



CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM SERVICE RIFLE CLINICS

Welcome to the ORSA High Power Rifle Program's "New Shooter" web site. Here you can learn about how to get started in our rifle marksmanship activities through ORSA's CMP service rifle clinics.

CMP SERVICE RIFLE CLINICS are an important first step for all of our new shooters. Clinic participation qualifies you to purchase surplus rifles and ammunition from the government's Civilian Marksmanship Program. Clinics also prepare you to participate in CMP Games events and NRA rifle competitions scheduled throughout the year at ORSA. First-time competitors who do not hold an NRA High Power Rifle classification are required to complete at least one CMP rifle clinic before firing a CMP or NRA match at ORSA. Because of the informal atmosphere during clinics new shooters are able to learn, ask questions, and interact with their instructors and coaches in a way not possible during match competition.

Each clinic begins with a Saturday morning classroom session during which you will receive basic background on topics including:

- Range safety and operations
- Course of fire and shooting positions
- Target scoring and pit operations
- Equipment maintenance

Saturday afternoon you'll have a first chance to put this information to work on the range. You'll be paired up with one of our experienced rifle competitors for some individualized coaching while you fire a practice match.

COST Adult participants pay a nominal fee of \$5 for each rifle clinic if the participant is using their own rifle and ammunition. There is no entry fee for junior shooters under 18 years of age. If you don't currently own a suitable CMP Service Rifle (M1, M1A, AR15, or bolt action military rifle) or an NRA Match Rifle ORSA has a limited number of M1 rifles for loan with CMP ammunition available for \$20 per shooter.

REGISTRATION Clinic registration takes place at the ORSA Clubhouse Saturday morning between 8:00 and 8:30 am. If you need to use a club rifle and ammunition you will need to make arrangements with the CMP clinic contact listed in the annual schedule posted on the ORSA HP Rifle web site (<http://orsahp.com>) at least one week in advance to confirm that support will be available.

CMP and ORSA require all first-time shooters must complete and sign a certificate of eligibility and waiver of liability before participating in a CMP rifle clinic or match. You may download a copy of this form at [\(link\)](#) to have it ready before registration.

EQUIPMENT

You will need to bring the following basic equipment to participate in a CMP rifle clinic:

- Rifle and sling
- 3 magazines, M1 Garand clips, or 4 stripper clips for bolt action rifles
- 60 rounds of ammunition
- **Hearing protection (ear plugs and/or muffs)
- **Eye protection / shooting glasses
- **Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) (available for purchase \$1.00)
- Clipboard, pencil and paper (or a rifle scorebook if you have one)
- Rain gear (for yourself and to cover your equipment)
- Loose clothing, suitable for weather conditions
- Sweatshirt and hat
- Sunscreen
- Drinking water (LOTS of it)
- Food for the day
- Optional items for personal comfort as desired (sunglasses, bug repellent, towel or face cloth, folding chair, etc.)

** indicates required safety items

You should also consider obtaining the following equipment as you gain shooting experience. Your coaches will probably have many of these items at the clinics. We recommend that you observe and ask about what shooting equipment competitors use and prefer before investing a lot of money in specialized items like this:

- Shooting jacket
- Shooting glove
- Shooting mat
- Spotting scope and stand
- Shooter's stool
- Cleaning rod and chamber brush
- Sight blackening lamp or spray
- Scorebook

Rifle competition is a fun and rewarding pastime that creates lifelong friendships and memories. We hope you will take advantage of as many of the CMP rifle clinics as possible to meet other ORSA rifle shooters, start your involvement in competitive shooting and build your skills to whatever level you desire.