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South Carolina Youth
Shooting Foundation

Handbook

SPORTING CLAYS • TRAP • SKEET



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MISSION STATEMENT

We are excited about the prospects of this program and the opportunities we have to instill life skills in youth involved in this program. Skills such as respect, ethic, sportsmanship, teamwork, focus, dedication, commitment are skills to be mastered to become a productive and contributing member of society. "Shooting" is simply the vehicle with which we can deliver our message.

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ABOUT THE SCYSF...

The SCYSF was started by a few clay target shooting enthusiasts, who were interested in creating an organization to enable “youth” a better opportunity to enjoy the art of clay target, pistol and rifle shooting, and archery. In 2008, the SCYSF was formed and recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. In the first year of operation, the SCYSF had 377 different youth participating in Skeet, Trap, and Sporting Clays events. We are in hopes of adding archery, rifle and pistol shooting in the future. Our goal is to introduce youth to the outdoors, to learn firearm safety, to become better marksmen, and to meet other youth from around the state and nation.

The SCYSF is dedicated to promoting and providing youth opportunities here in the State of South Carolina. You can visit our website at www.scysf.com for current information and events. Remember, we are a non-profit organization with a 100% volunteer staff and board at the present time, so we are open to any and all donations.

SPORTING CLAYS

Sporting Clays is a form of clay pigeon shooting. **Described as "golf with a shotgun", the sport differs from trap and skeet shooting in that it is considered by many to be more difficult than trap or skeet.** It involves shooting clay targets at multiple locations (called stations). Unlike trap and skeet, which are games of repeatable target presentations, sporting clays targets are thrown in a great variety of trajectories, angles, speeds, elevations and distances.

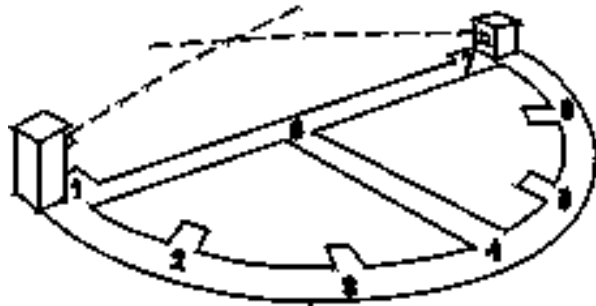
A typical course will consist of 10–18 stations, each station having a pair of clay-throwing machines, called traps. Varying numbers of clay pairs are shot at each station, with the total shots adding up to 50 or 100. Advanced shooters have the clays thrown as simultaneous pairs, called true pairs, while novice or intermediate shooters can opt for the clays to be thrown on report, which is when the second clay is launched on the report of the **shooter's gun being fired at first target.** Hence the name report pair). Targets are thrown at different angles and speeds; sometimes across the shooter's view (crossers), towards the shooter (in-comers), away from the shooter (out-goers), or straight up in the air (often called “teals”). Some courses have targets that roll and bounce along the ground to simulate rabbits. There are also targets called battues that loop in the air, which is usually a challenging target.

The speed at which a trap throws a **clay target** can also be controlled by the course setter, and many of the traps are made to be relocatable on the course. Therefore, the configuration of a sporting clays course (trap location, clay trajectory, and speed of the clay) can easily be changed, allowing various levels of difficulty and a multitude of layouts.

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SKEET SHOOTING

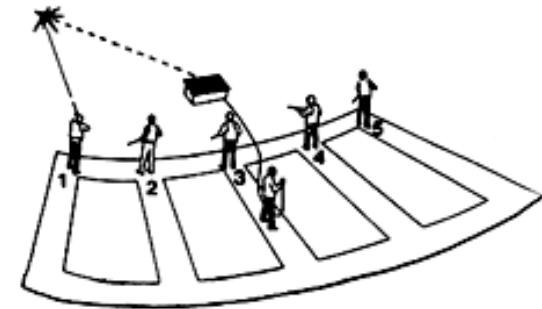
A round of skeet consists of 25 targets from a combination of a “high-house” and a “low-house” where the throwing machines are located. There are 7 different shooting positions arranged in a semi-circle plus one in the middle with predefined target presentations for each shooting position, including both singles and doubles. The eight different shooting positions combined with a high and low trap house provides challenging target presentations.



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TRAP SHOOTING

A round of trap consists of 25 clay targets launched from a single machine in a direction going away from the shooter and randomly within a prescribed arc. A shooter progresses through 5 shooting stands which are placed in an arc 16 yards back from the trap house where the throwing machine is located. Five targets are presented from each stand. These are at a consistent height but may be anywhere in a horizontal arc approximately 40 degrees on both the left and right of the trap house. In addition to single targets, most clubs also have machines which will throw 2 targets simultaneously; for example, doubles.



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SCYSF RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS



South Carolina Independent School Association Schools

Public Schools

4-H Clubs

Church Teams

Gun Club Teams

Boy Scout Teams

FORMING A SCYSF TEAM

To become a SCYSF recognized organization, the following forms must be completed and returned to the SCYSF.

- Head Coach Registration Form
(One form per team)
- Assistant Coach Registration Form
(One form per assistant coach)
- Team Registration Form
- Master Team Roaster
- Shooter Registration Forms
- Insurance and Waiver Forms
(One set of forms per shooter)
- Medical Consent Forms
(One form per shooter)

Note: Forms may be printed out from the SCYSF website. All forms must be completed and approved by SCYSF prior to participation in any events.

Becoming a Youth Shooter

Any youth interested in participating in a SCYSF event must become part of a SCYSF recognized organization. A youth may participate on a school, gun club, church, SCISA, 4-H, or Boy Scouts team in their area. If you are not aware of any existing team(s) in your area, contact the SCYSF and they will assist you in finding the closest SCYSF team in your area. Existing teams are listed on the SCYSF website – www.scysf.com.

- › Must be a young woman/man in the 3rd – 12th grade
- › Pay annual SCYSF registration fee of \$25.00 prior to participating in a SCYSF event
- › Must be in good standing with your SCYSF organization
- › Pass the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Hunter Safety Certification Course (6th grade shooters and under are NOT required to have SCDNR Hunter Safety)
- › Complete the Shooter and Medical Registration, and Consent & Waiver Form

If you do not have a SCDNR Hunters Education Number, you will be allowed to shoot, but will be required to pay full entry fee.

COACHES

To become a **Head Coach** for a SCYSF organization, coach must have at least NSCA Level 1 or NSSA Level 1 certification prior to January 1st of the shooting season.

To become an **Assistant Head Coach** for a SCYSF organization, coach(es) must have at least the SCYSF Sporting Clay Training (one day only) or 4-H Shotgun Training prior to their team participating in a SCYSF event.

SCYSF Sporting Clay Training is one of the minimum requirements for a Head/Assistant Coach. This one-day class is offered by the following NSCA Level 3 Instructors:

Donny Roth - shotgunsportsplus@yahoo.com
Ricky Smith - slinger47@bellsouth.net

The 4-H Shotgun Training is a day and half long, and is offered by the following instructors:

Rick Willey - rwilly@clemsun.edu

You may visit our website www.scysf.com or call for dates of upcoming classes.

RULES & REGULATIONS

SCYSF will recognize all rules of the Host Club, NSCA, NSSA, and ATA. There must be at least ONE SCYSF Certified Head/Assistant Coach escorting every 3-shooter squad at SCYSF events.

Shotgun Safety

Automatic and pump guns MUST have chamber open at all times, with the gun barrel pointed up when walking or riding. Over/under shotguns MUST be carried broken over shoulder, with the barrel in front, controlled by hand and pointed down. Semi-Auto and Pump Action shotguns must be carried at waist level, with action open and facing forward, and with barrel pointing directly up. Shotguns must be "safe and in sound" operating condition. Open-toed shoes, such as flip-flops/sandals/etc., are NOT allowed at any SCYSF event. Any shooter wearing open-toed shoes will be disqualified, along with the rest of the team. Slings or straps attached to shotguns are NOT allowed. Reloads are NOT allowed at any SCYSF event. Only shells with 7½, 8, & 9 shot size can be used.

Sporting Clay Course Rules

Coaches MUST stand directly behind the shooting box, within arms length of the shooter. Shooters MUST load their gun only when they are in the shooting box. Guns should ALWAYS be loaded pointing down range and loaded while the barrel is over the front rail of the shooting box. Shooters must wear eye and ear protection at all times while shooting. Shooter is allowed to load ONLY two shells while in the shooting box.

Skeet & Trap Rules

Coaches MUST stand directly behind the shooting box, within arms length of the shooter. Shooters MUST load their gun only when they are on the shooting box. Guns should ALWAYS be loaded with the barrel pointing down range. Shooters must wear eye and ear protection at all times while shooting. Only ONE shell is loaded for Singles. TWO coaches are required for TRAP events, one standing behind the 1st & 2nd shooter and one standing behind the 4th & 5th shooter.

5-Stand Rules

Coaches must sign their squad in with the 5-Stand manager. Coaches MUST stand directly behind the shooting box, within arms length of the shooter. Shooters MUST load their gun only when they are in the shooting box. Guns should ALWAYS be loaded pointing down range and loaded while the barrel is over the front rail of the shooting box. Shooters must wear eye and ear protection at all times while shooting.

Spectator & Golf Cart /ATV Rules

Any and all spectators on or at the shooting range(s) MUST wear both eye and ear protection. Anyone under the age of 10 is not allowed on the shooting range(s) without prior permission from the Host Club and SCYSF.

To operate a golf cart or any other ATV at any SCYSF event, you must have a valid South Carolina Drivers License and abide by all State laws. All guns must be transported in vertical position. NO guns transported or carried in horizontal position.

Coaching At Events

There must be at least one SCYSF certified coach with each squad during any shooting activity at an event. Coaching is only allowed during walks between stations or while watching other squads shooting (must maintain 15ft. distance from shooting box). Coaching is NOT allowed anytime within 15ft. of the shooting box and while your squad is shooting. Coaches MUST stand directly behind the shooting box, within arms length of the shooter. Squad members are allowed to coach/help each other at anytime, anywhere.

Registration deadline information can be found at the SCYSF website - www.scsysf.com.

SCYSF DIVISIONS

Rookie	5 th Grade and Under
Intermediate (1 st Year)	6 th – 8 th Grades
Intermediate (Advanced)	6 th – 8 th Grades
Junior Varsity (1 st Year)	9 th & 10 th Grades
Junior Varsity (Advanced)	9 th & 10 th Grades
Senior Varsity (1 st Year)	11 th & 12 th Grades
Senior Varsity (Advanced)	11 th & 12 th Grades

**If you are in the 6th, 9th, or 11th grade, you are a 1st year shooter.

**If you are in the 7th, 8th, 10th, or 12th grade and shot with the SCYSF or SCTP in the previous year, you are an Advanced shooter.

**Shooters can move up only and shoot in any higher division.

**Shooters that move up for one event can move back to their original shooting division for future events.

LADIES DIVISIONS

Intermediate	8 th Grade and Under
Varsity	9 th – 12 th Grades

**All squad members must be ladies to compete in this division.

**Ladies can compete for HOA, and not be on a ladies only squad.

**Junior Varsity Ladies are allowed to move up to Varsity division.

MALFUNCTIONS, PROTEST & SQUADS

Each shooter will get a TOTAL of 3 gun/ammunition malfunctions without any lost targets. A shooter malfunction is an automatic lost target. After a shooter uses the 3 malfunctions, any other malfunctions will be counted as a LOST target. Malfunctions are defined in the NSCA Rule Book.

If a shooter questions a referee, this MUST be addressed by ONLY the shooter and the coach BEFORE leaving the shooting station. If the shooter leaves the shooting station and then comes back, the target in question will be scored the way the referee initially called the target. In the event that the problem cannot be resolved by the field judge/referee, a Head Coach may file a protest. The protest will consist of one or more SCYSF officials and Club Manager/Owner to resolve the problem. There will be a \$50.00 fee to file a protest. If a parent or other family member addresses the referee, the SCYSF board has the authority to disqualify the entire squad. We recommend family members and friends to not get involved in discussions with referee.

All teams/squads will consist of (3) person squads. In the event that your squad has less than (3) participants, you are still encouraged to participate in the event, and are eligible for all awards in that division. A coach will be allowed to move (1) or more youth up in a division, in order to make a complete squad for the event.