

# **Tri County Summer Trap League Rules**

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## **Section A - Shooters:**

**A1. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL SHOOTERS.**

**A2.** To join the league a shooter must post a score by the end of the **FIRST** schedule rotation. A shooter must sign up for one team only and may not change during the league unless a team is officially disbanded (see rule C15).

**A3.** All shooters must shoot 25 targets per shoot. Shooters will be charged a registration fee at their first shoot and will be charged a targets fee for the remaining shoots.

**A4.** It will be the responsibility of all shooters to notify the league of their categorization at date/time of registration (if any). Sub-Juniors (12-14 age), Juniors (15-17 age), Ladies, Senior Veteran (70 & up age), Veteran (62-69 age). All other shooters are Adult or non-category shooter.

**A5.** Failure to fires: 2 firearm or 2 ammunition malfunctions per 25 birds. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** For every broken bird or trap malfunction, the shooter may clear the trap house with their firearm NOT mounted.

**A6.** Shot sizes will be 7 ½, 8, 8 ½, or 9's in trap loads not exceeding 1350 feet per second (3 DRAM LOADS).

**A7.** A shooter's gun cannot be mounted until the previous shooter has fired their gun.

**A8.** There is to be no "coaching" of any shooters at the line of shooting.

**A9.** High average – Sr. Vet, Vet, Lady, Jr, and Sub-Jr can only receive one High League award. High League and Runner up will be awarded to the top 2 league teams.

**A10.** The high shooter average league trophies (including high average shooter, Ladies, Sr. Vet, and Vets) will be calculated on 4 less than total number shoots in the season. A shooter must shoot a minimum of 2 less than total number of shoots to qualify for high league scoring (Make-up scores **DO NOT** count for High league averages!). The League Board and league finances will determine the value of high average awards at the end of the season.

**A11.** To be eligible for shoot-off bracket classification, a shooter must post at least 4 scores less than the total number of shoots in the season. If a shooter does not post scores equal to 4 less than the total number of shoots in the season, they will be classified in an Open Bracket for the shoot-off. High Gun of the day may NOT be won from the Open Bracket. Sub-Jrs and Jrs, must post scores totaling half the number of total shoots (rounded up) to shoot in the Jrs and Sub-Jrs category, otherwise they would shoot in the Open Bracket. Shooters will not be bracketed by means of "known ability".

**A12.** Shooters may shoot Make-up scores once they have missed a shoot. The Make-up score MUST be shot at the same club as the missed previous shoot and must be shot secondary to their score for that night's shoot. Make-up scores ONLY count towards the shooters individual average for classification and number of shoots needed to be classified for the Shoot-off. Make-ups do NOT count towards Team scores or towards High league average qualifying scores.

**A13.** It is the shooter's responsibility to notify the Official Scorekeeper of their first 25, 50, straight, etc., and / or club delegate.

**A14. YOU MUST BE ON THE CLUB GROUNDS TO SIGN UP! THIS MEANS NO SIGNING UP OF A SHOOTER THAT IS NOT ON CLUB GROUNDS!**

**A15.** An optional weekly Lewis may be offered for a \$5 fee per shooter on their League score (not Make-up or Practice scores). It would be the responsibility of the host club to record which shooters are playing the Lewis and collect the Lewis fee at the time the shooter signs up. The Treasurer will collect all Lewis money from the host club at the end of the evening's shoot. The Scorekeeper will calculate the Lewis with one pay out per class. The Lewis winnings will be paid to the winning shooters at the following week's shoot. The Treasurer will maintain any and all winnings until the appropriate shooters claim them. Any winnings NOT claimed by the appropriate shooter, prior to the end of the season, will become income for the League. This rule may be eliminated at the discretion of the league officers between any shoot, with all Lewis money still being awarded to the Lewis winners.

### **Section B - Shoot-Off:**

**B1.** At the end of the season there will be a 50 target shoot-off for all individual brackets and categories; 25 targets at each trap house. Ties will be broken by a 25-bird shoot-off for High Gun and all 1<sup>st</sup> place ties only. Ties for lower places will be determined by longest run from the front and then from the back if there is still a tie. Shoot-off ties on the first 25 targets will be broken by shooting a 2<sup>nd</sup> 25 targets, if a tie still occurs it is up to the league officers to determine how the tie will be broken. All shooting must be from the 16-yard line. All ties will be shot off subsequently. When forming squads of shooters for shoot-offs, each squad may consist of different bracket shooters.

**B2.** League Classifications for the shoot-off will be 5 or 6 brackets depending on league participation. The brackets will be determined by taking the number of shooters and dividing that number by 5 or 6. This will give an approximate number of shooters in each bracket. Example – 100 shooters divided by 6 will give you 16.6 rounded up to 17. The first 18 top shooters will become the first bracket; the next 18 shooters are the second bracket, etc. until all shooters are in a bracket. All ties will be placed in the bracket that their average belongs. Brackets will be determined after the last league shoot.

**B3.** Shooters must declare whether they will be shooting for category (Sr. Vet, Vet, Ladies) or bracket ONLY if they are tied for an award or High Gun prior to the start of the tie breaking shoot-off.

**B4.** SHOOT-OFF cut off time for signing up is 12:00 p.m. The club hosting the shoot off must have two trap houses and must be a member of the league. The club hosting the shoot-off will be the club hosting the 1st shoot of the season's league rotation. The date of the shoot-off will be designated according to the league schedule and approved at the spring meeting by the league board.

**B5.** Shoot-off prizes will be determined and awarded for first, second, third, and fourth places in each bracket at the end of the shoot-off if finances permit four places, at the discretion of the league officers. If league finances permit, prizes for High Gun of the day, Sr Vet, Vet, Ladies, Sub-Jrs, and Jrs, will be added. Treasurer will post an accounting and calculation of all current season income and prizes at the start of the shoot-off.

**B6.** The club that is hosting the shoot-off will run their kitchen like a regular shoot.

### **Section C - League/Club/Teams:**

**C1.** League start time is 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays, cut off time is 8:00 p.m. sharp for team scores. Each club has the option to start earlier.

**C2.** If a weather or trap problem occurs it is the decision of the club delegate to suspend the shoot and reschedule a make-up on the next rotation of the regular schedule at the club that had the problem. All completed scores count up to the when the problem suspended the shoot. Shooters that are signed up and have paid by cut off time of 8:00 p.m. will be eligible to post a score for scheduled make-up. If you cannot be present for the scheduled make-up, your money will be refunded.

**C3.** A portion of registration and weekly shoot fees will go to the league for prizes and to the host club for target costs. All fees and entry pricing will be agreed upon by League Board at the spring meeting. Fees and allocation of money will be clearly posted on the shooter league registration form.

**C4.** DELETED 03/14/18 (*Shoot in squad order.*)

**C5.** League shooters have preference over any practice or Make-up shooter when filling out a squad. League members may shoot practice ONLY after they have posted their league/team score AND after any make-up score(s) for that shoot.

**C6.** Each club is required to have two traps and must use both traps at each shoot.

**C7.** There is no limit on the number of shooters for each team. It is not required that each shooter of each team be a member of the club.

**C8.** The top 5 scores will determine the number of total broken birds for each team. If the team only has 4 shooters or less, a score of "0" will be used for each missing score. Total birds broken determines placement of teams. 5/4/3/2/1 points will be awarded according to total birds broken by the top 5 scores to determine winning teams. Points will be added together and split evenly for ties. Ties at the end of the season will be broken at the Shoot-Off by each tied teams' top 5 shooters scores in the Shoot-Off. If Team scores are still tied, compare the next highest scores individually until the tie is broken.

**C9.** Each host club will maintain the league score sheets and mail the weekly score sheets to the official league Scorekeeper by Thursday.

**C10.** The scorers on each squad are to call lost birds, broken targets, and failure to fire. If a shooter shoots at a broken target, the shooter must shoot it over accepting the results of the shot on the non-broken target. Shooters may clear the trap house, with their gun NOT mounted, if they encounter a broken bird. Orange dome targets will be shot.

**C11.** Shooters on the same squad do not need to be from the same team.

**C12.** The Rules Committee shall have the final say in all matters governing this trap league, which consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Scorekeeper, and delegates from each club.

**C13.** All clubs will be responsible for maintenance to their traps and trap houses PRIOR to hosting a shoot.

**C14.** Distance stakes for targets are recommended (49 – 52 yard targets will be thrown). Left and right stakes are recommended.

**C15.** Any team that does not have enough shooters and would like to drop out of the league must notify the league President and league Secretary in writing one week prior to the starting date of the league. If any team drops out of the league, the schedule spot

for that team is called a bye week. You can hold a makeup (refer to rule C2) or a practice shoot. It is the choice of the individual clubs.

**C16. SAFETY:** It is the Club Management's responsibility to remove any shooter who is conducting him or herself in an unsafe manner. It is the club's responsibility to educate their squad scorers in proper safety and scoring. There will be flags in all trap houses.

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