

From Tom Torborgs's Article: Vinatage Military Rifle Matches:

I'm willing to guess everyone right now is thinking: "What rifles can I use in these matches?" Let's see what the CMP Rules say:

### **6.3 As-Issued Military Rifle Rules**

The following rules apply to all rifles that are used in CMP-sanctioned CMP Games

Matches for as-issued military rifles (Rule 3.0 and Rule 9.0).

#### **6.3.1 As-Issued Military Rifle Requirements**

The following rules apply to all as-issued U. S. and foreign military rifles unless specific exceptions are noted in the rules:

- (1) All as-issued military rifles must be rifles that were commonly issued to U. S. Armed Forces or to foreign military personnel.
- (2) The rifle must be in as-issued condition, with a standard stock and sights.
- (3) The rifle must conform to the weight and dimensional specifications of the standard-issue service rifle. Weights, including bayonets, may not be attached or added to the rifle, but issue oilers or cleaning kits may be placed in the stock.
- (4) Commercial or replica versions of as-issued military rifles are not permitted.
- (5) Rebarreling with a barrel of as-issued dimensions is permitted. A replacement barrel must have the same exact contours and cuts as the original as-issued barrel.
- (6) Only government-issue parts or government or commercial parts of the exact same weight and dimensions may be used.
- (7) Sights must be of the same types that were on rifles issued to regular military personnel. Special purpose sights designed for sniping or competition are not permitted.
- (8) Rifles may be accurized only by the careful assembly of standard parts.
- (9) The use of flash suppressors, cheek pads, recoil pads, or stock extensions

are prohibited.

(10) Bayonets may not be attached to As-Issued Military Rifles during competitions.

(11) Stocks must be as-issued stocks or replacement stocks with the same dimensions. Laminated stocks and stocks made of synthetic materials are prohibited. Broken or cracked as-issued stocks may be repaired with the use of epoxies or other chemical adhesives, provided the original as-issued stock dimensions are not changed and no epoxy, adhesive or reinforcing material is used in or on any of the bedding surfaces for the rifle action or barrel.

### **6.3.2 As-Issued M1 Garand**

The rifle must be a Caliber .30 U. S. M1 Garand rifle that was issued by the U.S. Armed Forces and be in as-issued condition. A Caliber .30 M1941 Johnson rifle or a U.S. Carbine Caliber .30 M1 may be fired in matches designated for M1 Garand rifles.

(1) These rifles must be as issued by the U.S. Armed Forces, with standard stock and sights.

(2) Trigger pulls may not be less than 4.5 pounds, except that the M1941 Johnson may have a trigger pull of not less than 3.5 pounds.

(3) "NM" rifles, or rifles with NM parts, including NM sights, may not be used in the rifle, except that NM operating rods may be used.

(4) The use of shims made of any material in the action and barrel bedding areas of the stock is prohibited.

(5) As-issued M1 Garands must be chambered for the .30-06 cartridge. No rifles chambered for the 7.62mm NATO (.308) cartridge may be used.

(6) M1C and M1D Garands, with telescopes detached, are considered to be As-Issued M1 Garands, provided that they comply with other requirements

for As-Issued M1 Garands.

### **6.3.3 As-Issued M1903 Springfield**

The rifle must be a standard issue service rifle that was issued by the U.S.

Armed Forces and be in as-issued condition. Permitted rifles are the Caliber

.30 U. S. Model 1903 and Model 1903 A3 Springfield rifles, except that Caliber

.30 U. S. Model 1903 Springfield rifles manufactured by Springfield Armory

with serial numbers of 810,000 or lower or by Rock Island Arsenal with serial

numbers of 285,506 or lower may not be used in any CMP-sanctioned competition.

(1) Rifles must be as issued by the U.S. Armed Forces, with standard stock and sights.

(2) Trigger pulls on the M1903 Springfield may not be less than 3.5 pounds.

(3) Sights must be of the same types that were on rifles issued to regular military personnel. Special purpose sights designed for sniping, target practice or competition are not permitted.

(4) Sights with USMC dimensions for aperture diameter and front sight blade thickness are permitted on both M1903 and M1903A3 rifles. The rear sight aperture may be enlarged by drilling or reaming and a wider front sight blade may be installed. The A3 rear sight must remain as issued except for the larger aperture. The top of the front sight blade must not be wider than 0.100". The rear sight aperture must not be larger than 0.100".

(5) The use of shims made of any material in the action and barrel bedding areas of the stock is prohibited.

(6) Only U.S. Government Issue parts or non-U. S. Government or commercial parts of the exact same weight and dimensions may be used.

(7) Springfield rifles may be fired with as-issued front sight covers in place on the rifle. Legal sight covers include the common front sight covers

made by Springfield Arsenal, Rock Island Arsenal, and Remington, and the higher Marine Corps front sight cover made for the Marine Corps front sight. Commercial equivalents of those covers may be used. No sight cover may be higher than 1.6" when measured from the bottom of the barrel.

#### **6.3.4 Other As-Issued U. S. Military Rifles**

The rifle must be a manually operated rifle that was issued by the U.S. Armed Forces and be in as-issued condition. Permitted rifles are the Caliber .30 U. S. Model 1917 and U. S. Krag.

- (1) These firearms must be as issued by the U.S. Armed Forces, with standard stock and sights.
- (2) Trigger pulls may not be less than 4.5 pounds.
- (3) Sights must be of the same types that were on rifles issued to regular military personnel, except that as-issued aperture rear sights on U. S. Krag rifles may be enlarged to a maximum of 0.100" and the front sight may be retrofitted with a blade with the same profile as the as-issued sight that is not wider than 0.100".
- (4) The use of shims made of any material in the action and barrel bedding areas of the stock is prohibited.
- (5) Only U.S. Government Issue parts or non-U. S. Government or commercial parts of the exact same weight and dimensions may be used.
- (6) As-issued M1917 rifles must be chambered for the .30-06 cartridge. U. S. Krag rifles must be chambered for the .30-40 Krag cartridge.

#### **6.3.5 As-Issued M1 Carbine**

The firearm must be a U. S. M1 or M1A1 Carbine chambered for the Caliber .30

Carbine cartridge that was issued by the U.S. Armed Forces, manufactured by Inland, IBM, Irwin-Pedersen, National Postal Meter, Quality Hardware, Rock27 Ola, Saginaw Steering Gear, Standard Products, Underwood or Winchester. Carbines made by any other manufacturer may be fi red out-of- competition (see Rules 4.11 and 6.2.7) if permitted by the match sponsor.

- (1) Carbines must be as issued by the U.S. Armed Forces, with standard stock and sights.
- (2) Trigger pulls may not be less than 4.5 pounds.
- (3) Carbines must conform to the weight and dimensions of the standard issue M1 Carbine. Weight may not be added.
- (4) M1 Carbines may be equipped with any stock made for an M1 or M2 Carbine.
- (5) Standard-issue 15-round magazines or magazines with the same shape, length and configuration must be used. 30-round magazines may not be used.
- (6) Only U.S. Government Issue parts or non-U. S. Government or commercial parts of the exact same weight and dimensions may be used.
- (7) Sights must be of the same types that were on rifles issued to regular military personnel.
- (8) Re-barreling with a barrel of as-issued dimensions is permitted. Replacement barrels must have the same exact contours and cuts as the as-issued barrel.
- (9) The use of shims made of any material in the action and barrel bedding areas of the stock is prohibited.
- (10) As-issued M1 Carbines must be chambered for the Caliber .30 Carbine cartridge.

### **6.3.6 As-Issued Foreign Military Rifle**

The rifle must be a rifle that was issued by the Armed Forces of a country other than the U. S. and be in as-issued condition. All as-issued foreign military rifles must be manually operated bolt-action or straight-pull rifles. Semi-automatic or fully automatic rifles are not permitted.

(1) These firearms must be as issued by the foreign government, with a standard stock and sights.

(2) Trigger pulls may not be less than 3.5 pounds.

(3) Rifles must conform to the weight and dimension specifications of the standard issue service rifle. Weights may not be added to the rifle.

(4) Only Government Issue parts or commercial parts of the exact same weight and dimensions may be used.

(5) Sights must be of the same types that were on rifles issued to regular military personnel. Special purpose sights designed for sniping or target practice are not permitted.

(6) Rifles that were issued with sharp-edged, inverted V ("barleycorn") front sights may be retrofitted with flat-topped post front sights of military type. Retrofitted front sights may not have copper bead or colored aiming elements. Retrofitted front sights may not be wider than 0.100".

(7) Rifles that were issued with side-mounted front sling swivels may be retrofitted with sling swivels of military type (not quick detachable) that are positioned in the 6 o'clock location, relative to its original sling swivel location (may not be moved forward or rearward from that point). If the issue swivel was narrower than 1 1/4" the retro-fit swivel may be 1 1/4". The as-issued sling may be replaced with a standard U. S. military sling (Rule 6.9.1).

(8) Rifles may be accurized only by the careful assembly of standard parts.

(9) Re-barreling with a barrel of as-issued dimensions is permitted.

(10) Shims made of wood, fabric, paper, metal or other similar material, of types that were originally installed by military arsenals in these rifles and that are placed between the stock and the action, barrel or trigger assembly are permitted.

(11) All as-issued rifles must be chambered for the cartridge for which they were originally chambered.

#### **6.4 Unlimited and Special Military Rifles**

Match sponsors may, at their option, offer competition events or special category competitions for modified or special military rifles that do not comply with Rule 6.3 for as-issued military rifles. Scores fired with rifles in these classes must be recorded and ranked separately from as-issued military rifle scores (Rule 6.3) and must not be reported to CMP as scores fired with as-issued military rifles. Recognized Modified and Special Military Rifle Classes that may be used in CMP sanctioned CMP Games Matches (Rule 3.0 and Rule 9.0) are:

##### **6.4.1 Unlimited M1 Garand Rifles**

An Unlimited M1 Garand is an M1 Garand-type rifle that does not comply with Rule 6.3 for As-Issued M1 Garands. Unlimited M1 Garands may be fired in a sanctioned match if an Unlimited M1 Garand event or category is included in the match program. Unlimited M1 Garands must have an M1 Garand external configuration, may weigh no more than 10.5 pounds and must have a trigger pull of at least 4.5 pounds. Unlimited M1 Garands include, but are not limited to the following:

- (1) National Match M1 Garands or M1 Garands with "NM" parts other than NM operating rods.
- (2) M1 Garands modified to fire the 7.62mm NATO cartridge.
- (3) M1 Garands with accurizing modifications such as glass bedding, sight

adjustments finer than one minute of angle, modified upper hand guards,  
etc.

(4) Commercial, replica or foreign manufactured M1 Garands.

(5) M1 Garands with U. S. Government glass bedding or shims.

#### **6.4.2 Modern Military Rifle**

Semi-automatic military-type rifles of U. S. or foreign manufacture that fulfill these requirements may be fired if a Modern Military Rifle event or category is included in the match program:

(1) Must be semi-automatic military or military-type rifles. The weight and exterior configuration of these rifles must be the same as that of the original Military rifle.

(2) Magazines with a capacity of more than 30 rounds may not be used. The magazine may not be used to support the rifle in a firing position (may not rest on the ground or arm).

(3) Rifles must generally be standard production or as-issued rifles with no special accurizing.

(4) Sights must be military-type sights. Optical sights are permitted only if the match program specifically permits optical sights.

#### **6.4.3 Vintage Sniper Rifle**

The rifle must be a manually operated or semi-automatic rifle of U. S. or foreign manufacture that was either an original military rifle issued for sniping in 1953 or earlier or a commercial replica rifle of the same type and caliber. Vintage

Sniper Rifles and Sights must be listed in Table I below and must fulfill these requirements:

(1) The bore diameter may be no larger than 8mm (.315 caliber).

(2) Must be in as-issued condition. No fiberglass stocks, special bedding

(glass bedding, etc.), match triggers or other special accurizing are permitted.

(3) Re-barreling with a barrel of as-issued dimensions is permitted. A replacement barrel must have the same exact contours and cuts as the original as-issued barrel.

(4) Triggers on semi-automatic rifles must have a trigger pull of at least 4.5 lbs. Triggers on manually operated rifles must have a trigger pull of at least 2.5 lbs.

(5) A strap-on, lace-on or detachable wooden cheek-piece may be used if it was original to the rifle when used for sniping purposes.

(6) Sights must be original issue optical sights with as-issued reticles or sights may be commercial replicas of as-issued optical sights. In addition, specific non-issue scopes that are listed in Table I may be used. Such non-issue scopes may only be used on the rifles for which they are specifically listed. Replica or non-issue sights may have only crosshair, post or post with crosshair reticles. Scope mounts and rings may be original or reproduction replicas. Scope rings may be sleeved or modified to accept a non-original scope diameter.

For a more in-depth description of a Vintage Military Rifle Match again we can Look to the CMP rule book:

## **9.1 General Competition Conditions**

### **9.1.1 CMP Games Events**

The CMP Games Matches program offers competitions for competitors firing "as-issued" military rifle or pistols over courses of fire that make these matches accessible to large numbers of target shooters regardless of their level of experience and skill. CMP Games events approved for the National Matches program or for sanctioned club matches are:

**(1) As-Issued Military Rifle Match.** Match sponsors may conduct mixed As-Issued Military Rifle e Matches in which competitors may choose to fire any As-Issued Military Rifle e authorized in Rules 6.3.2 (As-Issued M1 Garand), 6.3.3 (As-Issued M1903 Springfield), 6.3.4 (Other As-Issued U. S. Rifle(s) and 6.3.6 (As-Issued Foreign Military Rifle(s). Rifle authorized by Rule 6.4 (Unlimited M1 Garands and/or Modern Military Rifles) may be used in these matches only if the match program specifically authorizes Rule 6.4 rifles. Scores fi red with Rule 6.4 rifles may be eligible for awards only in accordance with the sponsor's match program. Scores reported to the CMP must identify the specific rifle fired by that competitor.

For those that are internet savvy there are numerous videos posted on the YouTube website that show actual matches progress. If you have any questions or you would like to reserve your spot in these exciting matches you can contact me at [tjtorborg@aol.com](mailto:tjtorborg@aol.com).

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