

## 2019 Mini-Palma Match, Tryouts, and Team Selection

Shooters,

This year's Mini-Palma Match and the Canadian's Atlantic Championship will be held in Prince Edward Island over the Labor Day Weekend. We have been invited to shoot in their championship on August 31st and September 1st. This will be open to all team and non-team members. The banquet will be held on September 1st and the Mini-Palma Match will be shot on the 2nd. We did this in Nova Scotia in 2015 and it worked out great. We got a lot more shooting in and got a handle on the range. For those of you who have not shot in Canada, it's a great experience. You'll need about 150 rounds for the Atlantic Championship and (for a small fee) you may attend the banquet. I'll post more detailed information soon.

There will be two tryouts for the Mini-Palma team this year. I want to get the team selection process over early this year to avoid conflicts with other events. The tryouts will be held in Keene on June 2nd and June 30th. Each tryout will consist of three 20 round 600 yard matches. The team consists of 6 sling/iron sight shooters and 4 F/TR shooters. Permissible calibers are .308 and .223/5.56mm. A bullet weight of no more than 156 grains for .308 sling shooter is required but no required bullet weight for others. These are the Mini-Palma and Canadian rules.

In 2018 we had two tryout matches, I had to find a way to compare them fairly. While we had fair weather both days, the wind conditions were quite different, so using pure scores would be unfair. I decided to assign a numerical value based on your placement in the match. I eliminated the competitors not trying out for the team.

Twenty points were awarded for first place, nineteen points for second, and so on. However, a competitor might make the team with a higher placement but lower score than someone with a lower placement and higher score from the other match because of the number of competitors in each match. I had to stay with one method i.e. numerical ranking throughout the selection process. This method has been used in the past for our team selection, and while not perfect it works better than most other methods. This is about as fair as I can make it.

Competitors shooting both matches got the benefit of using their highest placement. The only time a score was employed was when competitors had the same placement. Then the high score prevails.

I will post the results and team selection as soon after the June 30th match as possible. Don't wait to get your passport - do it now. If you don't make the team you can still shoot.