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SUMMARY of CHANGE

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This regulation--

- o Was formerly AR 350-6. Since its last publication, this regulation has been revised in accordance with statutory changes to the Civilian Marksmanship Program.
- o Was last revised on 13 May 1985 and was subsequently rescinded. (This publication is a reinstatement of the 1985 regulation.)
- o Reflects statutory changes to the Civilian Marksmanship Program (throughout).
- o Establishes the responsibilities, policies, and procedures of the Department of the Army for implementing the Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program (chap 1).
- o Defines the role of small arms marksmanship competition in Army training (chap 2).
- o Defines the civilian and inter-service matches in which Army personnel may participate (chap 3).
- o Determines procedures for the award of Credit Points in Army Component-sponsored EIC matches (chap 4).

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Designation Badges and the award of Distinguished Designation.

Applicability. This regulation applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve.

Proponent and exception authority. The proponent of this regulation is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3. The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulation. Proponents may delegate the approval authority, in writing, to a division chief within the proponent agency in the rank of colonel or the civilian equivalent.

Army management control process. This regulation does not contain management control provisions.

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Distribution. This publication is available in electronic media only and is intended for command levels C, D, and E for the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve.

History. This publication is a new Department of the Army regulation.

Summary. This regulation provides the policy and procedures for participating in Army-wide small arms marksmanship competitions, and it discusses the scoring and award of credit points for Excellence in Competition Badges and Distinguished

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Glossary

Chapter 1 Introduction

1-1. Purpose

The Civilian Marksmanship Program is recognized by the U.S. Congress as a means to instruct citizens of the United States in marksmanship, to promote practice and safety in the use of firearms, and to conduct competitions in the use of firearms. As part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, 104a Pub.L.106, 110 Stat. 186 (1996), the conduct of the Civilian Marksmanship Program was transferred from the Department of the Army to the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety (CPRPFS). Under the provisions of 36 United States Code (USC) Chapter 407, the CPRPFS is responsible for the overall supervision, oversight, and control of the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The Army may provide limited logistical support through use of appropriated funds, as provided in this regulation. This regulation establishes Department of the Army (DA) responsibilities, policy, and procedures for implementing the Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship program. The objectives of this regulation are to—

- a.* Promote training interest and raise the standards of proficiency in the use of individual service weapons.
- b.* Improve marksmanship training techniques and assist in the improvement of weapons and equipment associated with the combat soldier.
- c.* Provide for development of individual marksmen.
- d.* Provide an opportunity for individuals who excel in the use of small arms to assemble, prepare, and compete as representatives of parent units and commands, major Army commands, the Army, and the United States.
- e.* Provide outstanding Army marksmen in order to attain and maintain U.S. Army leadership in Armed Forces (interservice) and national competition.
- f.* Provide outstanding marksmen who can assist the United States in attaining and maintaining leadership in international competition and world military competition.
- g.* Provide an opportunity for the U.S. Army to assist marksmanship training activities of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) personnel and to engage in all types of competitive marksmanship activities.

1-2. References

Required and related publications are listed in Appendix A.

1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-4. Responsibilities

- a.* Commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). The Commander, TRADOC will exercise overall supervision of small arms competitive marksmanship programs and international competitions through the Commander, U.S. Army Recruiting Command (USAREC).
- b.* Commander, USAREC. The Commander, USAREC—
 - (1) Approves interservice, national and international level competitions in which Army personnel may compete.
 - (2) Supports the participation of Active Army personnel selected to represent the Army and United States in approved national and international marksmanship competitions.
 - (3) Supervises the expenditure of funds for support of Active Army personnel in national and international competitions.
- c.* Chief, Army Reserve (CAR) and Chief, National Guard Bureau (CNGB). The CAR and CNGB exercise control over small arms competitive marksmanship activities of their respective Reserve Components (RCs).
- d.* Commander, United States Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU). The Commander, USAMU—
 - (1) Conducts competitive marksmanship clinics as directed by CG, USAREC.
 - (2) Maintains records of Active Component AC and RC personnel competing in Excellence in Competition (EIC) matches.
 - (3) Conducts the Small Arms Firing School as a part of the National matches.
 - (4) Conducts and supervises the annual Armed Forces (interservice) International Shooting Competitions.
 - (5) Selects, supports, and supervises personnel to represent the Active Army in Armed Forces (interservice), national, and international level competitions.
 - (6) Notifies Commander, USAREC, of Active Army personnel selected to represent the United States in approved international sporting level competitions.
 - (7) Issues orders authorizing the award of the EIC Badges and the Distinguished Designation Badge.

Chapter 2 General Competitive Marksmanship Policy

2-1. Small arms marksmanship

Participation in military and civilian-sponsored small arms marksmanship competitions offers soldiers the opportunity to refine their marksmanship skills, compete against other military and civilian marksmen, and earn superior marksmanship awards in addition to the Army basic marksmanship awards available through annual qualification standards.

a. Army personnel should be provided opportunities to prepare for and participate in small arms marksmanship competition. These preparations, which include those for international competitions, are classified as training.

b. Authority for planning, directing, conducting, supervising, and publicizing competitive marksmanship activities within the Army is delegated to the lowest possible command element. Plans for competitive marksmanship activities will include provisions to publicize excellence in marksmanship, both internally and externally.

c. Competitive marksmanship match programs must include Excellence in Competition (EIC) matches. In addition, the program of matches will include a National match course individual rifle and pistol EIC match provided adequate facilities are available. Credit toward the Distinguished Designation Badge may be earned.

d. Match programs should emphasize and encourage the following:

(1) A variety of shooting styles, distances, and timing of firing with as many weapons and weapon systems as possible.

(2) Training of experienced competitive marksmen.

(3) Development of shooter/instructors.

(4) Off-duty competitive marksmanship activities.

e. MACOM participation in international level competitions is authorized and encouraged.

f. Army personnel selected to represent the Army in Armed Forces (interservice), national, and international level competitions may be assigned at such places as appropriate to—

(1) Prepare for and participate in authorized competitions.

(2) Plan, observe, or coordinate matters pertaining to authorized competitions.

2-2. AC and RC non-Distinguished competitors

a. Active and Reserve Component non-Distinguished competitors are subject to special requirements when entering approved EIC matches conducted at civilian-sponsored Regional and State Championship matches. These competitors must sign a statement affirming that they have not exceeded the 20 credit points allowed for AC and RC personnel in EIC competitions at this level. Credit points earned in the National Trophy Individual Rifle or Pistol matches are not counted as part of the 20-point maximum.

b. Competitors must also provide the match sponsor a listing of their participation in service matches during the current calendar year.

c. Failure to provide the information in *a* and *b*, above, may be cause for disqualification and may prohibit participation in other EIC matches.

2-3. Distinguished Designation

a. Credit points held by non-Distinguished military personnel and civilians who become members of the U.S. Army may be transferred and applied toward Army Distinguished Designation.

b. Civilians or military personnel from other services who attained Distinguished Designation prior to entry in the U.S. Army may be so recognized by the Army upon proper documentation and may be awarded a Distinguished badge if appropriate.

2-4. Support of competitive marksmanship activities

The Army may provide logistical support to the CMP for competitions and other activities, subject to the following limitations:

a. All weapons, equipment, ammunition, and targets required to support marksmanship training that are chargeable to appropriated funds must be included in applicable tables of allowances.

b. Commercial ammunition is authorized when service ammunition is not available.

Chapter 3 Civilian and Interservice Matches

3-1. Participation in civilian and interservice matches

Soldiers may compete in matches registered or approved by the NRA, or other civilian-sponsored competitions; however, if a soldier competes in such a match with a service or match rifle, at ranges between 200 through 600 yards/meters, the soldier must compete in the military category if either his transportation or other travel expenses are paid, wholly or in part, from appropriated funds, or if he uses government-issued equipment or ammunition.

3-2. National matches and National Trophy matches

- a. Rules and regulations as approved by the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety (CPRPFS) govern participation in the National Trophy matches.
- b. Active Army and RC personnel may not enter EIC matches in the civilian category.

3-3. Excellence in Competition matches

- a. Each individual is authorized to fire for credit points in not more than four recognized EIC matches with each weapon (service rifle and service pistol) during the calendar year.
- b. An individual who fires in any portion of a match is considered to have participated in the entire match.
- c. Credit is awarded for unassisted individual performance using the service rifle or service pistol.
- d. Total credit points for any one match constitute a Leg, and credit points are awarded towards any of the following—
 - (1) Distinguished Designation.
 - (2) EIC Badges.
 - (3) Distinguished Designation Badges.
- e. Non-Distinguished persons are not authorized to enter EIC matches for practice on a noncredit basis.
- f. Commander, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, in accordance with AR 600-8-22, will make announcement of EIC awards to eligible personnel.

3-4. Substitution for service matches

- a. If a soldier is unable to participate in one of the following service matches, he may substitute an approved match for the service match he or she cannot attend:
 - (1) MACOM or Continental U.S. Army Championships.
 - (2) U.S. Army Small Arms Championships.
 - (3) Armed Forces (interservice) Championships.
- b. When the conditions in *a*, above, are met, personnel may participate in major command championships of another service or an approved match. Entry is limited to two approved matches or two MACOM championships of other services per calendar year (see table 3-1).
- c. The substitution must not occur until after the service match has taken place. Participation eligibility is according to table 3-1.

3-5. Army Component-sponsored competitions

- a. Competitors from other services and U.S. civilians may be invited to participate in Army Component-sponsored competitions, with the exception of the U.S. Army Small Arms Championships. These matches are conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations for the National matches and other service regulations. Participation eligibility is determined according to table 3-1.
- b. Table 3-1 should be used by Army Component personnel to determine the eligibility of personnel for the various Army Component-sponsored EIC Leg matches. Participants identified in table 3-1 include the Army National Guard (ARNG), U.S. Army Reserve (USAR), U.S. Navy (USN), U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), U.S. Navy Reserve (USNR), U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, U.S. Air Force (USAF), U.S. Air Force Reserve (USAFR), Air National Guard (ANG), civilians (civs), and United States Military Academy (USMA).

Note. The numerical entries in table 3-1 correspond to the notes below it. All notes apply separately to Pistol and Rifle Leg matches.

**Table 3-1
Participation eligibility for Excellence in Competition Leg matches**

Competitive event, of which Leg match is a part	ARMY	USAR ARNG	USN USNR	USMC USMCR	USAF USAFR ANG	SVC Academy ROTC cadets	USCG	CIVS
U.S. Army install/div USAR (RSC and GOCOM) and NG state championships	(1, 3)	(1, 3)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1,8)	(2)	(2)
Major command/continental U.S. Army championships	(3)	(3)	(4, 5)	(2)	(5, 6)	(7, 8)	(3, 5, 9)	(3)
U.S. Army small arms championships	(3, 16)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2, 6)	(3)	(2)	(2)
Armed forces (interservice) championships	(3, 5)	(3, 5)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)
Approved EIC matches (NRA regional and state championships)	(9, 5)	(9, 5)	(10, 16)	(15, 16)	(9, 16)	(7, 10, 11)	(9, 16)	(12)
Major command championships of other Services	(9)	(9)	(4, 5, 13, 16)	(2, 16)	(9, 16)	(7)	(13, 16)	(13)
National trophy matches	(3)	(3)	(3, 16)	(3, 16)	(3, 16)	(3)	(3,16)	(3)
NG championships (Wilson, NG region, and CNGB)	(14)	(14)	(14)	(14)	(14)	(14)	(14)	(2)

Notes:

- ¹ Limited to Army, USAR, ARNG, ANG, USMA and Army ROTC personnel who have not earned a Bronze Excellence in Competition Badge
- ² Entry not authorized.
- ³ One per calendar year.
- ⁴ USN instructions to be furnished.
- ⁵ Entry authorized only when circumstances preclude participation in parent service major command championship or equivalent. In addition, entry by Army personnel is authorized only after the completion date of the substituted service match.
- ⁶ ANG participation authorized.
- ⁷ Parent service restrictions apply.
- ⁸ USMA and Army ROTC cadets only as range capacity permits.
- ⁹ Entry limited to two approved EIC matches or two major command championships of other Service per calendar year (see note 5 above). Personnel of all components of the Army can earn a maximum of 20 credit points in approved EIC matches. USAF personnel require written authority of HQ USAF. U.S. Coast Guard personnel require written authority from commanding officer. Entry authorized for Army, USAR, and ARNG only when circumstances prevent participation in the following service events: MACOM Championships, Continental U.S. Army Championships, U.S. Army Small Arms Championships, Armed Forces (interservice) Championships (see note 5, above).
- ¹⁰ USN personnel may compete in not more than one approved EIC rifle and/or pistol match in NRA Regional Championship per calendar year if 20 or more credit points have not been earned in either NRA regional or other service command championship.
- ¹¹ ROTC cadets compete in the civilian category.
- ¹² Two matches per calendar year unless there has been no participation in MACOM competitions. If there has been no participation in MACOM competitions, three matches are authorized.
- ¹³ Entry limited to one service-sponsored major command championship per calendar year.
- ¹⁴ Participation in the annual Winston P. Wilson, NG Region, and CNGB Championships will be allowed for rifle and pistol Leg matches only up to range capacity.
- ¹⁵ Personnel of the USMC and USMCR are authorized to participate in other approved Leg matches that are fired in Regional and State Championships only until they have accumulated 10 points from such matches. After accumulating 10 points, they are no longer authorized to compete in such matches. Marines may compete in not more than four leg matches per year, all of which may be approved EIC Leg matches.
- ¹⁶ Personnel from other Services should refer to their internal regulations for determining participation eligibility.

Chapter 4 Procedures for Award of Credit Points in Army Component-Sponsored EIC Matches

4-1. Award of credit points

- a. Competitors are ranked in order of merit by score.
- b. Credit points are awarded to the highest 10 percent of the eligible non-Distinguished participants. Fractions of 0.5 and over are rounded to the next higher number (see table 4-1).
- c. For credit points to be awarded, the match must meet the following criteria:
 - (1) Conform to the regulations governing the conduct of the match.

- (2) Include at least 10 eligible non-Distinguished competitors.
- (3) Be completed.
- d.* A Bronze EIC Badge is awarded to Army competitors who earn their first credit points, regardless of credit point value.
- e.* A Silver EIC Badge is awarded to individuals when 20 credit points have been earned.
- f.* Upon completion of an EIC match, the match director will report EIC match results to the USAMU, in accordance with paragraph *h*, below. The USAMU EIC awards custodian will then issue orders awarding the Bronze, Silver, or Distinguished Designation Badge, or credit toward each, as appropriate.
- g.* Award of the appropriate Distinguished Designation Badge is made when an individual has earned 30 EIC credit points in recognized matches. Upon earning this award, the individual loses the non-Distinguished status with that weapon.
- h.* The match director at Army Component-sponsored competitions is responsible for reporting EIC match results to: Commander, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, ATTN: Custodian, Excellence in Competition Awards, P.O. Box 55810, Fort Benning, GA 31905-5810.
- i.* The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit custodian for EIC awards will report the EIC match results from *h*, above, as follows:
 - (1) Civilian, ROTC, and retired military competitor results will be reported to: Director of Civilian Marksmanship Program, Erie Industrial Park, Building 650, P. O. Box 576, Port Clinton, OH 43452-9187.
 - (2) The U.S. Air Force, U.S. Air Force Reserve, and U.S. Air Force National Guard competitor results will be reported to: HQ AFSVA/SVPAF, ATTN: AF Shooting Program Manager, 10100 Reunion Place, Suite 402, San Antonio, TX 78216-4138.
 - (3) U.S. Coast Guard competitor results will be reported to: Commandant (GOMO), U.S. Coast Guard, 21 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593.
 - (4) U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve competitor results will be reported to: Officer in Charge, Marksmanship Training Unit, Weapons Training Battalion, ATTN: CPR Management, Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, VA 22134-5040.
 - (5) U.S. Navy and U.S. Navy Reserve competitor results will be reported to: Chief of Naval Operations, ATTN: Awards and Special Projects Branch, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

Table 4-1
Award of credit points for highest 10 percent of eligible competitors

Competition	Portion of top 10 percent receiving points	Number of points
U.S. Army installation/division, USAR (RSC and GOCOM) and NG state championships	All	4 (maximum)
All others	Highest scoring 1/6 Next highest score 1/3 Remainder who are authorized credit points	10 8 6

4-2. Conduct of matches

- a.* The program of matches conducted by MACOMs, Army installations and divisions, RSC, GOCOM, and at the State National Guard level should include combat-type individual rifle and pistol matches.
- b.* Commanders conducting matches according to this regulation must forward one copy of the official bulletin and separate registration lists of rifle and pistol competitors to the Commander, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, ATTN: Custodian, Excellence in Competition Records, P.O. Box 55810, Fort Benning, GA 31905-5810. The bulletins and lists are prepared as follows:
 - (1) Official bulletins will rank competitors in order of excellence. Commander, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit prescribes the format.
 - (2) Registration lists will be in alphabetical order by last name—
 - (a) Last name, first name, and middle initial.
 - (b) Rank.
 - (c) Social security number.
 - (d) Address of the individual’s parent unit or the home address of civilians.
 - (e) The home address of civilian, USAR, ARNG, and other service competitors.

Appendix A References

Section I Required Publications

AR 600–8–22

Military Awards (Cited in para 3–3f)

Section II Related Publications

A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this publication.

Air Force Instruction 34–227

Excellence in Competition (EIC). www.e-publishing.af.mil/search

DODD 1330.4

Participation in Interservice, National, and International Sports Activities, March 1987. www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/

Section III Prescribed Forms

There are no entries in this section.

Section IV Referenced Forms

There are no entries in this section.

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

ANG

Air National Guard

ARNG

Army National Guard

CAR

Chief, Army Reserve

CG

Commanding General

CMP

Civilian Marksmanship Program

CPRPFS

Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety

CNGB

Chief, National Guard Bureau

DA

Department of the Army

DCM

Director of Civilian Marksmanship

EIC

Excellence in Competition

GOCOM

U.S. Army Reserve General Officer Command

MACOM

Major Army Command

NRA

National Rifle Association

RC

Reserve Component

ROTC

Reserve Officers' Training Corps

RSC

U.S. Army Reserve Support Command

SVC

Service

USAF

U.S. Air Force

USAFR

U.S. Air Force Reserve

USAMU

U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

USAR

U.S. Army Reserve

USCG

U.S. Coast Guard

USMC

U.S. Marine Corps

USMCR

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

USN

U.S. Navy

USNR

U.S. Naval Reserve

Section II**Terms****Armed Forces (Interservice) Championships**

Annual matches held at the interservice level. Pistol championships are held in Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and are conducted by the Army National Guard. The U.S. Marine Corps prior to the National matches conducts rifle championships at Quantico, Virginia. The U.S. Army conducts interservice international championships at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Civilian Marksmanship Program and Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) promotes firearm safety training and rifle practice for all qualified U.S. citizens with special emphasis on youth. The CMP operates through a network of affiliated shooting clubs and associations that covers every state in the U.S. The clubs and associations offer firearms safety training and marksmanship courses as well as the opportunity for continued practice and competition. The U.S. Congress created the CMP. The original purpose was to provide civilians an opportunity to learn and practice marksmanship skills so they would be skilled marksmen if later called on to serve the U.S. military. Over the years the emphasis of the program shifted to focus on youth development through marksmanship. From 1916 until 1996 the U.S. Army administered the CMP. In 1996 Congress created the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety (CPRPFS) to take over administration and promotion of the CMP.

Director of Civilian Marksmanship

An individual appointed by the Board of Directors, CPRPFS who is responsible for the daily operations of the CPRPFS and the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

Distinguished Designation

Award of the Distinguished Pistol Shot or Distinguished Rifleman Badge. These awards are presented to individuals who have earned 30 credit points while firing a service rifle or a service pistol in Excellence in Competition matches.

Excellence in Competition Badge

An award presented for placing in the top 10 percent of the eligible non-Distinguished competitors in an Excellence in Competition match.

Excellence in Competition match

A match in which credit toward the Distinguished Designation may be earned and Bronze or Silver Excellence in Competition badges awarded. Also referred to as a Leg match.

Installation Championships

Matches conducted at the installation level prior to the MACOM and Continental U.S. Army Championships.

Leg

A term derived from the stand or legs upon which a trophy cup is placed. In order to take permanent possession of certain trophies in the past, the trophy had to be won more than one time, and the winner took possession of one of the Legs. Previous regulations required that Army competitors win Excellence in Competition Badges in specific matches, coined Leg matches, prior to being awarded a Distinguished Designation Badge. The present system is based on a credit point system. Total credit points earned in any one match constitute a leg.

Leg match

See Excellence in Competition match.

MACOM/Continental U.S. Army Championships

A match held at the MACOM level or at the continental Army level prior to the U.S. Army Rifle and Pistol Championships.

National Guard Championships

Conducted annually as prescribed by the CNGB.

National matches

The National matches are part of the Civilian Marksmanship Program and include the National Trophy matches, the NRA National Rifle and Pistol Championships, the Small Arms Firing Schools, and special events and ceremonies. The National matches are conducted annually at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Non-Distinguished competitor

An individual who has not earned 30 credit points for the weapon being used in an Excellence in Competition match.

Other approved EIC matches

EIC matches approved by the Board of Directors, CPRPFS, and conducted in conjunction with civilian-sponsored Regional or State championships.

U.S. Army Small Arms Championships

An annual match held at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Section III**Special Abbreviations and Terms**

This section contains no entries.

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