

Trap Series

# Shoot Guide

# Information for Coaches, Parents and Athletes

A California Youth Shooting Sports Association Program

## FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

## SHOOT RAIN OR SHINE (Unless there is lightning!)

- ▲ Eye & Ear Protection Required
- ▲ No open toed shoes or toe pads
- ▲ Appropriate dress, PLEASE!

(See the CYSSA Handbook for specifics on dress code)

There are six (6) California Youth Shooting Sports Association Trap Program Series Shoot dates scheduled each season.

The dates and locations are posted on the CYSSA website: **www.shootcyssa.com** (click on the "Calendar" tab).

For many dates you will notice multiple locations. Your team will be assigned to a specific location by the CYSSA.

The shoots are 100 targets, with each squad shooting 50 targets in the morning and 50 in the afternoon. The usual starting time is 9:00A.M. with clubs opening earlier for practice rounds. Check the flyer for your shoot for specific details of the shoot and driving directions to each host club. (Flyers are located on the website under the "Calendar" tab.) Many serve breakfast. All have lunch (usually hamburgers) available.

Plan on bringing a chair, sunscreen etc. Teams often bring a por-

table canopy to serve as a gathering point during the competition. The shoot will last until mid to late afternoon depending on shootoffs. Be prepared to spend the whole day especially if your athlete is in the running for a medal. If you leave before the conclusion of the shoot, check the scores before you leave. Athletes might be in a shoot-off or may have already won a medal. Always check with your coach before leaving the shoot.

#### SQUAD ASSIGNMENTS

Coaches submit squads (pre-squadding) during the week prior to the shoot. Squad and trap numbers are assigned by the Shoot Coordinator at each venue. The Shoot Coordinator makes every effort to e-mail these squad assignments to each Head Coach and/or Team Coordinator by the Friday before the shoot. The Head Coach then is allowed to make last minute adjustments to his squads up until a half hour before the start of the shoot. After all his/her team members are present and squadded he/she pays the Shoot Coordinator the proper shoot fees. The Head Coach or his/her designated assistant are the only personell permitted at the Shoot Coordinator's desk.

#### THE COMPETITION

# Athletes compete (by grade level) in one of three divisions:

Senior Division (Grades 9 - 12) Intermediate Division (Grades 6 -8) Rookie Division (Grade 5 & below)

The Senior and Intermediate divisions are each subdivided into two categories.

Within the **Senior** division, athletes compete as **Varsity** or **Junior Varsity** shooters. Athletes in their first year in the Senior division are classified as "Junior Varsity." Athletes with a minimum of one year experience in the Senior division are classified as "Varsity."

Within the **Intermediate** division, athletes compete in the **Entry** or **Advanced** category. Athletes in their first year in the Intermediate division are classified as "Entry". Athletes with a minimum of one year experience in the Intermediate division are classified as "Advanced."

#### Parents - Spectators

Spectators are not permitted on the trap field. If the host club has a

fence, you are to remain behind the fence. For clubs without a fence, please remain behind the 27 yard line.

Please adhere to the Sportsmanship Contract you signed: "I agree to stay off the shooting field. Any problems or criticisms will be presented in a positive way to the coaches or a designated assistant. I will refrain from criticizing other shooters, coaches, using abusive language, or consuming alcohol or drugs before or during all CYSSA activities that I attend. I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior on my part may result in me being asked to leave the area."

#### **Individual Athletes**

Each athlete competes with others in his/her CYSSA division and category. For example, all Varsity athletes compete against each other. Awards are presented to the first, second and third place finishers in each division and category. In the event of a tie, athletes shoot an additional round or rounds of 25 targets to determine the winner.

**Shooter Recognition** - In addition to a participation pin provided for each athlete by each host club, athletes who shoot their first 25 straight, 50 straight, 75 straight or 100 straight are awarded a CYSSA straight patch.

**The High Five Team Competition** - This is a season long competition between teams. After each shoot (split venue scores are combined) the top five scores for each team are totaled. The team with the highest score is awarded three points, second place team two and third place team one point.

In the event of a tie, points are divided among the teams. Standings (points earned and total targets) are maintained throughout the season. Based on the points earned, first, second and third place teams are presented awards at the state shoot. Total targets shot is the tie breaker

If your team represents a school, your Varsity and Junior Varsity shooters each compete for a high five award. If your

team represents a gun club, the high five competitive divisions are the Overall Club (all divisions-categories) and the Junior Club combined Intermediate and Rookie Divisions.

#### **FOR COACHES**

In an ideal world the process works something like this....

Go to the website "Calendar" menu and select the flyer for the shoot you will be attending. Print out the flyer, it contains the information you will need for pre-squadding. Click on the sidebar green button that says "Pre-Squads" Type into the form the requested information and hit the "Submit" button. Please do your best to send in your squad information by the Thursday before the shoot.

The Shoot Coordinator will assign squads based on your input. When there is a partial squad, your athletes may be combined with others from a different team to make a full squad.

The Shoot Coordinator will e-mail squad assignments and the shoot rotation to you by Friday evening.

When you arrive at the shoot and have organized your team, you may visit the office and make any necessary last minute changes. Please try to keep the changes to a minimum.

You will be provided with an updated roster and an invoice. Plan on paying by check after you are sure everyone is present.

Participation pins will be given to the Head coach for distribution to their team members. The straight patches will be handed out at the beginning of the year to each Head Coach by a CYSSA member for distribution to their deserving team members.

The scores for each shooter and a summary of the winners will be posted on the website after each series shoot. Any discrepancies may be sent to **shootreports@shootcyssa.com** for consideration. Thank you!