

**Pueblo Municipal Shooters, Inc.  
Standard Operating Procedures  
Jr. Marksman Program #24  
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The Junior Marksman Program is dedicated to the development of adolescents between the ages of 10 years old and 18 years old in the safe handling and use of firearms. Although the main goal of the program is to promote safe firearm handling, participants in the program can also earn awards through the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program.

The program fee (\$30 per participant for range member and \$50 per participant for non-member) provides all equipment needed i.e., .22 LR bolt action rifles, ammunition, targets, eye and ear protection, shooting mats and kneeling rolls (as necessary). Parents are also encouraged to supply these items so their child can become proficient with their personal equipment. Semi-automatic .22 LR rifles are not allowed.

The program consists of two 13-week sessions from January to May and August to December with the schedule arranged around holidays and school breaks. Each session will have two 45-minute periods on Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 5 p.m. with a maximum of 8 participants per period. Participants are allowed to sign-up for one period per week; however, participants may sign-up for additional time if they wish at an additional cost of 1/2 the regular fee to cover the cost of ammunition, etc. Targets will not be used for any awards because the session is only to obtain additional training time. Participants who wish to engage in competition shooting are encouraged to join 4-H, Jr. ROTC, or American Legion to obtain this form of training.

The program includes three weeks each of shooting in the prone, standing and kneeling positions. Additionally, one class is dedicated to firearms cleaning, one class of pistol shooting, one class of evaluation of skills, and one class to distribute awards. If a participant misses a shooting class, except the pistol class, the missed class must be made up prior to the end of the nine-week rifle classes or the lowest score from previous weeks will be applied towards awards.

Participants will shoot 10 rounds at 5 targets at 50 ft. in each discipline if their skill level allows or 50 rounds each week. Only targets shot at 50 ft. will count towards awards. Parents are required to stay at the range until their child is finished shooting. While waiting, parents are asked to help score the targets to allow staff to concentrate on the participants. Scores will be posted each week so the participant can track their progress in the program.

Participants will receive a T-shirt after completing the first session and a hoodie after completing a second session.

Participants who display exceptional shooting skills will be offered an additional opportunity to allow him/her to learn and shoot various types of firearms. This will run in conjunction with the program replacing the .22 LR rifle with firearms such as air rifles, .22 LR pistols and air pistols as available. As an additional incentive for other participants to improve their skills, a session may use above firearms in lieu of the .22 LR rifle at the discretion of the staff. There is no additional cost to the participant for this privilege. Appropriate targets for the firearm will be used and all scoring will be credited towards awards.