

Ashtabula County Trap League Rules

REVISED 3/19/19

1. All League Shoots are to be open shoots. A participant must declare what club he or she is shooting for when signing in. A participant may shoot for as many clubs as wanted during the first two weeks of the league. A participant may only shoot for the clubs selected during these first two weeks of League Shoots for the remainder of the Spring or Fall league series. Practice rounds may be shot at the host club's discretion to fill in League Squads or after League Shooting. Juniors must declare their status when signing in.
2. All participants will shoot two rounds of 16-yard targets for the Spring Shoot. All participants will shoot one round of round of 16-yard targets and one round of 22-yard targets for the Fall Shoot.
3. The best 5 scores of all participants for a particular club will count toward the league score for a shoot. If a club has less than 5 participants, they must take a blind score of 35 for each missing league participant. All participants will receive a score of no less than 35 in league shoots but not trophy shoots.
4. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st Place and Runner-Up Clubs.
5. A High Gun Trophy will be awarded in 4 classes (A, B, C, and D) for the best average of the 5 highest scores with one club. This club will be the 1st club shot in the Spring or Fall league series if shooting for multiple clubs. The 1st Club must be shot first each week. Minimum rounds to qualify are 5. At least 3 contestants are required to establish a Class. All participants will be assigned a class using the first 3 shoots with the one club. Class winners from the previous season will be moved up one class. Shooters with 'known ability' will be placed in a class by the Committee. Class averages are defined as follows:
 - A 46.501 - 50
 - B 44.001 - 46.5
 - C 41.501 - 44
 - D 35 - 41.5
6. All junior participants must be under the age of 16 years before the league starts (Spring or Fall).
7. Fees for all league shoots will be \$9.00 (\$7.00 juniors) for the fifty targets required. The host club may charge its normal fees for practice shoots.
8. Each club that participates in the league will pay equally assessed fees for the trophies.

9. All participants of the league must sign in for a particular league shoot between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM for Saturday events or 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM for weekday events on the day of the shoot. League shooting may start earlier if the host club is ready. Practice time is up to the individual club.
10. At the end of each Spring League there will be a Gary Ray Team Trophy Shoot and at the end of each Fall League a Larry Tyler Team Trophy Shoot. These will be open team shoots. A club may enter, as many teams as it would like, but it must be in 5 man teams. The participants may be anyone the club chooses provided they have shot in at least two League Shoots for that club. If a club cannot produce a 5th shooter for their 1st team one shooter may be borrowed from another club. If a club cannot produce additional shooters for a 2nd or subsequent team they may utilize shooters from a prior team. The club team must sign in between the designated times at the host club. Shooting may start earlier if the host club is ready. The winning team will be presented with a rotating plaque that will have the club and participant's name engraved on it and will hold it for one year, until the next Gary Ray or Larry Tyler Shoot. The engraving will be the responsibility of this winning team. There will be a 16-yard and a handicap shoot of 25 targets each. Each teams 16-yard average score plus 2 yards will decide the handicap yardage.
11. The place where the Gary Ray and Larry Tyler Shoots take place will be decided in a rotating manner, the rotation as follows: Ashtabula (Gary Ray 2016), Geneva (Larry Tyler 2016), Conneaut (Gary Ray 2017), Orwell (Larry Tyler 2017), Monroe (Gary Ray 2018), Rock Creek (Larry Tyler 2018), Ashtabula (Gary Ray 2019), Geneva (Larry Tyler 2019), Conneaut (Gary Ray 2020), Orwell (Larry Tyler 2020), Monroe (Gary Ray 2021), Rock Creek (Larry Tyler 2021), Ashtabula (Gary Ray 2022), Crooked Creek (Larry Tyler 2022), Geneva (Gary Ray 2023), Conneaut (Larry Tyler 2023), Orwell (Gary Ray 2024), Monroe (Larry Tyler 2024), Rock Creek (Gary Ray 2025), Ashtabula (Larry Tyler 2025), Crooked Creek (Gary Ray 2026), Geneva (Larry Tyler 2026).
12. Ties will be broken by Reverse Score using the previous weeks score and back to prior weeks as necessary.
13. Eye and ear protection must be worn by all shooters and scorers.
14. A Club may choose to adjust traps during an event if conditions cause targets to be thrown out of specifications.
15. Shooters must be physically present to sign up for a squad. If shooting for multiple clubs a participant may sign up on an additional squad sheet only after their first squad shooting is complete.

16. SCORE KEEPERS: The Host Club's Score Keepers are required to announce Lost Targets and Scores at each station change. A maximum of 2 Failures to Fire per shooter are allowed for each 25 bird round and must be noted F1 and F2 on the score sheet. Score Keepers will call a target "Lost" on a shooter's 3rd and subsequent Failures to Fire (wad in barrel = FTF). The Host Club is responsible for reviewing these duties with its Score Keepers.
17. COMMITTEE: The League Committee will be comprised of a Trap Chairman or his representative from each participating club. Each committee member will have one vote for his or her club on proposed issues. The committee will schedule the league shoot dates, review / revise rules, and host the league shoots at their clubs. The Committee manages the league and has the final say in league affairs.
18. SECRETARY: The League Secretary will arrange Committee meetings and distribute schedules, revised rules, contact lists, practice shoot schedules, and scores. League Trophies (excluding the Larry Tyler and Gary Ray plaques) will be ordered and distributed with engraving to winning clubs and shooters. The Secretary will not have Committee voting rights but may break a tie if necessary. In return the Secretary will be permitted to shoot 50 birds per event for no charge at the host club.
19. The League Committee at either the Spring or Fall meetings can only revise these rules. These Committee Meetings will be held at the club that will be hosting the Trophy Shoot for that particular Spring or Fall.
20. ATA rules will apply when there is any question over anything that these rules do not refer to.