

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE

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TO: Athletic Directors & Rifle Coaches
FROM: Vince Sortino, Chief Operating Officer
Matthew Rodrigues, WPIAL Rifle Chairman
DATE: January 30, 2023
SUBJECT: 2023 WPIAL Rifle **Team** Championship – **Tuesday, February 7, 2023**
2023 WPIAL Rifle **Individual** Championship – **Thursday, February 9, 2023**

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS FOR WPIAL POSTSEASON EVENTS

- **At no time should a school or team circumvent safety protocols to participate in a scheduled post-season event. It is everyone's responsibility to keep each other safe, and knowingly placing others in harm's way is contradictory to the League's objectives. Please be prepared to wear a mask while indoors.**

WPIAL Rifle Chairman, Matthew Rodrigues rodrma@whsd.net of the Woodland Hills School District, will serve as the tournament director for the WPIAL Rifle Championship events.

WPIAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: Playoff Entry and Tie Breaker Policy:

Post season play-off entry and section play will be determined by the following:

- The top two teams from each section will enter the WPIAL team championship and will be determined by their WPIAL scheduled section contests. Ties will be broken by head-to-head competition.
- First place ties will not be broken. Teams that tie for first place in the section will both receive a section plaque and will constitute the two section representatives.
- Second place ties will be broken by head-to-head competition.
- Three-way ties will be broken in the following manner:
 - Cumulative won/lost section record of all tied teams will be totaled.
 - If one team has a numerically superior record, they will enter post-season play.
 - If the tie cannot clearly be broken, all tied teams will enter into post-season play.

All section match results must be emailed to Matthew Rodrigues no later than Friday, February 3, 2023. The team championship series will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, and will include the top two teams from each section.

Qualifying schools from each section will compete in the Team Championship on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023:**

SECTION 1

McGUFFEY
UPPER ST. CLAIR
WAYNESBURG
WEST GREENE

SECTION 2

AVELLA
BETHEL PARK
TRINITY
WASHINGTON

SECTION 3

HEMPFIELD
MT. LEBANON
PENN TRAFFORD
WOODLAND HILLS

SECTION 4

ARMSTRONG
BUTLER
INDIANA
PLUM

The following policy is enforced at the DORMONT-MT. LEBANON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB:

Everyone (shooters and guests) on a range where firearms of any type are used is **strongly urged** to wear eyeglasses or shooting glasses to protect their eyes and ear plugs or earmuffs to protect their hearing. The Match Director may require the use of eye and/or hearing protection during matches. The following schedule will apply:

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The WPIAL **Team** Rifle Championship will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023.**

- a. **First relay begins at 11:00 AM.** Range will open for registration at **10:00 AM.**
- b. **Dormont-Mt Lebanon Sportsmen's Club, Linden Road, Canonsburg PA 15317.**
- c. Participants will include top eight (8) qualifying teams.
- d. The competition will consist of one (1) A-17 target fired from the prone position with a 15-minute time limit. Ten shooters per school, two (2) shooters per relay, top eight (8) shooters to make up team score. Two coaches will be allowed in the range with each relay.
- e. WPIAL will award a team championship trophy to the first-place team. A team runner-up trophy will be awarded to the second-place team. WPIAL Board policy states that there will be no team medals awarded; however, these medals have been purchased by the Coaches' Association with the Coaches' Association fee that was imposed at the beginning of the year.
- f. The tie breaking procedure is as follows:
 1. High total score (8 shooters) including X's.
 2. Highest (9th shooter) including X's.
 3. Highest (10th shooter) including X's.
 4. Highest numerical score on the last numbered bullseye over the entire course of the ten shooters to first bull on target.
 5. Greater number of X's on the last numbered bullseye over the entire course of ten shooters to first bull on target.
- g. Challenges and protests will be decided by a jury assigned by the tournament director.
- h. Participants will be notified sometime on or after Friday, February 4, 2022.
- i. WPIAL Championship Merchandise is available online at: <https://proknitwear.com/wpial-winter-sports-2023/>
 - Long-Sleeve T-Shirts: \$20.00 / Hoodies: \$30.00
 - Shipment Orders OPEN for purchase on February 16, 2023
 - Shipment Orders CLOSE on March 9, 2023
 - Orders will be shipped on or before March 31, 2023

WPIAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The WPIAL **Individual** Rifle Championship will be held on **Thursday, February 9, 2023**.

If you are a PIAA Member School in District 7, **that does NOT sponsor a Rifle Team**, you must have entered your athlete with the WPIAL office by December 2, 2022 via the Google document that was sent to all schools the beginning of the winter sports season. **You must also complete and submit the Individual Rifle Entry form on the last page of this document as stated by February 3, 2023.**

The following policy is now in affect at the DORMONT-MT. LEBANON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB: Everyone (shooters and guests) on a range where firearms of any type are used is **strongly urged** to wear eyeglasses or shooting glasses to protect their eyes and ear plugs or earmuffs to protect their hearing. The Match Director may require the use of eye and/or hearing protection during matches.

- a. **First relay begins at 10:00 am.** Range will open for registration at 9:00 am.
- b. Dormont/Mt Lebanon Sportsmans Club, Linden Road, Canonsburg PA 15317
- c. Open to members (maximum of five) from any WPIAL regular competing rifle teams. Competitors are to be chosen by the coaches of the member schools; no more than five from any school. WPIAL member schools who do not sponsor the sport as a team may be represented by not more than one (1) competitor. Names of those individuals should be submitted, in writing, to the League office as soon as possible (see form).
- d. The competition will consist of two (2) A-17 targets fired from the prone position with a 20-minute time limit. One coach will be allowed in the range with each participant. Each school will have only one (1) shooter squaded per relay.
- e. WPIAL will award medals for first through tenth place as follows:
First Place – Gold / Second Place – Silver / Third through Tenth Places – Bronze
The Coaches' Association will award medals 11 through 16 - Bronze
- f. Challenges and protests will be decided by a jury assigned by the match director.
- g. Participants will be notified sometime on or after Monday, February 6, 2023.
- h. Match entries are to be forwarded to WPIAL c/o:
Matthew Rodrigues at rodrma@whsd.net
Phone: 412-818-1144

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Individuals Entry Form

DEADLINE FOR ENTERING: February 3, 2023

School Name _____

Name of Participant(s) – {Limit to 5 for sponsor schools, 1 to non-sponsor schools}

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Contact Information:

Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

(Phone # should be of a person I can call at last minute, in the morning, in case of inclement weather)

E-Mail _____

Name of person who will act as a coach on line: _____

FORM MUST BE EMAILED TO:

Diana Rossmann: drossmann@wpial.com

And

Matthew Rodrigues: rodrma@whsd.net