The Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Handbook

Rules, Process & Regulations



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Welcome

Welcome to the Scholastic Clay Target Program!

By joining the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) you will participate in the premier Youth Clay Target Shooting Program in the country. SCTP is a Youth Development Program that teaches the safe handling of firearms while at the same time developing positive life skills through the shotgun clay target sports. SCTP is the Official Youth Development program of USA Shooting, the National Skeet Shooting Association, and the National Sporting Clay Association. SCTP enjoys a relationship with the Amateur Trapshooting Association, the National Rifle Association, and the Association of College Unions International.

The SCTP program was founded as an American Trap Program in the year 2000. Originally it was a partnership between the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the Amateur Trapshooting Association. Two years later, the National Skeet Shooting Association and the National Sporting Clay Association joined the partnership and American Skeet, and Sporting Clays was added. Later, USA Shooting also became involved and the Olympic Games were added. SCTP is a national youth shotgun program which offers all five of the major shotgun disciplines. SCTP is also the only national youth shotgun program in which all other youth programs may join and compete in. Making SCTP the youth program that is recognized as having the National Scholastic Championships.

SCTP is governed by the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF). The SSSF raises money and other resources to support youth shooting programs. Midway USA contributes a great deal of financial resources to our program and to the United States Youth Shooting Movement as a whole. The shooting and hunting industry understand that today's youth are the future of our sport, and we enjoy tremendous support from the hunting and shooting industry.

The backbone of the Scholastic Clay Target Program are the Parents, Adults, and Volunteers who organize and run the program on the local and state level. Any successful youth program will always have a few dedicated passionate adults working in a leadership and guidance role. The amount of time, energy, and financial resources that these dedicated adults contribute to the program is staggering.

However, when you meet the wonderful young athletes that the program produces, you will understand quickly why it is worth it and why they do what they do. The participants in the Scholastic Clay Target Program are some of the finest young people you would ever want to meet.

This booklet has been prepared to guide you through the SCTP shooting year from registration to the completion of the SCTP National Championships. More information is available at our website: https://mysctp.com/ Whether your child is interested in becoming a National Champion or just wants a fund and safe social activity to enjoy with his/her friends, SCTP is the program for them!

Why not get them started today?

Governing Body

Since 2008 the SCTP is governed by the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF). The SSSF raises money and other resources to support youth shooting programs. Multiple shooting/hunting industry partners, charitable foundations and individual donors contribute a great deal of financial resources and other support to the SSSF programs. If you would like to join the rands of those supporting youth in the shooting sports, please visit www.sssfonline.org/donate/ to find out how you can help.

Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) Mission Statement

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation exists to raise funds and other resources for Youth Development Programs in the shooting sports industry.

Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Mission Statement

SCTP is a youth development program where adult coaches and volunteers model sportsmanship, responsibility, and teamwork while using shooting sports programs to teach these and other positive life skills to SCTP athletes.

Program Design

Youth from elementary grades through college are eligible to participate in the safe, educational, and enjoyable SCTP clay target sports of American Trap, American Skeet, Sporting Clays, Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet. The SCTP is ideally suited to become a school sponsored Title IX Sport. There is no other sport that offers such an absolutely "level playing field" for gender participation as the shooting sports. The SCTP is a perfect fit for youth organizations such as Boy Scouts, 4-H, FFA, Police Athletic League, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, etcetera. Any youth organization is welcome to participate in the SCTP.

All SCTP activities incorporate two indispensable elements – SAFETY & FUN. Safety is incorporated into every aspect of ALL SCTP activities. The learning environment at team practices and at competitive shoots is designed to include the element of FUN to participants. SCTP participants learn the safe and responsible handling and use of firearms. They discover the joy of contributing to a shared team goal and the commitment that goes along with it. During this self-discovery process, team members develop proficiency in a sport that can be shared and enjoyed with family and friends for a lifetime.

Adult Leadership

The program is led by trained and dedicated adult volunteer coaches who are committed to providing, promoting, and perpetuating opportunities for their young athletes to safely and enjoyably participate in a high-quality team-based sport. SCTP Coaches must take very seriously the responsibility of being good role models to the SCTP Athletes. As a result, SCTP coaches do not charge fees for coaching within the organization.

Honoring the Game

Competition is clearly a part of the SCTP, an indispensable part; but it is not the underlying principle. The "win at all costs" philosophy has no place in the SCTP. Striving to win while playing by the rules does. Honoring the game, exhibiting good sportsmanship, and being a responsible Team Member, are the bedrock values the SCTP strives to instill. It is the DUTY of everyone involved in the SCTP – Coaches, Parents, and Athletes – to set good examples for SCTP Team Members. Volunteers are expected to emulate and uphold high moral and ethical standards of personal conduct.

Glossary

SSSF	Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation
NSSF	National Shooting Sports Foundation
SCTP	Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation
ACUI	Association of College Union Internationals
SCTP Team	All Athletes, Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Adult Volunteers registered under the same Head Coach at a "Home" Gun Club or Shooting Facility in one or more disciplines.
SCTP Squad	The SCTP competitive unit. The SCTP competitive unit for 12th grade & below consists of five (5) Athletes for Trap and three (3) Athletes for Skeet, Sporting Clays, Olympic Skeet, and Olympic Trap. For college teams – Team scoring will be utilized with the top 5 athletes for all disciplines except international disciplines.
SCTP American Style Disciplines	Sporting Clays, Skeet, Trap
SCTP Olympic Style Disciplines	Olympic Skeet and Olympic Trap
SCTP American Style Division/Categories	Rookie Division Intermediate Division: Entry Level and Advanced Senior Division: Junior Varsity and Varsity College: Division I, II, III, and IV
SCTP Olympic Categories	All athletes compete at division level, no categories.
NGB	National Governing Body
NGB #	Membership ID # assigned to the participant by the NGB
National Governing Bodies	Sporting Clays: NSCA-National Sporting Clays Association American Skeet: NSSA-National Skeet Shooting Association American Trap: ATA-Amateur Trapshooting Association Olympic Games: USAS-USA Shooting
Registered Targets	Targets shot at an event sanctioned by the NGB for the discipline
Head Coach	The Team Head Coach serving as the primary point of contact for communication between the SCTP National Administrative Office and everyone involved with the team and the individual. There is only one Head Coach per team.
Assistant Coach	Registered adult with SCTP accepted coaching credentials per section 6e
Adult Volunteer	Registered adult with SCTP without coaching credentials.
Team Scoring	Pulling the Top 5 scores (for Trap) and Top 3 scores (Skeet, Sporting Clays, and International Disciplines) in each division to make the Team Award – regardless of which squad they participated on.
Mixed Squad	A squad of athletes that are of multiple teams and may or may not be of multiple classifications.

Official Rules

These rules are set forth to ensure the safe and equitable treatment of all SCTP participants. Their enjoyment and safety are our reward. Rules that have been updated within the current shooting year are in red.

1. SCTP Disciplines & Sanctioning Bodies

a. Disciplines

The Scholastic Clay Target Program offers opportunities for teams to participate in the disciplines of Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, Olympic Skeet and Olympic Trap

b. Sanctioning Body

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) (www.sssfonline.org) is the sanctioning body for the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP). The SSSF's National Program Staff are responsible for the management of the SCTP.

c. SCTP Partners

National Governing bodies for clay target sports. The SCTP has partnered with four National Governing Bodies (NGB) sanctioning clay target sports in the Unites States. All SCTP competitive events, including the SCTP State and National Team Championships, will be conducted in accordance with the rules for each of the clay target disciplines as set forth by the appropriate National Governing Body (NGB). See NGB's Listed below:

American Skeet	National Skeet Shooting Association	NSSA	www.nssa-nsca.org
Sporting Clays	National Sporting Clays Association	NSCA	www.nssa-nsca.org
American Trap	Amateur Trapshooting Association	ATA	www.shootata.com
Olympic Disciplines	USA Shooting	USAS	www.usashooting.org
College Division	Association of College Unions	ACUI	www.acuiclays.org
Coaching Schools	SCTP Basic Shotgun Coach Course	SCTP	www.mysctp.com

Rulebooks for each sport are available directly from the appropriate NGG.

Contact an NGB by going to its respective website.

2. Participant Eligibility

a. Student Status & Age

All school-age boys and girls in grades 12 and under with the physical, mental, and emotional maturity to participate in a team sport are eligible to participate in the SCTP. There is also an SCTP College Division for college-aged participants. Participants must be bona fide students enrolled (with 9 credits minimum for undergraduate and 6 credits for graduate) in an accredited school, home-

schooled program, college or university to include 2-year colleges. College athletes may participate in the College Division of the SCTP through the SCTP shooting year of their 25th birthday.
The SCTP primary and secondary school program eligibility ends with graduation from high school, or once a student reaches his/her 20th birthday, whichever comes first. The SSSF National Program Staff has the option to grant a variance for age in view of special circumstances. High School graduates with a graduation date during the current SCTP target year are allowed to finish that target year. College eligibility is determined by the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) and that information can be found at https://acuiclays.org/resources/document-library/
Some states have a minimum legal age requirement for handling and using firearms – check your state laws!

b. Academic Eligibility

Team members must make satisfactory academic progress and be deemed eligible by school officials of their home school for participation in the school's extracurricular activities including school sports teams.

c. Conduct

All individuals registered with the SCTP (Athletes, Head Coaches, and Assistant Coaches/Adult Volunteers) and those associated with the SCTP (Parents and family members, etc..) must comply with the conduct requirements stated in the sportsmanship contract.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: Breaches of the spirit as well as the letter of the SCTP rules including stipulations in the sportsmanship contract will be grounds for suspension or expulsion from the program. Infractions of the National Governing Body's rules will be considered the same as an infraction of SCTP rules. Any sanctions imposed by an NGB or the State and Local SCTP Program will be recognized and enforced by the SCTP National program staff, provided the proper documentation supporting the suspension or expulsion has been forwarded to the national office.

Membership Eligibility (**IMPORTANT**)
All SCTP teams must be in good standing with the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation, their partnering organizations, state advisor(s) and/or state organization to be participating members of the Scholastic Clay Target Program. This would include but not limited to; local, state, regional, national, and international level SCTP-sanctioned competitions and events. Teams can be deemed to not be in good standing due to misconduct at any SCTP sanctioned event, recruiting/cherry picking violations, misconduct of coaching staff, or any violation of rules and regulations set forth by SSSF or partnering organizations.

3. Grouping Athletes (Division & Categories)

a. Divisions

In the American Disciplines, there are four competitive Divisions. These Divisions, determined by school grade level, are designed to allow participants to compete on a level playing field. Grade level in school, not age, is the criterion used to populate divisions.

SCTP Divisions (American Disciplines)

1. Rookie Division — Grade 5 and Under
2. Intermediate Division — Grades 6 – 8
3. Senior Division — Grades 9 – 12
4. College Division — Full Time Collegiate Undergraduate; Div I, II, III, IV

b. Categories

To level the playing field even more, novice athletes compete in a separate competitive grouping or category from more experienced athletes. Coaches, please remember, it is your responsibility to ensure that your athletes are classified correctly! Please verify all squadding rosters at each event you attend. Incorrectly classified athletes will result in re-classification of that squad to the "Open Division" if applicable, or in the case that "Open Division" does not exist, the disqualification of that squad.

SCTP Categories (American Disciplines)

1. **Rookie Division** — No categories in rookie division
2. **Intermediate Division**
   - Entry Level — 1st year of participation in the intermediate division
   - Advanced Level — After 1 year of participation in intermediate division.
3. **Senior Division**
   - Junior Varsity — 1st year of participation in the senior division.
   - Varsity — After 1 year of participation in the senior division.
4. **College Division**
   - Division I — Schools with 21 or more athletes participating in the event.
   - Division II — Schools with 11-20 athletes participating in the event.
   - Division III — Schools with 10 or less athletes participating in the event.
   - Division IV — Two Year Schools
5. **Open Division**

   Competitive squad of athletes from a single team with multiple classifications. This division does not include college athletes.

c. High School Division (concurrent)

The High School division shall consist of athletes in the 9th-12th grades only. All senior division athletes on the team must attend the same High School, no exceptions! No Intermediate "bump ups" will be allowed for this division and "Team Scoring" will be utilized at the National Championships. A letter from the High School will be required as proof/verification that all senior division athletes on the team are from the same school.

Athletes participating for the "High School" division awards must have the following information filled in on their athlete SHOT profile pages and coaches must ensure that it is up to date:

- Athletes must have the High School they currently attend filled in on their SHOT profile page.
- Coaches must ensure that this information is current and accurate before attending the National Championships.

- Any award won will be awarded and given to the "Team", not the High School of the attending athletes.
- A letter signed by the school principal or athletic director and the head coach of the team verifying all senior division athletes on the team are from the same school is required. This letter must be sent to and received by the SCTP National Office by June 1st each year the team wishes to compete in the High School Division. Home schooled athletes must show a High School they "would have attended" had they not been home schooled.
- Falsifying information and high school designation will be grounds for disqualification and suspension from the program.

d. Scoring

Squad or team scoring will be determined by the group hosting the event, determined before registration, and published/listed on the SHOT system as such.

- Squad scoring – the scores compiled from the athletes on the same squad to make the award.
- Team scoring –Pulling the Top 5 (for Trap) and Top 3 (Skeet, Sporting Clays and International Disciplines) in each division/category to make the Team Award.

e. Category Classification Rules

i. Athletes in the highest category in any SCTP discipline will be classified automatically in that same category in all disciplines for which they are registered. For example, an athlete in the Intermediate Advanced or Senior Varsity Category in Skeet will be in that category for Trap and Sporting Clays.

ii. First year athletes in the Intermediate Division will have one year to be classified in the Entry Level Category. After one year in Entry Level Category, Intermediate Division Athletes will be classified in the Advanced Category.

iii. First year athletes in the Senior Division will have one year to be classified in the Junior Varsity Category. After one year in Junior Varsity Category, Senior Division Athletes will be classified in the Varsity Category.

iv. The purpose/intent of the open class is to allow coaches to bring athletes to a tournament and compete as a group of athletes that normally would not be allowed to. Coaches are expected to fill all divisional competitive squads first, then populate the remaining athletes in open division squads.

4. Teams (Definition of Terms)

a. Team Focus

The SCTP is a team-based Youth Development Program. The intent of the SCTP is to provide participants with the opportunity to be a member of a team. A team is composed of a group of individuals who are committed to a common goal and who work together regularly to achieve that goal. To achieve this unity of purpose, team members should spend quality time together in activities other than just shooting. Team Members are required to practice on a regular basis with their team (See Section 5-b, Required Practices) and are expected to participate in team fundraising efforts and community service projects.

b. Definition of an SCTP Team

An SCTP Team is defined as one or more individual Athletes registered by and guided by a Head Coach. There is no upper limit to the number of Athletes on a team and a team may compete in one or all disciplines. This includes both the American Style and Olympic Style events.

All participants in the SCTP must be registered on a specific team for each discipline. Teams may be composed of members from neighborhoods, houses of worship, gun clubs, and youth groups such as 4-H Clubs, Boy Scout Troops, FFA Chapters, JROTC Programs, Venturing Crews, Girl Scouts, Police Athletic Leagues, American Legion Posts and VFW Posts, to name a few.

c. Distinction between Team & Squad

A “team” is the entire group of Athletes registered under a Head Coach. Each team is assigned a Team ID Number. A “squad” is the competitive unit for every SCTP competition.

d. Competitive Squad

A valid competitive squad for the disciplines of American Trap consists of five (5) Athletes. A valid competitive squad for the disciplines of American Skeet, Sporting Clays, Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet consists of three (3) Athletes.

There is NO LIMIT to the number of individuals that can be registered on a Team; thus, no limit to the number of squads per team. Several squads on a single team may be entered in the same competition.

e. Athlete Team Eligibility

An athlete will only be allowed to compete on one (1) SCTP team for any/all disciplines. An athlete will not be allowed to shoot one discipline for team A, and shoot a different discipline for team B. Only exception is for college athletes coming home and shooting the “College Division” for their original team.

f. Cherry Picking

“Cherry Picking” individuals to form either a local team or a “State All -Star team” is strictly prohibited. “Cherry Picking” is putting together a group of “hot shots,” “all-stars” or a “paper team” to compete at any SCTP sanctioned event including State and National Championships. This practice runs counter to the letter and the spirit of the SCTP and is expressly prohibited.

Athletes and/or Coaches violating this rule will be suspended and may be removed from the program.

g. Athlete Eligibility for SCTP Competitions

Team Members must attend a minimum of six (6) team practice sessions to be eligible to shoot in a SCTP State or National Championship event representing that team. Coaches are not allowed to charge a coaching fee for these six team practice sessions. In the event an athlete lives more than fifty miles away from the local shooting range, verification of eligible practices may be required. Competition Shoots are not to be counted as practice sessions.

Many SCTP State Championships and all SCTP National Championships are conducted in the summer after the traditional school year has ended. For purposes of determining an athlete's eligibility for the SCTP season, the grade level he or she entered in the Fall School Semester is the one that will be used for assignment to a SCTP Division.

Home-schooled students compete in the Division commensurate with their Fall School Semester grade level. Home school athletes should participate with the closest club team just as if they were attending that high school. If the home school athlete is to be eligible for the high school award a letter must but provided by that local high school. High school graduates who were members of an officially recognized SCTP Team during the school year are eligible to compete for the remainder of the shooting year.

Athletes must be in good standing with their state organization to participate in State and National competitions.

h. Team "Placement" Rules

All Athletes are expected to shoot for the closest team to their residence that will allow them to shoot for that team. Any athletes/coaches using or allowing an athlete to use an address other than their actual address of residence to participate with a team that is not the closest team to their actual address, will be immediately disqualified and expelled from the SCTP.

Students attending a school/school district sponsoring an SCTP team are expected to shoot for their school or school district. Some special circumstances may prevent this from happening, for example, a school district may only allow high school aged athletes to participate. Intermediate and below levels would then be allowed to compete with the next closest SCTP team that would accept them.

The SCTP does not condone or permit athletes to "team jump." However, under extenuating circumstances, an athlete may request a transfer to another team.
All athlete transfers must be reviewed and approved by SCTP National staff. SCTP National staff, including Program Mangers, RFRs, State Advisors, and other appropriate parties, will conduct due diligence before a transfer is approved. Both the releasing coach and the receiving coach will be consulted as part of the review process.
Final approval of all athlete transfers rests with SCTP National staff and will be determined on non-precedent setting case-by-case basis.
The move of an athlete will be to the next closest team that will accept them. In the case of the team disbanding, breaking up or no longer an organized team in the SCTP, these athletes will be allowed to participate with the next closest team.

5. Team Requirements

a. Head Coach

Every team must have a Head Coach who is 21 years of age or older, except for a college team where the coach must be 18 or older. The first and foremost responsibility of the Head Coach is to ENSURE THE SAFETY of all participants. Head Coaches MUST emphasize the safe handling and use of firearms in every facet of the Scholastic Clay Target Program and must be willing to conduct the "Required Practices" as stipulated below in Section 5-B.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: For all SCTP events (practices, matches, etc.), Team Members must be under the supervision of the Team's Head Coach. In the event the Head Coach cannot be present, he/she must designate an Assistant Coach/Adult Volunteer who is registered with the National Organization and covered by SSSF Insurance. Violation of this rule voids the Volunteer Liability Insurance Policy coverage, disqualifies the Team from entering an event, and may result in the removal of the Head Coach from the SCTP.

b. Required Practices

Coaches must conduct a minimum of six (6) team practice sessions.
Team Members must attend a minimum of six (6) team practice sessions to be eligible to shoot in a SCTP State or National Championship event representing that team. Coaches are not allowed to charge a coaching fee for these six team practice sessions. In the event an athlete lives more than fifty miles away from the local shooting range, verification of eligible practices may be required. Competition Shoots are not to be counted as practice sessions.

c. Team Funding

A Team is responsible for its own funding, including practice, travel, and shoot fees.

6. State Advisor, Head & Assistant Coach/Adult Volunteer (Registration)

a. State Advisor (Must be 21 years of age or older)

A State Advisor's involvement in the SCTP shall be strictly as a volunteer interested in promoting SCTP activities within the Advisor's state and whose service is solely at the discretion and approval of the SCTP National Office. The advisor is expected to act in the best interest of the teams, athletes, and coaches of that State. Allegations and complaints about a state advisor will be taken very seriously and may result in immediate removal from that position.

b. Coach/Adult Volunteer Registration Required

The Head Coach and all Assistant Coaches/Adult Volunteers MUST register with the SSSF online. An Assistant Coach/Adult Volunteer is any adult working with one or more SCTP Athletes where they have direct authority over the Athlete(s).

c. Head Coach Registration

12th Grade & under Teams: Must be 21 years of age or older. Collegiate Teams: May be 18 years of age or older.

SCTP Head Coaches are required to complete this two-step registration procedure before starting the Team Registration process:

- Register in the SSSF SHOT System
- The registration procedure includes two elements:
    - Coach Registration Form (to be completed online)
    - Background Check - Background check password is accessible on the coach profile page under Registration Tab.

Once you complete all registration steps, you will receive by e-mail a Coach User ID Number with Password

d. Assistant Coach/Adult Volunteer Registration

Must be 18 years of age or older.

SCTP Assistant Coaches/Adult Volunteers are required to complete this registration process before working with athletes.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: Your Head Coach must already be registered and created a Team on-line before Assistant Coaches/Adult Volunteers can begin their on-line registration.

- Register in the SSSF SHOT System
- The registration procedure includes two elements:
    - Coach Registration Form
    - Background Check - Background check password is accessible on the coach profile page under Registration Tab.

You will be prompted - step-by-step - to provide the necessary information

e. Accepted Coach Certifications

A qualified coach must be on the field at all times when an SCTP Team is practicing.
Credentials from the following certificated coach training programs are accepted:

- SCTP Coach Education Training
- NRA/USAS/CMP Level 1 Shotgun Coach Certification
- NSCA Level 1 (or higher) Instructor Certification
- NSSA Level 1 (or higher) Instructor Certification
- NRA/ATA Trap Coach Certification
- NRA Shotgun Instructor Certification
- State Agency Coach Certification
- NSSA Associate Coach Certification

Other certificated programs may qualify, please contact the SCTP National Staff for determination.

f. Previously Registered State Advisors, Head Coaches & Adult Volunteers

Those having registered in the previous SCTP season and have a User ID and Password should go to the SCTP website at www.mysctp.com and login using their User ID and Password and will have access year-round for management of their team.

The system will reset on September 1st of every year. This will temporarily inactivate the account for the users until the head coach performs a new background check, and it is approved by the SSSF main office. Upon approval and payment received from the head coach of the team, the account will re-activate and allow the team to access all tools.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: To communicate with all our coaches, we need the users to ensure the accuracy of the e-mail accounts. This is our primary means of communicating with the teams. The SSSF will not be responsible for lost communications due to the e-mail addresses not being updated.

7. Team Registration Procedures

Each year, it is important for head coaches to update their own profile as well as the team information on www.mysctp.com To do this, coaches should:

- Login to the SHOT System to create your new team and register your first coach.
- Create (new teams) or update (returning teams) your information on the SHOT System.
- Additional coaches / volunteers must be added through an invitation process in the SHOT System. Please see our guide on how to add a new coach or volunteer to your team.
- Pay your required registration fee for each volunteer. Fees can be paid online through the SHOT system individually or in bulk.
- Pay your required team fee. Teams will find the fee on their team fees page in the new system and will pay the fee with their initial coach and/or athlete fees payment. This fee will be sent in its entirety to your team account at the MidwayUSA Foundation where it will be matched according to the current MidwayUSA Foundation Matching Program.
- Ensure your background check is current (a new check is required every two years) by logging into the SHOT system to verify the last date approved.

Coaches, adult volunteers, and athletes who are not properly registered are not covered under the SSSF Insurance.

8. Safety (Required Procedures & Equipment)

a. Supervision at SCTP Events

At all **SCTP practices**, a credentialed Head Coach or Assistant Coach must be present on site. If the Head Coach is not present, the Head Coach must designate a credentialed Assistant Coach to supervise the practice.
At all **other SCTP events where active coaching is not taking place**, the Head Coach must be present or designate a registered Assistant Coach or Adult Volunteer to provide supervision and leadership.

Violation of these supervision requirements may affect Volunteer Liability Insurance coverage, disqualifies the team from entering an event, and may result in the removal of the Head Coach from the SCTP.

b. Required Eye & Ear Protection

Hearing Protection: All athletes and coaches must wear proper hearing protection (earplugs or earmuffs) on the shooting field. Standard commercial wireless earbuds without a published Noise Reduction Rating (NRR), such as AirPods, are strictly prohibited.
Electronic hearing protection is allowed, but it must be completely disconnected. No audio input including music is allowed.
Exceptions for hearing impaired athletes will be made on a case by case basis by National SCTP staff.

Eye Protection: All athletes and coaches must wear impact-resistant shooting glasses or safety eyewear at all times while on the shooting field.

c. Special SCTP Safety Rules for All Disciplines

- Toe Pads: The use of toe pads is forbidden. It is a violation to rest the muzzle on the foot. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification
- Footwear: Shooting in flip-flops or opened-toed/open-heeled shoes/sandals are prohibited. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
- Muzzle Control: While on a shooting post or station, the muzzle must never cross any part of the shooter's anatomy or any other person's anatomy. When not on the firing line or shooting station or while being transported between posts or stations, the shotgun receiver must be open and empty, and the shotgun must be secured in such a way as to prevent the muzzle from crossing any part of the shooter's anatomy or any other person's anatomy. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.

d. Allowable Equipment (Shotgun & Shotshells)

- Shotgun: Any shotgun action type, 12 gauge or smaller, may be used if it is in a safe and serviceable condition. Shotguns used for all the disciplines, except for Trap, must be able to shoot twice without requiring it to be reloaded.
- Release triggers are not allowed
- No exposed hammer fired shotguns allowed
- No recording devices attached to firearms or worn by competitors during competition.
- Shot Shells: Reloads are ALLOWED (if allowed by range) for practices and competitions, provided they comply with the discipline's NGB rule for payload weight and in some cases, velocity.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: State programs may impose more stringent safety rules. Please contact your State Advisor for details pertaining to your State's SCTP guidelines.

9. Dress & Conduct

a. Appropriate Dress

Each registered SCTP coach, adult volunteer & athlete represents not only the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation, but also the entire Scholastic Clay Target Program including one's team, the team's sponsoring institution (e.g., school, club, church, community organization, youth organization, etc.), and at the national level, their state.

Promoting a positive image is in the best interest of the SCTP and everyone involved with it. Appropriate dress for everyone associated with the SCTP goes a very long way in making a positive impression.

- Tops: Shirt must have sleeves. Items of clothing that expose any part of the torso are prohibited. These include, but are not limited to, cutoff T-shirts, halter tops, tank tops, etc.
- Bottoms – Shorts/skirts must be no higher than the Athlete's fingertips when arms are naturally down (relaxed shoulders) to the side. Short shorts, short skirts and low riding shorts or pants revealing undergarments or buttocks are prohibited.
- Clothing Adornments: Shirts, hats, pants – any clothing – and any other associated items (including flags and banners) carried, worn, etc. with pictures, caricatures, designs, messages, writings, or other embellishments with direct or indirect references to alcohol, tobacco, sex or sexual connotations, drugs, gambling, or profanities are prohibited.

b. Conduct

Applies to coaches, adult volunteers, athletes and spectators… Prohibitive conduct includes but not limited to:

- Acts of using abusive or profane language
- Unsportsmanlike conduct during competition
- Arguing with referees, event staff and/or national staff
- Unsafe handling/use of firearms
- Disrupting a competitor/competition
- Cheating
- Consuming alcohol or using non-prescribed drugs before or during participation in a SCTP activity is prohibited.

These behaviors will not be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification, suspension, and expulsion from the event and/or organization.

COACHES: You are expected to comply with, uphold and enforce this dress and conduct code! Violators may be given one (1) warning, and subsequent violations will result in disqualification/removal from the event.

HONOR THE GAME, TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT, AND FOLLOW THE RULES!

10. Governance of the Scholastic Clay Target Program

a. SSSF National Program Staff

The SSSF National Program Staff are responsible for the administration of the SCTP and is the arbiter and final decision-making authority for resolving SCTP issues. SCTP is committed to optimizing participation opportunities for SCTP athletes and coaches. That commitment includes ensuring that no SCTP athlete or coach are disqualified due to circumstances beyond their control. SCTP will ask for documented proof in any questionable situation from an NGB or law- enforcement organization.

Special circumstances may be brought to the attention of the SCTP NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE at the following address:
SCTP National Administrative Office
816 Bakke Ave.
Waterford, WI 53185
Website: www.mysctp.com

b. State Advisors, State Steering Committee & Regional Programs Managers

SSSF's "point person" for the SCTP in the state. As frontline representatives, State Advisors focus upon providing coaches with up-to-date program information, maintaining open lines of communication with gun clubs sponsoring SCTP Teams, working with State Wildlife Agencies to develop cooperative agreements, partnering with established youth organizations, and actively pursuing support for the SCTP from various NGB state associations.

Regional Programs Managers are at-will employees with the SSSF. Volunteer positions are done on an annual basis and serve at the pleasure of the National Program. The National Program may or may not choose to reinstate a State Advisor, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Adult Volunteer or State Steering Committee member with or without cause.

During the SCTP State Team Championship, State Advisors are there to assist Head Coaches in the procedures for registering their team and to ensure a procedure is in place for keeping and posting teams' scores. State Advisors certify the winning teams' scores to the SCTP Programs Managers and post scores to the website.

c. Appeals

Before an appeal is submitted to the SCTP National Administrative Office, the aggrieved party must first submit the issue at the local level (i.e., the team or club). Failing resolution at the local level, the issue must be submitted to the State Steering Committee or State Advisor for resolution. If the issue cannot be resolved at the local or state levels or if the State Advisor is involved in the issue, then it must be appealed to the Programs Manager, then and only then, after these avenues have been exhausted, the Programs Manager may certify the issue as unresolved and must forward the appellant's SCTP APPEAL FORM to the SCTP National Administrative Office.

d. Appeals Process

- Issue in Dispute: The issue in dispute must involve a violation of a specific SCTP rule or policy.
- Qualified Appellant: The injured or aggrieved party MUST be registered with the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation and a member of a SCTP Team officially recognized by the SSSF. Appeals from anyone other than a SCTP registered member WILL NOT be considered.
- Head Coach Concurrence: Appeals filed by an SCTP Athlete must have the concurrence of the athlete's Head Coach. The Head Coach must sign the SCTP Appeal Form.
- Filing Procedure: If all efforts at the local level to resolve the issue have failed, the eligible appellant must submit a written appeal on the SCTP APPEAL FORM (download it from the website (www.mysctp.com) within 72 hours of the incident to the State Advisor, State Steering Committee or Programs Manager specifying which SCTP rule or policy was violated and a statement of facts as to how the rule or policy was violated. The complaint must include the date and specific location of the violation and the names of any witnesses to the violation. In the event no State Advisor or State Steering Committee exists, appeals may be transmitted directly to the Programs Manager. A written hard copy with the date and an original signature must also be submitted and received before any decision is reached or announced.
- Filing Fee: All appeals must include a $100 filing fee (cashier's check or money order only) that will be held until a decision on the appeal is reached. This fee will be returned if the ruling is in favor of the appellant. If the ruling is not in favor of the appellant, the filing fee is forfeited.
- National Program Staff Response to Appellant: Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the mailed copy of the appeal, the appellant will receive a written notice of the decision on the appeal. The decision of the SCTP National Staff is FINAL.

11. SCTP State Team Championships (American Disciplines)

State Advisors/Event Management will determine their state tournament dates, award schedule, registration process, tie breaking criteria and such will be communicated out to registered teams in the state before registration for the event begins. They will check and post all scores to the SSSF SHOT platform. State events are run under the rules set forth by the event management.

a. State Championship Events

SCTP Teams may compete for awards in the following disciplines:

- Trap – 16-Yard Singles (ATA Rules)
- Skeet – American Skeet Regulation Rounds (NSSA Rules)
- Sporting Clays – Walk through (NSCA Rules)

If a sporting course is not available, the State Advisor may petition the SCTP National Program Staff for permission to conduct the SCTP State Sporting Clays Championship on a 5- Stand. The SCTP National Sporting Clays Championship will be shot on walk-through Sporting Clays Courses.

b. Entry Procedure

Registration and entry procedures will be posted and conducted on-line through the SCTP website www.mysctp.com . Entry into a SCTP State Team Championship requires the Head Coach to enter their squads using the SHOT online registration system.

Head Coaches are urged to emphasize to their athletes the importance of making a commitment to the TEAM and keeping it. Simply put, if a team member indicates he or she will attend the event, they have an obligation to the team and particularly to their squad mates to attend the event.

c. Eligibility for SCTP National Team Championship Events

A SCTP State Team Championship should be conducted in each discipline for which a state plans to send a squad to the SCTP National Team Championships. SCTP Athletes must compete in any of the SCTP State Team Championships in the state where they are registered to be eligible to attend the SCTP National Team Championships and compete in any or all disciplines. For exception to this rule, approval from SCTP National Office and National Director must be obtained.

d. Races

At the State level, Rookies shoot a 100-target race in each of the disciplines. The Intermediate and Senior Division Teams normally shoot 200-target races in the disciplines of Trap and Skeet. Sporting Clays can be either a 100 or 200-target race. Exceptions to the target numbers can be granted from the National SCTP Office.

e. Event Scheduling

Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays SCTP State Team Championships may be held whenever desirable during the state NGB affiliates' championships. However, it is recommended that SCTP State Team Championships be held independently at a different time and place. In either case, the State Advisor of the discipline must post the event details on the SCTP website (www.mysctp.com) or contact the SCTP National Administrative Office with the event details.

f. Competitive Squad

ALL Team Members should be encouraged to participate in the SCTP State Team Championship even if they cannot be made part of a valid competitive squad. State Advisors will assist in forming "Mixed Squads" of SCTP participants not entered on a Competitive Squad.

g. Special Circumstances Rule: "Bump Up"

In exceptional circumstances where a valid Competitive Squad cannot be constituted, Athletes may be elevated or "Bumped Up" to a higher Category within a Division or to a higher Division to fill short squads in a discipline, this will cause the athlete to "bump up" in all disciplines. All "Bump Up" requests must first be submitted to the State Advisor for a recommendation. State Advisors will

communicate their recommendation to the Programs Manager for a final decision. If there is no State Advisor in the state, the request must be submitted directly to the Programs Manager.

Once a lower Category or Division Athlete has been "BUMPED UP" in a discipline, he or she must compete at the higher level in all disciplines for the remainder of the SCTP Season. In no case will a "BUMPED UP" Athlete be allowed to return to a lower Category or Division in the discipline during that SCTP season.

h. Coaching During Events

No "On-Field" or "On-Station" coaching will be allowed. For safety purposes only, coaches may stand behind the rookie athletes in a squad but may not coach.

Sporting Clays specific: When the first athlete of the squad enters the station, there is no coaching/instructions allowed from coaches/spectators with the squad on that station. Athletes on the squad may communicate with each other while on station. Once an athlete leaves the station, they can no longer communicate with the athletes that are still on station.

Skeet: No coaching when the squad is on the Skeet Field

Trap: No coaching when the squad is on Trap Field.

i. NGB Target Registration

Skeet and Sporting Clays targets at SCTP State Team Championships may be registered with the appropriate NGB. Targets cannot be registered retroactively. With national staff approval there may be the option to shoot non-registered targets, please contact the national staff for specifics. I.e., when states require a "state membership fee".

- SKEET – NSSA
- SPORTING CLAYS – NSCA.
- TRAP – In accordance with the MOU between the ATA and SCTP, all State Trap Championships should be registered targets.

j. SCTP State Championship Awards

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation will provide awards for the winning Teams/Squads placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each Division and Category at the SCTP State Team Championships in Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays. There will be five (5) for Trap and three (3) for each Skeet and Sporting Clays.

k. High School Division Awards

The SCTP National Organization currently supports a "concurrent" High School Division at its National Championships. States may to do so as well. Medals for this division will be available upon request and with usage of the SSSF's SHOT scoring system!

The High School division shall consist of athletes in the 9th-12th grades only. All senior division athletes on the team must attend the same High School, no exceptions! No Intermediate "bump ups" will be allowed for this division and "Team Scoring" will be utilized at the National Championships. A letter from the High School will be required as proof/verification that all senior division athletes on the team are from the same school.

12. SCTP National **TEAM** Championships (American Disciplines)

a. National Championship Events

SCTP Teams will compete for Individual and Team awards in the following disciplines:

- Trap – 16 Yard Singles (ATA Rules)
- Skeet – American Skeet Regulation Rounds (NSSA Rules)
- Doubles Skeet – American Skeet Regulation Rounds (NSSA Rules)
- Sporting Clays – Walk Through (NSCA Rules)
- Super Sporting Clays – Walk Through (NSCA Rules)
- Trap Doubles (ATA Rules)
- *Handicap Trap – see yardages below
    - Rookie – 19 yard line
    - Intermediates – 21 yard line
    - Senior & College – 25 yard line

* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: Rookie and Intermediates may squad together; Intermediates and Seniors cannot be due to safety reasons. If a coach chooses to squad Intermediate with Senior athletes, those Intermediate athletes will compete at the 25-yard line.

Trap, skeet & sporting clays will be registered at the National Championships held in July. Membership in the appropriate NGB is required.

b. Eligibility for SCTP National Team Championship (American Disciplines)

TRAP, SKEET, AND SPORTING CLAYS: Each registered Athlete must have competed in any of their State's SCTP Championships. Each Athlete's scores from its SCTP State Championship(s) event must be on file at the SCTP National Administrative Office. All SCTP Athletes that participated in a State Championship may register and shoot at the SCTP National Team Championships.

c. Races

All Division Teams shoot a 200-target race in each of the American disciplines of Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, Handicap Trap and Doubles Trap. All Division Teams shoot 100-target race in the American disciplines of Super Sporting Clays and Doubles Skeet.
All Trap (16 yard singles), Skeet (singles) & Sporting Clays targets shot at the SCTP National Championships will be registered targets.

d. Squads & Substitutions

All competitive squads (see Section 4-D) are welcome to enter the SCTP National Championships. Coaches may enter as many competitive squads in the SCTP National Team Championships as they choose to enter.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: NO SUBSTITUTIONS will be allowed after a competitor fires the first shot at a legal target. Once a competitor fires at a legal target in the SCTP National Team Championship event his/her score will be counted as part of the Team's aggregate score even if he/she cannot finish the event.

e. Coaching During Event

No "On-Field" or "On-Station" coaching will be allowed. For safety purposes only, coaches may stand behind the rookie athletes in a squad but may not coach.

Sporting Clays specific: When the first athlete of the squad enters the station, there is no coaching/instructions allowed from coaches/spectators with the squad on that station. Athletes on the squad may communicate with each other while on station. Once an athlete leaves the station, they can no longer communicate with the athletes that are still on station.

Skeet: No coaching when the squad is on the Skeet Field

Trap: No coaching when the squad is on Trap Field.

f. All Registered Team Members Eligible

Every Athlete registered by the 5-day deadline for an officially recognized SCTP Team and who shot in his/her SCTP State Championship event is eligible to shoot at the SCTP National Team Championships. With team scoring it does not matter how athletes are squadded; the top scores will be used for each discipline.

g. All-State Team Selection

All State Team members will be selected for Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays. The top five (5) athletes, regardless of division or category (excluding collegiate), from the scores shot at their state shoot who ARE registered for the National Team Championship by July 1st will be selected for the All-State Team! Scores will be taken from the SHOT system. If an athlete with a top 5 score at their State Championship is not registered for Nationals by July 1st, the next registered athlete will be chosen. This process will continue until five (5) athletes are selected. These athletes' scores, shot at Nationals, will be used to compete against the other states in attendance and awards will be given to the top three (3) All-State Teams. There will be no changes made to All State Team members after July 1st, if an athlete who was registered for Nationals fails to post a score at Nationals a score of 0 will be used.

13. National Championships (American Disciplines)

a. Registration Procedure

Registration procedures will be posted and conducted on-line through the SCTP website www.mysctp.com . Entry into a SCTP National Team Championships requires the Head Coach to enter their squads using the SHOT online registration system.

All team entry fees should be paid in full for Nationals by June 24th. No refund for cancellations after July 1st.

Head Coaches are urged to emphasize to their Athletes the importance of making a commitment to the TEAM and keeping it. Simply put, if a team member indicates he or she will attend the event, they have an obligation to the team and particularly to their squad mates to attend the event.

Your squad is allotted a certain amount of time to complete their rounds; except for a malfunction of equipment or something else out of the athlete's control, every squad will be expected to complete their rounds in the allotted time. Squads not doing so may be asked to leave the line. Since there is no guarantee that there will be an open time or field to make those scores up, the score at the end of the removal may be that squads and athletes' final score.

b. Pre-Registration of Teams for SCTP National Championships

Teams will be allowed to register their squads and athletes before the official opening of the National Championship registration by doing the following:

- Send a check for the proper amount of all squads and athletes to the Waterford WI address post marked no earlier than May 1st and no later than May 10th.
- Money received is "Non-Refundable." Pre-registration fees will not be returned to any athlete that does not attend the SCTP National Championships.
- All squads must be "pre-built" on your team's home page for the National Championships. Teams will be allowed to change athletes as they see fit later, but all squads must be ready to populate the shooting schedule.
- SCTP will populate the squad assignments based on the stamped date on the envelope containing your paperwork and check. PLEASE send by regular mail with NO signature required. Sending paperwork requiring a signature may delay your paperwork!
- A form will be available on the SCTP website that will require your information along with dates and times you would like your squads assigned. Please give us three options for times and days.
- Teams will be notified of their pre-registration by the end of May and before regular registration opens on June 1st.

c. Tie Breakers

Shoot-offs will be conducted for perfect scores only.

All other ties in Trap and Skeet will be broken by reverse run, forward run, then longest run. In the event of team ties; the aggregate reverse run total will be used for the top 5 (Trap)/3 (Skeet) as the team tiebreaker. If ties are not broken by reverse run, forward run will be used. If there are still ties, longest run will be used.
For ties in Sporting Clays, individual ties will be broken by scores at preselected stations. For team ties, the top 3 team members' score at preselected stations will be used as the tiebreaker.

All main event ties at the National Championships for HOA whether team or individual, will be held at the Make-A-Break field! In the case of a team shoot-off for HOA, the coach will choose two (2) athletes who were part of the HOA scores to shoot off.

Trap HOA team ties will be determined by accumulative reverse run. If that does not break forward run will be used followed by long run.

In SCTP events that do not include registered targets (for example, but not limited to, Regional Events), shoot management may adjust shoot-off procedures to accommodate time constraints, weather delays, etc.

d. Shoot off Procedures

The following will be used for individual and team ties of perfect scores. The shoot off squad will be made up of the top five (5) Trap and top three (3) Skeet & Sporting Clays from each team.

Trap: All teams in a shoot-off for a specific Category or Division award will be conducted from the 16-yard line in a 25-target round. Shoot management will determine squad shooting order.

The total number of targets broken by the squad during the round will be used to determine the winner. If there are tie scores between or among squads, the tied squads are still "alive" and continue to the next round.

Round Two – Two or more squads still "alive" from Round One move back to the 22- yard line with their squad mates and continue the same shoot-off process. If there are tie scores between or among squads, the tied squads are still "alive" and continue to Round Three.

Round Three – Two or more squads still "alive" move to the 27-yard line and follow the shoot- off procedures used in the preceding two rounds. The next and all required subsequent rounds will be shot from the 27 -yard line

Sporting Clays: Tie-breaking stations will be announced upon completion of the event. Shoot-offs may be conducted on a Walk-Through Sporting Clays course, 5 Stand field or Make-A-Break course

whichever is more readily available. Shoot- offs for a specific Category or Division award will be shot on the same station for total score.

All target presentations will be true pairs. Shoot-off will be from one station with each shooter shooting at two (2) True Pair (four targets per shooter) for team total score. ALL Squad Members must shoot from the same cage or stand. Shoot management will determine squad shooting order.

Squads that are "alive" continue to the next station and repeat the process until one squad is declared the winner.

Skeet: All shoot-offs will be doubles shot on the same field from stations 3, 4, and 5 in that order, for total score. All squad members will participate in the shoot-off round(s). Shoot management will determine squad shooting order. Squads in the Shoot-offs for a specific category or division award will shoot on the same field.

Squads that are "alive," the process continues in the following rotation: From Stations 3 to 4, 4 to 5, 5 to 4, 4 to 3, and 3 to 4 until one squad is declared the winner.

e. SCTP National Championship Awards

The Scholastic Clay Target Program will provide awards for the winning Teams placing First through Fifth in each Category and Division in Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays (Main Event Disciplines). The Top 5 (Trap), Top 3 (Skeet and Sporting Clays) team members will receive a similar award. Team Scoring will be utilized for all disciplines. Non-Main Event Disciplines will have awards for First through Third. A complete awards schedule will be posted online prior to the event.

f. Declaration of Winning Individuals & Teams

The SCTP National Program Staff will declare all winners. The Scholastic Clay Target Program will provide awards for the winning Teams and Individuals (Men and Ladies) placing First through Fifth in each Category and Division in Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays. Results will be posted on the SCTP Scoreboard as soon as all the scores have been carefully checked. ALL Individual and Team scores will be posted on the SCTP website. A complete awards schedule will be posted online prior to the event.

g. High School Division Award - Concurrent

The High School division shall consist of athletes in the 9th-12th grades only. All senior division athletes on the team must attend the same High School, no exceptions! No Intermediate "bump ups" will be allowed for this division and "Team Scoring" will be utilized at the National Championships. A letter from the High School will be required as proof/verification that all senior division athletes on the team are from the same school.

Teams competing for the "High School" division awards must complete the following:

- Athletes must have the High School they currently attend filled in on their SHOT profile page.
- Coaches must ensure that this information is current and accurate before attending the National Championships.

- A letter signed by the school principal or athletic director and the head coach of the team verifying all senior division athletes on the team are from the same school is required. This letter must be sent to and received by the SCTP National Office by June 1st each year the team wishes to compete in the High School Division. Home schooled athletes must show a High School they "would have attended" had they not been home schooled.

For the HOA in the High School Division, we will utilize the top 5 scores for each team in Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays.

Falsifying information and high school designation will be grounds for disqualification and suspension from the program.

Any award won will be awarded and given to the "Team", not the High School of the attending athletes.

DECISIONS OF THE SCTP NATIONAL PROGRAM STAFF AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.

14. SCTP State – International Team Championships (Olympic Disciplines)

State Advisors/Shoot Management will determine their state tournament dates, award schedule, registration process, tie breaking criteria and such will be communicated out to registered teams in the state before registration for the event begins. They will check and post all scores to the SSSF SHOT platform.

a. State International Championship Events

SCTP Teams entering valid Competitive Squads may compete for Team awards in the following Disciplines:

- Olympic Trap – 125-targets plus optional final
- Olympic Skeet – 125-targets plus optional final

For team placements, only preliminary score will count. Finals are not included and the finals, if shot, are for individual placements and experience.

b. Eligibility for SCTP State International Team Championship

An SCTP State International Team Championship should be conducted in each discipline for which a state plans to send an Individual or a Squad to the National SCTP International Team Championships. SCTP Athletes are encouraged to compete in an SCTP State International Team Championship(s). In the event a state does not have an SCTP State International Championship, all currently registered athletes from that state who have met practice and eligibility requirements, may participate and be eligible for awards. There is no Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) to qualify for the International SCTP National Team Championships.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: The SCTP State International Team Championships DOES NOT qualify an

Athlete eligible to attend USA Shooting's National Junior Olympic Championship Shoot. To attend USA Shooting's National Junior Olympic Championships (NJOSC) please contact USA Shooting.

c. Special SCTP Rules for International Disciplines

Due to the specialized nature and limited availability of facilities for SCTP Teams to participate in the international disciplines of Bunker Trap and International Skeet, there are two changes to the rules. A new COMPETITIVE DIVISION has been added and the rules for a valid COMPETITIVE SQUAD have changed.

FOUR COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS – SCTP Teams may register squads in the following divisions

- INTERMEDIATE DIVISION Grades 5 – 8
- SENIOR DIVISION Grades 9 – 12
- OPEN DIVISION Grades 12 and Under
- COLLEGE Division I, II, III

COMPETITIVE SQUAD – Squads competing for SCTP Team Championships in the Intermediate and Senior Divisions are composed of three team members registered in the same division, but without regard to their registered category. Squads competing for the SCTP Team Championship in the open division are composed of three team members from any of the other three divisions. College is a separate division.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: Athletes may be entered in only one (1) SCTP division per target year. Once entered, it is an irrevocable decision for the remainder of the SCTP target year.

d. Shoot Governance

USA Shooting Rules will govern all SCTP State Team Championship Matches for the Olympic Trap and International Skeet disciplines.

e. Standard SCTP Rules Apply

The SCTP rules governing deadlines for team, squad, and athlete registration in Sections 2, 4, and 5 as well as the safety rules in A, B, and C of Section 8 and Section 9 above are applicable to the international disciplines. The rules regarding the number of required team practices and the requirement that the Head Coach or another adult registered with the team be present at all practices and competitions must also be met.

f. State International Team Championship Entry Procedures

Registration procedures will be supplied by State Advisors/Shoot Management for each respective state.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: No substitutions will be allowed after a competitor fires the first shot at a legal target. Once a squad member fires at a legal target in at any SCTP State Team Championship

event, his/her score will be counted as part of the squad's aggregate score even if he/she cannot finish the event.

Head Coaches are urged to emphasize to their athletes the importance of making a commitment to the team and keeping it. Simply put, if a team member indicates he or she will attend the event, they have an obligation to the team and particularly to their squad mates to attend the event.

g. SCTP International State Team Championship Awards

The Scholastic Clay Target Program will provide awards for the winning squads placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each of the four (4) divisions. Each squad member and the Head Coach for each of these squads will receive similar awards.

15. SCTP National – International Team Championships (Olympic Disciplines)

International SCTP National Championships will be held independently from U.S.A. Shooting's National Championships.

a. SCTP National – International Championship Events

SCTP Teams entering valid competitive squads may compete for Team awards in the following disciplines:

- OLYMPIC TRAP Regulation Rounds (U.S.A.S. Rules)
- OLYMPIC SKEET Regulation Rounds (U.S.A.S. Rules)

Please note that certain requirements are still in effect to participate in the USA Shooting NOJSC. The place to get the latest information on the USA NOJSC is directly from the USA Shooting's competition office.

Note…. All former and current Junior USAS team members (registered with the SCTP National Organization) will be allowed to compete for team and individual SCTP awards. However, these athletes are not eligible to participate in the SCTP International Team selection Finals. If time and staffing allow, these athletes may participate in a separate final, without awards, for the purpose of competitive experience. These athletes are not eligible to participate in any *finals competition.

*Official ISSF elimination finals format will be utilized. Must have a minimum of three athletes from qualification to conduct finals.

b. Eligibility for SCTP Team Awards

Each registered Competitive Squad and Individual, must have competed in their state's SCTP International Championships event to be eligible to compete for Team or Individual awards at the International SCTP National Team Championships. In the event a state does not have an SCTP State International Championship, all currently registered athletes from that state who have met practice and eligibility requirements, may participate and be eligible for awards.

c. Standards & Special SCTP Rules

Both the standard and special SCTP rules that govern the SCTP State Team Championships are also applicable at the SCTP National Team Championships.

d. Registration Procedures

Posted online at www.mysctp.com

16. Additional Important Information

a. Solicitation Activities

Organizations and individuals desiring to solicit financial contributions or other assistance from local businesses or other third parties to support their participation in the SCTP must do so in their own names. Organizations and individuals are strictly prohibited from using the SSSF name and SSSF's non-profit classification or claiming affiliation with the SSSF or any of the SSSF's affiliate companies in their solicitation activities, without the sole written consent of the SSSF.

Organizations and individuals accepting financial contributions or other assistance in connection with their participation in the SCTP shall be solely responsible for collecting, recording, disseminating, substantiating, and reporting all contributions or support they receive. Neither the SSSF nor the SCTP shall be responsible for any activities that organizations or individuals may engage in with respect to their participation in the SCTP. Any questions regarding tax deductibility should be directed to your financial advisor.

b. SCTP Logo

"Scholastic Clay Target Program," "SCTP" and the SCTP logo are trademarks or registered trademarks. Organizations and individuals, whether participating in the SCTP or not, are prohibited from using the SCTP trademarks without the prior written consent from the SSSF. To obtain consent to use SCTP trademarks, please send a written request to SSSF National Headquarters at the address below, or contact the National Director.

c. Coach/Parent Behavior

Any grievances with how an event was conducted or questions pertaining to the results of any event sponsored by the SCTP may be discussed with SCTP staff and discipline committees. Anyone causing a disturbance or scene at an awards ceremony can and will be escorted from the premises by a local law enforcement official. This may result in expulsion from the program.

d. National Championships

The SCTP will petition 5-6 coaches/state advisors for each discipline to oversee any situation/problem with the event. The decision by the group will be ratified by the Programs Managers and the National Director and then will be made final by the SCTP tournament director.

e. National Awards

The SCTP “Main Event” awards are the most prestigious awards the team can earn at the National Championships and therefore will be awarded to a team eligible to win such an award first. Any “extra” or concurrent award (i.e., High School award) will be “secondary” to the main event award. A team may win more than one award.

f. Coaches

Coaches are responsible for updating the head coach, assistant coach, adult volunteer, and athlete information, and ensuring that all information entered is accurate. This is to mandate and include address, e-mail, phone number, and NGB identification numbers (where appropriate) for the purpose of communicating with our members, and accurate reporting of our shoot information to the appropriate NGB. T-Shirt size is mandated so that we (and the state) can make correct shirt orders.

g. High School Division - Concurrent

The High School division shall consist of athletes in the 9th-12th grades only. All senior division athletes on the team must attend the same High School, no exceptions! No Intermediate “bump ups” will be allowed for this division and “Team Scoring” will be utilized at the National Championships. A letter from the High School will be required as proof/verification that all senior division athletes on the team are from the same school.

Teams competing for the “High School” division awards must complete the following:

- Athletes must have the High School they currently attend filled in on their SHOT profile page.
- Coaches must ensure that this information is current and accurate before attending the National Championships.
- A letter signed by the school principal or athletic director and the head coach of the team verifying all senior division athletes on the team are from the same school is required. This letter must be sent to and received by the SCTP National Office by June 1st each year the team wishes to compete in the High School Division. Home schooled athletes must show a High School they “would have attended” had they not been home schooled.

Falsifying information and high school designation will be grounds for disqualification and suspension from the program.

Any award won will be awarded and given to the “Team”, not the High School of the attending athletes

h. SCTP Regional Tournaments

Location of the tournaments defines the region, not who can attend. Any team can attend a regional tournament. Regional Tournaments will be defined and created by the National SCTP Organization and may be awarded and then assigned to local groups. There are no qualifications required for attendance at SCTP Regional Tournaments. The idea of the SCTP Regional Tournament is to offer athletes more competition opportunities.

i. Awards and Prizes

Any prizes/awards may be forfeited due to unsportsmanlike conduct by either athlete, parent, or coach. This includes but is not limited to, State or National Championships, special event prizes or awards (ie: Browning scholarships, Make A Break, etc.). Any decisions of the National staff on forfeiture of a prize and/or an award are final and not subject to appeal.

j. College Information

SCTP has entered into a partnership agreement with ACUI. As such, we need to protect the integrity of the collegiate program.

- All athletes competing in ACUI/SCTP tournaments must belong to an ACUI/ SCTP registered college team.
- Collegiate athletes may return and compete with their pre-college team as a collegiate athlete during their "off-season" from their college team. If an athlete does not have a team at the college they are attending, we will be happy to help them get one started. They may not, however (1) shoot for a different college team than the college they are attending, (2) shoot for a non- collegiate team as a collegiate athlete if they were not on that team prior to attending college.
- Collegiate age athletes may only compete on one college team.
- Collegiate athletes that have not previously competed in SCTP prior to college must contact the SCTP National Office.

17. New Rule Notice

18. Contact the Scholastic Clay Target Program

Mailing Address:
Scholastic Clay Target Program
816 Bakke Ave.
Waterford, WI 53185

Web: www.mysctp.com

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation and the Scholastic Clay Target Program, reserve the right to make any changes without notice should safety or unfair play becomes a concern due to unforeseen circumstances.