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## **Junior Rifle Finalists Battle for Top Titles at Hillsdale College**

COLO SPRGS, CO (May 15, 2021) – The top eight athletes overall for men’s smallbore, men’s air, women’s smallbore, and women’s air compete tomorrow in a finals competition to determine the overall National Rifle Junior Olympic Champions. The finals competitions begin with Men’s Smallbore Rifle at 9 a.m. at Hillsdale College in the Biermann Athletic Center. Full schedule, including the start list with scores can be found on the usashooting.org website (<https://www.usashooting.org/7-events/njosoc>).

Tokyo-bound Olympians and University of Kentucky athletes, Will Shaner and Mary Tucker sit at the top of both their respective men and women categories heading into the finals.

The men’s and women’s smallbore and air start lists also include Olympic alternate, Matt Sanchez and all six El Salvador Rifle Team members: Scott Rockett, John Blanton, Gavin Barnick, Katie Zaun, Natalie Perrin, and Katrina Demerle who brought home a combined 5 rifle medals in the El Salvador Junior Grand Prix in March 2021.

Braden Peiser is the only J2 athlete in the men’s finals and will compete in the men’s smallbore rifle event. On the women’s side, Julianna Hays and Bremen Butler are the two J2 women competing in the smallbore final and the only other J2 athletes competing in the air rifle final are Katrina Demerle and Rachael Charles.

The top athletes per discipline are as follows:

### **Men’s Smallbore Rifle:**

Will Shaner

Rylan Kissell

Matt Sanchez

Gavin Barnick

Braden Peiser

Derek Keiser



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**Women's Smallbore:**

Mary Tucker

Katie Zaun

Molly McGhin

Natalie Perrin

Julianna Hays

Stephanie Allan

Morgan Krebs

Bremen Butler

**Men's Air Rifle:**

Will Shaner

Rylan Kissell

Gavin Perkowski

Scott Rockett

John Blanton III

Gavin Barnick

Andrew Duryea

Derek Keiser

**Women's Air:**

Mary Tucker

Katie Zaun

Katrina Demerle

Claire O'Neel

Molly McGhin

Rachael Charles

Natalie Perrin

Alison Henry

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