

2022 NORTH DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA JUNIOR OLYMPIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – PISTOL

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This year, we were again able to offer competition in the disciplines of Air Pistol and Sport Pistol. Eric Pueppke provided management for the Sport Pistol match and we used Bill Langer's light control system and his help to successfully run the match. Eric and Bill are outstanding examples of just how essential and effective individual people are to the

success of this Junior Olympic Selection Match and to the shooting sports in North Dakota. Thanks to everyone who helped us set up for the match, brought snacks, worked during the match, and helped with range cleanup.

This is the seventh year that we have hosted the Minnesota JOSCA Air Pistol & Sport Pistol Championships in conjunction with the North Dakota JOSCA Air Pistol & Sport Pistol Championships in order to afford every competitor a true match atmosphere. With 15 young men and young women firing the air pistol matches, we were up 1 from last year. We only ran one relay though, and it seemed to go real well.

Our sport pistol matches were fired in two relays by 6 junior men and women. Dalton Gjovik, Bemidji, MN won the Minnesota Men's Sport Pistol Championship again this year with a stronger score of 529-7.

Kaytlin Haiby, Blackduck, MN again earned the Gold in the Minnesota Women's Sport Pistol event with her 532-1.

Emily Yoder took the North Dakota Gold Medal in Sport Pistol with her 548-8 to earn an invitation (this is an automatic qualification score). This is also a new junior women's North Dakota State record. She was followed by Kaitlin Slaubaugh who took the Silver with a score of 499-1 and Kyla Slaubaugh who took the Bronze. Isaak Sailer earned the Gold in the Men's Sport Pistol competition.

Isaak Sailer is also the North Dakota Men's Air Pistol Champion. He was followed by Cooper Monilaws for the Silver Medal and Derek Jacobs for the Bronze. Emily Yoder fired a 540-3 for the Gold Medal in North Dakota Women's Air Pistol. She was followed by Kaitlin Slaubaugh with her score of 520-3 to earn the Silver Medal. Kyla Slaubaugh took the Bronze.

Our Minnesota State Men's Air Pistol Gold Medalist is Dalton Gjovik, Bemidji, MN, with his 529-7. This year, Saige Gjovik, with her score of 527-10, earned Women's Gold. Kaytlin Haiby earned the Minnesota Women's Air Pistol Silver with her 515-5. Evan Langerak, Bemidji, earned the Minnesota Men's Silver with a score of 516-4.

Congratulations to each one of you who competed. Whether or not you fired a great score, we hope that each one of you enjoyed a great experience at the match and learned something which will help you to shoot better in the future. Thank you all for traveling to Devils Lake to compete at these matches. We enjoyed having you, and we hope that you will remember to smile as you train. Your scores will improve more rapidly, and everyone will have more fun.

We challenge you to seize as many opportunities as possible to enjoy some perfect practice and fun over the next year in order to improve your skills in preparation for this match in 2023. We look forward to seeing many of you then.

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