

03 July 2021 ASSA 3-Position Competitor Meeting Minutes

Location: Chief Wa-Ke-De Range, Bristol, IN
Start: 2:20pm EST
End: 3:07pm EST

ASSA Staff present: M. Carter & K. Benyo

The following is a summary of suggestions, discussions and ASSA updates on various topics associated with the smallbore 3-position discipline during the 2021 competitor's meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to receive direct input from the competitors, Coaches and Parents in order to ensure a positive direction for the ASSA organization.

This is the 5th consecutive year for the ASSA 3-Position Championships.

1. Update - 2022 Intercollegiate Club Championships: *ASSA will be happy to conduct the 2022 ICC Championships if the participating colleges want ASSA to be the governing body. ASSA will contact the respective clubs and inquire if they are interested in proceeding on this path.*
2. Suggestion: ASSA might want to consider running a 2022 intercollegiate sectional to assist in the selection of the ICC All Star Team members. *ASSA - Suggestion has been noted and is a good idea to assist in the All Star Team selection process. ASSA will review this suggestion in conjunction with activities associated with running the 2022 ICC.*
3. Comment: Having the live scoring monitor set up outside of the Stat Office was well received and a nice addition to this year's championships. *ASSA - Thank you for the feedback on the monitor and live score updates. The ASSA leadership, as fellow competitors, continue to work to implement meaningful improvements to the Championships and we always welcome additional input from everyone.*
4. Comment: At times it was challenging to get the attention of Range Personnel if we had a problem. Maybe additional Range Personnel can be added. *ASSA - we appreciate this input on safety and range operations. We will review this input with our Range Personnel before the first relay tomorrow with the intent of being as observant as possible and we will also review their positioning and monitoring of the range. As a reminder, Competitors experiencing an issue attracting Range Personnel's attention are encouraged to call out "Range Officer!" (in addition to just raising their hand) as this IS an acceptable practice for such situations.*
5. Question: Will the 2022 ASSA Championships be held at the same location next year?
ASSA - ASSA has reviewed several ranges that have the capacity and infrastructure to conduct the championships and at this time, there is no plan to change the location in the immediate future. If conditions and/or situations change, ASSA would move the location as necessary to ensure a well run competition with maximum possible attendance.
6. Comment / Suggestion: Is ASSA considering changing the order of fire for the 3-position event to match the ISSF firing order? (Championship course of fire is currently prone / standing / kneeling while current ISSF order is kneeling / prone / standing.) *ASSA - As we are an organization for shooters by shooters, we are open to input to modify our events and processes based on your input. The discussion on this topic continued with input from more "seasoned" shooter's perspective being that that change to the ISSF sequence is more difficult with having standing as the last position vs fired second. In addition, there was also input that having prone first would enable younger competitors to ensure that they*

have a somewhat accurate zero for their rifle prior to going into the standing position. Addition input on the sequencing indicated that it is beneficial to change as it would then align with the sequence used by USA Shooting and NCAA Intercollegiate rifle events. It was also noted that a change in the firing sequence would also necessitate new national records to be established.

- ◆ *A poll of all present at the meeting indicated approximately 75% were in FAVOR of changing the order of firing to kneeling / prone / standing. Based on this input, ASSA Leadership will review this topic in additional detail and advise on any change well in advance of the 2022 ASSA National Smallbore Championships.*
- 7. Question: ASSA President Mike Carter inquired as to how many of the attendees are participating in their FIRST outdoor match. *ASSA - two (2) present responded that this was their first outdoor competition.*
- 8. Question: ASSA President Mike Carter inquired as to how many of the attendees have a goal to be on a college rifle team. *ASSA - approximately 18 junior competitors indicated that their goal includes being on a collegiate rifle team.*
- 10. Comment: Individual collegiate participation at rifle matches. *ASSA - as a reminder, independent collegiate competitors ARE allowed to participate in collegiate matches such as the Intercollegiate Club Championships. They do not have to be attending one of the colleges / universities that has an active program in a league. Collegiate shooters only have to be in good standing (i.e. academic, etc.) per their institution's athletic department rules. ASSA will be working with our collegiate contacts to publicize such events to all eligible competitors.*
- 11. Comment: There were several issues experienced with the website this year during registration. *ASSA - we have found an error in the website logic that has been addressed. We have run test cases based on the errors previously encountered and the modifications appear to have resolved the issue. If you encounter an issue, please let us know as soon as possible so it can be addressed.*
- 12. Comment: Registration Forms. *ASSA - we have received positive input on having the liability and waiver forms online for competitors to print and fill out in advance of arrival for check in. Based on your input, we will be making two (2) updates for 2022. First, all of the forms for check in will be combined into one (1) file to download versus having multiple files listed. Second, the .PDF files will be upgraded so they can be filled in by typing on the computer as an option instead of printing out and completion by hand writing. ASSA would like to thank all of the competitors who arrived for check in with all of their forms completed as it significantly reduces check-in time and congestion at the Stat Office.*
- 13. Comment: Sponsorship Summary & Competitor Survey. *ASSA - we have included a summary of the 2021 ASSA National Championship match sponsors in your competition packet. Please review and remember to patronize these businesses who support YOU - the shooters! In addition, please complete the competitor equipment survey if you have not done so as it provides valuable feedback to our sponsors.*

Respectfully Submitted,
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