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This instruction implements AFD 34-2, *Air Force Community Service Programs*. It explains Air Force qualifications and procedures for awarding United States Air Force Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Badges and the Distinguished International Shooter Badge. Applies to all Air Force personnel, to include Air National Guard (ANG) and Air Force Reserve personnel who have earned or wish to earn the awards. Requires the collection and maintenance of information protected by the Privacy Act of 1974

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1. Types of Awards. United States Air Force EIC Badges are awarded to eligible personnel who attain an outstanding degree of achievement in certain recognized, individual competitions with the service rifle and pistol.

1.1. The badges awarded are:

- The Air Force Distinguished Rifleman Badge.
- The Air Force Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge.
- The Air Force Silver Excellence-In-Competition Rifle Badge with Wreath.
- The Air Force Silver Excellence-In-Competition Pistol Badge with Wreath.

- The Air Force Bronze Excellence-In-Competition Rifle Badge with Wreath.
- The Air Force Bronze Excellence-In-Competition Pistol Badge with Wreath.
- The Air Force Bronze Excellence-In-Competition Rifle Badge.
- The Air Force Bronze Excellence-In-Competition Pistol Badge.
- The Distinguished International Shooter Badge (awarded by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice [NBPRP] for outstanding performance in major international competition).

2. Qualifying for the Distinguished Rifleman or Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge. Personnel must earn at least 30 credit points in recognized EIC rifle or pistol matches (national match or combat match) and may be awarded both badges if they earn the required points.

3. Qualifying for EIC Badges. The Air Force awards EIC badges for excellence in individual competitions only. EIC badges or credit points earned by an eligible member of another military service, a civilian, or competing in another services EIC match, will be counted as credit toward the award of the appropriate distinguished badge.

3.1. Between 1 January and 31 December of each year, an eligible member may compete in no more than four EIC service pistol or rifle matches as listed below. If authorized and eligible under the rules established by the match sponsor, you may compete in:

- National Trophy Individual Match
- National Rifle Association (NRA) Regional or State Championships (limited to three a year)
- A service sponsored match (which will count as one of the three matches authorized above)

3.2. Individuals who have no points towards the distinguished badge for the weapon type being used in the competition, rifle or pistol, may compete in four elementary-level EIC competitions sponsored by Headquarters, United States Air Force (HQ USAF) and approved by Headquarters, Air Force Services Agency, Air Force Fitness and Sports Branch (HQ AFSVA/SVPAF), the United States Army, or the National Guard. Individuals may receive award points from Army and National Guard State Championships on the recommendation of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit EIC Custodian, Fort Benning GA 31905-5810.

3.3. Individuals may compete in military service sponsored Combat Rifle or Combat Pistol EIC matches, provided they do not compete in the National Match and EIC match with the same type weapon (rifle or pistol) at the same competition.

3.4. To take part in more than two NRA Regional or State Championship EIC matches in the same calendar year, with the same type of weapon, ANG personnel must obtain an advance waiver from the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit (NGMTU), and active duty personnel must obtain an advance waiver from HQ AFSVA/SVPAF.

4. Qualifying for the Distinguished International Shooter Badge. The NBPRP awards this badge to any United States citizen who places first, second, or third in rifle, pistol, or shotgun competition (individual or team). The badge is also awarded to members of United States international teams who place in the top 15 percent of all competitions in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Shooting Cham-

pionship, World Shotgun Championship, Champions of the America's, and the World Air Gun Championships.

5. How Credit Points Are Awarded/Computed:

5.1. Credit points are awarded, based on score and standings, to the highest-scoring 10 percent of the non-distinguished (personnel with less than 30 points towards a distinguished badge) participants in an EIC match. The 10 percent includes all eligible non-distinguished competitors who begin the match. Credit points are awarded as follows:

5.1.1. Highest one-sixth of the top 10 percent 10 credit points.

5.1.2. Remaining highest one-third of the top 10 percent 8 credit points.

5.1.3. Remainder of the top 10 percent 6 credit points.

5.1.4. All top 10 percent in elementary level EIC matches only will receive 4 credit points.

5.2. In computing both the number of participants to receive awards and the credit points to be awarded, officials resolve fractions of 0.6 or higher to the next higher number and drop smaller fractions. The total number of individuals to receive credit points cannot exceed the number determined by application of the 10 percent rule. For example, if a total of 108 non-distinguished competitors began the match, 10.8 (or 11) individuals would be eligible for credit points. These points are awarded as follows:

5.2.1. Highest one sixth of the top 10 percent 2 (two 10-point winners)

5.2.2. Remaining highest one-third of the top 10 percent 3 (three 8-point winners)

5.2.3. Remainder of the top 10 percent 6 (six 6-point winners)

5.3. The package to conduct an EIC match can be downloaded from <https://www-r.afsv.af.mil/FT/Sports/Shooting.htm>, or requested from HQ AFSVA/SVPAF, DSN 487-5470. Once the package is in hand, use the samples in the package and request approval for the EIC match from HQ AFSVA/SVPAF. Credit points for elementary competition are awarded to participants who score in the top 10 percent of non-distinguished participants and have no credit points towards the distinguished badge for the weapon type being used in the competition. Credit points for national, state and regional level combat competitions are awarded to participants who score in the top 10 percent of all non-distinguished participants, and have less than 30 points towards a distinguished badge.

6. How Awards Are Granted. Ask the sponsor of each EIC match to send copies of the official match results to HQ AFSVA/SVPAF, 10100 Reunion Place, Suite 402, San Antonio TX 78216-4138. Copies must contain your full name, grade, social security number, organization, duty station, and home address. The Director of Civilian Marksmanship notifies HQ AFSVA/SVPAF when members achieve credit points in NBPRP-sponsored competitions. HQ AFSVA/SVPAF keeps a record of awards for each Air Force member who earns credit points in an EIC match. It awards appropriate badges as follows:

6.1. Individuals who earn the initial four credit points in elementary-level competitions with either the service rifle, service pistol, combat rifle, or combat pistol, will receive a Bronze EIC Rifle or Pistol Badge. Only individuals who have no credit points toward the distinguished badge are eligible for this award.

6.2. Individuals who earn six credit points with either the service rifle, service pistol, combat rifle, or combat pistol, will receive a Bronze EIC Rifle or Pistol Badge with a distinctive wreath.

6.3. Individuals who earn 20 credit points with either the service rifle, service pistol, combat rifle, or combat pistol, will receive a Silver EIC Rifle or Pistol Badge with a distinctive wreath.

6.4. Individuals who earn 30 credit points with either the service rifle, service pistol, combat rifle, or combat pistol, will receive the Distinguished Rifleman or Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge.

6.5. Individuals may call DSN 487-5470 or write to HQ AFSVA/SVPAF to check on points earned; the match the points were earned; and the total number of credit points towards the distinguished rifle or pistol badge.

6.6. Transfer of Distinguished Designation. Credit points held by non-distinguished military personnel and civilians who become members of the U.S. Air Force may be transferred and applied toward Air Force Distinguished Designation. Civilians or military personnel from other services who attained Distinguished Designation prior to entry in the U.S. Air Force may be so recognized by the Air Force upon proper documentation and may be awarded a Distinguished badge if appropriate.

7. Presentation, Disposition, and Recording of Award(s). HQ AFSVA/SVPAF announces each award of an EIC badge, Air Force Distinguished Rifleman Badge, or Air Force Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge with an official memorandum.

7.1. HQ AFSVA/SVPAF mails the award, together with a copy of the official memorandum, to the individual.

7.2. According to AFI 36-2608, *Military Personnel Records Systems*, badges awarded are not documented in the individual's Unit Personnel Record Group.

8. Control of Badges. HQ AFSVA/SVPAF distributes all badges by mail. For guidance on wearing badges, see AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*

8.1. HQ AFSVA/SVPAF budgets, procures, and stocks the badges as necessary.

8.2. Badges are issued to Air Force members only. For information on replacement badges for active duty personnel, call HQ AFSVA/SVPAF at DSN 487-5470. ANG personnel may call the NGMTU at DSN 962-4534. Individuals may replace their badges at their own expense.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

AFPD 34-2, *Air Force Community Service Programs*

AFI 36-2608, *Military Personnel Records System*

AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

AFSVA—Air Force Services Agency

ANG—Air National Guard

EIC—Excellence-in-Competition

HQ—Headquarters

NBPRP—National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice

NGMTU—National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit

NRA—National Rifle Association

SVPAF—Air Force Fitness and Sports Branch

USAF—United States Air Force

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