

Wilson Rifle Team Introductory Information



The Wilson Rifle Team is a varsity winter sport. We compete with about 6 other schools in the Lancaster-Lebanon League. Discipline, concentration and focus are critical on this team, instead of size, strength and speed. As with any school sport, students must pay their yearly [activity fee](#), complete a [physical](#) or [recertification form](#), and abide by academic [eligibility](#) regulations.

The rifle range is located in the lower house near the gym and art rooms. Team members use precision air rifles. These rifles utilize compressed air to fire .177 caliber pellets. From a prone position, members fire at hanging paper targets that are exactly 10m away. Ten scored shots provide a maximum score of 100 points.

All equipment (rifles, pellets, targets, protective gear, etc) is provided by the school.

Safety is the top priority. All shooters must take a short range/safety orientation course.

➤ The Team

Because there is a limited amount of range space and time, students are separated into two groups:

The A team (Varsity) is composed of ~15 students that practice Monday through Thursday. This includes home and away matches with other schools. Friday practice is totally optional. During the season, there are 2 optional combined league matches that take place on a Saturday.

The B team (JV) is composed of students that are still developing their shooting skills, or cannot make the time commitment needed for the A team. They practice only on Friday. This training may enable students to move up next year or even during the current year if other students become ineligible to participate.

All students (previous and new shooters) must try-out and be evaluated. The average of a student's best 2 scores will be used for ranking. The top 10 shooters will automatically be invited to the A team, an additional 5 will be selected by the coaches based on potential.

➤ Practices

At each practice team members will take turns at the firing line. This enables our practice schedules to be somewhat flexible. Practices generally run from immediately after school to 5:00 PM. Students will not be shooting for that entire time.

➤ Season

Tryouts and early optional practices take place during September and October. Official winter season practices and matches take place November through early February.

➤ Timeline of Events (subject to change due to new teams, weather, etc.)

Sept.	Safety course for any new shooters. Approximately 45 minutes, after school, on any one of these days at the rifle range. Students may also have a little practice time afterwards.
Sept.	Open practice time for new shooters only.
Sept.	Tryouts to determine teams. New and previous shooters.
Oct:	Optional practices on Monday, Wednesday, Friday Possible scrimmage match TBD
Dec.	First official match. At Garden Spot
Feb.	Final official match. At Elizabethtown
Feb.	League Individual tournament

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