



# 2019 ASSA Competitor's Meeting Minutes

Prone / F-SBR - 06 July 2019

3-Position - 10 July 2019

The following minutes were recorded during the 2019 ASSA Competitor's Meeting held on the range following the completion of the daily competition.

The meetings were open to all competitors, parents, coaches and spectators of the 2019 ASSA National Smallbore Rifle Championships held at The Cardinal Center in Marengo, OH.

The meeting was conducted as an open forum to discuss topics brought forward by the ASSA leadership and all in attendance.

## **Prone / F-SBR Meeting Minutes (06 July 2019)**

ASSA would like to remind all attendees to remember our sponsors who have worked with us to make the 2019 championships a success. A list is also included in your competitor packet that you received during check-in. *(List of all sponsors was read out loud along with the prized that have been donated.)*

## **Open Forum Discussion**

ASSA leadership opened the floor for any questions regarding the match or the organization.

Question: Can the pistol frame base boards for the 25 yard sarges be lowered?

*Response: Unfortunately, the board height cannot be lowered as it is partial protection for the target turning system.*

Question: Can The Cardinal Center have more of the on-site cabins ("huts") available for rental during the ASSA Championships?

*Response: The availability of the on-site cabins is schedule driven. The scheduled dates for the ASSA Championships are currently adjacent to major scholastic trap shooting and action pistol competitions and the cabins are often already reserved for volunteers that are setting up for that event. We will discuss additional availability with The Cardinal Center for 2020.*

Question: What will the dates be for the 2020 ASSA National Championships?

*Response: At this time, the dates have not been formalized. ASSA is planning for the timing to essentially be the same as 2019 due to range availability. Estimated check-in for prone and practice is Friday 03 July and competition on 04-07 July. 3-Position check in and practice is projected for the afternoon of 07 July with competition on 08-10 July.*

Question: Can the dates be moved?

*Response: Changing the dates at this time is very challenging due to range availability.*

## **General Discussion / Comments**

ASSA continues to promote F-SBR on many frequented shooting forums and social media platforms. We believe this segment of smallbore competition in the United States will show continual growth for many years. In addition, F-SBR is an excellent opportunity for older shooters to stay active in competition due to physical ailments or reduced vision.

ASSA has been recognizing F-SBR national records since 2018.

This year, the overall attendance for F-SBR was less than 2018. It was noted that five (5) shooters were not in attendance due to military commitments. ASSA thanks all of our active and former military members for their service!

It was noted that ASSA provides discount waivers as prizes at our sanctioned regional competitions. The waiver is for 1/2 off of an entry fee for the ASSA National Championships for the same phase as the regional. The waiver is good for 1 year and only one (1) waiver can be used for championship entry.

## **The Cardinal Center Range**

It was noted that comments regarding the range would be submitted to Jim Henderson of The Cardinal Center for consideration.

Competitors are looking for the range to be further improved and actually finished. Recent work down range was needed to add additional drainage and the final grading is almost complete.

Upgrades to the range since 2018 included completion of the roof, addition of the PA system and construction of the range tables.

Minimal additional progress was made down range since 2018. A major focus of The Cardinal Center was set on the additional of a lead shot screen for the entire trap line.

It was noted that the grass down range was excessively high and should have been mowed prior the match. ASSA will address this with The Cardinal Center.

Competitors liked the use of the dual firing point concept with the benches turned to allow use for each person. Pending level of attendance for 2020, this concept will continue.

Competitors commented that the range commands seemed rushed and requested that there be a slightly greater delay between each one. (This was immediately implemented for the duration of the championships.)

## **ASSA Match Operations**

It was requested that Competitors remember to put their competitor, match and stage information on the upper right corner of their backer.

Competitors were reminded that the challenge period would be listed both on the range and also in the Stat Office.

Per competitor request, a "Shooters to the Line" command would be approximately 2 minutes prior to the announcement of prep time.

## ASSA 2020 Look Ahead

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- Automated classification and membership system
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Question: The new Lapua test center was just announced. When will it be open?

*Response: ASSA has been informed that the target date is 01 November.*

Question: Are there other housing options on site other than the cabins?

*Response: There is an option to have RV rentals on site in the campgrounds. ASSA will inquire with The Cardinal Center for additional information.*

Question: Will ASSA be providing details on the cash and prizes that are awarded during the championships?

*Response: Yes, this information will be posted on-line and in social media.*

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This year, the overall attendance for 3-position was slightly down from 2018. It was noted that five (5) shooters were not in attendance due to military commitments. ASSA thanks all of our active and former military members for their service!

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ASSA leadership requested input from the shooters if the 2020 championships should be conducted using conventional or metric targets. **Based on direct competitor response, the overwhelming majority requested that the championship be conducted using METRIC targets.**

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*Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Ken Benyo - ASSA Secretary / Treasurer*