

Scopos National Intercollegiate Rifle League 2026 – 2027 League Program



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Introduction

Purpose

The Scopos National League for Collegiate Rifle Clubs (The League) is intended to create a compelling competition format to help develop, enrich, and promote collegiate rifle clubs throughout the country. Giving clubs a low cost yet exciting spectator-friendly format to compete in.

Format At a Glance

Teams and individuals may compete in four games in the Fall semester (2026) and an additional four games in the (Winter and) Spring semester (2027). Each game is a virtual match, conducted over two weeks, and where all teams and their athletes are invited to compete.

Teams and individual athletes will be ranked according to their seasonal average. Results will be available on [Scopos' Rezults website](#).

The course of fire for each game is 60 shots standing air rifle, scored in decimal. All team members may compete in each game, with the top four team members' scores counting towards the team total.

The top three individuals and the top three teams at the end of the season will receive awards.

Additional details are below.

Important Dates for the 2026 to 2027 Season

- Preseason: 14 to 27 September 2026.
- Last day to register to fully participate in all 8 games: 21 September 2026
Last day to register to participate in just the 4 Spring games: 8 January 2027.
- Fall Semester: Four games total, one game every two weeks, 28 September to 22 November.
- Spring Semester: Four games total, one game every two weeks, 11 January to 7 March 2027.

Organization

League Organization

The League is structured into teams, seasons, and games. A team consists of one or more air rifle athletes with a coach from a single collegiate club. A game is a two week long, virtual match competition, between all teams. A complete season is a preseason game and eight regular season games. The season is divided into two semester halves. The first half is four games during the Fall semester. The second half is an additional four games during the (Winter and) Spring semester.

Teams and their athletes will be invited to compete in a new game every two weeks. Teams will compete from their home range. Scores from each team will be merged on the Internet using Orion's Virtual Match technology. Results will be listed live online on Scopos' Rezults website (<https://rezults.scopos.tech>).

Schedule

The League's Season is composed of a preseason game (that does not count towards overall rankings), four games in the Fall, and four games in the Spring.

The regular season competition weeks are as follows.

- Preseason Game: 14 – 27 September 2026
- Game 1: 28 September to 11 October 2026
- Game 2: 12 to 25 October 2026
- Game 3: 26 October to 8 November 2026
- Game 4: 9 to 22 November 2026
- Game 5: 11 to 24 January 2027
- Game 6: 25 January to 7 February 2027
- Game 7: 8 to 21 February 2027
- Game 8: 22 February to 7 March 2027

Rankings

Teams and their athletes will be ranked according to their seasonable average of their top six regular season scores. Results will be available on Scopos's Rezults website (<https://rezults.scopos.tech>).

To be eligible for inclusion in the final rankings, teams and athletes must compete in at least half of the games. In this manner, teams and athletes may miss half of the

games and still be included in the ranking. Further, teams and athletes that compete in all the games will have an advantage as their lowest scores will be dropped.

Scores in the preseason game do not count in the rankings.

Team Member Requirements

Team members must be current students actively enrolled at the club's university or college. To help enrich student life, the League permits nearly all undergraduate, graduate, full time and part time students to participate. Only current NCAA rifle team members are prohibited. Coaches are permitted to have more stringent rules for their specific club member requirements.

Disabled athletes are permitted and encouraged to compete with their club teams. SH-1 athletes may compete as regular team members, SH-2 athletes may compete for score only with their club.

Individual athletes are generally only allowed to compete for one school within a single season. However, if they transfer schools the athlete may switch teams between the Fall and Spring semesters.

Games

A "game" is a two week long virtual match competition. All teams and individuals will be invited to participate in each game. Teams are not required to participate in every game.

The CMP Air Rifle and Air Pistol Competition Rules will govern the conduct of each game, except where clearly stated otherwise within this league program. Each team will shoot a 60 shot course of fire scored in decimal. The winning team is the team with the highest sum of their top four athlete's scores.

Each team may include as many club members as they wish, but only the top four athlete's scores will count. Teams who do not have four athletes available for a game will be given a DNF (did not finish) and their score for that game will not be factored into the overall ranking.

All scoring will be done electronically with Orion, Athena, or other approved Electronic Scoring Target systems. Manual methods of scoring and challenges are prohibited.

Deadline to Turn In Scores

Teams have two full calendar weeks, defined as Monday through the following Sunday, to shoot each game. Scores need to be submitted by midnight on the second Sunday.

- Teams that require technical assistance from Scopos must notify the league administrator (league@scopos.tech) prior to midnight on the second Sunday deadline. Scopos' support team will work with them to expeditiously submit their scores.
- Team coaches are responsible for submitting their team scores before the deadline and verifying the scores were submitted successfully on Results.

Teams who are unable to shoot their game during the scheduled week for circumstances beyond their control (e.g. a weather emergency) should contact the League Administrator as soon as possible so alternative scheduling can be made.

Range Command Script

Teams will be given a script to follow to include instructions for running a League game. This script is to help ensure all teams conduct their games under similar conditions and according to the rulebook.

Target Integrity Check

Paper targets and turned in EST scores will be periodically reviewed, checking for correct scoring and correct application of penalties. In each instance that scoring is done improperly the League Administrator will correct the score on the target and may assess an additional 2 point penalty.

Press Releases and Media Production

A key principle of The League is increasing the sport's spectator appeal. The League will achieve this by composing and distributing press releases after each game. The League uses Scopos' Range Reporter AI service to compose each press release. By raising awareness and familiarity, the goal is to increase the spectator appeal and familiarity of the sport.

During games, teams are encouraged to use audio and visual media production during each game to help improve the quality and excitement of each game. Media production includes:

- Playing music during the competition. Playing music is permitted during league games.
- Displaying the online scoreboard on a large TV or projector during the competition.
- Announcing the names of athletes who shot a personal best after the game's conclusion.

Registration

Any college or university, with a valid Orion for Clubs license, may enter a team into The League. Schools are limited to one team each.

The registration fee is \$140 (there is no separate or additional fee per athlete). A \$20 discount is given to teams who register before 7 September 2026.

Teams may register online on [Results](https://results.scopos.tech/league-registration/42/) (<https://results.scopos.tech/league-registration/42/>)

Registration is open until 8 January 2026. This allows teams to register half way through the season and still compete.

Teams may withdraw from the League, with a full refund, until 21 September 2026. After this time withdrawing from the league is impossible and no refunds will be given.

All team names must directly reference the college or university they represent. Mascots may not be included in the team name.

Team Coach

A team coach must be listed for each team. They will be the designated point of contact for the team and be responsible for submitting scores using their Orion software for each game. The team coach is eligible to compete as an athlete on the team provided they are enrolled as a student.

Team coach contact information will be shared between all coaches. This information is provided to allow coaches to promote sportsmanship and communicate with each other for the sole purpose of the league. Coaches are encouraged to contact their opposing team each week to wish them luck, and congratulate them on winning as appropriate.

By entering the league the team coach is giving the League Administer permission to contact him or her for the purpose of conducting the league in the current season, and promoting the league for future seasons.

The club must be an Orion for Clubs customer and have Results enabled. Clubs that do not yet have Orion Scoring System may purchase a license from Orion Scoring System's website (<https://scopos.tech/collections/orion-systems>).

Awards

To help encourage the development of athletes and recognize top performers, The League seeks to provide as many awards as possible to deserving teams and their team members.

Participation Awards

The participation and award schedule for 2026 to 2027 season is as follows:

- Each athlete from each team will receive a participation pin.
- Each athlete will receive a specially designed league sticker that may be placed on his or her rifle or gear box.
- A league pennant banner for each participating club.

Competition Awards

The top three teams and the top three individuals will receive awards at the end of the season.

- Engraved medals for each athlete from each for the top three overall teams.
- Engraved medals for each of the top three athletes.
- A banner for each of the top three teams.

Team Coach Responsibilities

The League can only be successful through shared responsibilities; both the League Administrator and each team coach has a role to play.

Team coaches are responsible for the following:

- Safely conducting each game according to current CMP Air Rifle and Air Pistol Competition Rules rules.
- Scheduling each game within the time frame of the week, and submitting the scores using Orion by midnight EST Sunday each week.
- The correct use of the Orion Scoring System.

- Contacting the League Administrator for any outstanding circumstance, such as a rule interpretation question, rule violation, or a scheduling conflict causing a delay in reporting scores.
- The honesty and integrity of their competition procedures, their team members, and all team representatives.
- Being familiar with this League Program and following all rules and procedures outlined within it.
- Respect the privacy of other coaches in the league and use the shared coaches contact information list for league competition communication only.

Team coaches are encouraged, but not required, to attend a coaches meeting webinar, to be held approximately one week prior to the start of the league. The exact date and time will be announced to all participating coaches approximately two weeks prior to the start of the league.

Rule Violations

If any team is found to have intentionally manipulated any submitted score or intentionally violated the league rules in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage, the team will be disqualified from the current season. The League Administrator may also enforce a three year ban on competing in any Scopos League. This rule is enforceable up to three years after the league has ended, if a team is found to have egregiously violated the rules, and only discovered after the season has ended.

Unintentional rule violations, rule violations that do not provide an unfair advantage, or unsportsmanlike behavior may be subject to warnings, penalty points, or game disqualifications. It is the sole responsibility of the League Administrator to investigate issues and determine appropriate penalties.

Team coaches who engage in unsportsmanlike behavior may be disciplined. Unsportsmanlike behavior includes accusing another team of cheating, making derogatory comments against another team, making derogatory comments against a league official, or arguing about a league official's decision.

Due to the timely necessity of game play decisions, like referees in a basketball game, League Administrator decisions may not be appealed.

League Administrator

The League Administrator is responsible for the conduct of each League season. This includes accepting team registrations, monitoring game activity, and adjudicating any rules issues.

Reasonable deviations to League rules to accommodate the specific needs of a team will be allowed during the season if approved by the League Administrator.

The League Administrator is allowed to clarify league rules during the season. League rules, however, may only be changed between seasons. Based on feedback from team coaches and previous seasons' operations, the League Administrator is responsible for changing League rules between seasons to ensure that the League remains efficient, effective, and relevant. All changes will be made within this League Program. Team coaches are strongly encouraged to provide feedback to the League Administrator using the phone number or email address below.

League Administrator responsibilities are held by Erik Anderson with Scopos.

Contact information is as follows:

Erik Anderson

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(703) 596 0099

The following individuals will assist the League Administrator to fulfill his duties during the season.

- Nate Phipps
- Zac Snell
- Jacob Bly

Additional Considerations

With feedback from the coaches, the League will consider adding the following to future seasons. Coaches are encouraged to provide their feedback on these options.

- Smallbore 3x20 Course of fire.
- Grouping teams into conferences for additional ranking.
- Postseason play Scheduling

Collegiate Pistol Clubs

- Collegiate pistol clubs may compete in the National Air Pistol League. This league takes place each Spring, late January to early April, and is composed of open, junior, and collegiate teams throughout the country. Visit national-leagues.com for more information.