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2018 NRA Bianchi Cup

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Of America
With the cooperation of the
Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club



**NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICA**

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SPECIAL NOTICES

Spectators: Eye and ear protection is **REQUIRED** and must be worn by **EVERYONE** in and around the firing line.

A 1st time competitors' briefing -- will be held at Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club, Wednesday, 23 May 2018 immediately following the First Shot Ceremony at 7:45 a.m. **Attendance is required for all 1st time competitors.**

Side Events will be fired for record starting on Wednesday, 23 May 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These events will be continued through Friday, 25 May 2018 and will be by "open" squadding. Check with the CRO at each Event in order to sign up for a shooting time. Sign-up to receive squadding must be completed prior to 3:00 p.m. each day, although firing times may continue till 4:00pm. All side events will close by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, 25 May 2018 with the final sign-up by 10:00 a.m. Any ties in these Events requiring a shoot-off will be conducted on Friday, 25 May 2018 at time TBA.

Awards Schedule -- there have been several changes in the Awards Schedule this year, in an effort to provide greater distribution of awards, please refer to Section C for details.

GV Practice Range (Columbia Range) will be in operation beginning Monday, 14 May 2018 at 8:00 a.m., thru the following Friday, 25 May 2018 at 12:00 p.m. (see Appendix A for map & details). Hosted by Green Valley R&P Club.

Function Range A twenty five yard range with targets will be available for function/test firing only. This range is located adjacent to the Upper Mover Range(s). Range officers will be present Wednesday through Friday to administrate its operation. To utilize the range, the competitor must obtain a pass from the Deputy Match Director, Range Director or their designee. Competitors must furnish their own ammunition.

NRA Practice Match – There will be **NO** Practice Match conducted at the 2018 NRA Bianchi Cup.

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SECTION A - General Information

A-1 Location of 2018 NRA Bianchi Cup

By agreement, the Green Valley Rifle and Pistol Club will host the 2018 Championship.

4350 Academy Rd.
Hallsville, MO. 65255
573-696-3738
www.gvshoot.com

A-2 Mailing Address

Mail sent **during** the Championship should be addressed as follows:

Holiday Inn Executive Center

ATTN: NRA Match Headquarters
2200 I-70 Drive S.W.
Columbia, MO 65203
573-445-8531 ext. 716 or
573-446-2735 Direct / Fax
<http://www.holidaycolumbia.com/>

A-3 Travel

- a. There is a small air terminal (Columbia Regional Airport) located at 11300 S. Airport Rd., Columbia, Missouri 65201.
- b. There are two air terminals: Lambert International in St. Louis and Kansas City International, in Kansas City, MO. Both are about 120 miles from Columbia.
- c. Each competitor is responsible for providing his/her own transportation to and from the range. For further information on interstate transportation of firearms see www.nraila.org.
- d. For Airline Transportation of Firearms see, www.tsa.gov as well as the web site for the airlines you are traveling.

A-4 Accommodations

- a. All expenses for lodging, travel, etc., to and from the Championship are the responsibility of the competitor.
- b. It is the responsibility of each competitor to make his/her arrangements for lodging and travel.
- c. The Holiday Inn Executive Center - Columbia has indicated it will provide a "shooter's rate" to competitors wishing to use their accommodations. The rate for participants is \$99.95/day flat rate, 1-4 occupancy. If you wish to stay at the Holiday Inn Select be sure to indicate that you are participating in the **NRA Bianchi Cup, the Code is NR8**. For Toll Free Reservations call: 1-800-HOLIDAY or call direct at 573-445-8531. For reservations, e-mail the Holiday Inn Executive Center at: reservations@holidaycolumbia.com.
- d. Campgrounds and RV's: Cottonwood RV Park and Campground – For reservations, call 888-303-3313, or 573-474-2747. www.cottonwoodsrvpark.com

A-5 Meals

A limited lunch and beverage service will be available at the range during the Championship.

A-6 Safety

- a. All pertinent firearms safety practices will be observed. Failure to observe safety rules will be cause for **disqualification**. This section applies to safety violations, which may occur anywhere on the grounds of the Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club - Hallsville.

- b. Any **medical emergency** should be reported immediately to the Tournament Officials or range personnel.
- c. Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club **REQUIRES** eye and ear protection be worn by **EVERYONE** in and around the firing line at every event.

A-7 Conduct

- a. Good sportsmanship, professionalism and safety are important principles of the sport of pistol shooting and shall be requirements for attendance or participation in the NRA Bianchi Cup. This principle should be followed by attending the Awards Ceremony on Friday, 25 May 2018.
- b. Any competitor, guest or visitor who demonstrates an inability to act in accordance with these principles shall be instructed to leave the range and may be disqualified from further participation in the Championship and its associated events.

A-8 Dress Code

- a. Since safety is always of prime concern in the conduct of shooting events, it is strongly recommended that articles of clothing be worn that will insure the comfort and safety of all competitors and range personnel.
- b. In keeping with the tradition established by NRA in shooting events, and recognizing the publicity attracted by the National Championship, it is important to promote an acceptable image for competitive shooting. Attire worn during all phases of the Championship should be in good taste and appropriate to such a prestigious sporting event. Articles of clothing with controversial or offensive slogans, or illustrations, are strongly discouraged. The Match Director is empowered to take what action is necessary to maintain acceptable clothing standards.
- c. For the 2018 **Awards Banquet** held at the end of the tournament, the **REQUIRED** attire is (Semi-Formal) **jacket and ties for gentlemen and like attire for ladies. NO JEANS -NO EXCEPTIONS!** For the Social events held throughout the week of the tournament, appropriate attire is requested.

** Location to be announced during Championship*

- d. Competitor Back numbers are required to be worn on the back of your shirt (**IN FULL VIEW**) while competing in the Championship, if you do not have your assigned competitor back number you will not be permitted to compete in the Championship, and you will forfeit your time slot for that event. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Section B - Entry Information

B-1 Competitor Eligibility:

- a. Participation in this Championship will be by online registration or by entry form sent to the NRA.

- (1) Entry forms will be sent to previous year's Championship competitors via email.
- (2) Individuals may request, in writing, an entry form to compete.

- b. Receipt of an "Entry to compete" shall not automatically guarantee a shooting position in the Championship.

To accept an entry, certain requirements must be met as specified elsewhere in this section.

- c. **Citizens of any country may win the NRA Bianchi Cup Championship, except by those whose countries restrict participation and winning their championship to their own citizens.**

- d. Participation in this Championship will be by invitation of the NRA of America to competitors and of those countries that have officially adopted the NRA Action Pistol Program. Any countries interested in adopting NRA Action Pistol competitions in their country should email bianchicup@nrahq.org with inquiries.

B-2 To Make an Entry

It is the competitor's personal responsibility to assure that he/she has been entered properly and on time.

- a. Individuals will receive information about official entry with their Invitation. To accept an invitation, the completed entry form, with appropriate fees, must be completed by the stated closing date.
- PDF entry forms are available online. <http://bianchicup.nra.org/>
 - A completed IRS Form W9 (US citizens) or W8-BEN (international competitors) must accompany each hard-copy entry form. Blank forms can be downloaded online at <https://www.irs.gov/>.

Fill out completely and send to:

National Rifle Association
Attn: NRA Bianchi Cup Coordinator
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030
bianchicup@nrahq.org

- b. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis determined by earliest date received. *Entries shall be limited to the first 375 individuals accepting invitation for the Championship, and the first 44 paid entries for the multi-gun aggregate match.*
- c. On-line entries are preferred and can be made at: www.nrahq.org/compete/bianchi/Default.asp.
- d. Telephone inquiries prior to 12 May 2018 concerning entry in the Championship should be made to 703-267-1452. From 16 - 25 May 2018, queries should be made to:

Holiday Inn Executive Center
Attn: NRA Match Headquarters
2200 I-70 Drive S.W.
Columbia, MO 65203
573-445-8531, ext. 716 or
573-446-2735

B-3 Special Awards Categories

- a. Special Category awards that may be provided are listed on the online entry form.
- b. When making an entry, the individual must check all Special Award Categories which apply to him/her in order to be eligible for such award(s).
- c. If you have any change in special awards categories, notify the NRA Match Headquarters (Holiday Inn Executive Center) prior to close of registration on **22 May 2018**. **No changes will be made to any registration paperwork after close of registration, 22 May 2018. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

B-4 Team Entries

- a. There will be a fired team match in the 2018 NRA Bianchi Cup. (See C-2b)
- b. Teams shall consist of (4) four members, with at least (1) one competitor in each division of Open, Metallic & Production. The fourth member may be a duplicate from any of the (3) three championship divisions.
- c. Special Categories for teams are as follows:
- (1) **Civilian** - members must be residents of the same country. A civilian team must be represented by (4) four persons who have not entered the championship as Law Enforcement or Service. Sponsored competitors may not enter this category; they must enter as Industry.
 - (2) **Law Enforcement** - members must be bona fide law enforcement officers from any regularly constituted law enforcement agency or department (includes foreign LE organizations). Members of such organizations may join together without regard to agency affiliation or country to form a Law Enforcement team.
 - (3) **Service** - members must be from the same branch of service (includes foreign military organizations).

(4) **International** - members must be non-US Citizens from the same country, province, or territory. Each participating country is responsible for entering team(s) in the NRA Bianchi Cup.

(5) **Industry** - members who are sponsored for the competition by any firm, company, corporation, or individual engaged in the manufacture, fabrication, importation, distribution, sale or servicing (gunsmithing) of arms, parts, ammunition components, or other products or services related to shooting. A letter from the sponsoring organization certifying that the team(s) is the official representative of that organization must be provided at time of entry. The residency requirement of (1) shall not apply to Industry teams.

- d. Teams must designate a Team Captain who may be either a firing or non-firing member. A non-firing Team Captain must also meet the eligibility criteria in (c) above.
- e. Team entries may be made only by the Team Captain. The captain must provide the Team name, names of individual members and their divisions at the time of registration. On-site team registration at Match Headquarters (Holiday Inn Executive Center) ends on Monday, 21 May 2018.
- f. Team Representation- No individual may be a Team Captain, Coach, Firing Member, or alternate firing member on more than one team.

Note: Entries will not be accepted from “Pickup” teams (teams whose members are selected without regard to club or other organization affiliation) unless the program specifically provides for such eligibility.

B-5 Entries Close

- a. Individual Mail-In entries: Official Entry forms must be received **WITH FULL ENTRY FEES** to NRA Headquarters (VA) no later than 8 May 2018 and NRA Match Headquarters (MO) not later than 22 May 2018.
- b. Team entries: Not later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, 21 May 2018.

B-6 Registration

- a. Registration and packet pick-up for all competitors will be held on 21 May 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Match Hotel. Competitors not participating in the Multi-Gun Aggregate Match or in the Team Match may also go through registration Tuesday, 22 May 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Competitors will have their firearms inspected by match referees during registration/packet pick-up.
- b. Guest(s) Fee \$75.00 each (Entitles guest to attend all social events conducted during the Championship). This fee must be paid at Registration to guarantee seating and meals. All guests must comply with each events’ dress code and have their tickets in order to gain access to these social events.

B-7 Fees

2018 Championship Fees must be submitted upon entry.

Special Events are included in the competitor’s match fee.

a.	Open/Metallic/Production Entry by 31 January	\$300.00
b.	Open/Metallic/Production Entry by 28 February	\$350.00
c.	Open/Metallic/Production Entry 1 Mar – 30 April	\$400.00
d.	All Entries after 30 April	\$450.00
e.	Active Duty Military	\$275.00
f.	(*New*) Competitor Entry	\$275.00
g.	Junior Entry	\$175.00
h.	Multi-Gun Aggregate	\$125.00
i.	Guests – see Section B-6 (b)	\$75.00

Teams:

- a. 4 Person Team \$200.00 per Team

B-8 Refunds

- a. Refunds may be made at the discretion of NRA when the cancellation is:
 - (1) **Made in writing (Email to bianchicup@nrahq.org is sufficient.)**
 - (2) A cancellation fee of \$25.00 is assessed against any cancellation.
- b. Cancellations received **less than twenty** (20) days before the first date of competition shall forfeit the full entry and other fees. Special circumstances will be given consideration by the NRA Match Coordinator.

SECTION C - NRA Championship Information

C-1 National Action Pistol Championship

- a. The Championship consists of the aggregate of the following four (4) Fired Events – Practical, Barricade, Falling Plate, and Moving Target Events. The Championship is conducted over 3 days - Wednesday, 23 May to Friday, 25 May 2018.
(See Section E for details)
- b. The National Champion will be determined by the final aggregate score, or by a shoot off in the case of unbreakable ties. All ties will be broken according to the NRA Action Pistol Rule Book.
- c. All Event scores will be used for NRA Classification. Action Pistol Rule **18.4 Classification** will be in effect. There will be an “Unclassified” category for those competitors who do not have a valid classification or have never competed in NRA sanctioned matches.

C-2 Special Events

- a. Multi-Gun Aggregate Match -- Shall be limited to the first Forty-four (44) competitors that sign up in advance. The Aggregate Match will consist of the Four (4) Events fired during the Championship, using a second firearm in another Division separate from the firearm registered for use during the Championship. The highest possible score will be 1920-192 X. This Event will be fired on Tuesday, 22 May 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- b. The National Action Pistol Team Championship – Each member of the (4) four-person team will shoot only one of the four Championship Events. Each of the four championship events will be fired. Event assignment is chosen by the team members. The four individual event scores will come together for the highest possible team score of 1920-192 X. The National Action Pistol Team Champions will be determined by the final aggregate score or by a shoot-off in the case of unbreakable ties. All ties will be broken in accordance with the NRA Action Pistol Rule Book.

C-3 Squadding

- a. Individuals shall be squadded at the discretion of the Tournament Officials. Squad sheets will be given on registration day in each competitor packet.
- b. Competitors will be assigned firing times and dates for each of the 4 fired events in the Championship. Separate squadding will be made for the Special Events.
- c. Competitors shall report to and remain in the staging area provided at each firing range at least fifteen (15) minutes before the assigned firing time. A competitor shall be given their *first* call for a match 15 minutes before the assigned firing time and will be given a *second and final* call at 10 minutes prior to the assigned firing time. If a competitor misses their second call, they shall be disqualified for that Event.

C-4 Championship Awards

Championship award amounts are in the process of being finalized. Specifics will be added to the program when completed.

The NRA Bianchi Cup Championship Sponsored by: TBD
National Champion Cash & The Bianchi Cup

The Open Sight National Championship
Sponsored by: TBD

Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque
Fourth – Fifteenth	Cash

The Metallic Sight National Championship
Sponsored by: TBD

Champion	Cash & Trophy
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque
Fourth – Tenth	Cash

The Production National Championship
Sponsored by: TBD

Champion	Cash & Trophy
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque
Fourth—Tenth	Cash

The Ladies National Championship
Sponsored by: TBD

Champion	Cash & Trophy
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

Event I: The Practical Event
Sponsored by: TBD

(Open, Metallic & Production)

First	Cash & Plaque
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

Event II: The Barricade Event
Sponsored by: TBD

(Open, Metallic & Production)

First	Cash & Plaque
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

Event III: The Moving Target Event

Sponsored by: TBD

(Open, Metallic & Production)

First	Cash & Plaque
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

Event IV: The Olin (Oli) C. Barjenbruch -Falling Plate Event

Sponsored by: TBD

(Open, Metallic & Production)

First	Cash & Plaque
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

C-5 Special Awards

The Roger E. Hawkins Memorial Junior Award*

Sponsored by: TBD

(NRA Rule 2.3 Junior-A person may compete as a Junior through December 31 of the calendar year in which his or her twentieth birthday occurs.) *Junior competitors may compete with .22 Rimfire as per rule 3.3. To be eligible for the Roger E. Hawkins Memorial Junior Award title, the competitor must fire centerfire ammunition.*

Champion	Cash & Trophy
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

The John Cameron Memorial Senior Award*

Sponsored by: TBD

(NRA Rule 2.2.1 Senior - A person may compete as a Senior beginning on January 1 of the calendar year in which the 60th birthday occurs).

Champion	Cash & Trophy
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

The Grand Senior Award

Sponsored by: TBD

(NRA Rule 2.2.2 Grand Senior - A person may compete as a Grand Senior beginning on January 1 of the calendar year in which the 70th birthday occurs).

Champion	Cash & Trophy
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

**In order for Special Category awards to be given, there must be at least (5) Five individuals competing in the Special category.*

Special Category Awards

The Service Award

Sponsored by: TBD

The Service category is defined as all current members of the Armed Forces, including Regular, Reserve, and National Guard. Retired or former military personnel are not eligible to compete in this category).

First	Cash & Plaque
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

The Law Enforcement Award

Sponsored by: TBD

First	Cash & Plaque
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

The International Award

Sponsored by: TBD

First	Cash & Plaque
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque
Fourth	Cash & Plaque
Fifth	Cash & Plaque

High Lady Production Award

Sponsored by: TBD

First	Cash & Plaque
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

High Lady Metallic Award

Sponsored by: TBD

First	Cash & Medal
Second	Cash & Medal
Third	Cash & Medal

High Revolver Award

Sponsored by: TBD

First	Cash & Medal
Second	Cash & Medal
Third	Cash & Medal

C-6 Special Event Awards

a. Multi-Gun Aggregate Event

First	Cash & Plaque
Second	Cash & Plaque
Third	Cash & Plaque

b. The Team Championship

Team Champions	Cash, Trophy Plaque and Individual Member Awards
Second	Cash, Trophy Plaque and Individual Member Awards
Third	Cash, Trophy Plaque and Individual Member Awards

High Civilian	Cash, Trophy Plaque and Individual Member Awards
High Law Enforcement	Cash, Trophy Plaque and Individual Member Awards
High Service	Cash, Trophy Plaque and Individual Member Awards
High International	Cash, Trophy Plaque and Individual Member Awards
High Industry	Cash, Trophy Plaque and Individual Member Awards

*In order for category awards to be given, there must be at least (3) three teams competing. Overall championship winners are ineligible for special category awards. * If entry warrants, awards schedule may be expanded. A minimum of (3) three teams are required for an award to be given. Additional place awards may be given for every additional 5 or more Teams or individuals.*

C-7 Class Awards

Awards will be provided according to the number of competitors in each class. There must be five (5) competitors in a class in order to award a First Place in that class. If there are fewer than 5 competitors in a class, then only a First Place will be awarded in that class or classes. If there are fewer than two (2) competitors, then no award will be given in that class. **The Top 3 Championship Division award winners are not eligible to receive Class Awards. Class Awards will be given to the next highest competitor(s) in that class.**

(Open, Metallic & Production Division)

(High Master, Master, Expert, Sharpshooter, Marksman, and Unclassified)

First	Cash
Second	Cash
Third	Cash

C-8 Award Distribution

a. The NRA and Tournament Officials shall assume no responsibility whatsoever for the transfer or transportation of any award, for the legal compliance of such transfer or transport, or for the loss, theft or damage to same. The winners shall be solely responsible for any and all fees related to the transfer of any awards and/or prizes, including but not limited to possible license fees, transfer fees, handling fees, background fees, and/or shipping fees. Reasonable security shall be provided in the handling of all awards/prizes.

b. ***Firearms prizes won by an International competitor must be claimed and shipped through an appointed export agent in accordance with Federal law. The winner shall pay all shipping and any administrative handling fees. If a firearm cannot be awarded, a substitute award MAY be issued if substitution prizes are available.***

c. ***NO PRIZES WILL BE SHIPPED AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP. FAILURE TO CLAIM A PRIZE AT THE DESIGNATED TIME/LOCATION SHALL MEAN THE PRIZE(S) IS FORFEITED. * NO FIREARM AWARDS MAY BE SOLD OR TRADED. In cases where the winner may not legally claim a firearm prize, an appropriate substitution MAY be made at the discretion of NRA if substitution prizes are available.***

d. ***All winners must sign for awards/prizes. Official redemption documentation will be provided to the winners. Trophies will be awarded on Awards night, and checks will be mailed from NRA HQ after the conclusion of the championship. Completed IRS Form W-9 (US Citizens) & IRS W-8 BEN (International) must be submitted to NRA upon entry (and subsequently validated) in order to be***

eligible for any awards or prizes. No IRS forms will be accepted after match registration and check-in closes.

e. International winners will have any cash prizes/awards issued less the 30% fee owed to the IRS. Any international winner in receipt of merchandise other than a cash award or trophy/plaque/medal, will be responsible for paying the 30% when collecting the prize/award.

C-9 Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will be conducted at the Holiday Inn Executive Center on Friday, 25 May 2018 beginning with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner. * *Time and Location to be announced.*

The REQUIRED attire for the Ceremony is Semi-Formal for all attendee's. This will be strictly enforced at the ceremony. Attendees not in accordance with this requirement will not be admitted, NO JEANS - NO EXCEPTIONS. In the spirit of "Good Sportsmanship" you also **must** be present at the Awards Banquet to accept any awards or prizes. Failure to claim any prize at the awards office following the awards banquet shall mean the award(s)/ prize(s) is forfeited. No prizes will be shipped after the conclusion of the Championship.

Section D - Championship Rules

D-1 Rules

This Championship shall be governed by the 2018 NRA Action Pistol Shooting Rules, the Official Program, or by the Match Director's Bulletin. The NRA Bianchi Cup must be fired over multiple days, with no more than two matches being fired in any one day.

D-2 Coaching

The events in this Championship are individual in nature. Coaching will not be allowed.

D-3 Weather

a. The Match Director may, at his/her discretion, cancel, extend or alter the course of fire due to inclement weather or for any other reason considered worthy.

b. In the event of weather delays, it is the competitor's responsibility to remain in the immediate vicinity of the range and to be ready to resume shooting as soon as notified by range personnel that the delay has been lifted. Weather delays will be conducted in 15-minute intervals.

D-4 Firearms and Equipment

a. Firearms shall only be permitted on the range when holstered or cased.

b. Holsters (such as shoulder, chest and other such designs), which may violate safety considerations, are prohibited.

c. There will be no holster test conducted at the staging area. A dropped firearm, **loaded**, at any time during the (4) Championship Events I-IV shall result in disqualification of competitor for entire tournament.

d. Gloves: Rule 3.11 shall apply: "Gloves may be worn which do not form an artificial support." You must wear the glove (s) during the whole Event. (Also see Rules 3.18 & 5.2)

e. Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club **REQUIRES** eye and ear protection be worn by **EVERYONE** in and around the firing line at every event.

f. Equipment must be inspected / registered Monday, 21 May 2018. (See B-6 a.)

g. Ground cover (i.e. shooting mats) shall be provided only by the Tournament sponsor.

h. Side Events: Eligible competitors may compete in these matches using different pistols, holsters, sights, and ammunition from those used in the Championship Events I-IV. If sponsored by an organization wishing to use a firearm of their choice, then the said firearm shall then be the only firearm authorized for that Event. Safety violations in side events will result in disqualification from all side

events, not from the National Championship.

i. In the Metallic Division National Championship, the only authorized firearms allowed are those that abide by Rule 3.2 Metallic Division firearm and the provisional rules adopted for use at the NRA Bianchi Cup.

j. In the Production Division National Championship, the only authorized firearms allowed are those that abide by Rule 3.2.1 Production Division Firearm and the provisional rules adopted for use at the NRA Bianchi Cup.

D-5 Ammunition

The following rules pertaining to ammunition shall apply to the Championship, Team Match, Special Matches, & any side events:

a. The lower limit of caliber shall be 9mm.

b. All ammunition fired in the Tournament must meet or exceed the power floor as described when checked by Chronograph using the formula: *Bullet weight (grains) X muzzle velocity (feet per second) = not less than 120,000.*

c. Handloads may be used.

d. Any ammunition used must be loaded within safe limitations for the handgun used.

e. Bullet velocity shall be determined by the use of a Chronograph.

f. A sampling of ammunition will be taken from each competitor at random during the match. All provided ammunition will go to Chronograph for testing. The competitor will provide the ammunition from a magazine, speed loader, or bag. All ammunition utilized in the Tournament must maintain identical bullet design, bullet weight, and velocity. Ammunition used in side events may be different, but still must meet power factor requirements.

g. *Failure of the ammunition to conform or of the competitor to comply with these standard tests will result in disqualification of the competitor.*

h. Fired brass that falls to the ground shall become the property of the Tournament.

i. The competitor shall bring sufficient ammunition to fire each event, including any potential refires and rounds taken for the Chronograph.

D-6 Positions

a. The firearm shall be fully seated in the holster before the signal to fire is given.

b. The ready position shall be with competitor standing upright and the hands positioned as follows: Events I, III, IV, V -- Both hands held shoulder high; Event II - Competitor standing upright with the palms of both hands on the face of the barricade.

c. The firing position (See Rule 5.3, 5.12, and 7.6).

d. It is the competitor's responsibility to assume the correct ready position (Rule 5.3 & b. above) before firing commences and to maintain a proper firing position (c. above) throughout the Championship. Violations of these position rules will result in "faults" and penalties will be assessed for each "fault" according to the rules of the Championship in which such fault(s) occurs. *No warnings will be issued by Range Officers regarding faults before or during an Event.*

D-7 Targets

a. Targets provided have been approved by NRA and are official. *

b. In Events I, II, & III, the targets shall be the AP-1 (cardboard); Event IV, the targets shall be 8" diameter round targets, made from .375 (3/8) inch-thick steel.

c. All targets are the property of the Tournament and shall not be removed nor retained by the competitors.

**Side events may use AP-1 or other approved targets*

D-8 Scoring

- a. In Events I, II, and III, scoring will be completed as quickly as possible at the Central Scoring Area. Competitors can report to the Scoring Area 30 minutes after they complete a stage. Competitors then may review their targets and score card. If the competitor is in agreement, they will sign the card. Competitors must review their targets before the end of that day of shooting. **End of the day is considered to be 30 minutes after the last shot is fired. Targets will not be available the following day under any circumstance.** The scoring officials will score Event IV and other side events at the rear of each range. The use of the plug-type scoring gauge will be restricted to use by the **NRA Official Referees only**. In Events I and II, targets will be changed after the 15 yard stage.
- b. In matches using steel targets, the target must be knocked down to score a hit.
- c. Event IV: The maximum score which will be included in the Championship aggregate is 480-48x. Competitors who complete the match with a score of 480-48x shall be given an opportunity to continue to fire to establish a match winner and set National Records. Each plate that is knocked down after the initial with each additional plate knocked down scored an "X".

D-9 Ties

- a. Any Events utilizing the NRA AP-1 Target for score: If necessary to break a tie, the "X" count fired, starting with the longest distance will determine the winner.
- b. Event IV: When the event is completed with a score of 480-48x the competitor shall repeat the complete event, starting at the 10-yard line, at time limits reduced by two seconds per string per stage, until one plate is missed. The time limits shall be reduced by one additional second each time the complete event is repeated. The number of plates knocked down until a plate is missed shall determine the "X" count and winner of the Event.
- c. The ties for additional side matches will be determined at a later time.

D-10. Challenges (NRA Rule 16.1)

- a. Challenges may be made if a competitor feels that a shot fired by himself or by another competitor has been improperly evaluated or scored. If it is the competitor's target, **challenges must be made before the scorecard is signed**. If it is another competitor's target, then the challenge must be done before the end of the challenge time for that day, which is 30 minutes after last shots are fired. For challenging statistical errors, the challenge time shall expire at 3:00 p.m., the following day except for Friday, 22 May 2015 when the time shall expire two (2) hours after the final scores are posted.
- b. Fees
 - (1) Competitor's own target: **\$10.00** per Target
 - (2) Another Competitor's target: **\$20.00** Per Target
 - (3) If the competitor's challenge is sustained at any point along the line of rechecks, the challenge fee will be returned. If the challenge is lost, the challenge fee will be included in the general revenue of the tournament.
- c. ***The decision of an NRA Official Referee shall be final. (NRA Rule 11.2)***

D-11. Protests

- a. The following procedures for filing protests will apply: A protest must be initiated immediately upon the occurrence of the protested incident. Failure to comply with the following procedure will automatically void the protest:
 - (1) State the complaint orally to the Chief Range Officer. If not satisfied with his decision then,
 - (2) State the complaint orally to an Official Referee. If not satisfied with his decision then,
 - (3) Obtain a protest form from the Chief Referee; complete the protest in writing stating all facts in the case. Such written protests must be filed with the Chief Referee within two (2) **hours** of the occurrence of the protested incident.
 - (4) A meeting of the Championship Protest Committee will be called to rule on the protest. The protesting competitor should be prepared to appear before the Protest Committee if requested to do so.

(5) Decisions made by the Championship Protest Committee are final.

b. **A protest fee of \$100.00 must accompany the written protest. If at any point the protest is sustained, the fee is refunded. If the protest is denied, the fee is included in the general revenue of the tournament.**

D-12. Official Timing

- a. In matches where turning targets are used, time is taken for the period during which the target is fully exposed. Time is not checked on each individual shot, but is computed on the indicated allowance for each string depending on the type of fire being conducted.
- b. The RO shall rule on any “faults” or other penalties assessed a competitor, (e.g. premature starts).
- c. In Event IV, Falling Plate Event, timing shall be conducted using an electronic timing device, which actuates the plate locking bar.
- d. In the side Events, timing shall be conducted using a sound actuated electronic timing device or turning targets.
- e. In event of target system break down, a sound actuated electronic timing device shall be used as the official back-up system.
- f. A competitor has 7 1/2 minutes to complete firing of Event III, starting from the time he/she is given the command to “step into the box and load and make ready”.

D-13. National Records

National Records will be recognized over courses of fire as outlined in the NRA Action Pistol Shooting Rules.

D-14. Disqualifications

A dropped firearm, **loaded**, at any time during the (4) Championship Events I-IV shall result in disqualification of competitor for entire tournament. **ANY** Safety Violations as described in (NRA Action Pistol Rules 9.17 & 9.17.1), which occur on the grounds of the Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club at any time during the Championship with the exception of Side Events, will lead to disqualification of that competitor from the entire tournament. Dropping of an unloaded firearm and picking it up comprises two safety violations and is reason for disqualification. Dropping an unloaded firearm alone is not sufficient reason for disqualification – competitors should contact a tournament official before picking up the dropped firearm.

Section E - The Events

E-1 Event I: The Practical Event

Sponsored by: TBD

Rounds: 48 *Targets:* NRA AP-1 targets *Range:* 10, 15, 25, and 50 Yards

Procedure:

The competitor stands facing 2 targets downrange. The tops of the targets will be approximately 6 feet above ground level and 3 feet apart, edge-to-edge. The starting position will be with the firearm holstered and both hands held shoulder high. The starting signal will be the turning of the targets preceded by the verbal commands "READY" and "STAND BY."

10 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires one round at each target within a three (3) second time period. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires two (2) rounds at each target within a four (4) second time period. At the third signal to commence fire, the competitor fires three (3) rounds at each target with the weak hand only within eight (8) second time period. (The competitor may use the strong hand to produce and exchange the handgun for this third segment, but all six (6) rounds must be fired with the weak hand without support for the hand or arm of any kind.)

15 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires one (1) round at each target within a four (4) second time period. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires two (2) rounds at each target within five (5) seconds. At the third (3) signal to commence fire, the competitor fires three (3) rounds at each target within six (6) seconds.

The targets are changed between the 15 and 25 yard stages.

25 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires one (1) round at each target within a five (5) second time period. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires two (2) rounds at each target within six (6) seconds. At the third signal to commence fire, the competitor fires three (3) rounds at each target within the seven (7) second time period.

50 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires one (1) round at each target within seven (7) seconds. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires two (2) rounds at each target within ten (10) seconds. At the third signal to commence fire, the competitor fires three (3) rounds at each target within fifteen (15) seconds.

Penalties:

A penalty of ten (10) points will be charged for a premature start, for each procedural error, as well as for each round fired over the designated number, for each round fired while supporting the weak hand or arm during the third segment at the 10-yard stage. Penalties for crossfire will be determined from actual scoring of targets as outlined in NRA Action Pistol Rule 9.25, 14.7 & 14.10. *Note: Competitors must fire the 10-yard line segment in the standing position. Competitors may fire the 15, 25, and 50-yard line segments in the prone position at their option.*

E-2 Event II: The Barricade Event

Sponsored by: TBD

Rounds: 48 Targets: NRA AP-1 targets Range: 10, 15, 25, and 35 Yards

Procedure:

At each stage there will be a six (6) foot high, two (2) foot-wide barricade. They will be placed in a line, one directly behind another. Each barricade will have a clearly marked two (2) foot-wide by three (3) foot long firing area on the up range side. The competitor must be within the firing area at the "COMMENCE FIRE" signal and no portion of the competitor's body or equipment may touch outside the firing area until the competitor has finished firing the designated rounds. The barricade will be considered to be within the firing area and may be used as support. There will be two (2) targets downrange. One will be placed three (3) feet to the left of the centerline and one three (3) feet to the right. The starting position will be with the firearm holstered and the palms of both hands on the face of the barricade. The starting signal will be the turning of the targets preceded by the verbal commands "READY" and "STAND BY."

10 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at either target from the matching side of the barricade within the five (5) second time period. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at the remaining target from the matching side of the barricade within the five (5) second time period.

15 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at either target from the matching side of the barricade within the six (6) second time period. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at the remaining target from the matching side of the barricade within the six (6) second time period.

The targets are changed between the 15 and 25 yard stages.

25 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at either target from the matching side of the barricade within the seven (7) second time period. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at the remaining target from the matching side of the barricade within the seven (7) second time period.

35 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at either target from the matching side of the barricade within the eight (8) second time period. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at the remaining target from the matching side of the barricade within the eight (8) second time period.

Penalties:

A penalty of ten (10) points will be charged for a premature start, for each procedural error and for each round fired over the designated number. Penalties for crossfire will be determined from actual scoring of targets as outlined in NRA Action Pistol Rule 9.25, 14.7 & 14.10. *Note: All competitors must fire all stages in the standing position. All competitors may use the Barricade for support. No portion of the firearm to rest against the Barricade for Metallic or Production Firearm categories. Competitors will not be permitted to "Lock on to the Barricade". This course will be divided into four stages, two strings per stage, 6 shots per string, 48 shots; all shots will be fired from behind a barricade.*

E-3 Event III: The Moving Target Event

Sponsored by: TBD

Rounds: 48 Targets: NRA AP-1 target Range: 10, 15, 20, and 25 Yards

Procedure:

The target will move from behind a barricade, travel sixty (60) feet in six (6) seconds, and then disappear behind another barricade. There will be a clearly marked, three (3) foot square firing area at each stage. The firing square will be at the center of the sixty (60) foot run of the target. The competitor must remain within the firing square for the complete firing sequence. The starting position will be with the firearm holstered and both hands held shoulder high. There will be no audible signals. When the competitor is ready to fire, both hands must be raised to the starting position. The signal to commence firing will be when the target appears from behind the barricade.

10 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at the target, which moves from right to left. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at the target, which moves from left to right.

15 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at the target, which moves from right to left. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires six (6) rounds at the target, which moves from left to right.

20 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires three (3) rounds at the target, which moves from right to left. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires three (3) rounds at the target, which moves from left to right. This procedure is then repeated one more time.

25 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor fires three (3) rounds at the target, which moves from right to left. At the second signal to commence fire, the competitor fires three (3) rounds at the target, which moves from left to right. The procedure is then repeated one more time.

Penalties:

There will be a ten (10)-point penalty for any premature start, for each procedural error, for any round that strikes either barricade, and for any round fired over the designated amount.

E-4 Event IV: The Olin (Oli) C. Barjenbruch -Falling Plate Event

Sponsored by: TBD

Rounds: 48 Targets: 8" Round White Metal Plates Range: 10, 15, 20, and 25 Yards

Procedure:

There will be six (6) target plates placed one foot apart, edge-to-edge. They will be four (4) feet above ground level to the bottom edge. The starting position will be with firearm holstered and both hands held shoulder high. The starting signal will be an audible type (whistle, horn, etc.) preceded by the verbal commands "READY" and "STAND BY."

10 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor will fire one (1) round at each target. The targets must be knocked down in order to count for score. The time limit will be six (6) seconds. The procedure is then repeated.

15 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor will fire one (1) round at each target. The targets must be knocked down in order to count for score. The time limit will be seven (7) seconds. The procedure is then repeated.

20 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor will fire one (1) round at each target. The targets must be knocked down in order to count for score. The time limit will be eight (8) seconds. The procedure is then repeated.

25 Yard Stage:

At the signal to commence fire, the competitor will fire one (1) round at each target. The targets must be knocked down in order to count for score. The time limit will be nine (9) seconds. The procedure is then repeated.

Penalties:

A penalty of ten (10) points and 1X will be charged for a premature start, for each procedural error, and for each round fired over the designated number. *Note: Competitors must fire the 10-yard line segment in the standing position. Competitors may fire the 15, 20, and 25-yard line segments in the prone position at their option.*