview
- Hereby waive any inspection or approval of the finished product.
- Use date of birth to determine age group.
- If acting as a competition official, publication of contact information for communication

I ACKNOWLEDGE HAVING CAREFULLY READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED TO THE ABOVE FULL AND FINAL WAIVER AND PRIVACY CONSENT.

Signature of Applicant (if over 18 years of age) : _____ Date: _____

CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

I acknowledge having carefully read, understood, and agree to abide by the SFC Code of Conduct ([here](#))

Signature of Participant (if over 18 years of age) : _____ Date: _____

Name of Participant: _____

CONSENT AND RELEASE BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I/We are the parent(s) or legal guardians of _____.

I/WE FULLY UNDERSTAND that he/she is under the age of majority and that target shooting sports may involve the possibility of risks of personal injury and/or damage to property , and knowing that he/she is signing this document to participate or spectate, hereby give formal consent to his/her participating at such Event;

AND IN CONSIDERATION of my minor child being granted such access and thereby being permitted to participate at such Event, for ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators hereby release and forever discharge The Shooting Federation of Canada and all other Parties, and all persons having management or control of this Event from any and all action, causes of action, claims and demands whatsoever in any way arising out of any injury to the minor named in this document or out of damage to his/her or our property in the event that any of those things may occur as a result of his/her participating such Event.

I/WE ALSO FULLY UNDERSTAND AND CONSENT to the provisions in the PRIVACY CONSENT clauses contained herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands at:

_____ this _____ day of _____ 2023

SIGNED AND DELIVERED:

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

NOTE: this document will be presented to you at registration and must be signed.