Royal Rangers
National Shooting Sports Program
2026 National Black Powder Rifle Championship

WHERE
Camp Eagle Rock, Eagle Rock, Missouri

WHEN
The tournament will be conducted on Thursday, July 16,2026. Shooters must check in at the Brownells Rifle Range. Competition will run in morning and afternoon sessions.

2026 Tournament Guidelines

REGISTRATION

1. Registration forms can be found online at https://nationalcamporama.com/Details/Downloads. All downloadable forms can be found on the downloads page.
2. Preregistration must be completed by June 30, 2026.

ELIGIBILITY

1. This tournament is held at the National Camporama.
2. Competitors must be involved in and from an active outpost.
3. Individuals must meet all requirements listed on the Camporama application and must be a registered Camporama participant.
4. A valid Black Powder Shooters Card from the NRA or NMLRA must be presented to compete.

CONDUCT OF THE TOURNAMENT

1. Basic firearms rules safety standards are to be understood and strictly adhered to by all.
2. Participants should be familiar with the Official Rules & Regulations from the NRA (#CB16380).
   a. See *NRA Muzzle Loading, Pistol, & Shotgun Rule Rulebook* Section 3.2(a) & (b) with the following exception: "Wiping out of barrels between shots is permitted."
3. Any action (or inaction) by a participant that is deemed unsafe by Range Staff or could create a potentially unsafe shooting environment for the participant or others will result in an immediate dismissal from the premises and disqualification from competition and/or open shooting.
4. Acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification.
5. No loaded firearms are allowed outside of the Brownells Range firing line.
6. All firearms are to be transported in a secure gun case on camp property.
7. Match directors, range safety officer, and or Royal Ranger staff will have complete authority to convey, modify, and/or add to these rules or amend the course of fire at any time.
8. **ALL** decisions by range staff are final.

Course of Fire: 4 Shots (1 shot at 25-yard silhouette, 1 shot at 50-yard silhouette, 1 shot at 75-yard silhouette, and 1 shot at 100-yard silhouette) all taken from the **standing** position with no support. (For ties, there will be four or five 3" metal spinning targets at 30 yards that the shooter must hit from the standing position.)

1. The shooter must declare his intention to compete by stating he is "shooting for score."
2. The shooter must hit all four silhouettes in order.
3. If all four silhouettes are hit, then the shooter must fire at the smaller tie eliminating spinners.
4. If a shooter misses one of the metal targets, his competition is over. His total hits will be scored.

Scoring: Scoring will be calculated from hits on the metal reactive silhouette targets

Target: The official targets will be silhouette metal targets.

Equipment

1. Only muzzle loading black powder rifles with either smoothbore or rifled barrels will be permitted.
2. Shotguns, in-line rifles, or pistols are not permitted.
3. "Sabot" bullets are not permitted.
4. Patched round balls are the only approved ammunition. Competitors may provide their own powder and round balls for the competition.
5. Eye and ear protection are required during this event by all competitors.

Gun Inspection: All black powder rifles must be presented to the match referee for a safety inspection prior to the start of competition.

Eye & Ear Protection: All competitors and other personnel forward of the ready line must use ear protections and shatterproof shooting glasses or other similar eye protection devices.

AWARDS

Gold, silver, and bronze medals (or 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place Camporama ribbons) will be presented to the winners in each of the following categories:

- Intermediate Junior - Ages 11-13
- Junior – Ages 14-15
- Senior – Ages 16-17
- Adult 18 & older (must be involved in an active outpost)

FAQ

When is the deadline to register?
All registration forms must be received by Darell Freeman by June 30, 2026. On-site registration will be allowed.

Do we need to provide our own equipment?
It is recommended you provide your own black powder rifle. You may provide your own round balls and powder. Safety is first and foremost. Only bring enough powder to compete in this event. All powder and black powder rifles must be properly stored when not used on the range. Camp black powder rifles will be available to use and shoot, and powder will be available for those who need it.

Will participants be allowed practice time at the Brownells Rifle Range?
There is no practice time scheduled for this event.

Adults and Ranger age categories determine competition categories
Current Age Group determines which group *you will be the day you compete*.

Where do I direct my questions about the Black Powder Competition?
You may direct questions to event coordinator Anthony Cannella at Cannella1555@gmail.com. or John Kennedy at rrfcfrepsd@gmail.com .

Email completed individual forms to: Darell Freeman, Dare2bfreeman@gmail.com
Mail in forms not an option.