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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Dear Friends:

We are writing this letter to invite you and your shooting team or club, as an Orion Scoring System user, to become a sectional Match Sponsor for the **2015 U. S. Army National Junior Air Rifle Championship**. This year the US Army Marksmanship Unit is again partnering with Orion Scoring Systems and Orion users like you to conduct shoulder-to-shoulder sectional competitions on ranges throughout the country. Scores from these sectionals will become part of the state championships and elimination for the national championships to be held at Fort Benning, GA.

This year's competition will again include Sporter air rifle three-position (3x20) individual and team events as well as precision air rifle (60) standing individual and team events. A match program with more details about the competition will be sent out separately and will be available on our website www.usamu.com.

If you decide to become a Match Sponsor, and we sincerely hope that you will, here is how this new competition format will work:

1. Clubs or teams that are Orion Scoring System users will host sectional U. S. Army National Junior Air Rifle Tournament competitions in their areas on a date of their choosing between 1 October 2014 and 15 January 2015 (the sponsor can select a date or dates that best fits in their calendar).
2. By using Match sponsors who have Orion Scoring Systems, it will be possible for all matches to host two to as many as ten or more teams (a minimum of two clubs or teams must fire in each sectional match for it to count in the competition). This will give all participants a real shoulder-to-shoulder competition.
3. USAMU will provide instructions to each match sponsor that includes an official match program and guidance for conducting the match. USAMU will also provide 2015 Army Match posters that sponsors can use to promote their competitions.
4. Match sponsors will advertise in their area by sending invitations and match programs to teams or clubs in their areas. USAMU will also disseminate news releases about the US Army National Junior Air Rifle Match with information about the match sponsors and how to contact them.
5. School and club teams and individual juniors will submit their entries directly to the Match Sponsor. Entry fees (decided by match sponsor) must be paid to the Match Sponsor for their expenses. The Match Sponsor will enter the names in the Orion Army Match database and provide the range and targets for the match.

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6. Match Sponsors will conduct the competitions with Orion targets, score all fired targets using their Orion Scoring Systems and upload the match scores into the Orion Army Match website. The Orion Competition Results Center will provide a dedicated website where scores and rankings will display instantly.
7. The Orion match website will show state and national rankings. By 30 January 2015, USAMU will announce the individual and team medallion awards to state winners on the USAMU website www.usamu.com and will announce those teams and individuals that will be invited to the national championship at Fort Benning, GA.
8. USAMU Public Affairs will provide publicity for this unique competition before and during the competitions and after winners are identified.

If your team or club and other teams or clubs in your area shoot three-position sporter air rifle or precision standing air rifle, we hope you will agree to sponsor a 2015 US Army National Junior Air Rifle Championship Sectional Match. Please confirm your interest in sponsoring the Match by completing and returning the attached response form.

The format for this year's Army Junior Air Rifle Regional is unique way for the U. S. Army to continue to offer this major national junior air rifle championship opportunity. By having Orion users sponsor Matches, competitors will be able to shoot in a real shoulder-to-shoulder environment with the prestige and pressure of state and national rankings on the line. By using the Orion Scoring System, all targets will be scored according to the same standard, and scores from these matches will be uploaded and be available immediately.

We salute all that you are doing to promote youth shooting in America and look forward to your responses.

Sincerely yours,



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