

**FISCAL YEAR 2024 COMPETITION-IN-ARMS PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND
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1. Purpose. To announce the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Competition-In-Arms Program (CIAP) regional Marine Corps Marksmanship Competitions (MCMC) and Marine Corps Championships.
2. Background. The primary objective of the CIAP is to stimulate interest and desire for self-improvement in marksmanship and to enhance proficiency within the Marine Corps in the use of individual small arms by refining precision marksmanship skills and combat marksmanship skills through advanced marksmanship training and competition. Participation in a MCMC enhances a Marine's lethality on the battlefield via advanced marksmanship training and competition in support of the Commandant's guidance to develop warriors with physical and mental toughness, tenacity, initiative, and aggressiveness to innovate, adapt, and win in a rapidly changing operating environment. MCMCs provide an opportunity to refine the fundamental skills that make a Marine lethal on the battlefield and able to deliver lethal force in a dynamic environment in accordance with the Marine Corps Rifle Marksmanship Lethality Capabilities-Based Assessment.
 - 2.A. The Marine Corps Shooting Team (MCST) coordinates and facilitates five regional marksmanship competitions. These are held annually at: Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico, National Capital Region (NCR); Camp Butler, Far East; MCB Hawaii, Pacific; Camp Pendleton, West; and Camp Lejeune, East. The Marine Corps Championship Match is held at MCB Quantico. Participants will significantly enhance their

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lethality in the use of individual small arms by refining fundamental marksmanship skills, learning advanced marksmanship techniques, and overcoming mental and physical boundaries in a competitive environment. In addition to receiving advanced marksmanship training within the action shooting rifle and pistol disciplines, Marines attending the regional MCMCs will have the opportunity to learn to accurately engage Tracked Mobile Infantry Targets (TMITs) as well as night vision device marksmanship techniques.

3. Individual Eligibility. All officer and enlisted Marines of the active and reserve components who meet the following criteria are eligible to participate in the CIAP: approved by their command, have at least one year remaining on contract from the date of regional MCMC, and possess the maturity and competence to safely conduct advanced marksmanship training. Other service members, retired Marines, prior service Marines, law enforcement officers, and civilians may be authorized by the hosting command in the event Active/Reserve Marines do not fill all available quotas.

3.A. Maximum participation increases the number of highly skilled and lethal marksmen across the Marine Corps. Commanders from across the Total Force are encouraged to support individual and team entries. Quotas will be managed by the hosting command based on range capacity and availability. In the event that participant entries exceed capacity, registration approvals will be prioritized as follows: active duty Marines; Marine reservists; other service members; retired/prior service Marines; law enforcement officers; civilians.

3.B. The regional hosting units will serve as the lead planners for their respective match locations. The hosting units will work initial quota management with local commands and remain in close coordination with the MCST to ensure all commands are afforded the opportunity to send Marines.

4. Command Sponsored Teams

4.A. Commands may send individuals or entire teams to the

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regional MCMCs. To compete for team trophies and medals, units must ensure all members of the team(s) are enrolled in the MCMC. Teams are comprised of four shooters and may include a non-firing fifth member to serve as the coach. Teams must include the following firing members: a Marine officer, an enlisted Marine of rank E-5 or below, and a member that has never competed in a MCMC, Division Match, or Marine Corps Combat Match, commonly known as a "tyro." A single member may fulfill more than one requirement. Additional positions may be filled by a Marine or other service member of any rank. No more than two of the firing members may be distinguished with the type of weapon concerned. Only authorized teams will be allowed to compete for team trophies and medals. Commands may enter more than one competitive team as long as they meet the above criteria. All members of the team must be enrolled in the MCMC and complete all individual stages.

4.B. Commands may compete for large unit or small unit trophies at the MCMC West and MCMC East competitions. A large unit is comprised of 600 or more Marines as found on the unit's Table of Organization and Equipment (TO&E) report from the Total Force Structure Management System (TFSMS). A small unit is comprised of less than 600 Marines as found on the unit's TO&E report. If fewer than two eligible teams are present, the small unit trophy will not be awarded.

5. The MCMCs will consist of 10 total training days over a 2-week period. Marines who participate in the FY24 CIAP will receive the following two-week training package during each MCMC.

5.A. Week one: history of the CIAP, classroom instruction, firing positions, dry-fire, zero establishment, instruction on advanced pistol and rifle positions, dynamic target engagement, and individual marksmanship practice.

5.B. Week two: individual competition with rifle and pistol, team competition, and awards ceremony.

5.C. Authorized weapons for the regional MCMCs are the issued service rifle and service pistol as authorized for annual rifle

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and pistol training. Authorized weapons configurations may be found in the appropriate Technical Manual and SL3 Extracts as published by Marine Corps Systems Command (MARCORSYSCOM).

6. FY24 CIAP Schedule

6.A. MCMC NCR, 23 October - 3 November 2023. Hosting Commander: Commanding Officer, Weapons Training Battalion (WTBn) Quantico. Hosting Unit: WTBn Quantico. Registration NLT: 20 October 2023. Live-fire training days: 23 October - 2 November 2023. Awards ceremony: 3 November 2023.

6.B. MCMC Far East, 4 - 15 December 2023. Hosting Commander: Commanding General, MCB Camp Smedley D. Butler. Hosting Unit: Formal Marksmanship Training Center, Marine Corps Installations Pacific aboard Camp Hansen, Okinawa. Registration NLT: 1 December 2023. Live-fire training days: 4 - 14 December 2023. Awards ceremony: 15 December 2023.

6.C. MCMC Pacific, 22 January - 2 February 2024. Hosting Commander: Commanding Officer, MCB Hawaii. Hosting Unit: Pu'uloa Range Training Facility. Registration NLT: 19 January 2024. Live-fire training days: 22 January - 1 February 2024. Awards ceremony: 2 February 2024.

6.D. MCMC West, 12 - 23 February 2024. Hosting Commander: Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West - MCB Camp Pendleton. Hosting Unit: Marksmanship Training Branch, Marine Corps Installations West. Registration NLT: 9 February 2024. Live-fire training days: 12 - 22 February 2024. Awards ceremony: 23 February 2024.

6.E. MCMC East, 4 - 15 March 2024. Hosting Commander: Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East - MCB Camp Lejeune. Hosting Unit: WTBN, MCB Camp Lejeune. Registration NLT: 1 March 2024. Live-fire training days: 4 - 14 March 2024. Awards ceremony: 15 March 2024.

6.F. Marine Corps Championships, 2 - 12 April 2024. Hosting Commander: Commanding General, Training Command. Hosting Unit: WTBn Quantico. Registration NLT: 29 March 2024. Live-fire training days: 2 - 12 April 2024. Award ceremony: 12

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April 2024.

7. Tasks

7.A. Hosting Commands

7.A.1. For the duration of each respective regional MCMC, provide the following personnel to support the FMTU preparation and the MCST's execution of the competition: 1 certified Range Safety Officer (RSO), Sgt through Capt, for every range conducting live-fire training in accordance with base Range Control requirements; 1 certified Range Officer-in-Charge (OIC) for every range conducting live-fire training, in accordance with local Base Range Control requirements, 1 certified Laser Range Safety Officer (LRSO) , SSgt through Capt, for every range conducting night live fire training in accordance with base Range Control requirements; 10 Position Safety Officers (PSO), LCpl through SSgt, to assist in the conduct of the action shooting instruction and competition; 1 Small Arms Repairer, MOS 2111, Cpl through SSgt.

7.A.2. Hosting commands will ensure the hosting unit releases a local letter of instruction (LOI), which will provide more details on first day reporting instructions, range regulations, armory availability and/or procedures, billeting options, and any further coordinating instructions to enable units to better plan for participation. All administrative requirements will be complete before the first training day.

7.B. Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Okinawa

7.B.1. The MCST requires support when attending the MCMC Far East match due to international and Status of Forces Agreement restrictions; i.e. rental cars and driver licenses. For the duration of MCMC Far East, ensure the MCST has support as tasked in paragraph 7.A. along with the following additional support: one sponsor, Sgt through Capt, to coordinate transportation to/from Naha International Airport, coordinate transportation to on-base lodging, and coordinate on-base lodging; two dedicated drivers, Cpl through Capt, to ensure the MCST can transit between lodging and ranges; and two dedicated government owned or rentals vehicles. If using rental vehicles,

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the MCST line of accounting will pay for the assets if the hosting command provides licensed drivers.

7.C. Hosting Unit Responsibilities

7.C.1. The hosting unit will ensure range personnel are trained, certified, and able to serve as range OIC, RSO, and PSO for the duration of the regional MCMC.

7.C.2. The hosting unit will bear the financial cost for all required targetry, range supplies, barricades, walls, and any other materials required to support annual rifle/pistol qualifications and individual stages of the match.

7.C.3. The MCST will require a minimum of seven PRC-153, or equivalent, hand-held radios to facilitate internal coordination.

7.C.4. The ARQ Destroy target, NSN 6920-01-699-2231, will be the primary paper target used. However, hosting units may use any approved paper target from the International Practical Shooting Confederation, United States Practical Shooting Association, or similarly accredited sport shooting organization so long as the same target is used for the duration of the action shooting competition. Steel targets are also required, but must abide by range safety parameters as found in DA-PAM 385-63, MCO 3570.1C, and TECOM SOUM 2-02.

7.C.5. The hosting unit is responsible for the engraving of all team trophies awarded.

7.C.6. In close coordination with the MCST, the hosting unit will publish a paper match bulletin capturing complete results of the match to include: the rifle/pistol individual winners, the rifle/pistol high tyros, all Marines who earn distinguished credit points, all Marines who received the designation of Distinguished Marksman or Distinguished Pistol Shot, team results, and any other information as deemed appropriate to the regional match. Match bulletins will be provided in sufficient quantity to allow all competitors to receive a copy with two copies provided to the MCST for historical filing.

7.C.7. The hosting unit will provide dedicated work spaces for the MCST administration section to register Marines, manage

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scores, and update the match bulletin. At a minimum, the hosting unit will provide two computers with internet and printer access.

7.C.8. The MCST will provide shot timers and scoring tablets to record competitor scores. The MCST will provide training to hosting unit range support personnel on scoring tablet use. This will be the primary scoring system used to upload competitor scores into the PractiScore scoring software.

8. The Marine Corps Championships, from 2 - 12 April 2024 at WTBn Quantico consists of 10 days of rifle, pistol, multi-gun, and team competition.

8.A. Marines who place in the top 10-percent at their respective MCMC will receive an invite to participate in the Marine Corps Championships. The OIC, MCST will send "by-name" invitations to the Marine's battalion/squadron commanding officer and senior enlisted advisor. The MCST will fund Marines via a cross-organizational line of accounting from the MCST. The MCST will provide more detailed reporting instructions once a Marine is approved to attend.

8.B. Marines who demonstrate maturity, professionalism, and exceptional marksmanship talent at the Marine Corps Championships will receive an invitation from the Team Captain (O-6), MCST to serve as a summer augment. Summer augments to the MCST will further compete in state, regional, national, and inter-service matches from April through August 2024. Length of TAD orders are negotiable between commanding officers but will not exceed the fiscal year.

8.C. Summer augments will be assigned to the MCST effective immediately following the conclusion of the Marine Corps Championships. Due to budget limitations, summer augments will not be funded to return to their parent command until the conclusion of the summer shooting season. Attendees to the Marine Corps Championship will make proper preparations to ensure they are able to stay as summer augments if selected.

8.D. Summer augments to the MCST may also have the opportunity to attend any available courses offered by WTBn Quantico;

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e.g. Combat Marksmanship Coach/Trainer or Advanced Marksmanship Training Program (AMTP).

9. Coordinating Instructions

9.A. Marines will report on the specified check-in day with a roster of all competitors, Pre-Fire Inspection (PFI) and Limited Technical Inspection (LTI) sheets, confirmation of competitor enrollment in PractiScore, and all administrative requirements complete prior to the first day of training.

9.B. All competitors are required to compete with both rifle and pistol. All competitors are required to attend all instruction and training listed in this message.

9.C. At the discretion of the hosting commander/unit, civilian competitors, law enforcement officers, and retired Marines may be authorized to participate in any MCMC. They must coordinate with the hosting FMTU for service weapons and ammunition. Retired Marines who earn their final Excellence-in-Competition credit to become distinguished will receive their distinguished shield and associated paperwork. All competitors must abide by all federal and base requirements when entering a Marine Corps installation.

9.D. The MCST only provides weapons and ammunition for the Marine Corps Championships. For the regional MCMCs, competitors are directed to bring their organizational service rifles and service pistols. The host unit will provide ammunition for the MCMC. All service weapons must have a current PFI/LTI.

9.E. Competitors will bring the following minimum required gear: hip war belt or equivalent, rifle and pistol magazine retention devices, four rifle magazines, rifle sling, two pistol magazines, pistol holster, and eye and ear protection. Shooting gear and equipment allowed will be limited to the same as authorized for annual rifle/pistol qualification. Competitors are also encouraged to bring AN/PEQ and Night Vision Devices for night marksmanship training and competition. Gear designed specifically for competition shooting is not authorized: friction-only retention pistol

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holsters, shooting jackets, competition magazines, competition belts, competition pouches, etc. The MCST will determine if gear/equipment affords a competitor a competitive advantage before authorizing its use.

9.F. The website <https://practicore.com> is free and will be used to register competitors, pass information, and post individual scores as the match progresses. The MCST administrative section will ensure a unique match is prepared for each regional MCMC. Marines are required to create a free account and pre-register on an individual basis to expedite check-in day. During check-in, the unit's match OIC/SNCOIC will coordinate with the MCST administrative section to ensure rosters are accurate.

10. The MCST is tasked with planning, facilitating, and supervising the conduct of each MCMC by providing a match director and instructors. Any deviation from the rules and regulations established by the MCST will be approved by the MCST OIC under direction from the Commanding Officer, WTBn Quantico as the Marine Corps Marksmanship Proponent.

11. This MARADMIN is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve. Members of the Marine Forces Reserve (MFR) Shooting Team are authorized to compete in any one of the regional MCMCs. Members of the MFR Shooting Team are not eligible to compete for team trophies unless they are firing as part of their drilling reserve unit.

12. Commands seeking to increase marksmanship capabilities within their subordinate units may submit requests to the MCST to provide a Mobile Training Team (MTT). MCST MTTs will provide marksmanship training tailored to the requesting unit. MTTs will be conducted separate from the MCMCs. Requesters should make every attempt to closely align MTT dates with the MCMCs in order to minimize MCST transportation expenses. The MCST understands a unit's operational tempo may not always allow for scheduling during or around a MCMC and will consider all requests for training with respect to MCST mission requirements.

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13. The MCST will continue to post updated information on its social media accounts: Facebook, USMC Shooting Team; Instagram, usmcshootingteam.

14. The Small Arms Marksmanship Competition order, MCO 3591.2L, is currently in final review before signature. This order will serve as the foundation of planning, awards issuance, and team construct. The MCST has also developed an Action Shooting Rule Book to ensure all MCMCs are fair, safe, and consistent. Questions concerning how a MCMC will be evaluated should be directed to the POCs listed in this message.