

**The Old Dominion
Junior Rifle League**

2015—2016 Program

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Introduction The Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL) is a series of six monthly matches for junior rifle clubs, junior divisions of senior clubs, and high school rifle teams. These clubs typically are sponsored by schools, American Legion Posts, 4H, or individual clubs. Competition is open to any individuals meeting the requirements of NRA or CMP rules as well as league member organizations. The League objectives are to promote junior shooting and to provide a sound competitive program for the junior (generally ages 11-19) that is geared to ability. These matches are designed to encourage wholesome competition at all skill levels.

To accomplish these objectives, the ODJRL has 1) modified National Standard Three-Position and NRA International Rifle rules to better suit an introductory/developmental competitive environment and, 2) devised a classification system so each competitor will be able to compete with those of similar proficiency in each of the following events:

- 30 shot three position sporter air rifle – this event is the primary event for new shooters. It is generally expected that the teams will have shooters in this match who have never participated in competition. Coaches may want to provide additional oversight or coaching permitted under league rules for such shooters.
- 30 shot three position precision air rifle – There is no prohibition on competing in both Precision and Sporter events in the League. The only restraint is availability of range time. This event serves several purposes in the league. First, it may be fired using sporter equipment in combination with any available precision equipment for additional experience and endurance. Second, it gives shooters who have just acquired precision equipment an opportunity to practice with it while still competing in their primary sporter event. And third, it provides a competitive opportunity for individuals whose primary event is Precision.
- Standing Air Rifle – this event is incorporated to encourage shooter development in the standing position. It also provides experience for shooters going on to compete in college where the standing event is a primary NCAA event. Event times and course of fire have been adjusted to the CMP/NCAA/USA Shooting rules adapted for local conditions. Course of fire may be either 40 or 60 shots

Note: The Hampton and Varina locations now both have 10 firing positions. Events will be scheduled to suit the interest of the majority of the competitors and insure that all interested organizations get range time.

ODJRL matches may be run concurrent with a formal match of CMP, 4H, USA Shooting or the American Legion. Once specific information is available, League officials will coordinate with all league members. In such case, all shooters will compete under program rules specified for the match and exceptions to rules defined below shall not apply. For individuals/teams entering the formal match, the first record target will be used as the league score. Teams and/or individual shooters shall have the option of firing only the league match (3x10). For purposes of league competition, shooters may compete in all events (designated 3x20, League only 3x10, and Standing Air Rifle.

It is expected that a significant number of the competitors each year are inexperienced and are firing their first competitive match. Sponsoring organizations of each team are responsible for basic safety and marksmanship training prior to the match. Coaches are requested to make the Range Officer aware of new shooters.

Match Officials

The league is conducted under the oversight of the Patriot 4H Shooting Club leadership. The following Match Officials constitute the Executive Committee of the League for the purpose of any matters pertaining to the League

Match Director:	Don Ridenour
Treasurer:	James Arthur
Registrar:	Jim Crawford (Hampton & Varina), (Diane Kelly & Sharon Moser – Stafford)
Chief Range Officer:	Bill Pleasants
Chief Statistical Officer:	Lynn Wheelless

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Assistant Statistical Officer:

Michelle Osborn

Note: Team coaches and other qualified personnel may be requested to act as assistant range officers to aid their shooters and insure safe and orderly conduct of competition.

Program

During the season, the ODJRL will sponsor six monthly matches from October through March. Please note that this year's match schedule has already had to resolve a number of schedule conflicts and as a result, matches do not follow the past first and second Saturday schedule. The league tries to schedule events to correspond to school being in session. If there is a conflict you cannot resolve, please take advantage of the Special Entry Provisions below to keep your organization in the running for a team award. An attempt will be made to accommodate the travel schedules of those teams outside the local commuting area for the Saturday match dates. The ODJRL schedule for the 2015-2016 season is as follows (see www.odjrl.com for latest schedule and relay updates) :

1st Match	October 10, 2015 (Hampton) - (2nd Saturday) Note: Hampton match will be in conjunction with CMP Cup/USA Shooting Match, October 17, 2015 (Hampton (Varina optional, 3 rd Saturday, and Stafford (Oct 17, 2015).
2nd Match	November 7, 2015 (Hampton, 1st Saturday), and November 14, 201 (Hampton (Varina optional), 2nd Saturday, and Stafford (November 14, 2015).
3rd Match	December 5, 2015 (Hampton, 1st Saturday), and December 19, 2015 (Hampton, (Varina optional), 3rd Saturday, and Warrenton (December 12, 2015).
4th Match	January 9, 2016 (Hampton, 2nd Saturday, and January 16, 2016 (Hampton, (Varina optional), 3rd Saturday, and Stafford (January 16, 2015).
5 th Match	February 6, 2016 (Hampton, 1st Saturday), and February 13, 2016 (Hampton (Varina optional), 2nd Saturday, and Stafford (February 13, 2015).
6 th Match	March 12, 2016 (Hampton, 2nd Saturday) / Combined with American Legion Eastern Region Match- for ODJRL teams, the 3x10 scores will count for both matches, VA American Legion is the match director.; Mar 19, 2016 (Hampton, (Varina optional), 3rd Saturday, and Stafford (March 12, 2015).

Special Entry Provisions (unscheduled): In order to provide a better opportunity for member organizations to compete for the league team awards, two options are available for dealing with unplanned events (weather, transportation problems, last minute DOD training requirements, illness, changes in college boards schedule, etc.) First, a team may "bank" a set of provisional targets by firing a match in addition to the monthly match. This is subject to range space availability. Second, the coach may request a set of targets for the team or individual be mailed to be fired at his home location. The targets must be fired and returned before the next month's match. Firing at a team's home location is limited to two occasions.

Special Entry Provisioned (scheduled): If a coach or individual knows in advance that there is a schedule conflict that they cannot resolve, they may request a set of targets in advance to be fired on their home range or subject to range availability, at one of the ODJRL ranges prior to the scheduled match. The total of special entries, scheduled and unscheduled may not exceed three matches if the team is to be eligible for a team award.

Special entry coordination: Please give us as much notice as possible. Only targets approved for the current Orion scoring system may be used. Targets are will be provided by and returned to the ODJRL Chief Statistical Officer at the following address.

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Hampton, VA 23664-1756

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NOTE: A third location may be added during the season but details are not final at this time. See the WEB site for any updates.

Eligibility All juniors as defined by NRA, 4H, or CMP rules to include individual juniors, members of affiliated Junior Rifle Clubs, 4H Clubs, American Legion Clubs, members of Junior Divisions of Senior Clubs, and members of High School Rifle Teams.

Classification The ODJRL has 8 classes for individual competition based on current proficiency. The classes, courses of fire and other pertinent information are given in Table 1. The success of this or any classification system depends on the cooperation and sportsmanship of the club leaders, coaches, and competitors. Therefore, all classes are considered stepping-stones to higher classes. For this reason, club leaders and coaches are urged to advance their shooters as rapidly as possible.

Initial Shooters without a league classification in an event will be placed in the classification determined by Table I for the score fired in their initial event match.

Subsequent Classification for all matches, after the competitor's initial one, will be as shown in Tables 2 and 3.

Certification It is the responsibility of each competitor and coach to fill out the ODJRL competitor/coach certification record form for the current shooting season.

Entries All competitors must enter as Individuals to be eligible to compete in the four-person team matches. All entries by name and accompanying entry fees are to be in the hands of the Registrar not later than the Saturday preceding each match and will be accepted in the order of postmarked dates. In the event the range facilities will not accommodate the total entries, first consideration will be given to entries from member clubs of this League. Paid entries received after the cutoff date will be squadded only if vacancies exist, and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registering Please contact the local Registrar for scheduling of relays for each match

Please Mail/email all coaches and competitor certification forms to: Bill Pleasants

Email, mailing address, and phone numbers are provided on the cover page

League information, directions, contacts, unofficial results and relay schedules may be found at www.ODJRL.com.

Fees

League Membership

Any Junior Rifle Club, Junior Division of a Senior Club, or a high school rifle team may join the ODJRL. **Dues are payable in advance and are \$45.00.** They entitle the member Club/Team to reduced rates for individual entry fees. An organization may join the league after the third match only if it is the team's first season with the league or if DOD, school, or other organizational policy has temporarily prevented entry. An organization may enter as many teams as desired but eligibility for annual team trophies is limited to one per event (sporter, precision, international). Dues for entry after the first three matches will be \$25.00

Match Entry

\$8.00 per event for each league competitor, otherwise \$9.00 per event for each competitor. The league follows 4H guidance for event insurance. The entry fee includes individual coverage for attendees recommended by 4H. The details may be found at:

<http://www.americanincomelife.com/TOBSpecialActivities.php>

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Payments

Make checks and money orders payable to: ODJRL. Please indicate that payments are for ODJRL fees. Payments may be brought to the range on match days or mailed to the following address:

James Arthur
102 Taurus Court
Yorktown, VA 23693

Phone: cell 757-880-4929
home 757-867-7828
email: jamesa4@cox.net

Cancellations

The Registrar must be notified by name of any cancellation or substitution before 8:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the match in order for the competitor's entry fee to be refunded or credited. No refunds or credit will be allowed for cancellation received after the specified time.

Challenges

All targets are scored using the Orion system. Challenge procedures will follow the CMP rules for electronic scoring. The Orion database management requires that each competitor have a CMP competitor number which can be obtained at:

<http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/matchInvRegistration.cgi?matchID=395&new=yes>

Match Conditions

Current National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules and NRA International Rifle Rules will apply to applicable events with the following exceptions/clarifications:

General

The following NS Rules are changed as follows:

NS 3.2.6 – The ODJRL shall be considered a single team competition. Individuals may compete as team members for only one organization during the competitive year. If a final match is held under a separate program, an individual may be associated with one organization/team for the sanctioned match and another for the League events provided criteria specified in the applicable rule books are met.

NS 3.3 shall not apply. Individuals and teams may compete in all events. Sporter air rifles may be used in any air rifle event.

NS 4.2.1 – A shooter having a rifle not listed in rule 4.2.1 but meeting the general requirements of 4.2.2-8 may be submitted to match officials for approval for league sporter competition.

NS 5.3,1 shall not apply. Target carriers allow up to 3x20 targets to be hung simultaneously. All targets will be hung at the beginning of the event. Block times will be fired as specified in the program. The minimum preparation/changeover period is three minutes that shall start after all downrange activities are complete and all shooters and equipment are in place on the firing line. Maximum changeover period is at the discretion of the Range Officer when dealing with new/inexperienced shooters.

NS 5.3.5 – Team membership shall be as defined in this program.

Equipment (3 Position / Standing Air)

National Standard (NS) Three-Position Air Rifle Rules/ NRA International Air Rifle Rules shall be used with exceptions noted. Shooters may use available equipment not meeting the letter of the rules (NS 4.6) so long as the spirit of the rules is not violated (no competitive advantage results).

Shooting jackets with adjustable closures are permitted but shall be adjusted to provide overlap approximately equivalent to that specified by the rules and are not adjusted during the match.

Eye protection is mandatory if required by the competitor's organization and shall be in accordance with the governing rules for a match for all competitors. Wearing of eye protection is recommended for everyone present in the range during firing, to include competitors, coaches, range staff, and spectators. A limited supply of safety glasses and hearing protection are available for use at the range for anyone needing them. Nine sets of scopes, mats, kneeling rolls and shooting stands are available for use by shooters not having their own equipment.

Coaching General

Additional shooting time is not given to a shooter who receives coaching. The Chief Range Officer may authorize limited assistance to competitors firing their first event/match

Spoter

NS 5.2.1 is modified to allow coaching on the firing line throughout a match. At individual coach's discretion based on competitor experience level, the coach may assist a team member by calling shots, checking on time, recommending sight changes, etc. The League coaching objective is to have new competitor's reach a level of competence to comply with NS 5.2.1 by the final match of the competitive year.

Precision/Standing

Coaching on the firing line is prohibited except for Tyro B class competitors in the international air rifle event.

To speak to a coach, a competitor must leave his air rifle in a safe condition on the firing line and receive permission from the Range Officer before leaving the firing line. (NS 5.2.3 and NRA 9.10)

Courses of Fire

3 Position Air Rifle

Each competitor will fire one relay consisting of three stages. All targets will be mounted at the start of the match. All three stages, including sighting shots and target changes, may be fired at the range officers discretion as follows: 1) as specified in the CMP rules OR 2) block time or times as specified by the range officer to meet scheduling needs OR 3) as specified in the program for a joint match (ODJRL league match and a CMP match held jointly for example. The targets will be fired prone, standing, and kneeling, in that order.

Standing Air Rifle

Competitors in classes AAM, AAE and AAT will fire 60 record shots, the first 40 of which will count for the team match. Competitors in lower classes will fire 40 record shots in the standing position but may elect to fire the 60 shot course of fire.. Depending on range capabilities/availability course of fire will be 15 minutes prep/sighting and 25 minutes for 20 record shots followed by target changes as needed with a 3 minute prep period followed by 25 minutes for 20 record shots and sighting shots as desired. If range slots are available, multiple lanes may be used to hang more than 2 targets without a break in firing. In such a case a block time for prep and record fire may be used.

Squadding

All competitors will be squadded in-groups of up to 9 or 10 per relay depending on facility capability. Three position relays will begin at 9:00 a.m. with time of follow on relays as scheduled by the Registrar (nominally on the hour). Events will be scheduled within each relay to maximize range utilization. Additional relays may be scheduled subject to range availability and demand.

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Initial team signups will be by email with the registrar. After that, signups can occur at the range the month preceding the match (i.e. sign up for January at December firing time) or at the range. Requests may be made for a specific relay(s) for the year.

Competitors may be required to infiltrate shooting points. The Range Officer will explain the infiltration process.

3 Position and International events may be squadded together.

Operations

The number of relays to be fired in any match will be determined on the date entries close. Requests for specific or special relays will be honored where practical. Competitors are to report to the range 30 minutes before their relay. If a competitor is late and unable to take his/her point on the firing line when the relay is called, another competitor may be substituted by the range officer.

Sponsors/Coaches will be expected to assist in line operation if requested by the Match Director or Range Officer.

Team Matches

Eligibility

Team membership for each event must be named, by the team coach, on the event team squadding form before the first shot of the event is fired.. Clubs/schools are encouraged to enter more than one team for each match event. An individual may be a member of only one team in a match event. Each individual's school/club team affiliation must be indicated on the certification record and cannot be changed during the season. School/club/team affiliation is not binding for matches conducted under a separate program and an individual may simultaneously represent one organization in the League match and another in a concurrent registered match. Organization (club/school) annual dues establish eligibility for one team award in each event.

For a team to be eligible for the Scholastic/JROTC team trophies, the competitors must indicate on their competitor sheets their Scholastic or JROTC team and the coach must declare they are a Scholastic/JROTC team on the team squadding sheets for each match. All competitors for a team must be members of the same Scholastic/JROTC organization at the time the mach is fired and all members throughout the season must be members of that organization. A Scholastic/JROTC team is restricted to a limited pool of shooters such as a single school or JROTC program (a merger of two JROTC programs endorsed by those programs is permitted. Sponsorship or other external support is not a determining factor. Thus, a sponsor could support both JROTC teams and club teams. A Scholastic/JROTC league member may shoot under the sponsorship of another organization, the American Legion for example, and still compete as a Scholastic/JROTC team. If such a team combines both school members and club members, then that team entity must shoot in the category with other clubs, 4H, American Legion, etc. that do not draw members from a single school program.

Scoring

Scores fired in the individual competitions will be used to compute school/club team totals. The high four scores fired by members of each team (5 shooting members maximum, observers are welcome) will be added for the team score for each match event. Organizations participating in the League are expected to provide a team scorer (e.g. coaches, parents, etc.) for each match. Teams shall assign their scorer at time of signing up for a match. ODJRL staff will train any inexperienced/new scorers.

Points Accumulation

Teams will accumulate points toward the league championship in each event, as follows: The number of teams entered in each match in each event will determine the number of points for the high team score. The second high score will receive one less down to the last team, which will

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receive one point. For example, the first match has five teams entered the high score will receive 5 points, the second 4 points, etc. The points will accumulate until the end of the shooting season. To be eligible for team trophies, a team must have at least three shooting members for at least four matches. Late season entries will start with the average point total of the other teams.

In the event two or more teams are tied for award of a team trophy, the tie will be broken by using the highest team total score of the last 10 shots fired working backward by 10-shot strings until the tie is broken.

Schedule of Awards

Individual (Monthly)

First Place	1 st place Medals
Second Place	2 nd place Medals
Third Place and lower	3 rd place Medals

Number of Entries per Class	Number of Awards
At least 2	1
At least 5	2
At least 9	3
At least 14	4
At least 20	5

Less than the minimum number of entries in a class for an award: A single shooter in a class will be combined with the next higher class. In the event there is only one shooter in the AAM class, they will be combined with the next lower class. The awards for a group containing shooters from multiple classes will reflect the designation of the highest class shooter in the class.

Four-person teams (Season)

- 2-5 Organizations entered 1st Place Trophy, 1st Scholastic/JROTC Trophy/Plaque
- 6-8 Organizations entered 1st, High Scholastic/JROTC Trophy/Plaque and TBD Trophy
- 9-12 Organizations entered 1st, High Scholastic/JROTC Trophy/Plaque, and TBD Trophies

TBD league or Scholastic/JROTC trophy/Plaque will be awarded as follows:

- 5-8 Scholastic/JROTC teams – 2nd place Scholastic/JROTC trophy
- 5-8 club teams – 2nd place season trophy
- 9+ Scholastic/JROTC teams 2nd and 3rd place JROTC trophies
- 9+ club teams – 2nd and 3rd place season trophy

TABLE 1. Initial ODJRL Classification

ODJRL CLASS	NRA CLASS (1)	THREE POSITION AIR RIFLE (2)	INTERNATIONAL AIR RIFLE (3) 40/60 shots
AAM	Master	285	380/570
AAE	Expert	265	360/540
AAT	Sharpshooter	245	340/510
A	Sharpshooter	225	320/480
B	Marksman	205	300/450
C	Marksman	185	280/420
Tyro	None (4)	165	260/390
Tyro B	None (4)	< 165	< 260/390

Notes: 1) Shooters without a league classification in a specific event will be classified for the first event match in accordance with the score fired. Shooters with a NRA/CMP Position Air Rifle may elect, prior to firing, to enter the class equivalent to the NRA/CMP Classification.

2) Scores shown are for scores fired on the Orion target or equivalent. Scores are based on 10 shots in each position (P, S and K).

P = Prone NS Rule 5.1.1

S = Standing NS Rule 5.1.2 or NRA Rule 5.12

K = Kneeling NS 5.1.3

Scores listed are for both sporter and precision air rifle courses of fire.

3) The scores are based on 40 shots in the standing position.

4) To be eligible for entry into Tyro or Tyro B class in a given event, a competitor must not have fired in that league event previously. Competitors in the TYRO B classification who fire three or more matches in a given event may not compete a second season in TYRO B. At the start of the second season, TYRO B classifications will be reclassified to TYRO.

TABLE 2. Classification – Position Air Rifle

PRESENT CLASS	MINIMUM SCORE (1)	TIMES	FIRE	NEW CLASS
TYRO B	165	1		TYRO
TYRO	175	2		C
TYRO	185	1		C
TYRO	205	1		B
TYRO	225	1		A
C	195	2		B
C	205	1		B
C	225	1		A
B	215	2		A
B	225	1		A
A	235	2		AAT
A	245	1		AAT
AAT	255	2		AAE
AAT	265	1		AAE
AAE	275	2		AAM
AAE	285	1		AAM

Note: (1) Scores listed are for both sporter and precision courses of fire

TABLE 3. Classification - Standing Air Rifle

PRESENT CLASS	SCORE (1) 40/60	NUMBER OF TIMES FIRED	NEW CLASS
TYRO B	260/390	1	TYRO
TYRO	270/405	2	C
TYRO	280/420	1	C
TYRO	300/450	1	B
TYRO	320/480	1	A
C	290/435	2	B
C	300/450	1	B
C	320/480	1	A
B	310/465	2	A
B	320/480	1	A
A	330/495	2	AAT
A	340/510	1	AAT
AAT	350/525	2	AAE
AAT	360/540	1	AAE
AAE	370/555	2	AAM
AAE	380/570	1	AAM

Note: (1) Based on 40 / or 60 shots in the standing position