

# ARMY WEST POINT™

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### THE 2021 BLACK KNIGHT OPEN AIR GUN GRAND PRIX

### AND

### (Optional) USA SHOOTING PRELIMINARY TRYOUT

Hosted by: Army West Point Rifle and Pistol Teams

Program version as of: 23 August, 2021

**When:** 26, 27, 28 November (Friday, Saturday, Sunday of Thanksgiving Weekend), 2021

**Where:** Tronsrue Marksmanship Center (Bldg 665), West Point, NY 10996

**Rules:** This competition will be governed by 2018 USA Shooting Rules fired on MegaLink electronic targets.

As Army West Point is an NCAA Division I school, we will also adhere to NCAA Bylaws.

**General:** This is an open 60 shot, precision air rifle and air pistol competition. It is a final warm-up before the USAS Winter Air Gun Championships. Athletes may fire multiple relays or events. Relay squadding options are listed below. Competitors will be allowed to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Eligibility:** This is an open match; there are no exclusions for skill level.

Athletes may opt to submit scores as a USA Shooting Preliminary Tryout (PTO). The fee is \$6 per relay, paid in cash to the match administration staff.

Athletes and chaperones must be eligible to enter this federal installation. Anyone with outstanding legal issues or on a watch list will most likely not be granted access (See Special Instructions below).

**Entry Contact:** The registration website is <http://armywestpointcamps.com>. The website will guide the registrant through relay selection, access policy and payment by credit card.

**Match Fees:**

- \$35 per competitor for the first relay; \$25 for additional relays. Disabled Veterans pay \$25/\$15.
- The base PTO entry fee (TBD) may be paid at the option of each eligible athlete. To be eligible for this option, the athlete must be a USA Shooting Member.
- Registration fees must be paid through the registration website.

**Classifications:** As this is an open competition, there will be no USA Shooting or NRA classifications. However, shooters will be asked their junior status and high school graduation year.

**Match Conduct:** Course of fire and timing: The CoF is the standard ISSF/USA Shooting 60-shot airgun match (decimal for Rifle and integer for Pistol). There will be a 15-minute preparation/sighting period followed by 1 hour and 15 minutes for 60 record shots. At the completion of each relay, competitors will be afforded 5 minutes to remove their equipment and to evacuate the line. There will be a 15 minute set-up period for the incoming relay. This time will also be used for the range staff to re-set the range.

Coaching: ISSF Coaching rules apply. Verbal coaching will not be permitted on the line. Non-verbal is permitted.

Staging Area: A staging and dry-firing area will be available for the athletes.

Scoring, Protests and Challenges: Scoring is inherent with the MegaLink targets. Results will be final 10 minutes after the completion of each respective relay. Ties will be broken per USA Shooting rules. Juries will be appointed and convened to resolve any protest. Decisions of the jury will be final.

Live Scoring: Live scoring will be available at <http://results.megalink.no/> via the *US Military Academy* link.

**Scheduled Relays:** Listed start times are for the Preparation and Sighting times for each relay:

**Friday** Relay 1 - 1300 occupy line; 1315-1330 Prep/Sighting; 1330-1445 Record Fire  
Relay 2 - 1515 occupy line; 1530-1545 Prep/Sighting; 1545-1700 Record Fire

Arms Room available for storage – 1500-1730, Friday evening

**Saturday**  
Relay 3 - 0830 occupy line; 0845-0900 Prep/Sighting; 0900-1015 Record Fire  
Relay 4 - 1045 occupy line; 1100-1115 Prep/Sighting; 1115-1230 Record Fire  
Relay 5 - 1300 occupy line; 1315-1330 Prep/Sighting; 1330-1445 Record Fire  
Relay 6 - 1515 occupy line; 1530-1545 Prep/Sighting; 1545-1700 Record Fire

Arms Room available for storage – 1500-1800, Saturday evening

**Sunday**  
Relay 7 - 0830 occupy line; 0845-0900 Prep/Sighting; 0900-1015 Record Fire  
Relay 8 - 1045 occupy line; 1100-1115 Prep/Sighting; 1115-1230 Record Fire

**Awards:** Awards will be provided in accordance with NCAA Bylaws.

**T-shirts:** Registration fees cover the cost of a commemorative T-shirt. Please indicate your preferred size on the registration site. Additional T-Shirts will be available for sale at the range for \$20.

**Match Staff:** Match Director: LTC (ret.) Web Wright – Head Coach, Army Rifle  
10M Range Officer (Rifle): Leighton Dempster, Assistant Coach, Army Rifle  
10M Range Officer (Pistol): LTC (ret.) Duston Saunders – Head Coach, Army Pistol

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**Special  
Instructions:**

**COVID Mitigation/Protocol**

All athletes and guests must abide by the current COVID protocols for U.S. Army Garrison, West Point. We anticipate those to include:

- Proof of complete COVID vaccination series or test (PCR or antigen) within 72 hours of arrival on post.
- Use of masks when in the range building, unless on the firing line.
- Submit to COVID screening questions and touchless temperature check at the entrance of the range.
- Minimize the number of spectators and guest in the range complex.

**Driver and Firearms Manifest**

West Point is a military installation. As such, non-DoD Identification card holders will need to undergo a security screening prior to entering post. The registration website will guide the registrant through the required information submittal. Registration must be complete by 18 November. DoD ID card holders will be required to provide firearm information prior to entry.

**Hold Harmless Agreement**

Each athlete (and for minors - parent/guardian) will be required submit a Hold Harmless Agreement with the U.S. Military Academy through the registration portal. Athletes will not be allowed to compete without completing the HHA.

**Firearm storage  
(if so inclined):**

Air rifles may be stored at the range the night prior to a relay. Availability is listed in the scheduled relays above. We encourage athletes to store their air rifles the night before (if feasible) to prevent delays at the gate on match mornings.

**Code of Conduct:**

Registration for this match implies each athlete and guest is subject to the USAS Code of conduct and applicable laws, regulations and policies for U.S. Army Garrison, West Point, NY.

## **Instructions and Directions to West Point and Tronsrue Marksmanship Center**

Additionally, West Point asks that we submit certain information for the MPs to conduct a security screening before you arrive. We need name, date of birth, gender, certain driver's license information and firearms' make, model, caliber and serial number. Please fill these in on the registration portal.

With the required information, the MPs will issue access passes. We will be in touch on how to disseminate those. For more details on access, please see <http://www.westpoint.army.mil/visitus.html>. If traveling on a non-U.S. passport, please allow additional time for the security background check.

When you get to the gate, the firearm roster should be approved and waiting with the guards. Declare to the gate guard that you have air rifles in your vehicle. They will likely ask for all IDs and check serial numbers, so plan a little extra time. You may secure your gear and rifle at the range Friday or Saturday evening to make getting on post in the morning easier.

You may also apply for an annual access pass at the Visitor Control Center during weekday business hours if you expect to visit West Point periodically.

### **Directions:**

For directions to West Point, please visit <http://www.usma.edu/visiting/SitePages/Directions.aspx>. Enter West Point through the Thayer gate (Mainstreet, Highland Falls, NY).

Enter the Thayer Gate. Proceed through the stop sign onto Thayer Road. Continue straight, pass under the building (Mahan Hall) and passed the grassy parade area (The Plain). The road will wind to the left past Trophy Point. Just after the giant flag pole on the right, will be the second stop sign. Turn right at the stop sign onto Ruger Rd. Follow this downhill to the round-about. Bear to the 1 o'clock, continuing down the hill (Tower Rd). Follow this road as it curves to the right. The range will be on the right. If all else fails, follow the signs to Gillis Field House. The range is next to Gillis.

### **Local hotels and restaurants:**

West Point – The Hotel Thayer is the historic hotel on post. The prices vary with the season, but expect to pay a premium for the historic views and proximity to West Point. The Thayer runs several restaurants and a Sunday brunch buffet. West Point has several fast food establishments (Burger King, Taco Bell, Subway) and food at the bowling alley. There is a hotel run by the Holiday Inn Express franchise on post, usually reserved for DoD employees, but is open per availability.

Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery area – These are the towns outside the gate of West Point. There are several budget hotels in the Highland Falls area. Research these hotels carefully before committing. There are a variety of restaurant choices on Main Street; most deliver to the range. There is a Holiday Inn Express in Fort Montgomery (five minutes from Thayer Gate) and several restaurants nearby.

Woodbury, Central Valley, Monroe – The Central Valley is the next closest business district to West Point. There are several hotels and chain restaurants and the Woodbury Outlet Shopping Mall.

Newburgh area – The Newburgh, New Windsor and Cornwall areas have dozens of hotels and B&Bs at reasonable prices. Newburgh is on the north side of Storm King Mountain, which, in the winter, can be affected by inclement weather. Take care traveling this mountain road. Drive time is 20-30 minutes.

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Fishkill area – The last major exit on I-84 before crossing the Hudson River/Newburgh Bridge has numerous hotels and restaurants. The Hampton Inn, Fishkill occasionally runs special rates for Army West Point Rifle events. Check availability and prices with [Sabrina.Kardas@hilton.com](mailto:Sabrina.Kardas@hilton.com) and mention Army Rifle. Fishkill is 30 minutes from West Point, through Newburgh.

Nyack area – Further south is Nyack. This is a major interchange of I-87. There are numerous chain hotels, restaurants and the Palisades Mall. Nyack is about forty minutes from West Point.

Garrison/Cold Springs Area – Across the Hudson River from West Point are the towns of Garrison and Cold Springs. There are limited hotels or restaurants in Garrison, but there is a Metro North train station which provides direct access into New York City (about 1:07 minutes into Grand Central Station). This is very convenient to visit the city while avoiding all of the traffic. Cold Springs is a small village with several B&Bs, eclectic restaurants and a variety of antique, craft and art businesses.

### **The local airports:**

Newburgh/Stewart Airfield – the closest airport, but more expensive and flight routes are limited (25 minutes from West Point).

White Plains/Westchester County Airport – Next closest after Stewart, the prices slightly cheaper and it is more accessible. It is across the Hudson and South from West Point (50 minutes from West Point).

JFK (JFK) and LaGuardia (LGA) – these airports can provide very low cost flights but are incredibly difficult to navigate. These are very close to NYC and surrounding Burroughs, with very congested approach routes and traffic patterns. These airports fall under the jurisdiction of the NY/NJ Port Authority which will add an extra level of scrutiny when departing. Plan on an additional 30 minutes for check-in. We recommend avoiding these airports. (1 hour 45 minutes to 3 hours from West Point, depending on traffic).

Newark – The best alternative, balancing distance and expense. The route to West Point is not terrible, provided you don't get caught in New Jersey commuter traffic. Newark is a large, international airport and the flight selection is plentiful. This is the preferred airport for the Army shooting teams, due to lower cost and travel considerations. Additionally, this airport is not associated with the NY/NJ Port Authority (1 hour, 30 minutes from West Point).

**Souvenirs:** Army West Point Rifle T-Shirts will be available at the range. All other Army West Point merchandise may be purchased at the Visitor Center Gift Shop or at the AWP Gift Shop at the Post Exchange complex. The AWP Gift Shops are open to anyone, regardless of DoD affiliation.

**Tours:** Call West Point Tours at (845) 446-4724 or [info@westpointtours.com](mailto:info@westpointtours.com) <http://westpointtours.com> to arrange the tour. Typically the tours are a combination of narrated bus rides and walking tours.