



MLAIC Long Range World Championships 2025

Informational booklet for the 14th MLAIC Long Range World Championships

October 12th-18th, 2025
Whittington Center
Raton, New Mexico, USA

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**Official invitation
to the 14th MLAIC Muzzle Loading
Long Range World Championships
Raton, NM, USA 2025**

Dear delegates, Team Captains, and long range shooters of the world,

On behalf of the United States International Muzzle Loading Team, and the Muzzle Loading Associations International Confederation, we invite the shooters of the world to the 14th MLAIC Long Range Muzzle Loading World Championships from October 12th - 18th, 2025, near Raton, New Mexico, USA.

The event will take place at the Whittington Center, approximately 10 miles South West of Raton, NM.

The Whittington Center is one of the premier shooting facilities in the USA, located on over 33,000 acres of land, with 25 ranges, a museum, on-property housing of several types, and much more. All tucked in next to the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range.

This facility is located in the American Southwest, famous for its rugged wonder and beauty. This area is only a days drive from The Grand Canyon, but close enough to untold wonders to entertain the family with day trips, with visits to local ghost towns, or a drive to the top of a volcano at Capulin, or a bit further to visit the famous Pikes peak area and the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains.

MLAIC web page;	https://mlaic.org
MLAIC Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/MLAICChamps
USIMLT web page	https://www.usimlt.com/
Whittington Center web page	https://www.nrawc.org/
Official email for the event	longrangeml@gmail.com

We appreciate the chance to host this event, and would be honored to have your national team join us for this auspicious championship, as we celebrate the historical shooting sports together.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the match organizer at longrangeml@gmail.com.

Very best Regards,

Gene Kennel
USIMLT Chairman

Lee Shaver
Match organizer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Shaver".

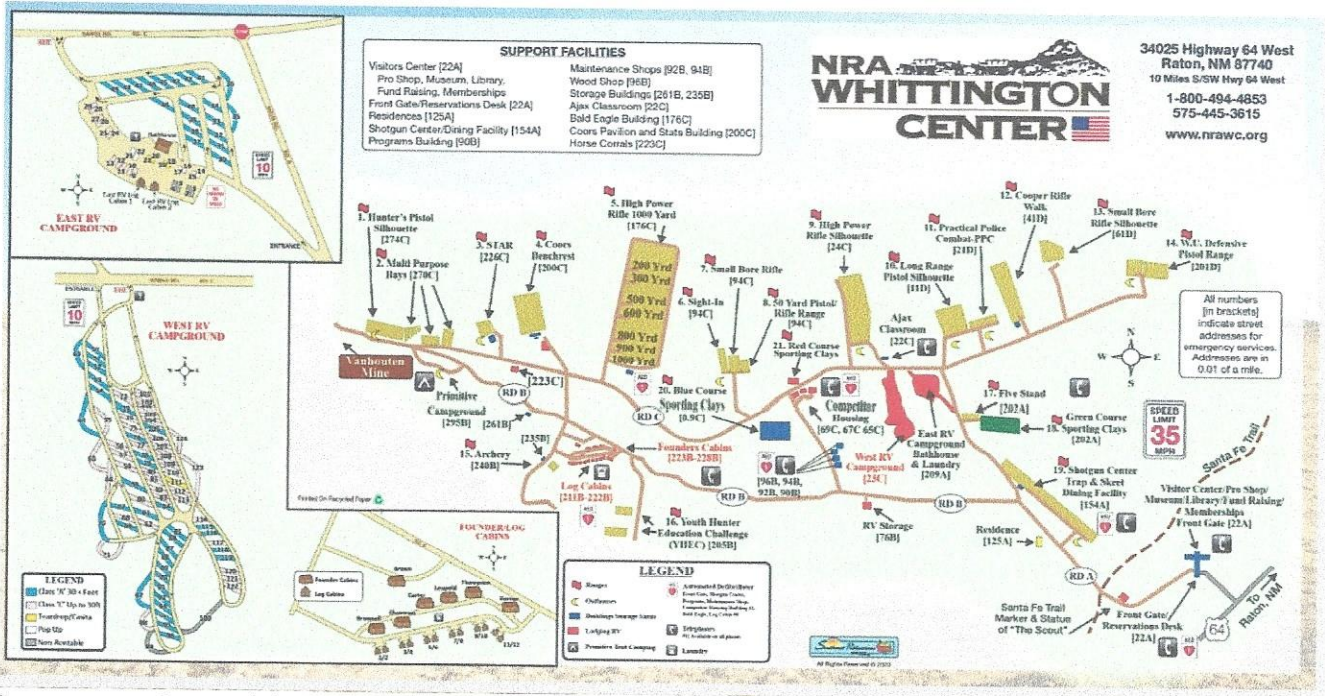
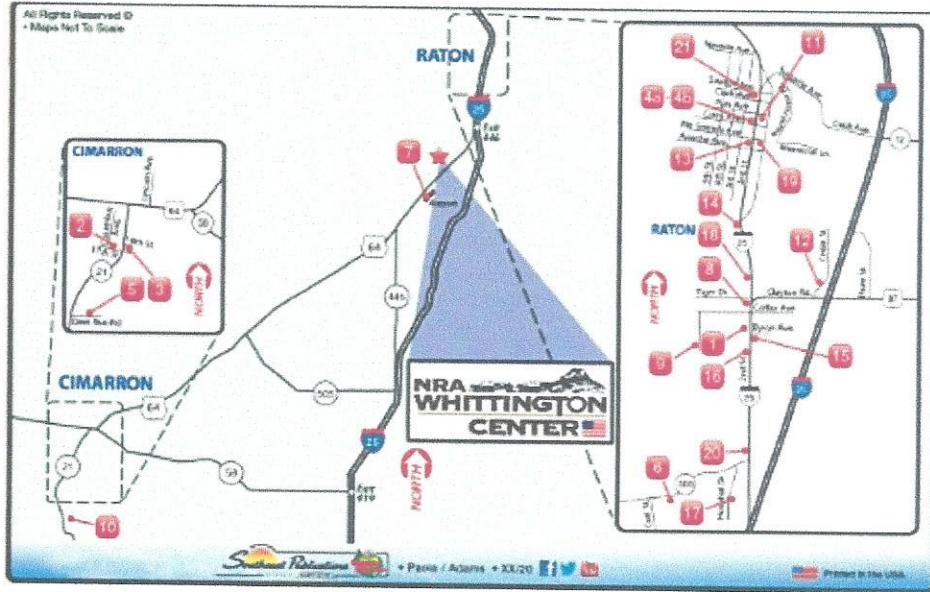
General information about the world championship

Location:

The match will be held on the 1000 yard high power rifle range of "The Whittington Center", located approximately nine miles South West of Raton, New Mexico.

This facility is one of the premier shooting facilities in the USA. It is located on more than 33,000 acres (13500 Hectares) at the base of the foothills of the Sangre De Cristo mountain range. Part of the southern end of the American Rocky Mountains.

The facility is home to more than a dozen shooting ranges. Here are maps of the facility, and it's location from Raton, New Mexico.



I recommend you visit the website for the facility for more information at <https://www.nrawc.org/>.

Applicable firearms laws within the USA;

The USA has federal, state, and local laws that affect owning, transporting, and using firearms, but muzzle loaders are not a firearm as far as federal laws are concerned, and therefore are not regulated in any way by our federal government.

There may be some state or local laws where they monitor who purchase them, but the Federal government and the vast majority of states do not regulate them in any way. They can be imported and exported freely. The one exception is that New York State requires a background check at time of purchasing.

Traveling into the USA with a muzzle loader is perfectly legal and requires no permitting, but if you are flying into one of the Northern or West coast cities it may be possible that you will run into someone who does not know the law. On the other hand, the US customs agents in Texas assured me that if you fly in there, they will make you welcome.

Many who fly into the USA with a muzzle loader will download, fill out, and send in a "BATF form 6NIA". The Bureau of alcohol tobacco and firearms will then send you a form that allows you to import a firearm into the USA.

You can do a simple google search and find that form. This form is intended for non emigrant aliens to bring a firearm into the country for hunting or competitions, but it works well to make sure things go smoothly when traveling into the country with a muzzle loader also.

It will take a few weeks to get the form back once you send it in, but it will be worth it if you are flying into the Northeast, or West coast of the USA.

Each entrant will also receive a letter of participation in this world championship, which you can show if needed when flying into the country.

Disciplines;

This world championship will include all MLAIC long range disciplines with firing at yardage distance as per MLAIC rules. With separate classifications for original and reproduction rifles.

Each competitor must choose only one category to compete in.

There will be individual matches for all, then a team match at each distance with national teams of 4 and a coach. As per MLAIC rules, all shooters and the coach for a team must be from the same country.

Targets;

The various disciplines will be shot at yardage distances and on paper targets of MLAIC standard dimension., as per rule #7.9.

Scoring;

Targets will be on pull target systems. Competitors will share scoring and target pulling duties. Anyone that is unable to help with scoring duties or is unable to pull targets will be expected to have someone to do it for you.

Maximum number of shooters;

As per the MLAIC rules 7.3, each country is allowed up to 16 competitors in the reproduction class and an unlimited number in the original class.

Match fees and costs;

Individual registration;	\$525.00 US This also includes lunches during competition days, and the welcome party.
Team registration;	\$75.00 US
Awards banquet;	\$75.00 US per person. (not included in match fees)
Extra lunches;	\$50.00 US per person for 5 lunches. One per day on five shooting days.
Powder;	\$40.00 US per pound for Swiss brand powder. Please note... this price is as of May, 2025. If the current tariff wars drive the price up, we may have to pass the cost along to the competitors.
Percussion caps:	\$38.00 US per pack of 250 for RWS 1075+. If you need something different, contact us for assistance.

Registration information and deadlines;

The team and individual registration sheets are on the following pages.

All individual registrations will preferably be sent in together by the representatives of the competing countries (team captain or delegate). This helps us know that the entrants are certified by their home country and simplifies organizing the entries.

The individual entrants should fill out their own registration and forward it to their countries representative, who will forward all registrations and payments to the match organizer.

Delivery of registrations is preferred by email to the match organizer at; longrangeml@gmail.com.

Deadline for national registration by national team captains is June 30th, 2025.

Deadline for individual registrations is July 15th, 2025

Deadline for payment of national and individual registration, caps, powder and misc fees, is July 15th, 2025.

Banking information;

Any questions about registration; longrangeml@gmail.com

It is preferable that all payments be made by wire transfer, but credit card and Paypal are available with extra fees added.

Wiring money into the USA is a bit different than between other countries. We have more banks involved, and it must filter down from the national banks, then to the local bank etc.

International wire transfer instructions;

Receiving bank in USA;
Commerce Bank, NA
100 Walnut
Kansas City, MO 64106

Receiving bank SWIFT code; CBKCUS44
Receiving bank Routing (ABA) number 101000019

Beneficiary;
Lamar Bank and Trust company (LBT)
1000 Broadway
Lamar, MO 64759

LBT routing (ABA) number 101202875

LBT account number 8207188

For further credit to; USIMLT Long Range
Lee Shaver
1500 Gulf St.
Lamar, MO 64759
Account number; 0036420

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National registration form

To be filled out by team captain or national team coordinator.
Please include copies of the individual registration sheets, and send to the match organizer.
Payment may be sent later

Country represented _____

Team captain or coordinator;

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Mailing address;

Street _____ City _____

Country _____ Postal code _____

Fees;

National registration fee \$75.00 US

Individual registration fee (\$525.00 US per competitor)

This includes match fees, daily lunch at range, and meet and greet social.

Number of competitors..... _____ x \$525.00 = _____

Extra lunches at range for staff and visitors; 5 daily lunches. One per day = \$50.00 US

Number of extra lunches _____ x \$50.00 US, _____

Banquet attendees; Include competitors, staff and guests coming to banquet.
(\$75.00 US per attendee)

Number of attendees for banquet _____ x \$75.00 US _____

Powder needs:

Powder costs = \$40.00 per pound. (1 pound equals .45kg.)

Be sure to order enough powder for individual competitors and team matches.

Swiss No 4 (1 ½ F) Number of pounds _____ x \$40.00 US = _____

Swiss No 3 (2 F) Number of pounds _____ x \$40.00 US = _____

Percussion caps cost; RWS 1075 = \$38.00 US per pack of 250.

Number of packs _____ x \$38.00 US = _____

Total for match fees, lunches, banquet, powder, and caps. _____

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Individual competitor registration form

To be filled out by each competitor, and forwarded to your national coordinator or captain.

Nation represented _____

Rifle Category; Original _____ Reproduction _____

Competitor information;

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Mailing address;

Street _____ City _____

Country _____ Postal code _____

Fees;

Individual registration fee

This includes match fees, daily lunch at range, and meet and greet social. \$525.00 US

Extra daily lunches for spouse or guests.

Five lunches, one per shooting day.

Number of extra lunches _____ x \$50.00 US, _____

Banquet attendees; (\$75.00 US per attendee)

One each for competitor, partner, and/or guest.

Number of attendees for banquet _____ x \$75.00 US _____

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The range requires that a waiver form be signed by everyone that enters the property. You can sign the waiver form when you first arrive at the facility, or you can go to the web site at <https://www.nrawc.org/waiver-form/> and fill it out ahead of time.

Range information

We will be using the 1000 yard range at the Whittington Center for this competition.

This range is tucked in next to the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo mountains. The view from this range can be quite spectacular.

It is entirely possible that we may have wildlife roaming around on the range before during and after the competition. In my years shooting there, I have seen elk, deer, antelope, bear, and a few others.

This wildlife lives here and they are quite used to the sound of firearms, but they are not tame. This is not a zoo. You do not generally have anything to fear from the wildlife, but respect that they live here, and do not molest them in any way, or attempt to feed them. Just enjoy them.

The range itself faces generally North, but slightly East. It is a wide open range partially surrounded by low hills. This range is at slightly over 6,400 ft elevation. (1950 meters). Remember to breathe deeper than normal the first few days you are here, and it will become normal very soon.

The altitude will affect the flight of your bullets. In my experience, I use the same sight settings as other ranges out to the 600 yard distance, but by the time we get to the 1000 yard target I see as much as a 12 MOA difference in elevation, with the shots going high at these elevations when I use my sight settings from lower elevations.

The firing points have parking behind them, at all distances. So there is no need for carts. You should be able to park within a few yards of your firing point. There are no loading tables, so you should provide your own. We will have some folding tables that can be used, but probably not enough for everyone.

The range is fitted with rows of wind flags running the length of the range.

The firing points are a bare gravel like mixture of ash and cinders at most distances, with concrete and firing benches at the 1000 firing point.

Behind the 1000 yard firing point is a good sized building where we will be doing the statistical work, holding the Sunday meetings, rifle inspections, posting scores, and using it as the offices for the match. This building is known as the "Eagle" building.

You can drive the length of the range on the left and right sides when needed.

When driving to the pits for pit duty, be sure to park left or right of the targets we are using. There is no parking allowed under or near the targets in use.

The butts, or berm behind the targets is approximately 50 yards or meters behind the targets, so your shots will appear to hit well below the actual impact on the target. At longer ranges your shots will impact low enough that they will not be seen on the berm.

The pits have seating and cover for the target pullers, on a raised concrete walkway. Do not leave that concrete walk when firing is in progress.

The facility requires that everyone that enters the property must fill out and sign a waiver before entering. You can sign that when you arrive the first time if you wish, but if they are busy, it can really slow down the entry process. They have a waiver on their web site that you can read and sign electronically, at <https://www.nrawc.org/waiver-form/>

You will not be allowed to shoot in the 1000 yard range on the opening and closing weekends. We will be busy setting up the range before and tearing down afterward. There are many other ranges and some of them will be available if you wish to do some shooting, but you must make arrangements to do that, and pay a daily fee at the Whittington Center entry point.

Shooting program

This is the proposed schedule of events

Sunday October 12th

At the Eagle building behind the 1000 yard firing points on the range

14:00 to 16:00 Arrival, Pick up powder, caps, shooters packets, and equipment inspections.

16:00 Captains and delegates meetings.

18:00 Welcome party, and official opening of competition.

Monday October 13th

300 yard practice and competition. Arrive at 300 yard firing point 07:30.

Tuesday October 14th

500 yard practice and competition. Arrive at 500 yard firing point 07:30.

Wednesday Oct. 15th

600 yard practice and competitions. Arrive at 600 yard firing point 07:30.

Thursday Oct. 16th

900 yard practice and competition. Arrive at 900 yard firing point 07:30.

Friday Oct 17th

1000 yard practice and competition. Arrive at 1000 yard firing point 07:30.

Saturday Oct. 18th

Rain date if necessary. Awards ceremony, banquet, and closing ceremony in the evening.

Banquet and ceremonies will take place on the property, time and place will be announced later.

Safety Rules

1. No rifles will be taken to the firing line without the permission of the range officer, prior to the fire command.
2. No one is allowed to move forward of the firing point after the fire command for any reason. This includes the entire width of the range and the roads on either side of the range. If anyone moves forward of the firing point when the line is hot, firing will be suspended.
3. All competitors are responsible for ensuring that their rifle, loads, and techniques are safe.
4. Hearing and eye protection is required for all competitors, staff, and visitors near the firing positions.
5. All rifles must be carried with the muzzle upward when moving about on the range. Especially when moving from the loading to shooting positions.
6. be respectful to those around you. All rifles must be pointed downrange when shooting or adjusting sights on the firing line. Front sights should not be adjusted on a rifle that is loaded, and if done it must be done only from the rear of the rifle.
7. Loaded rifles may only be capped after you have assumed your firing position and the rifle is pointed downrange. If you pop a cap during your cleaning procedure, you may walk to the firing line and cap the rifle only after it is pointed down range. No caps will be placed on the nipple when you are not at the firing line. All unexploded caps will be removed from the rifle before the rifle is removed from the firing line for any reason.
8. In case of a miss-fire, you may cap and try again as long as the rifle remains pointed downrange. If you need assistance, or if you need to deal with a malfunction of a loaded rifle, you must contact the range officer, and wait a minimum of 30 seconds after the last cap was fired before attempting to fix the problem.
9. All malfunctions must be cleared at the firing line and not brought back to the loading area.
10. All fouling/warming shots, and miss loads must be fired from your normal shooting position and towards the bullet stop.
11. In case of an emergency ceasefire, all loaded rifles on the firing line shall have the percussion caps removed. The rifles shall then be lain down on the shooting mat with the hammer at half cock, and muzzle pointed down range. The competitors will then step back from the firing line, leaving the rifles on the mat till told to do otherwise.

Competitors loading or waiting to approach the firing line will return their rifles to the loading area with the muzzle up.

Lodging and accommodations

If you need help with your lodging reservations feel free to contact Lee Shaver, the match director at longrangeml@gmail.com, or by phone 417-682-3330 (during business hours), and I will be glad to do what I can to help.

The Whittington center has housing on the facility for hundreds of people, because they host events many times the size of ours. Be sure to have a look at their website and check out their housing on the facility. <https://www.nrawc.org/lodging-cabins-camping/> Especially if you like the idea of staying on the facility where you can watch the wildlife and not be in the middle of town at night.

The city of Raton, New Mexico is only about 12 miles from the range, and there you will find several motels and hotels of various price ranges.

In general, the newer motels are nearer the freeway, while the older ones are more in town and in the northern part of town. In some cases the older ones were built before the freeway went around the town.

All of the major motel and hotels there in town can be booked directly through their web sites, or through one of the hotel booking online apps.

Many of them do not respond well to emails. In some cases the emails do not even go directly to them. Often it is best to actually call the hotel if you are dealing with one of the smaller ones.

They do not typically offer special pricing for events like ours.

Final note;

It has come to our attention that some airlines are becoming very strict on the weight of bullets you are allowed to fly with.

Lead bullets are now considered to be ammunition in most instances. With the maximum weight allowed being less than it takes to shoot this world championships.

If you find that you or your team are not able to fly with as many bullets as you need, we will do what we can to make bullets available. Just be sure to contact the match director well ahead of time so we can discuss the options.