

COMMON TRAINING

SILVER STAR

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

SECTION 2

EO C306.01 – IDENTIFY CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

Total Time: 30 min

PREPARATION

PRE-LESSON INSTRUCTIONS

Resources needed for the delivery of this lesson are listed in the lesson specification located in A-CR-CPP-703/PG-001, Chapter 4. Specific uses for said resources are identified throughout the instructional guide within the TP for which they are required.

Review the lesson content and become familiar with the material prior to delivering the lesson.

Consult the Internet or local telephone directory to identify the national, provincial and local civilian marksmanship organizations applicable to the corps.

PRE-LESSON ASSIGNMENT

N/A.

APPROACH

An interactive lecture was chosen for this lesson to orient the cadet to opportunities available to enhance their marksmanship training with civilian organizations.

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

N/A.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson the cadet shall have identified opportunities to enhance their marksmanship training with civilian organizations.

IMPORTANCE

It is important for the cadets to identify local civilian marksmanship organizations and understand that the activities available through these organizations are personal and not supported by the Cadet Program. Civilian marksmanship organizations assist people who are interested in marksmanship.

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Teaching point 1 **Discuss Local Civilian Marksmanship Organizations**

Time: 5 min Method: Interactive Lecture



Inform the cadets of a local civilian marksmanship organization and identify available activities and requirements for membership.

Civilian marksmanship organizations and rifle associations are popular throughout the world and are found in many countries. Traditionally formed to augment the military, marksmanship organizations now have become governing bodies for civilians interested in marksmanship.

Local civilian marksmanship organizations exist in most major cities in Canada. These organizations can include the city or regional rifle associations or local rod and gun clubs. These organizations usually have a small calibre rifle range available for their members' use. To find local civilian marksmanship organizations, refer to the Internet or the local telephone listings.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 1

QUESTIONS

Q1. Why were civilian marksmanship organizations traditionally formed?

Q2. What are some examples of these organizations?

Q3. How would you find some organizations in your area?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. They were traditionally formed to augment the military.

A2. City or regional rifle associations or local rod and gun clubs.

A3. Refer to the internet or local telephone listings.

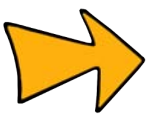
Teaching point 2 **Discuss the Applicable Provincial Rifle Organizations**

Time: 10 min Method: Interactive Lecture

PROVINCIAL RIFLE ORGANIZATIONS



Select the rifle association for the province in which the cadet corps is located.



Civilian marksmanship organizations assist people interested in marksmanship to advance their skills in marksmanship. These activities are not supported by the Cadet Program.

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Provincial rifle associations are the provinces' governing bodies on fullbore and smallbore target shooting. These associations exist to promote marksmanship within the province by organizing events and competitions. Provincial rifle associations also provide competitions for cadet units within their province. Provincial associations include:

Alberta Provincial Rifle Association. The Alberta Provincial Rifle Association (APRA) was created in 1902, as the Territorial Rifle Association, before the Province of Alberta was created. The objectives of the APRA are:

- to promote in every lawful way the interests of small arms marksmanship in the Province of Alberta;
- to promote annual prize meetings for individuals and teams and to offer prizes for skill in shooting;
- to encourage the establishment and maintenance of suitable ranges through legislation and private means;
- to assist in the formation of shooting clubs; and
- to create public interest for the encouragement of small arms shooting both as a sport and as a necessary means of national defence;

The APRA can be found on the Internet at www.albertarifle.com.

British Columbia Rifle Association. The British Columbia Rifle Association (BCRA) was created in 1874, incorporated in 1910, and is one of the oldest members of the British Columbia Societies Act. The objectives of the BCRA are:

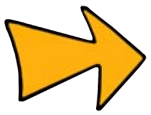
- to create a public sentiment for the encouragement of small arms shooting as a sport; and
- the control and safe handling of firearms and as a necessary part of national defence.

Through the Department of National Defence, members are permitted to participate in shooting events held on military rifle ranges in British Columbia.

The BCRA can be found on the Internet at www.bcrifle.org.

Manitoba Provincial Rifle Association. The Manitoba Provincial Rifle Association Inc. (MPRA) was created in 1872, for the purpose of encouraging rifle shooting among the militia and citizens of Manitoba. The objectives of the MPRA are:

- to enhance the perception of shooting as a sport by encouraging and supporting all athletes involved in shooting to achieve their maximum performance levels; and
- to promote safe firearms handling.



The Honourable D.A. Smith (Lord Strathcona) was a patron of the MPRA for 40 years. He took an interest in shooting and donated many prizes, especially to cadets.

The MPRA can be found on the Internet at www.manitobarifle.ca.

Newfoundland Provincial Rifle Association. The Newfoundland Provincial Rifle Association can be contacted through the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA).

Nova Scotia Rifle Association. The Nova Scotia Rifle Association (NSRA) was created in 1861, and is the oldest provincial rifle association. The objectives of the NSRA are:

- to foster the safe and responsible use of firearms, and
- to develop marksmanship skills.

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The NSRA can be found on the Internet at www.nsrifle.org.

Ontario Provincial Rifle Association. The Ontario Provincial Rifle Association (ORA) was created in 1868. The objectives of the ORA are:

- to provide opportunities for shooting with different types of rifles; and
- offer programs for marksman from beginner to world class.

The ORA can be found on the Internet at www.ontariorifleassociation.org.

Prince Edward Island Rifle Association. The Prince Edward Island Rifle Association can be contacted through the DCRA.

Province of Quebec Rifle Association. The Province of Quebec Rifle Association (PQRA) was created in 1869 and supports various shooting clubs and associations. The objective of the PQRA is to teach and promote marksmanship in competitive and recreational environments, where safety is first and foremost.

The PQRA can be found on the Internet at www.pqra.org.

Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association. The Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association (RNBRA) was created in 1866 to serve all shooting and related disciplines in New Brunswick. The objectives of the RNBRA are to promote:

- good sportsmanship,
- safe, efficient and practical arms handling, and
- good marksmanship by civilians, civic police and the military.

The RNBRA can be found on the Internet at www.rnbra.ca.

Saskatchewan Provincial Rifle Association. The Saskatchewan Provincial Rifle Association (SPRA) is the governing body for fullbore target rifle shooting in Saskatchewan. The objectives of the SPRA are to promote:

- the pursuit of excellence in marksmanship; and
- the safe and responsible handling of firearms.

The SPRA can be found on the Internet at www.saskrifle.ca.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 2

QUESTIONS

Q1. What is the objective of provincial rifle associations?

Q2. How do these rifle associations meet this objective?

Q3. How do these associations support the cadet movement?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. To promote marksmanship within the province.

A2. By organizing marksmanship events and competitions.

A3. By providing competitions for cadet units within their province.

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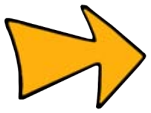
Teaching point 3 **Discuss National Marksmanship Organizations**

Time: 5 min Method: Interactive Lecture

NATIONAL MARKSMANSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

The DCRA

The DCRA, headquartered at Connaught Ranges Primary Training Centre, Ottawa, Ont., is Canada's national governing body for fullbore and smallbore target shooting. The DCRA was founded in 1868 and incorporated by parliament in 1890, to encourage marksmanship training in response to the departure of the British military and the Fenian Raids in 1866.

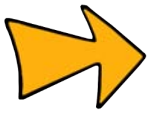


The Fenian Raids were attacks on British targets in Canada between 1866 and 1871, to pressure Britain to withdraw from Ireland. Most of the raids were successfully repelled by British forces and local militias.

The DCRA continues to promote excellence in civilian and military marksmanship.

The DCRA works with the CCM by organizing events and competitions including postal championships held for cadet units across the country and summer matches for the National Rifle Team (NRT) and Canadian and British army cadets on CSTC courses at Connaught NACSTC.

The DCRA can be found on the internet at www.dcra.ca.



Section One of the DCRA postal championships are matches that are restricted to sea, army and air cadets. Section Two is open to any junior team and cadets are encouraged to enter.

The Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC)

The SFC, headquartered at Connaught Ranges Primary Training Centre, Ottawa, Ont., is Canada's national sport governing body for recreational and competitive target shooting in Canada. The SFC is the authority for the marksmanship technical training portion of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).

The SFC can be found on the internet at www.sfc-ftc.ca.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 3

QUESTIONS

Q1. What are the two National Marksmanship Organizations in Canada?

Q2. How does the DCRA work with the NRT?

Q3. How does the DCRA work with cadet units across Canada?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association and the Shooting Federation of Canada.

A2. The DCRA works with the NRT by organizing events and competitions during the summer.

A3. The DCRA conducts postal matches held for cadet units across the country.

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Teaching point 4 **Identify the Applicable National/Provincial Biathlon Organizations**

Time: 5 min Method: Interactive Lecture

BIATHLON CANADA

Biathlon Canada is the governing body for the sport of biathlon within Canada. Biathlon Canada organizes many events, competitions and programs, including the Biathlon Bears Program, which is a community program, offered across Canada. The Biathlon Bears program is open to novices and the training is tailored to the athlete's skill level. This program offers training to develop both skiing and marksmanship skills. As skills are learned and mastered, the biathlete progresses to the next Biathlon Bear level.

PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL BIATHLON ORGANIZATIONS

Divisions of Biathlon Canada are located within many of the provinces and territories. These division offices run training and offer support to the local resorts/clubs. These divisions include:

- Biathlon Alberta,
- Biathlon British Columbia,
- Biathlon Manitoba,
- Biathlon New Brunswick,
- Biathlon Nova Scotia,
- Biathlon Newfoundland and Labrador,
- Biathlon Ontario,
- Biathlon Quebec,
- Biathlon Saskatchewan,
- Biathlon Yukon, and
- Northwest Territories Biathlon.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 4

QUESTIONS

Q1. What organization is the governing body for the sport of biathlon within Canada?

Q2. What community biathlon program is offered across Canada?

Q3. What are the objectives of the provincial and territorial organizations?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. Biathlon Canada is the governing body within Canada.

A2. Biathlon Bears is offered across Canada.

A3. To run training and offer support to the local resorts/clubs.

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END OF LESSON CONFIRMATION

QUESTIONS

Q1. What are the Canadian national marksmanship organizations?

Q2. What marksmanship organizations are in your province/territory?

Q3. Which of these organizations is your cadet corps active with?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. The DCRA, SFC and Biathlon Canada.

A2. Answers will vary by province/territory.

A3. Answers will depend on cadet corps.

CONCLUSION

HOMEWORK/READING/PRACTICE

N/A.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

N/A.

CLOSING STATEMENT

Identifying opportunities with civilian marksmanship organizations, one will know where they can acquire additional marksmanship training that is not supported by the Cadet Program. The opportunities provided by these organizations could enhance one's sense of accomplishment through improved marksmanship skills and allow them to choose activities in which they would like to participate.

INSTRUCTOR NOTES/REMARKS

Have the cadets identify only the applicable national, provincial and local marksmanship organizations.

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