

# The Michigan Rifle and Pistol Association

## 2009 Long Range Program

MRPA Long Range Division

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### General Information for Camp Grayling

**ENTRY TO CAMP GRAYLING:** DUE TO HEIGHTENED SECURITY AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, MRPA IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CAMP GRAYLING WITH A COMPETITOR LIST. IF YOU HAVE COMPETED AT OUR CAMP GRAYLING LONG RANGE MATCHES WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE PLACED ON THE COMPETITOR LIST.

**NEW & RETURNING COMPETITORS:** IF YOU ARE A NEW COMPETITOR OR HAVE NOT COMPETED IN LONG RANGE MATCHES AT CAMP GRAYLING WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, YOU MUST CONTACT THE MATCH DIRECTOR TO ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME IS ADDED TO THE ENTRY LIST.

**WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT CAMP GRAYLING,** STOP AT THE MAIN GATE TO CHECK IN AND RECEIVE ANY LAST MINUTE INFORMATION ABOUT RANGE ACCESS. CAMP GRAYLING SECURITY POLICY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT AND WE MUST BE PREPARED TO ADJUST OUR PROCEDURES ACCORDINGLY.

**NO FIREARMS IN THE CANTONMENT OR BARRACKS AREA.** FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CAMP GRAYLING BARRACKS (CANTONMENT) AREAS. AFTER CHECKING IN AT THE MAIN GATE, COMPETITORS WITH FIREARMS AND/OR AMMUNITION MUST PROCEED DIRECTLY THROUGH POST TO RANGE 10 WITH NO INTERMEDIATE STOPS ALLOWED.

**FIREARM STORAGE:** NO FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION ARE ALLOWED IN THE BARRACKS AREA. COMPETITORS CAN NORMALLY LEAVE THEIR FIREARMS WITH OTHER COMPETITORS CAMPING ON RANGE 10.

**ARROWHEAD ROAD ACCESS:** IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT POST ACCESS, ALTERNATE ACCESS IS POSSIBLE TO RANGE 10 FROM M-72 WEST AND ARROWHEAD ROAD. (SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW)

**CAMPING AND BARRACKS HOUSING:** COMPETITOR CAMPING ON RANGE 10 IS PERMITTED. OPEN BAY BARRACKS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO OUR COMPETITORS AT NO CHARGE. WE ARE NOT, HOWEVER, GUARANTEED HEATED BARRACKS, SO PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

**CONCEALED CARRY:** MICHIGAN CONCEALED WEAPONS LAWS ARE NOT VALID WITHIN CAMP GRAYLING CANTONMENT (FENCED IN) AREAS.

**ALCOHOL/DRUGS:** MAY NOT BE EXPOSED, OPENED OR CONSUMED NORTH OF HOWE ROAD AT CAMP GRAYLING WHILE THE FIRING RANGES ARE ACTIVE. COMPETITORS WHO HAVE CONSUMED ALCOHOL OR INTOXICANTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO FIRE OR COMPETE IN THE MATCH. ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED FROM ALL MRPA FUNCTIONS OR RENTED PROPERTIES.

**SMOKING:** THERE IS NO SMOKING ALLOWED IN ANY MILITARY BUILDINGS INCLUDING THE BARRACKS, ON THE FIRING POINTS, OR READY LINE AT MRPA LONG RANGE TOURNAMENTS. COMPETITORS MAY SMOKE IN THE PITS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.

## General Information for MRPA Long Range Matches

**Location:** Range 10, Camp Grayling National Guard Base, Grayling, Michigan.

**Entries:** Entries will be made on SR-1 cards at Range 10 on the day of firing. Be sure to indicate your correct address, DOB, NRA number, age class, firing classification, and rifle type, including F or F(tr), as applicable. Entries will be accepted to the limit of the range. Range space has always been sufficient for the number of entrants. However, assured entries may be obtained by writing MRPA-LR, 4965 Stanwood Street, Muskegon, MI 49441-5456 or email: [dickpardini@comcast.net](mailto:dickpardini@comcast.net) or phone (231) 798-3372.

**Fees:** The first firing day is \$40.00. Second and third firing days are \$30 each. Therefore, two-day matches are \$70 and three-day matches are \$100. Make checks or money orders payable to MRPA-HP LR. Those who wish to practice without having scores reported to the NRA can shoot for \$30.00 per day. Juniors with a Long Range classification shoot for free - no awards. Payment by check is preferred, payable to MRPA-LR.

**Squadding & Firing Times:** Squadding starts at 07:15 on the 1000 yard. Firing starts each day at 08:00. Squadding tickets for individual matches will be issued from the Statistical Office on the range.

**Eligibility:** Competitors must be members of the Michigan Rifle and Pistol Association or their home state association. Competitors will be required to complete a MPRA Release of Liability yearly. Both forms will be available at the range.

**Range setup & practice:** For the dutiful and those requiring zeros or practice, Range set-up is at 2 PM on the day prior to the match. 1000 yard practice will follow at 4 PM. The cost is \$5 to those who work; \$10 to all others.

**Pit Duty:** All competitors must perform pit duty or provide an acceptable substitute. MPRA-LR normally uses a three-relay system, which means that all competitors will be required to pull targets individually.

**Pit Pullers:** Paid pit pullers are generally available. Contact the Match Director prior to the Tuesday preceding the match to reserve a puller. Fees are generally \$25 per shooter per day, but may be more if sufficient shooters requiring pullers cannot be found. Generally, shooters requiring pullers will be grouped together. Three shooters per lane is the ideal.

**Rules:** Current NRA High Power Rifle Rules govern.

**Classification:** The NRA Long Range classification system will be used in all matches. Unclassified competitors will compete in the Master Class; High Power shooters will use their conventional High Power classification. Rule 19.6 - Assigned Classification, or 19.2 - Temporary Classification apply.

**Targets, Pit:** Record will be fired on the standard LR target; the standard Rule 5.6 prone position will be used.

**Pit Rotation:** Unless otherwise stated, all matches will be fired in a 3-relay rotation. Any 2-man team match, if fired, will use a two-man, two-relay rotation.

**Course of Fire:** The Course of Fire used will be per the individual match announcement. The Match Director reserves the right to modify the course of fire and pit rotation based on number of competitors and range conditions.

**Rifles Allowed for Record Firing:** Depending upon the Course of Fire in the individual announcements, there may be up to six divisions: Service Rifle - Rules 3.1, 3.3.1 or 3.1.2; Any Rifle - Rule 3.2; Palma Rifle - Rule 3.3.3; F Class Open Rifle – Rule 3.4(a) and F Class Target Rifle – Rule 3.4 (b); and Any Rifle / Optical Sight (AROS).

**F-Class Competitors:** At a minimum, F-rifle shooters will always be treated as a separate award class. Depending on the number of entrants, F Class Open Rifle, F Class Target Rifle, and individual shooter classifications may allow treatment as separate classes.

**Palma Matches:** A separate Palma class will exist for any match designated as “Rules 7.19(a), 3.3.3, Palma rifle, Iron Sights”. Minimum of 5 must be registered for awards either by class or by rifle type

**Any Rifle / Optical Sight (AROS):** is offered to those individuals choosing to use only scopes. If the course of fire for the given match/aggregate is Any/Any, all competitors will be grouped together. If the course of fire is Any/Irons, those choosing AROS will be grouped separately– those competitors shooting AROS will then not be eligible for the overall aggregates and awards. They will have their own awards if there are sufficient competitors.

**Awards:** Will be paid for fired matches and match aggregates stated in the individual programs. At least one (1) award will be paid for every five (5) competitors in each class. No juniors are eligible for awards. Only state residents may be declared

Michigan state champions. Out-of-state residents still receive cash awards, if applicable. The AROS class cannot be combined with any other class and is not eligible for winning the match in any conventional class or category.

**Vehicles:** No automobiles or other motorized vehicle (including ATVs) will be allowed on the range, unless they are participating in the match or as authorized by the Match Director.

**Conduct:** Competitors who are disruptive, vulgar, hostile, or whose conduct and actions are in conflict with interest of the MRPA, or for other cause, may be excluded from MRPA Long Range Division teams or events.

**Miscellaneous:** Each challenge is \$3.00. Police your areas at all times, do not leave any brass or trash on any properties MRPA uses. The Match Director reserves the right to postpone, modify, or reduce the course of fire, in the event of weather conditions or other conditions beyond the Match Director's control. No refunds for matches started but not completed due to these circumstances.

### **New Shooter Program**

In order to attract new competitors to Long Range competitions, the Long Range Division is offering an incentive to current High Power / Long Range competitors to bring unclassified competitors to our matches.

Any classified High Power / Long Range competitor that brings a new, unclassified competitor to a full weekend's matches at Camp Grayling will receive a \$10 discount for that weekend's registration fees. The new competitors will receive a 1-year membership in the MRPA for the cost of the regular registration fees for that weekend (both days). The new competitors must not have any current High Power classification – conventional or Long Range, in order to qualify for this program.

This is intended to attract new competitors to our matches – not High Power competitors to Long Range. Bring your neighbor, spouse, or local club member along and get a little help from the Long Range Division.

### **General Comments to New Competitors**

If you are new to Long Range shooting, please heed the following. The vast majority of "factory" ammunition is not capable of maintaining velocity out to 1000 yd. Also, many bullets are not suited for long range shooting. I have seen many new competitors bring .308 Winchesters, factory varmint rifles, AR-15s, and scopes with insufficient elevation to Range 10 and expect to hit paper without testing their ammunition on a chronograph and ballistics table. There is nothing more disappointing than making the trip to Grayling and have your ammunition fail to make the distance by going subsonic along the way. Two recommendations are to stay away from 168 gr. 30 caliber bullets and leave your AR-15 at home. The 168 gr. bullets are not suited for 1000 yd. shooting in your .308 Winchester (try the 175's instead) and the AR-15 requires too much effort for a new competitor to have a successful first time out. Do your homework ahead of time and come prepared with reliable ammunition and equipment.

### **Team Matches at the Nationals**

In order to be eligible to shoot on a MRPA sponsored Long Range team at the NRA Nationals at Camp Perry OH, competitors must compete at a minimum of three match days at Camp Grayling between May and July. Anyone not completely meeting this requirement will be put on an alternate list in case space is available.

The Division will purchase a minimum of 2 team cards for the two days of Long Range team firing – enough for 8 competitors. In addition, the Division will cover at least one four-man Palma team.

Show up at the Grayling Long Range matches and we'll cover the costs of the teams at the Nationals. If you don't show up at the Grayling matches, then do not expect to shoot on a team sponsored by the MRPA.

Initial team selections will be done following the July Long Range Regional match in Grayling. Team members will be chosen by a combination of Camp Grayling attendance and scores, and Long Range classification, prior to heading to the Nationals at Camp Perry. We will try to put together balanced teams for the best chance of bringing home the gold.