

The USIMLT Wants YOU!

The U.S. International Muzzle-Loading Team is looking for a few good shooters to travel to distant, exotic places; meet exciting, unusual people; and defeat them in the course of sporting competition.

All that is required is desire, drive, and exceptional shooting skill. Expertise with muzzle-loading firearms is helpful...but not essential. Two of our best pistol shooters, Bob Lineaweaver and John Ciccone, had little or no black powder experience when they decided to have a try. Now, Ciccone is moving up in the ranks...and Lineaweaver has a World Record under his belt. Good fundamental shooting skills are the same, whether you're shooting a matchlock pistol made in Japan 200 years ago, or a Morini free pistol made last week.

What an interested shooter needs to do is:

1. Contact the USIMLT and let us know you're interested.
2. Get appropriate firearms. We can advise you on what to buy and what to avoid.
3. Shoot preliminary tryout scores. The scores you are trying for are presented below:

Event	Event Description	Minimum Acceptable Score
M1o Miquelet Orig.	Smoothbore Flintlock Musket	84
M1r Miquelet Replica		85
M2o Maximilian Orig.	Prone Flintlock Rifle	79
M2r Maximilian Replica		88
M3o Minie	Prone Percussion Rifle-Musket	87
M3r Minie		90
M4o Whitworth	Prone Percussion Rifle	94
M4r Whitworth		95
M8o Walkyrie	Women's Prone Percussion Rifle	91
M8r Walkyrie		92
M14o Tanegashima	Offhand Matchlock Smooth Rifle	78
M14r Tanegashima		91
M15o Vetterli	Offhand Percussion Rifle	95
M15r Vetterli		96
M16o Hizadai	Kneeling Matchlock Smooth Rifle	67
M16r Hizadai		95
M36o Pennsylvania	Offhand Flintlock Rifle	87
M36r Pennsylvania		92
M37o Lamarmora	Offhand Percussion Rifle-Musket	91
M37r Lamarmora		93

M5o Cominazzo	Smoothbore Flintlock Pistol	81
M5r Cominazzo		88
M6o Kuchenreuter	Rifled Percussion Pistol	92
M6r Kuchenreuter		94
M7o Colt	Original Revolver	92
M12r Mariette	Replica Revolver	93
M28o Tanzutsu	Smoothbore Matchlock Pistol	70
M28r Tanzutsu		88
M23o Malson	50 meter Percussion Revolver	75
M23r Malson		80

Note that these are not winning scores, merely target scores to see whether or not you are seriously competitive.

4. Send the scores in to the USIMLT. Don't worry about whether or not they are really competitive, if you're close they are worth reporting.

5. When invited, compete in the Can-Am Championship. This is our primary selection match. Shooters may be added later by invitation, but shooting in the Can-Am lets the USIMLT leadership see your shooting skills in shoulder-to-shoulder competition. It also gets you experience shooting under full match conditions...which are a challenge if you aren't used to them.

6. If invited, compete at the World Muzzle-Loading Championships. It's an experience that a serious competitor will treasure for a lifetime.