

# JUNIOR OPPORTUNITIES IN ONTARIO

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ONTarget: Rifle and Pistol Alliance

# Current Matches in Ontario:

- Bill Szulga Memorial match
  - air rifle and air pistol only
  - usually run in October
  - generally takes place at RA Centre (Ottawa) and Pioneer Club (Kitchener)

- LSBAs (Lakeshore Smallbore Association)
  - monthly indoor match for smallbore rifle disciplines and air pistol
  - runs November through to March at various ranges in Ontario
  - any range can ask to be added as a centre to host the match by contacting Lou Anderson
  - you can participate in as many or as few matches as you like
  - scores are compiled from all centres and then calculated

# Provincial Championships

- Provincial Indoor Championships and Winter Wrap-Up – usually in April at the same centres as LSBAs – smallbore rifle disciplines and air pistol
- Outdoor Provincial Championships – usually run sometime between May – July – all smallbore rifle disciplines
- Provincial Handgun Championships – usually run sometime between July – September – various pistol disciplines and air pistol

# Junior Specific Tournaments

- Tournament of Juniors
  - usually runs May to June
  - Maple Leaf Marksmen (St. Catharines) or East Elgin (Alymer)
  - smallbore rifle disciplines and air rifle & air pistol
  - this tournament usually serves as a qualifier for Ontario Summer Games (Prone & 3P)

# Ontario Games

- Winter Games (Core Sport status)
  - held every 2 years – next is 2016
  - air rifle and air pistol only (indoors)
  - qualification is usually at LSBA (Nov or Dec)
  - participants must arrange travel to/from but accommodations, meals and transfers paid for
- Summer Games
  - held every 2 years – next is 2016
  - smallbore rifle – prone & 3P (outdoors)
  - qualification is usually at Tournament of Juniors
  - participants must arrange travel to/from but accommodations, meals and transfers paid for

# Canada Games

- 2015 Canada Winter Games
  - our sport competes February 13 to March 1, 2015 in Prince George, BC
  - air rifle and air pistol only
  - Team Ontario will consist of 8 athletes (2 male/2 female air rifle & 2 male/2 female air pistol) + team coach(es)/manager
  - if chosen for Team Ontario, travel to/from, accommodations, meals and transfers paid for
  - Selection Criteria has been published – first Prospect Matches will be Szulga and Nov & Dec LSBAs
  - this event is the largest junior sporting event in Canada and takes place every 4 years

# International Competition

- Canadian Airgun Grand Prix
  - annual international event held in Toronto
  - air rifle and air pistol only
  - next event is February 6-7-8, 2015 at International Plaza Hotel, Dixon Rd (near airport)
  - this event also has clinics and vendors present
  - Cadet match is also hosted within this event
  - excellent way to gain experience in international calibre competition for both junior & senior athletes

# Canadian Nationals

- Canadian National Rifle Championships
  - held annually by Shooting Federation of Canada
  - smallbore rifle disciplines
  - used as a mandatory qualifier for making cut score and/or being named to Canadian National, Development & Junior Teams
- Canadian National Pistol Championships
  - held annually by Shooting Federation of Canada
  - pistol disciplines
  - used as a mandatory qualifier for making cut score and/or being named to Canadian National, Development & Junior Teams

# In the works.....

- National Junior Postal Pistol Program
  - this is being proposed by various provincial reps across Canada to be implemented this year
  - Ontario has indicated their interest in participating
  - will be using scores from LSBA matches
  - look for further information to be distributed soon

# Questions?

- Please feel free to contact me if:
  - you require any further information
  - have any further questions
  - want to be added to our email distribution list
  - have any comments or suggestions