

2009-2010 WPIAL RIFLE SCHEDULE

April 3, 2009

Maximum Scrimmages ~ 2

First Practice Date ~ November 20, 2009

First Scrimmage Date ~ November 28, 2009

Maximum Contests ~ 16 Team

First Play Date ~ December 7, 2009

WPIAL rifle competition will begin on **December 8, 2009**. Check your section carefully and contact the League office at (412) 921-7181 or 800-297-9553 regarding any errors. **Your rifle coach must receive a copy of this schedule.**

Rifle is a safe sport. All teams and athletes are expected to observe the safety rules posted on each range. Open bolt indicators will be used to insure that each rifle clearly indicates an unloaded condition till the competitors are given the command to load. Coaches continually instruct student athletes in safety procedures. Range commands will be uniform so that confusion on the line is reduced to a minimum. No one will be permitted to shoulder a firearm until all persons have returned to the firing line and the range command has been given by the range officer.

For competition purposes, rifle has been divided into two sections. The winner of each section will receive a section plaque. **Only matches against the teams in your section will be used to determine championship and post season play.** The top two teams in each section will compete in the WPIAL **team rifle championship** series to be held on **Tuesday, February 16, 2010**. If there is a tie for first place, both teams will be declared first, and those teams will both go to the championship and no further teams from that section will be entered. If two or more teams tie for second, the team that has won both section matches played between them will enter the tournament. If two (or more) teams split their competitions, then all tied teams enter championship play. The team championship winner and runner up will receive trophies. The WPIAL **individual rifle championship** will be held on **Thursday, February 18, 2010**.

The following information applies to all WPIAL section matches, shoot-off, and championship series:

1. The WPIAL Rifle Rule Book shall govern all matches. The WPIAL rule book may refer to the NRA rule book for some rules.
2. In the regular season matches and sectional shoot-off, fifteen minutes will be allotted for each relay of ten shots for record score. Ten minutes shall be the maximum time allowed between relays. It is understood that all teams will strictly adhere to the time limits, with ten minutes between relays. Ten shooters will compete for each team in section play but only eight scores will be counted to determine the winner. The two lowest scores will not be counted in the team score but score #9 will be the first tiebreaker if the match ends in a tie. Score #10 will be the second tiebreaker and if a tie persists at that point it will not be broken.
3. All match targets should be uniform. The NRA Official Target No. A-17 is the target to be used at all times.
4. It is recommended that all afternoon contests do not start before 3:30 PM unless both principals agree.
5. The host school for sectional matches will provide the targets to score the meet.
6. Each relay shall consist of a maximum of two varsity shooters per team in regular season play, section shoot-off or WPIAL championship play. This must be adhered to without exception.

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7. Coaches are to score all targets. In the event a controversy arises on the scoring of targets, send the targets to the WPIAL Office for evaluation and scoring. A duplicate copy of the corrected scores will be sent to each school involved. The WPIAL office will retain targets not requested until the end of the season.
8. For the safety of all shooters, it is the responsibility of each school to insure safe operating condition of school equipment. If an individual elects to use his/her personal rifle in WPIAL competition, he/she is responsible for the safe condition of that piece.
9. Information about the senior all star shoot, 3-position competition, and PA State Scholastic Competition will be mailed later.
10. **There will be a Rules interpretation Meeting on Thursday November 5, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Bethel Park High School. All schools MUST HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT preferably the coach or assistant coach.**