

**“2026 Armbruster Gun” Sweepstakes  
OFFICIAL RULES**

**NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF MONEY IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN THIS SWEEPSTAKES. A PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF MONEY WILL NOT IMPROVE THE CHANCES OF WINNING.**

The “2026 Armbruster Gun” Sweepstakes (the “Sweepstakes”) is intended for legal residents of the United States of America (“USA”) and shall only be construed and evaluated according to applicable USA law and applicable state law. Do not enter this Sweepstakes if you are not located in the USA or are otherwise ineligible to enter in accordance with these Official Rules at the time of entry.

**SPONSOR/ADMINISTRATOR:** The Sweepstakes is sponsored by Verein Deutsch-Drahthaar Group NA, 3654 East Martin Ave, Cudahy, WI 53110 (the “Sponsor”) and administered by American Sweepstakes & Promotion Co., Inc., 300 State St. Suite 402, Rochester, NY 14614 (the “Administrator”).

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Sweepstakes is open to legal residents of the USA (excluding residents of Hawaii) who are at least eighteen (18) years of age or have reached the age of majority in their respective state of residence at the time of entry (the “Entrants”). In addition, an Entrant must be a) legally able to possess a firearm Prize listed below, and b) a member of the Verein Deutsch-Drahthaar Group North America as of June 15, 2026, in order to be eligible. **The Sweepstakes is not open to the general public.** The Sponsor, the Administrator, their respective parent companies, employees, executive committee, subsidiaries, affiliates, distributors, sales representatives and advertising and promotional agencies, and the, executive committee, agents, and employees of each of the foregoing (collectively, the “Released Parties”), and members of their immediate families (defined as including spouse, biological, adoptive and step-parents, grandparents, siblings, children and grandchildren, and each of their respective spouses, regardless of where they reside) or households (whether related or not) of any of the above are NOT eligible to participate in this Sweepstakes. Non-eligibility or non-compliance with any of these Official Rules will result in disqualification. **Void where prohibited or restricted by law.** (For the avoidance of doubt, any references in these Rules to Entrants shall also include the Entrant who is deemed a Winner (as defined below)).

**AGREEMENT TO OFFICIAL RULES:** By participating, Entrants agree to abide by and be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, which are final and binding in all matters relating to the Sweepstakes. Winning a Prize (as defined below) is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth herein.

**HOW TO ENTER:** The Sweepstakes begins at 12:00:01am MST on June 15, 2026, and ends at 1:59:59pm MST on September 19, 2026 (“Sweepstakes Period”). The Sponsor’s database computer is the official time-keeping device for the Sweepstakes. Two (2) methods of entry as follows:

1. **Via Online & Event Purchase** – During the Sweepstakes Period, Entrants may visit the Sponsor’s website at [www.vdd-gna.org](http://www.vdd-gna.org) (the “Website”) or the VDD-GNA Annual Meeting (the “Event”) and purchase one of the following products:
  - Tier-1 Challenge Coin for \$65 and receive one (1) entry
  - Tier-2 Challenge Coin for \$175 and receive four (4) entries **\*While Supplies Last\***

NOTE: ANY FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SWEEPSTAKES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IT IS FRAUDULENT TO PURCHASE ITEMS TO OBTAIN ENTRIES WITH THE INTENT TO RETURN THESE ITEMS AFTER THE SWEEPSTAKES ENDS. IF THE SPONSOR IDENTIFIES OR SUSPECTS THAT YOU ARE ENGAGED IN THIS OR ANY OTHER FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND BANNED FROM ANY FURTHER SWEEPSTAKES OFFERED BY THE SPONSOR.

2. **Via Online Entry** - Entrants can enter the Sweepstakes by completing the Sweepstakes registration form at <https://shop.vdd-gna.org/pages/sweepstakes-free-entry> (the “Website”). The registration form will request an Entrant’s full name, complete mailing address, phone number and email address. Each completed registration form will be worth one (1) Sweepstakes entry. To be valid, each entry must provide all requested information. Proof of entry information at the Website is not considered proof of delivery to or receipt by Sponsor of an entry. Entries made by any other individual or any entity, and/or originating at any other website or email address, including, but not limited to, commercial Sweepstake’s subscription notification and/or entering service sites, will be declared invalid and disqualified for this Sweepstakes. The use of automated entry devices is prohibited, and no mechanically reproduced entries are allowed; all such entries are void.

The Released Parties are not responsible for late, incomplete, delayed, undelivered, or misdirected entries. All entries become the exclusive property of Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned except as provided herein. By participating, you consent to Sponsor’s and its agents’ use of your personal information for the administration of this Sweepstakes.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:** If for any reason the operation or administration of this Sweepstakes is impaired or incapable of running as planned for any reason, including but not limited to (i) infection by computer virus, bugs, (ii) tampering, unauthorized intervention, (iii) fraud, (iv) technical failures, or (v) any other causes beyond the control of the Sponsor which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this Sweepstakes, the Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Sweepstakes in whole or in part, at any time, without notice and award the Prize (defined below) using all non-suspect eligible entries received as of, or after (if applicable) this cancellation, termination, modification or suspension date, or in any manner that is fair and equitable and best conforms to the spirit of these Official Rules. Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual

deemed to be tampering or attempting to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the Sweepstakes or Sponsor's Website; or acting in violation of these Official Rules or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner.

CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEBSITE OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE SWEEPSTAKES IS A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE; THE SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES OR OTHER REMEDIES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTEMPT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

Failure by the Sponsor to enforce any provision of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. In the event of a dispute as to the identity of a Winner based on an email address, the winning entry will be declared by the authorized account holder of the email address associated with the registration in question. "Authorized account holder" is defined as the natural person who is assigned to an email address by an Internet access provider, online service provider or other organization (e.g., business, educational, institution, etc.) that is responsible for assigning email addresses for the domain associated with the submitted email address.

**RELEASE AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY:** By participating in the Sweepstakes, Entrants agree to release and hold harmless the Sponsor and Administrator (collectively, the "Released Parties") from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Sweepstakes or receipt or use of any Prize, including, but not limited to: (i) any technical errors that may prevent an Entrant from submitting an entry; (ii) unauthorized human intervention in the Sweepstakes; (iii) printing errors; (iv) errors in the administration of the Sweepstakes or the processing of entries; or (v) injury, death, or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from Entrant's participation in the Sweepstakes or receipt of the Grand Prize (defined below). Released Parties assume no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. Released Parties are not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or telephone lines, computer online systems, servers, or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any email or entry to be received by Sponsor on account of technical problems, human error or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any Website, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to Entrant's or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from participation in this Sweepstakes or downloading any materials in this Sweepstakes. Entrant further agrees that in any cause of action, the Released Parties' liability will be limited to the cost of entering and participating in the Sweepstakes, and in no event shall the Released Parties be liable for attorney fees. Entrant waives the right to claim any damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct, or indirect damages. **For New Jersey Residents: nothing herein bars recovery of damages or attorneys' fees where mandated by statute.**

Except as expressly provided above, IN NO EVENT WILL RELEASED PARTIES BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES OR LOSSES OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES) ARISING OUT OF

PARTICIPATION IN THIS SWEEPSTAKES OR THE ACCEPTANCE, POSSESSION, USE, OR MISUSE OF, OR ANY HARM RESULTING FROM THE ACCEPTANCE, POSSESSION, USE OR MISUSE OF A PRIZE.

By participating, Entrants release and agree to hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all liability for any injuries, death or losses or damages to persons or property AS WELL AS CLAIMS/ACTIONS BASED ON PUBLICITY RIGHTS, DEFAMATION, AND/OR INVASION OF PRIVACY that may arise from participating in this Sweepstakes or its related activities or the acceptance, possession, use or misuse of, or any harm resulting from the acceptance, possession, use or misuse of a Prize. Released Parties are not liable in the event that any portion of the Sweepstakes is cancelled due to weather, fire, strike, acts of war or terrorism, pandemic, or any other condition beyond their control.

EACH ENTRANT UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT ALL RIGHTS UNDER SECTION 1542 OF THE CIVIL CODE OF CALIFORNIA AND ANY SIMILAR LAW OF ANY STATE OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES ARE HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVED BY HIM/HER. SECTION 1542 READS AS FOLLOWS:

“CERTAIN CLAIMS NOT AFFECTED BY A GENERAL RELEASE. A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.”

**DRAWING AND NOTIFICATION:** The potential Winners will be selected in a random drawing conducted by the Administrator. The Prize drawing will be conducted on September 19, 2026, around 2:30pm MST. Odds of winning a Prize will depend on the total number of eligible entries received throughout the Sweepstakes Period. The potential Prize Winners will each be contacted by the Sponsor or Administrator via phone, email, on site at the VDD-GNA Event, and/or USPS mail.

**PRIZES:** There will be **one (1) Grand Prize, one (1) First Prize, and one (1) Second Prize** available.

- The **Grand Prize Winner** (“Winner”), upon the Administrator’s confirmation of eligibility, will receive a Merkel 47E Side by Side Shotgun (“Prize” or “Grand Prize”). Grand Prize ARV - \$5,000.
- The **First Prize Winner** (“Winner”), upon the Administrator’s confirmation of eligibility, will receive a CZ USA Drake Over/Under Shotgun (“Prize” or “First Prize”). First Prize ARV - \$850.
- The **Second Prize Winner** (“Winner”), upon the Administrator’s confirmation of eligibility, will receive a Garmin 300i GPS Tracking System (“Prize” or “Second Prize”). ARV - \$1,300.

Total Prize Pool - \$7,150. NOTE: Substitution, assignment, or transfer of a Prize is not permitted, except by Sponsor, who reserves the right to substitute a Prize with another of equal or greater value. All other expenses associated with Prize acceptance or usage not specifically mentioned

herein are the responsibility of the Winners. All local, state, and federal taxes and any transfer fees charged by the Federal Firearms Licensee through whom the Prize is transferred are the sole responsibility of the Winners. The Winners are subject to verification and all Prize transfers are subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and Sponsor's approval, in its sole discretion. Any required permits or other state or local requirements related to the acquisition of the firearm Prize are the sole responsibility of the Winners.

**PRIZE CONDITIONS:** By accepting a Prize, the Winners agree to release and hold harmless the Released Parties, each of their related companies, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, shareholders, and agents from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Sweepstakes or receipt or use of the Prize. Each Prize Winner must sign and return to the Administrator, within five (5) days of the date of notice or attempted notice is sent, an Affidavit of Eligibility, Liability & Publicity Release in order to claim their Prize. Each Winner may also be asked to complete an IRS Form W9. **Note: The Affidavit sent to the potential Prize Winners will require that the Winners provide their Social Security Number to the Administrator, which will be used solely for tax reporting purposes.** The Winners are responsible for all local, state, and federal taxes associated with the receipt of the Prize. Each Prize Winner must note that the value of their accepted Prize is taxable as income and an IRS Form 1099 will be filed in the name of the Winner for the value of the Prize, and the Winners are solely responsible for all matters relating to their Prize after it is awarded. If a Prize or Prize notification is returned as unclaimed or undeliverable to a potential Winner, if a potential Winner cannot be reached or does not respond as instructed within two (2) days from the first notification attempt, or if a potential Winner fails to return requisite document(s) within the specified time period, or if a potential Winner is not in compliance with these Official Rules, then such person shall be disqualified and, at Sponsor's sole discretion, an alternate Winner may be selected.

The Sponsor will ship each Prize to a valid Federal Firearms Licensee in the U.S. selected by the approved Winners. The Winners are each responsible for providing the Sponsor with a copy of the Federal Firearm License of the retailer to which the Winner would like the Prize shipped. All firearms transfers must be in compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations and will be subject to the requirements, policies and procedures of the chosen Federal Firearms Licensee for delivery. If a Winner is unable to complete the firearm transfer because the firearm is not legally available for transfer or sale in his or her state or locale, the Winner may select a substitute firearm that is of equal or lesser value. Substitute prizes are subject to availability and the Sponsor makes no claims or representations that any particular substitute selected by the Winner will be available. Any substitute prize must be legally available for sale in a Winner's state or locale. If a Winner is unable to complete the firearm transfer due to a failure of the required background check or other failure to meet the requirements of the Federal Firearms Licensee, the Prize in question will be forfeited and returned to Sponsor at Sponsor's sole expense and the Winner in question will be disqualified. In the event of noncompliance with these requirements, the Prize may be forfeited. The Sponsor is not responsible and the Winners are solely responsible for the costs incurred to travel to pick up their Prize and/or any other costs and fees associated with the transfer of the Prize, including any amounts charged by the Federal Firearms Licensee

to complete the transfer. Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to void entries of any Entrant who is or may be ineligible to accept transfer of a firearm in his or her state or locale.

All Prize details not specified in these Official Rules will be determined in Sponsor's sole discretion. All federal, state, and local taxes, as well as any expenses not specified in these Official Rules as being provided as part of the Prize, are the sole responsibility of the Winners. Sponsor will not replace any lost, mutilated, or stolen Prize. The Sponsor is not responsible for any inability of a Winner to accept or use any Prize (or portion thereof) for any reason. No transfers, prize substitutions (other than substitutions as specifically set forth hereinabove) or cash redemptions will be made, except in Sponsor's sole discretion. The Sponsor reserves the right to substitute the stated Prize or portion thereof with another prize or portion thereof of equal or greater value for any reason, including, without limitation, Prize unavailability.

By accepting a Prize, where permitted by law, the Winners grant to the Released Parties and those acting pursuant to the authority of Sponsor and the Released Parties (which grant will be confirmed in writing upon Sponsor's request), the right to print, publish, broadcast and use worldwide IN ALL MEDIA without limitation at any time their full name, portrait, picture or video, voice, likeness and/or biographical information for advertising, trade and promotional purposes without further payment or additional consideration, and without review, approval or notification. The Winners also acknowledge that Released Parties have neither made nor are in any manner responsible or liable for any warranty, representation, or guarantee, express or implied, in fact or in law, relative to any Prize that is not a product or service furnished by Sponsor. The Winner also acknowledges that Released Parties have neither made nor are in any manner responsible or liable for any warranty, representation, or guarantee, express or implied, in fact or in law, relative to the Prize.

**DISPUTES:** All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules or the rights and obligations of Entrants, Administrator, and Sponsor in connection with the Sweepstakes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules or provisions that would cause the application of any other state's or jurisdiction's laws. By participating in the Sweepstakes, Entrant agrees that: (i) any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with the Sweepstakes, shall be resolved individually without resort to any form of class action; (ii) any judicial proceeding shall take place in a court within the State of Wisconsin; (iii) any and all claims, judgments, and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Sweepstakes, but in no event will attorney fees be awarded or recoverable; (iv) under no circumstances will Entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and Entrant hereby waives all rights to seek, punitive, incidental, exemplary, consequential, special damages, lost profits, other damages, and/or any rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased; and (v) Entrant's remedies are limited to a claim for money damages (if any) and he/she waives any right to seek injunctive or equitable relief.

**SEVERABILITY:** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these Official Rules will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. If any provision of the Official Rules is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the other provisions will remain in effect and will be construed as if the invalid or unenforceable provision were not contained herein.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** These Official Rules contain the full and complete understanding with respect to the Sweepstakes and supersede all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, and understandings, whether oral or written. The headings herein are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of these Official Rules, and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof. No amendment to, or waiver of, any provision of these Official Rules shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both Sponsor and Administrator. The waiver by Sponsor or Administrator of any provision of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision herein. The rights and obligations hereunder may not be assigned by Entrant, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of Sponsor, and any attempted assignment in violation of the foregoing shall be null and void. These Official Rules shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the permitted successors and assigns of Sponsor, Administrator, and Entrant.

**WINNERS LIST REQUEST:** To request confirmation of the first name, last initial, city, and state of residence of the Winner, please send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope, by November 1, 2026, to: ASC/2026 VDD-GNA Sweepstakes Winners List Request, 300 State St. Suite 402, Rochester, NY 14614.