

SHAKOPEE
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HANDBOOK

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1. Welcome

Welcome to the Shakopee Trap Club Team. Our team is officially approved by Shakopee Schools as a club to participate in the USA Clay Target League.

Student athletes who are 12 years old and have earned their MN DNR Hunter Safety Certificate or USA Clay League SAFE certificate are eligible to practice and compete weekly in a spring and/or fall season “virtual” competition against other schools throughout the League. Events are conducted at a shooting range near the school’s location and scores are submitted and compared online against other school teams within their conference.

This handbook outlines the processes, policies, and expectations that the Shakopee Trap Club and its participants must adhere to. The team's leadership has the right to make alterations in, or amendments to, this handbook at any time without notice, whenever it is deemed to be in the best interest of the team.

The Team and League's three primary objectives - in order of importance - are safety, fun, and marksmanship.

Thank you for being a member of our team.

2. Mission Statement

Shakopee Trap Club (“STC”) has a mission of educating and training its registered student athletes in the extracurricular activity of clay target shooting sports. STC will provide education and training to those qualifying students that live within or attend school within the Shakopee School District for the purpose of providing opportunities to those student athletes, so they understand and experience the safe handling of firearms while competing in socially acceptable shooting sports. Through this, the organization strives to emphasize a co-educational, safe, ethical, respectful, chemical free, dignified, and positive learning experience. Participation is a privilege, not a right.

3. USA Clay Target League

The STC will participate in the USA Clay Target League (League) - a non-profit organization that is the independent provider of clay target shooting sports as a coed and adaptive activity for secondary and postsecondary schools. All team student athletes, their families, and team staff members must abide by all League policies. For more information, visit www.usaclaytarget.com.

4. Team Communications

It is vitally important for all team participants to communicate important and accurate information regularly.

Here are the following communication methods the team will use to contact you:

- **Email (primary method)**
- Team App
- Team website/social
- School website/social
- Text
- Other apps

It is expected that all participants will monitor the team's communication tools and keep their contact information updated in the League's ClayTargetGo! management system.

5. Seasons / Competition

Leagues: Fall and Spring

Shooting Range: Minneapolis Gun Club - 20006 Judicial Rd, Lakeville, MN 55044

Event Days: Mondays from 4:00 PM - approximately 6:30 PM

Disciplines: Trap

Tournaments: Local Tournaments as they arise (Montgomery, Owatonna, Webster, etc), State Championship in Alexandria, National Championship in Michigan

The Spring Season is 9 weeks and the Fall Season is 6 weeks

6. Registration, Fees & Payment

Any team members who participated the previous year are guaranteed a spot on the team provided they register by the returning member deadline. Once that process has completed new member registration will open until the team cap of 50 is reached or the deadline set each season (whichever happens first). Once all members are registered there is 1 additional step to register with the Clay Target League which will be communicated via email.

There are fees associated to participate with the Shakopee Trap Club Team and must be paid per the team's deadlines. Each shooting sport discipline may have different fees.

Team Participation Fee: $200

Includes: Range fees, jersey (first year), banquet, awards, administrative costs

Due: Upon Registration

USA Clay Target League Registration Fee: $45 (subject to change)

Includes: Clay Target League participation fee, score tracking and insurance

The team covers this fee as part of your registration fee.

7. Refund Policy

The Shakopee Trap Club Team adheres to the following policy regarding financial refunds.

- Refunds can be issued prior to the end of (spring or fall) registration.
- All refunds will be subject to a $15 service charge.
- Athletes unable to participate after the season begins may qualify for a refund as determined by the team's leadership.
- A refund request must be made in writing.

- Any athlete that is suspended or released from the team due to violation of school policy, team policy, or school or team code of conduct will not be eligible for a refund.
- All refunds must be approved by team leadership.

8. Gun/School Policy

All members of the STC must abide by the team policy to never have your gun or ammunition on school grounds. This includes parking lots and other school property.

9. Student Athlete Eligibility

Students that meet the team eligibility requirements listed below may be eligible to register with the team.

Requirements include:

1. Age/Grade: 12 years of age or older and in grades 6-12
2. Enrolled student in a Shakopee School (District 720) school or Shakopee Area Catholic School (SACS)
3. Academics: Maintain passing grades for all classes
4. Equipment needs: 12 or 20 gauge shotgun, team jersey, eye protection, ear protection, vest or ammo pouch, shell catchers
5. Meet all school activity participation requirements
6. Must obtain MN DNR Hunter Safety Certificate
7. Signed Range Rules

10. Code of Conduct

The school and STC believe participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege which is accompanied by student and parent responsibilities. A violation of the code of conduct may result in a period of ineligibility or removal from an activity or performance. Students and parents must follow all the rules as outlined by the League, school, and team.

- Students and parents will be respectful of all fellow team members and coaching staff at all times and represent the team and school with pride and integrity whenever participating in a League event or team activity.
- Students and parents shall respect the commitment they have made to the program and team. Breaching a commitment may affect future placement in other co-curricular activities.
- Students and parents will display exceptional sportsmanship at all league events and team activities. Students and parents will avoid offensive gestures or language, accept decisions of contest officials, and display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Students and parents shall respect the rights, beliefs, and property of others and treat others with courtesy and consideration.
- Students and parents will communicate openly, honestly and respectfully with coaches, advisors and directors. Proactive communication is key. Open and respectful communication with the coaches is encouraged when it becomes necessary to clarify our decision-making process.
- Students shall discuss each activity schedule with his/her parent(s) and determine where the potential for overlap with other activities may occur. Upon discovering a conflict, a student must communicate with coaches and advisors effectively.

- Students and parents shall be fully responsible for their own actions and the consequences of those actions.
- Each student must remain academically eligible by making satisfactory progress toward graduation and meeting all other academic requirements as stipulated by the Head Coach.
- Each student shall follow all school and League rules regarding mood-altering chemicals.

Disrespectful behavior or any misuse or violation of these rules by a family member could result in suspension of the student's shooting privileges with the team and possible permanent removal from the team's roster. Disciplinary action due to a parent's behavior is at the sole discretion of the Head Coach.

A parent or student who disagrees with the Head Coach's disciplinary action may appeal to the team's leadership. The leadership's decision is final.

11. SafeSport Policy

The mission of the League is to emphasize the positive influence shooting sports can have on athletes and their families. The League does this by providing a safe, comfortable, and positive environment focused on safety, sportsmanship, teamwork, and fun.

One aspect of creating a safe environment for athletes, coaches, and team staff members alike includes ensuring misconduct, including any physical and sexual abuse, is identified, addressed, and eliminated. Following the creation of the federal Safe Sport Authorization Act, the Center for SafeSport has identified six types of misconduct: emotional misconduct, physical misconduct, sexual misconduct, bullying, harassment and hazing. All forms of misconduct are intolerable and in direct conflict with the mission and goals of the League.

The League is committed to the safety and protection of all participating athletes, as well as the coaches and team staff members. Therefore, the League has published its Safe Sport Policy as a tool to help ensure a safe, comfortable, and positive environment for those participating in the League's activities.

Every team staff member must report suspicions and/or allegations of misconduct, as defined by Safe Sport Policy, the Center for SafeSport, and state and federal law.

To review the policy and submit a claim, visit usaclaytarget.com.

12. Athlete Values

Core values are the principles and priorities that guide the expectations of the student athlete's actions.

- You are no more important, or less important, than other members of your team.
- Keep your emotions and attitudes balanced.
- Appreciate good accomplishments regardless of who attains them.
- Treat other members of your activity, as well as other opponents, with respect.
- Participation in activities is an extension of the classroom.
- Exercise good leadership in helping others be successful.
- Set a good example for other members of your team by doing more than what is asked.
- Teamwork and success for your team begins with you!

13. Team Safety Rules

Safety for you and others is always the top priority. We will not compromise on safety, overlooking a safety violation is asking us to compromise the value of someone's life.

Maintain proper muzzle control. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction, which will be down range at our gun clubs. It is your responsibility to know and follow the rules of each gun club.

When walking from the gun rack to the shooting line (or vice versa), follow these procedures.

- Pump or semi-auto – the muzzle must always be in control. The preferred carry for proper muzzle control is the two-hand carry with one hand on the grip of the shotgun and the other hand on the forearm. Carrying any shotgun over the shoulder is prohibited during team events. The cradle carry may be allowed upon approval from the Head Coach or Range Safety Officer.
- Over/under or single barrel -- the preferred gun control is barrel open, and muzzle positioned down in front of you or in your hand at your side.
- Always keep the action open. Pump and semi-auto must be open when placed in the rack. Break action guns must be carried open and then closed to place in the rack. When at the shooting line, the action must be open until it is your turn to shoot.
- Always keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
- Always wear authorized eye protection.
- Always wear authorized ear protection.
- Respect Range Safety Officers. Immediately respond to cease fire or other commands.
- Each person is responsible for personal equipment and items. All your equipment should be within reach or visible when you are on the range. Keep unused items in your locked vehicle.
- No resting the barrel of your firearm on your foot or on any other solid surface.

14. Shooting Range Rules

The following rules of the shooting range must be followed:

- No alcoholic beverage consumption by any athlete, coach or volunteer will be allowed before or during shooting on club grounds. If coaches, RSO, club employees, management and/or any director become aware of this action, you will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
- Eye and hearing protection are required while on the shooting fields.
- Shotguns must have full stocks, and no barrels shorter than 21" are allowed to be used.
- 7-½ or 8 shot are the only size allowed on the range or patterning board.
- Keep the muzzle of the shotgun pointed toward the ground at all times when not firing. Never sling gun over your shoulder pointing behind you.
- Student athletes are allowed to load up to one shot shell for trap and up to two shot shells for skeet shooting events.
- Action on guns must stay open at all times. You may put a shell into the shotgun and close action only when you are on the proper station and it is your turn to shoot. Never walk from station to station with action on shotgun closed or with a shell in your shotgun.
- When shooting trap, everyone on the squad must have a shotgun, no sharing allowed.
- You are responsible for picking up your empty shotshell hulls.
- All observers must stay behind the shooting range sidewalk and not in the shooting area.

- Management reserves the right to refuse shooting to any person deemed irresponsible or uncontrollable.

15. Volunteers

The success of our organization depends completely on the enthusiasm, effort and expertise of our volunteers. We are an organization run solely by volunteers, and every volunteer matters. All positions including the coaching staff, committee members, and others as well as all necessary tasks are organized, directed and completed by volunteers to whom this team is deeply indebted. If you or your parents are interested in sharing your passion or in just lending a hand, please contact the Head Coach for more information.

Running and maintaining the Shakopee Trap Club Team at a consistently high level of performance requires a significant amount of time and commitment from all stakeholders. The Team's values and goals are promoted through the shared belief in and commitment to the Team. This collective endeavor is best promoted through volunteer efforts of students and parents.

16. Volunteer Policy

The STC does not have a minimum number of required volunteer hours, however in order to support the athletes to run the team, provide grill nights and keep costs low by our fundraising (bingo/meat raffle nights) we need a lot of volunteers and all families are expected to help. If every family could volunteer just a few times during the year we can more than meet the need to run a high quality program for your athlete.

17. Committees

The role of a committee is to support the team's mission and goals by providing guidance, oversight, and support to the staff and leadership. Our committees are made up of volunteers who bring various skills and expertise that is helpful to the organization. By bringing together volunteers with expertise in areas like finance, governance, fundraising, event coordination, marketing and communications and more, committees can help teams operate more efficiently and effectively, achieve their goals and objectives, and better serve our student athletes.

18. Practice & Competition Procedures

All athletes are expected to be at the range and ready to shoot by 4:00 PM. Prior to the start of competition, each athlete will be assigned to a field and squad. Fields, Squads and Timing are all subject to change by the Head Coach.

- You are expected to arrive on the field, wearing your uniform, at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. Let the Field Manager or Scorekeeper know when you arrive.
- If you are unable to attend, please notify the Head Coach prior to your absence.
- Competition consists of shooting two rounds of 25 shots each for trap, skeet and 5-stand. Competition consists of shooting one round of 50 for sporting clays. Bring enough ammunition each night to cover your rounds plus extras in case of malfunctions.
- Safety procedures must be followed at all times. Properly carry and store guns when not shooting on the field.
- Make sure you clean your shotgun per the manufacturer recommendations after each day's use.

- Scores are entered weekly into the League's website and standings are available at the end of each scoring period.

20. Emergency Management Plan

The Head Coach is responsible for monitoring weather and making determinations as needed based on lightning or thunder.

For all other emergency situations the Head RSO is in charge without exception, all are to follow his or her orders to ensure the situation is addressed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

In the event of a medical emergency, dial 911.

21. Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather before or during League events, everyone will make safety their top priority. We will shoot in all conditions, except when lightning is present.

- When radar indicated lightning occurs within 10 miles or thunder is heard, the event must be suspended.
- The occurrence of lightning or thunder is not subject to interpretation or discussion. Lightning is lightning; thunder is thunder.
- Athletes and support personnel shall be moved to appropriate indoor facilities.
- Athletes shall not return to the field until lightning has been absent from the local sky and thunder has not been heard for a minimum of 30 minutes.
- Spectators need to be advised to seek shelter also.

If the event is canceled, the team will communicate rescheduling options.

22. Uniforms & Apparel

An official team uniform includes the team jersey or hoodie. Optional additional items may include team hat, spirit wear and other miscellaneous wearables.

The current year’s jersey/hoodie must be worn at all team events, at the state championship and all other tournaments. Failure to wear your jersey or hoodie means you will not be shooting.

It is strongly encouraged to wear the jersey or hoodie to school during the season on Mondays.

Prohibited items include:

- Clothing that exposes any part of the torso, including but not limited to, cutoff t-shirts, halter tops, tank tops, etc.
- Short shorts and low riding shorts or pants revealing undergarments or buttocks.
- Flip-flops, sandals, clogs, crocs or any other opened-toed shoes/sandals.
- Any clothing with pictures, caricatures, designs, messages, writings, or other embellishments with direct or indirect references to alcohol, tobacco, sex or sexual connotations, drugs, gambling, or profanities.

23. Equipment

All student athletes are required to bring a shotgun, proper eye protection, and proper hearing protection.

Shotguns:

Student athletes are required to supply their own shotgun. All types of smooth-bore shotguns, including semi-automatics, may be used provided their caliber does not exceed 12 gauge. All guns should be equipped (i.e.: shell catcher on a pump-action shotgun), fitted and utilized so as not to eject empty shells in a manner that substantially disturbs or interferes with other student athletes.

The student athlete cannot:

- Use a shotgun with any form of “release” trigger actions.
- Use a bottom loading/eject shotgun
- Use a magazine fed, bolt action or AR-Style shotgun
- Use slings or straps on a shotgun.
- Change a properly functioning gun or parts of a shotgun in the same round.
- Use devices fitted to the shotgun that have magnifying, light emitting, or give visual enhancement of the target.

It is recommended to add a name label on your shotgun for identification.

Should an issue arise with the proper functioning and safety of a participant’s gun, the coaches or range safety officers will determine if the athlete may continue to participate on the range that day. The team may require that a different gun be used until the issue has been addressed by a competent gunsmith and documentation provided on the issue(s) found and corrective measures taken.

Ammunition:

The club does not purchase bulk ammunition as part of our program, all student athletes must acquire their own ammunition each season. All student athletes must use factory ammunition. A student athlete cannot use:

- Reloaded cartridges.
- Any load other than lead shot.
- Tracers, copper and nickel coated shot.
- Any load heavier than 3 dram equivalent of powder.
- Loads containing more than 1-1/8 oz. of shot.

Gun clubs may have different ammunition regulations than listed above and their regulations supersede any League requirements.

Ammunition Specs are as follows:

- New, factory loaded only
- 7.5 or 8 shot
- 2 ¾” length
- 12ga: 1 or 1 ⅛ oz / 20ga: ⅞ or 1 oz

2 boxes of ammo are needed each week, plus additional practice and ammo for tournaments

Eye & Ear Protection:

All athletes and coaches are responsible for proper eye and ear protection while on any part of the range. The minimum acceptable ear protection are disposable foam plugs. Athletes may invest in better equipment at their discretion, however we strongly discourage over the ear muffs as they interfere with the proper mounting of the shotgun or the gun pushes the muff off the ear which can reduce the hearing protection. Spectators are also strongly advised to wear ear protection while at the range. Airpods are not approved for athletes when shooting.

24. Roles and Responsibilities

Head Coach: Oversight of the program, athletes and coaches, assigns athletes to squads, enters scores
Head RSO: Responsible for all safety and emergencies of the team
The Head Coach and Head RSO will rove between the fields and ensure all practices are being upheld and assist as possible.

The following positions exist on each field

- **Field Manager** (manages field, pulls clays, loads trap house)
- **Field RSO** (responsible for all safety on their field)
- **Coach(es)** (coach athletes as much as possible, however safety comes first)
- **Scorekeeper** (usually a parent that keeps score for the round)

25. Range Commands

The key range commands are as follows, however different situations may require the use of other commands at the discretion of the RSO

At the beginning of the round and after each rotation the Squad Leader will confirm the Squad is ready by asking **“Squad Ready”** to which the other shooters must respond **“Ready”**. Following that the Squad Leader will ask the Field Manager if they are ready by saying **“Puller Ready”** and the Field Manager will respond **“Ready”**.

Shooters must state **“Pull”** loudly and clearly to have a bird launched, starting with the Squad Leader

When it is time to rotate the Scorekeeper will announce **“Rotate”**

Always be listening for **“Stop”** or **“Cease Fire”** in which guns are to be immediately made safe and await further commands.

If an athlete has any issue with your firearm or ammo raise your hand and wait for the RSO to come over.

26. Special Recognition Requirements

Special recognition awards will be distributed at the end of the season banquet/award ceremony along with any team/individual awards.

All of the following criteria must be met to qualify for a varsity letter:

- No academic grade failures.
- No current violations of any substance usage policies.
- Completes the season with full conference participation.
- Maintain 2.0 or higher GPA
- Make progress towards graduation
- Any team member who achieves a season average of 19 or higher.
- Any team member who shoots 25 straight at any team event, practices excluded (i.e., conference competition or any tournament).
- Any team member who participates in a tournament and finishes in the top 3 of all participants in their gender/classification at the State Championship in Alexandria.
- Any Team member who has participated in all grades (9-12) despite classification status

27. Team Staff

Head Coach: Ryan Sather / shakopeetrapclub@gmail.com / 612-247-2403

Range Safety Officers: *Spring*: Matt Notermann / greenwater1@yahoo.com / 612-759-1706

Fall: John Sorah / j_sorah@msn.com / 612-554-4169

28. Board Of Directors

President: Robert Pulk

Vice President: Matt Notermann

Secretary: Ryan Sather

Treasurer: Brian Holtberg

Director(s): Kyle Fiebelkorn, Max Pulk

Still have questions?
Reach out to the head coach or email shakopeetrapclub@gmail.com

APPENDIX

Shakopee Trap Team Range Rules & Responsibilities

8. Always treat firearms like they are loaded…..ALWAYS.
9. Always keep the muzzle pointed downrange. Athletes must remain facing downrange at all times. Do not turn around.
10. All firearms **MUST** be on "**SAFE**" until you're ready to call the bird. **MEANING**, your firearm must be shouldered before you can turn your safety off. Call for the bird, shoot, and immediately turn your safe back on before lowering your firearm. You **MUST** have your chamber open until your next turn.
11. A shooter may only insert a shell when the shooter in front of them is up. You may close the action (chamber round) ONLY after the previous shooter has completed their turn.
12. Always keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
13. All firearms not on the firing line must be unloaded in a case or on the rack.
14. Eye and ear protection are mandatory at all times on the range.
15. No one other than the coaches may go forward of the firing line.
16. No one is allowed to handle anyone's firearm but your own.
17. Shooters must know and understand all of the operating and safety features of the firearm they are using prior to shooting on the range. **You may not borrow a friend's firearm to shoot a round.**
18. If your firearm malfunctions or doesn't fire, keep the muzzle pointed downrange, call and/or raise your hand for a coach immediately. DO NOT TURN AROUND.
19. If you drop a shell while loading, continue to keep your muzzle facing downrange and raise your hand for a coach to assist in picking up the shell. They will inspect and/or give you a new shell.
20. No firearm handling will be allowed outside the shooting stations. NO EXCEPTIONS.
21. When the command "**Cease Fire**" or "**Stop**" is given, stop shooting **IMMEDIATELY** and wait for further instructions from a coach or RSO.
22. Any commands issued by the RSO and coaches must be obeyed immediately and without question.
23. Spectators and athletes not actively shooting are not allowed to be any closer than the sidewalk. Parents/guardians/spectators are not allowed on the field at any time.
24. If a coach or the RSO sends a shooter off the line because of safety reasons, we will wait until 24 hours have passed before discussing it with you.
25. Range Safety Officers and Coaches reserve the right to inspect all firearms and ammunition for safety considerations. Unsafe firearms or ammunition will not be allowed on the range.
26. Cell phone usage, including texting, is strictly prohibited on the range.
27. Ammunition must be 2 ¾" and factory manufactured. Reloads, magnum loads and shot size larger than #7 ½ are not allowed. See FAQ on website for full ammo specs.
28. Routine cleaning of the walkways is needed in order to maintain the cleanliness of the area.
29. Closed footwear only (full toe and heel) No Crocs, Sandals or similar style footwear. You will be sent home if you come with improper footwear.

Athlete Responsibilities

1. I have or will read the team handbook prior to first night of shooting and will adhere to all team and league rules and policies.
2. Be courteous to other shooters and volunteers. Trash talk, foul language or other unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
3. Athletes are required to wear team jersey or hoodie or you won't be shooting.
4. Athletes will show up prepared each week with all required gear and equipment and be ready to shoot at start time.
5. Athletes will clean spent hulls from their range following the round they just completed.
6. We (athlete/trap family), understand that if an athlete misses a shooting night for **ANY** reason, we do not receive a refund for the rounds missed.
7. Athletes are expected to stay the entire session unless given prior authorization from the head coach.
8. You are expected to commit to the team and be at each shooting night, should a conflict arise - talk to the head coach as soon as you become aware of the issue. The league does not allow missed weeks to be made up after the fact, you will need to pre-shoot for that week you will miss.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of the safest trap team in the state. Shoot straight and have fun!

*By signing below, **I AGREE** to follow the Shakopee Trap Club Range Rules & Athlete Responsibilities at all times. Failure to follow these rules will result in an athlete's immediate removal from the range and/or program.*

I also understand that as a participant/guardian of a participant in the Shakopee Trap Club we allow the release and hold harmless the Shakopee Trap Club in the use of photos the club may take of my child for advertising the club and celebrating accomplishments (Anywhere names are used other than the yearbook STC will use first name & last initial only). This may be done on the team website, app, at the banquet, on social media as well as photo submission to the High School Yearbook or other uses as the club sees fit. *If you do not agree to this, cross this section out. This is the only portion of this agreement that may be stricken.*

Student Name (printed):_____

Student Signature:_____

Parent Name (printed):_____

Parent Signature:_____

MN High School Clay Target League
Trap Shooting Rules

PREPARATION

- Each shooter will have all the equipment and ammunition necessary to complete the round each time they occupy a shooting station. All guns must be carried open and unloaded when moving to the shooter's assigned starting station.
- Test firing of a shotgun is not allowed.

READY - At the moment the shooter calls and until the target appears, the shooter must stand in the "READY" position including:

- Both feet entirely within the 16-yard shooting station area.
- Holding the gun with both hands.

START - Upon a "START" command from the coach/RSO, each shooter, in turn, will:

- Take proper shooting position.
- Coach or RSO will announce shooters on the left ready… answer… shooters on the right ready…answer
- First shooter may load one shell.
- Close the gun.
- Clearly and loudly call "PULL" for the target.

SHOOTING AT TARGET

- After calling for the bird and firing, immediately put gun on "SAFE"
- Discharge empty shell.
- Wait for next turn.
- A shooter may only load a shell when the shooter in front of them is up. They may close their gun (chamber round) ONLY after the previous shooter has completed their turn.
- Each shooter should begin their turn within five (5) seconds after the last shooter has fired at a target and the result has been recorded.

STOP - When the command or the signal "STOP" or "CEASE FIRE" is given, shooting must stop immediately.

- All shooters must immediately unload their shotguns and make them safe.
- Shooting may only be resumed at the appropriate "START" command is given by the RSO.

NO BIRD TARGET - A coach/RSO may declare a "NO BIRD" when:

- A broken or irregular target emerges.
- Two targets are thrown at once.
- The coach notices the shooter was visibly disturbed by some external cause.
- The coach notices the shooter's foot position is outside his/her lane.
- The coach detects a violation of the shooter's allowed time limit.
- The shot is discharged involuntarily before the shooter has called for the target.
- A target is thrown before the shooter's call.
- A target is not released immediately after the shooter's call.
- A target's trajectory is irregular.
- There is an allowable malfunction of shotgun or shell.
- Even if the shooter has fired a shot, a "NO BIRD" allows the shooter to replay the shot without a penalty.
- Upon the completion of a round, the shooters will remain at their stations until a coach/RSO visibly checks to make sure all guns are safe**.** The shooters may then exit the station and carry their gun in the approved manner and place them in the 'rack' or back in a case when their rounds are over.

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Revision History

Version	Date	Updated by	Notes
1.0	12/13/2024	Ryan Sather	Initial Release
1.1	02/27/2025	Ryan Sather	Minor Cleanup and Squad Leader additions
1.2	03/13/2026	Ryan Sather	Updates to reflect new range and safety agreement