



Arizona Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Sporting Clays Specific Rules

We will be abiding by the National Sporting Clays Association rules as stated in their 2009 rule book. Below are outlined some basic rules and procedures.

- Singles
 - Two shots are permitted.
- Pairs
 - Only two shots are allowed at any pair.
 - If a competitor misses the first target of a pair he/she may elect to shoot his/her second shot at the same target. The result of the second shot will be scored for the first target and the second target will be marked as LOST.
 - If the competitor breaks both targets of a pair with one shot the birds will both be marked as DEAD.
- No bird
 - On a simultaneous or following pair nothing is established and the pair is re-shot. This also applies to gun and ammunition malfunctions.
 - On the second target of a report pair the first target is established and the competitor will re-shoot the pair making a legitimate attempt at the first target.
 - Targets that leave the machine broken or that are launched in an obviously different trajectory shall be called NO BIRD and the shooter will be provided a new target.
- Malfunctions
 - Competitors are allowed a combined total of three (3) malfunctions per day, attributed to either the shooter's gun or ammunition. The scorekeeper shall mark all malfunctions at the bottom of the competitors score card.
 - Targets will be marked as LOST for the following "shooter malfunctions:"
 - Shooter has left the safety on.
 - Shooter has forgotten to load, loaded previously fired shells or failed to properly cock the gun.
 - Shooter has forgotten to disengage the locking device from the magazine of a semi-automatic shotgun.
 - Shooter has not sufficiently released the trigger of a single trigger gun having fired the first shot.
 - Shooter not seeing the target.
 - In the event of a "shooter malfunction" on the first bird of a report pair, the first bird will be established as LOST and the shooter will repeat the pair making a legitimate attempt at the first target to establish the result of the second target.
 - In the case that a competitor's gun breaks he may use another gun if available.
- View birds
 - The first person on every squad shall be allowed to view a good presentation of targets from within the shooting station.
 - Only the first person is allowed to mount their unloaded gun and track the targets being viewed.
- Scoring
 - Each competitor will have their own score card to be given to the score keeper at each station and will be responsible for that card for the duration of the shoot.
 - Each competitor is responsible for checking the score keepers total of their hits and misses at each station or field and **must** verify his/her score before leaving the station.
 - The score keeper will call out loss or dead, hit or miss for each target prior to recording it with an "X" for dead targets and an "O" for lost targets.

- If the shooter disagrees with the score keepers call he/she must protest **before** firing another set of targets. The score keeper may poll the spectators and may revise his/her original call. In all cases the decision of the score keeper is final.
- Squad Rotation
 - Squads will progress from station to station as a group.
 - Two three man squads will combine to form one group of shooters
 - The shooters on the squad will rotate shooting positions so that they shoot in the order of a, b, c, d, e, and f on station one; b, c, d, e, f, and a on station two; and c, d, e, f, a, and b on station three and so on.
- No one will be permitted onto the sporting clays course before the start of the event.
- No carts will be permitted on the sporting clays course without prior approval of range management. Athletes may NOT ride any carts on the course.
- Shoot offs:
 - If there is a tie between squads for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the same division a shoot off will be held to determine the place of finish.
 - Team shoot-offs will be conducted in accordance with SSSF National SCTP rules. (Rule 12-C)
 - Individual shoot-offs will be true pairs “miss-and-out by station” Last Shooter Standing
 - All individuals will shoot a true pair from station one.
 - Individuals that are still “alive” move to the next cage or station and repeat the process until a winner is determined.
 - Any shooter missing one or both targets will be eliminated from the shoot off. Only those hitting both targets are still “alive.”
 - If none of the shoot off participants hit a target, than all shooters are still “alive” and move to the next round in the shoot-off.
 - Repeat process until one individual is the “Last Shooter Standing.” This individual is declared the winner.