INTRODUCTION TO JROTC MARKSMANSHIP

JROTC Marksmanship Instructor Course, Section II
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Section Objective:

To introduce air rifle marksmanship and the sport of shooting; to show how these activities fit into the JROTC program.
What is Rifle Marksmanship?

A SPORT SKILL WHERE A RIFLE IS AIMED, CONTROLLED AND FIRED SO AS TO CONSISTENTLY HIT A DISTANT, DIFFICULT TARGET
Rifle Marksmanship Is:

- A sport with a military heritage
- An Olympic sport practiced world-wide
- A sport that stresses control, discipline, concentration and extreme precision
- An enjoyable, lifetime recreation & competition activity
All Sports Have Three Common Components

1. Athletes
2. Sports Equipment
3. Scoring
A Sport with a Military Heritage

Egypt
1450 BC

China
200 BC

1904

1955

TODAY

FIG. 18. KNEELING POSITION.
Shooting is an Olympic Sport!

First Gold Medal
2 Air Rifle Gold Medals
5 Rifle Gold Medals
Olympic Shooting Facts

- 4 Olympic sports involve marksmanship
- Shooting is one of 26 summer Olympic sports
- Olympic Shooting has 15 medal events
  - 9 men’s and 6 women’s events
  - 5 rifle, 5 pistol, 5 shotgun events
  - 4 air gun events (air rifle & air pistol)
- Shooting ranks #3 in participating nations
- JROTC 3-position air rifle was developed from Olympic rifle events (air rifle standing & 3-position smallbore)
JROTC Rifle Marksmanship

- Popular activity for JROTC Cadets
- Governed by Cadet Command Regulations
- Uses 4.5mm (.177 cal.) target air rifles
- Firing at 10 meters distance
- Cadets learn gun safety & basic marksmanship in range firing activities
- Competition firing in prone, standing, kneeling positions
- Many units have JROTC Rifle Teams
Marksmanship Offers:

1. Safety Instruction
2. Marksmanship Instruction
3. Practice Firing & Qualification
4. Rifle Team Participation
JROTC Competition Opportunities

- **JROTC Competition Program:**
  - JROTC Postal Competitions
  - Regional JROTC competitions and leagues
  - Army, USMC, Navy & Air Force JROTC Service Championships
  - National JROTC Championship

- **Open Junior Competitions:**
  - High School Rifle Team Competitions
  - Regional and National Junior Competitions
2008 National JROTC Champions

Top: Sporter Class Winners

Bottom: Precision Class Winners
SHOOTING IS A SPORT THAT EMPHASIZES AND DEVELOPS THESE QUALITIES:

- **Discipline**
- **Concentration**
- **Control**
- **Extreme Precision**

0.5mm 10-Ring, 10M Distance
Qualities of Marksmanship

- Safety—one of the safest youth sports
- Open to All--Gender, size, speed, etc. do not determine success
- Practice, not ability, makes the difference
- Teaches life skills—discipline, responsibility, rewards of hard work
- Teaches control, respect for others
- It’s fun—scoring a ten is a big thrill!
Why Marksmanship in JROTC?

- Popular, fun, exciting and uniquely challenging
- Teaches safety through rules and responsibility
- Develops life skills—discipline, self-control, emotional control
- Enhances performance skills—concentration, goal setting, teamwork
- An Olympic sport with a military heritage
- A high school and NCAA college sport, cadets can earn scholarships