**2023 NORTH DAKOTA OPEN 3-POSITION**

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**MATCH DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

**LOCATION:** W. G. COULTER RIFLE RANGE, 14 miles SW of Grand Forks, NDon County Road 6

(2051 12th Avenue NE, Emerado, ND 58228)

**SPONSORED BY:** The **FORKS RIFLE CLUB, Inc.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Tom Reiten, ,4620 Loamy Hills Place. Grand Forks, ND 58201

Phone: 701-793-1988

**OPEN TO:** ANYONE, however, **NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENTS** must be members of the **NORTH DAKOTA SHOOTING SPORTS ASSN**. **Memberships will be available at the range.**

**RULES:** Current NRA Smallbore rules will govern.

**DISTANCE:** 50 FEET on the NRA/USA 50 Orian Target

**RIFLE:** Any Rifle (rule 3.2) with any sights

**CLASSIFICATION:** The NRA Classification System will be used. Unclassified competitors will fire in the Master Class. Scores from a Temporary Score Record Book to establish a classification is acceptable.

**CHALLENGES:** The challenge fee will be $1.00 per bullseye. See NRA Rule 16.1 for correct procedure.

**ENTRIES: Individual Entries** should be Called in advance to Tom Reiten at 701-793-1988to assure you a place to shoot. Late entries may be accepted to the range capacity.

**MATCH FEES: Package Fee:** (All individual and aggregate matches) .. **$35.00**

**Junior Fee:** ......................................................................**$25.00**

**Team Matches:** Two-person team fee is included in package entry fee

Four-person team:……………………….**$16.00/team**

**RELAY TIMES:** Saturday February 18 - **Any time**, if there is space on a Sectional relay.

Sunday. February 19 – **8:00AM CST,** Relay 5 (8 shooters Max)

Sunday, February 19 – **11:00AM CST,** Relay 6 (8 shooters Max)

Sunday, February 19 – **2:00PM CST,** Relay 7 (8 shooters, Max)

Sunday, February 19 – **5:00PM\* CST,** Relay 8 (8 shooters, Max)

**\*(not used unless the above relays are full)**

**MATCH SCHEDULE:**

**MATCH No. 1:** Individual Match - 20 shots Prone, 20 minutes total time limit

**MATCH No. 2:** Individual Match - 20 shots Standing, 40 minutes total time limit

**MATCH No. 3:** Individual Match - 20 shots Kneeling, 30 minutes total time limit

**MATCH No. 4:** Individual Match - 10 shots in each of the Three positions.

**MATCH No. 5:** Individual State Championship - The Don Fesland Memorial Trophy Match, an Aggregate of Matches 1, 2, 3 & 4

**MATCH No. 7:** State 2-Man Team Championship - Scores taken from Match 4.

**MATCH No. 8:** State 4-Man Team Championship - Scores taken from Match 4.

**FIRING PROCEDURES:** A five (5) minute break and three (3) minute preparation time will be allowed between each match. Unlimited sighting shots will be allowed in all matches and stages but must be taken within the match or stage time limit. (Rule 8.2)

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**CLASSES:** If there are less than five (5) entries in a class, no awards will be provided in that class and all the competitors in the lower class will be moved to the next higher class.

1. If there are less than five (5) entries in a class after combining classes, they will be combined with the next higher class.

2. If there are less than five (5) entries in the Master Class after combining classed and categories, there will be no awards provided in the Master Class and the Masters will shoot for Match Winner and Place Awards only.

3. An Individual winning an open overall award will NOT be eligible for a class or special award and that award will be passed down to the next eligible individual.

4. Combining of classes and categories will be used for all fired and aggregate matches.

**AWARDS:** Awards will be provided by the Forks Rifle Club and the North Dakota Shooting Sports Association.

**State Championship Match (Match 5):** The resident winner will receive the **Donald Fesland Memorial Trophy** to keep until the next championship match plus a replica to keep provided by NDSSA. If an out of state shooter is high, an additional replica will be provided.

**Fired matches (Matches 1,2,3,4):** Gift certificate to the match winners and high score in each class if five (5) or more enter in the class

**Team awards:** (matches 7 & 8) to be determined.