

2026
USA SHOOTING, ARIZONA STATE JUNIOR OLYMPICS
AIR RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

Link to On-Line Registration Form:
<http://www.riojuniors.com/junior-olympics.html>

SANCTIONED BY: USA Shooting, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Mesa, AZ

USAS Club #: C00719

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DATES OF MATCH: Saturday, January 31st, 2026. Relay at 10:00am (additional relays TBD if necessary)

CITY / STATE LOCATION: Mesa, AZ Rio Salado Sportsman's Club

ENTRY FEE: \$25

ELIGIBILITY: This competition is open to all competitors age 21 and under as of Dec. 31st, 2026, who have not already competed in a 2025-2026 State Junior Olympic match. All competitors must be individual members of USA Shooting.

RESIDENCE: Each competitor may claim residence in only one state and must declare the state of residence on the entry form. Residency is defined as to where the competitor holds a current and valid driver's license. If the competitor does not have a driver's license, residency is then defined as to where the competitor's parents/guardians reside. Residents are eligible for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place USA Shooting State Champion medallions.

Juniors from states which are not holding a State Junior Olympic match and those who cannot attend their own state JO will be allowed to enter the non-resident division in another state. At entry, non-resident juniors must declare that they are shooting for a non-resident invitation. Non-resident competitors are not eligible for State awards.

ENTRY & SCORE REPORTING:

Only scores from a registered State Junior Olympic match will count for invitation to the National Junior Olympic Championships. Athletes may only shoot in one State Championship. All competitors and the Match Director must sign the Paper Score Reporting Form attesting to the accuracy and validity of scores from the match.

CATEGORIES: The following categories will be based on the age the competitor will be on the first day of record fire of the competition:

U21 (21 years old and under by Dec. 31st, 2026)

U18 (18 years old and under by Dec. 31st, 2026)

U15 (15 years old and under by Dec. 31st, 2026)

RULES: THE CURRENT ISSF RULES WILL GOVERN.

COURSE OF FIRE: 60 shots Integer Scoring

TIME LIMIT: 1 Hour and 15 Minutes

FIREARM: Any .177 Air Rifle that meets the ISSF rules may be used.

SIGHTS: Any sight that meets the ISSF rules may be used.

DISTANCE: 10 Meters

TARGETS: USA Shooting 10 meter Air Rifle Target on SIUS Electronic Targets

COACHING: In accordance with ISSF rules, coaching is permitted during sighting and preparation time, provided it does not disturb other competitors. During the match, non-verbal coaching is permitted, provided the coach remains behind the ready line. If a coach wishes to call a shooter off the line during the match, they must inform a Range Officer, and the RO will notify the shooter.

SAFESPORT:

Please make yourself aware of our SafeSport Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPPs), which can be found here:

<https://uscenterforsafesport.org/training-and-education/minor-athlete-abuse-prevention-policies/>
and [USA Shooting MAAPP 2023](#)

All Coaches, Athletes, and Guardians should familiarize themselves with the Reporting Policy for all alleged sexual, emotional, and physical abuse and violations of the MAAPP, which can be found here:
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:9db15b9f-6aa3-4395-86c3-f46607523024>

There will be QR codes posted around the range to help to educate all participants, coaches and spectators about these policies. If there are any coaches or other adult volunteers that register day of, they will need to review and state verbally to the person with whom they are registering that they understand the information regarding the MAAPP and Reporting.

Be sure that you are aware of our SafeSport Quality Control document that can be found here:
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:1079e6d3-97f1-47c3-958c-678b58bcdflc>

TIES: All ties will be broken in accordance with ISSF Rules.

SCORING PROTESTS: A scoring protest of \$5.00 per shot may be charged.

PARTICIPATION PINS: A Junior Olympic participation pin provided by USA Shooting will be given to each competitor.

AWARDS: USA Shooting will provide gold, silver, and bronze medals for the first, second, and third place resident male and female individuals in each event for all states conducting a State JO match. Pins will be provided at one pin per competitor per state match (not per event).

USAS MEMBERSHIP – *Required of all competitors to qualify for NJOSC:*

If you are not a current member of USA Shooting, need to check your membership status, or renew your membership, please visit: <https://members.usashooting.org>.

SCORE SHEETS: The official JO Score Reporting Forms are to be filled out completely (including EMAIL) and signed by the competitor to be considered for invitation to the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championship..

MAKE ENTRY: Entries should be made using the online form located at <http://www.riojuniors.com/junior-olympics.html>

ENTRY FEES: Individual entry fee: \$25.00 per event

ENTRIES CLOSE: **Advance entries will close January 17th, 2026.** Entries will be accepted to range capacity. Every effort will be made to accept all competitors who enter before the closing date, but priority will be given to Arizona residents.

POST ENTRIES: Entries made after the closing date will be accepted up to range capacity. **A post-entry fee of \$30.00 will be charged.**

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations received at least one week in advance, will receive a full refund. No refunds will be given for cancellations less than one week in advance.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Relay will start promptly at 10:00am.

INVITATIONS TO NJOSC:

Invitations to the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships will first be sent to automatic invitees. A competitor can earn an automatic invite by meeting the cut-score for their event (see below) or by winning the State Championship in their category (minimum 3 resident competitors required). First-round invitations will also be sent to additional competitors, based on nation-wide scores, up to range capacity. First-round invites will be sent no later than **February 27th, 2026.** First-round invitees will be given 1 week once invitations are sent out to register for the NJOSC, in order to secure their spot. After the week of acceptance closes, second-round invites will be sent to fill any remaining space on the range. (All athletes will be given at least a week to accept their invitation).

AUTOMATIC INVITE CUT SCORES

Air Pistol – 540

Sport Pistol – 530

Air Rifle – 585

Smallbore Rifle – 577

DIRECTIONS TO RANGE: 3960 N. Usery Pass Rd, Mesa, AZ 85207
(Outdoor Education & Training Center 140)

