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for four straight semesters in 2007 and 2008.

This is one of the very few NCAA Sports where men and women compete on a level playing field. Many schools have mixed teams, but TCU is one of the few to have an all women's team. At the end of the regular season, every team competes in the NRA Sectionals. This team score, along with the average of three regular season scores (two of which must be away matches), are added to rank the teams across the nation. From this list, the top eight teams are invited to compete at the NCAA National Rifle Championships.

While TCU has had a team since the 1960s, the Shooting Frogs made their first NCAA team appearance in 2007, after just three years under Coach Monez. That trip was a memorable experience for the team, not only because it was the first, but also since it was hosted in Fairbanks, Alaska. There, they tied for fifth place. In 2008, the Shooting Frogs placed third in the nation when the Championships were hosted at West Point, New York. In 2009, when TCU hosted the Championship for the first time, the Shooting Frogs finished in fifth place again.

TCU is expected to host again in 2010, on March 12-13. The Air Rifle competition on March 13, held in Daniel Meyer Coliseum on TCU's



campus, is open to the public and spectators are highly encouraged to attend.

At the Championships, not only are competitors ranked by their team score out of 4800 points, but individually as well. After everyone fires their 60-shot course of fire, the top eight scores are brought back out to the firing line for what is known as the finals. Competitors fire an additional 10 rounds. This time, however, the eight on the line are given 75 seconds to shoot one shot, then each competitor's score is said aloud, with applause after a 10. The shots are also scored to the tenth degree, with the tenth counting, so a 10.7, a very good shot, would beat a 10.2. All the scores are added together, both from the original 60-shot match and the ten extra, to determine the champion of the match.

TCU's Rifle Team is divided into two groups, the Purple and the White Teams. The Purple Team is the core traveling team, while the white team consists mostly of walk-ons. Four seniors will head the Purple Team for the 2009-2010 season. Adding to the ladies is a sophomore and five freshmen, making it the largest traveling squad that Monez has had the pleasure of training. The White Team is also adding a freshman, putting five ladies on that squad. With all the experience and new talent, the TCU Women's rifle team is looking forward to an exciting and successful season.

**To track TCU's Rifle Team during their season, visit
<http://gofrogs.cstv.com/sports/c-rifle/>**

