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General Information

- All participants must be registered with the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and have all team, coach, athlete, and volunteer paperwork on file with the SCTP before registering for any League Events.
- The governing rules for all events are, in order of precedence, those established by the Iowa DNR, the SCTP, and the applicable National Governing Body (NGB) - Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA), and National Sporting Clay Association (NSCA).
- Shotguns with release triggers or exposed hammers are not allowed at Iowa SCTP events.
- As stated in the National SCTP Handbook, earbuds are not considered sufficient hearing protection for athletes and may not be worn unless they are designed for shotgun noise protection.
- Use of tobacco or alcohol is prohibited for all contestants, coaches, and spectators during the course of events and awards ceremonies.
- All Athletes are expected to shoot for the closest team to their residence that will allow them to shoot for that team.
- The SCTP does not condone, nor will it allow athletes to "team jump." Under extenuating circumstances, the SCTP may allow a one-time transfer for an athlete. SCTP National staff, the Directors of Development, Regional Field Representatives, and state advisors will provide due diligence before approving any athlete transfer. Both the releasing coach and the receiving coach must agree to the transfer. The move of this athlete will be to the next closest team that will accept that athlete.
    - In the case of a team disbanding, breaking up, or no longer being an organized team in the SCTP, these athletes will be allowed to participate with the next closest team that will accept them. That move will not be counted against them.
- Team awards will only be awarded to full teams.



League Information

- All events must be published on the SCTP SHOT system two days prior to the event.
- All events must be between two or more registered Iowa SCTP teams.
- For a Senior Division Shoot, there must be Senior Division athletes from at least two Iowa teams competing.
  - Due to fewer teams having Rookie and Intermediate athletes, this requirement does not apply to those divisions, only that there are athletes from at least two different Iowa teams competing.
- Scorekeepers shall be assigned by the event venue/host team.
  - Scorekeepers must print their name, phone number, and team affiliation on each scorecard they fill out.
  - The Main Contact of an event must be able to provide a copy of a scorecard at the request of the DNR at any time through the end of the discipline's annual state championship event.
- An athlete that scratches during a round(decides to stop shooting mid round) will be done shooting for the remainder of the event. You cannot scratch mid round and start a new round.
- All scores for teams and individuals must be posted to the SHOT system within one day of the conclusion of the event.
- Registered Shoots (ATA, NSSA, NSCA) can count toward league scores and be entered in SHOT under the following conditions:
  - The registered event is entered in SHOT at least two days prior to the event.
  - An athlete must be registered for the event in SHOT in order for the targets to be used for SCTP.
  - There must be athletes from at least two different Iowa teams participating at the event.
  - The “host” coach must enter the scores into SHOT and is responsible for obtaining copies of the scoresheets from the host club for the SCTP athletes.
  - The requirement for Senior Division athletes does not apply to shoots that are registered with the ATA, NSSA, or NSCA.
- Discipline specific requirements can be found in this program for each individual league.
- Iowa DNR, as the SCTP State Advisor, reserves the right to alter or change league rules at any time, for any reason.
- Iowa DNR officials reserve the right to make on site determination of any situation not covered by these rules. Iowa DNR officials' decisions are final.
- Unless otherwise stated a reverse run will begin from the final score in an event, a forward run will begin from the first score of an event, and a longest run can occur anywhere between the first and last score of an event.

Trap Leagues

Singles, doubles, and handicap trap leagues are available to all athletes and teams registered with the SCTP. For scores to qualify, the shoot must be created within the appropriate League two days prior to the event. The 2027 League season begins on September 1, 2026 and ends on May 31, 2027. All coaches and athletes must be registered in the SHOT system for the 2027 season prior to practice and competition. League score updates will be posted at a minimum on November 17, 2026, April 6, 2027, May 4, 2027, and June 1, 2027.

Singles Trap League

The course of fire for the league is American Trap Singles (16-yard singles), and the governing rules are that of Scholastic Clay Target Program and the Amateur Trapshooting Association. The league will consist of 300 targets (six scores of 50 targets). The highest six scores, from at least three different facilities, will determine each athletes’ total league score. Athletes may shoot as many events as they wish over the season, but no more than two 100 bird events a day per discipline. All events must be between two or more registered SCTP teams. Matches must be set up as 50 or 100 bird events and published on the SCTP SHOT system two days prior to the event. All scores for teams and individuals must be posted to the SHOT system within one day of the conclusion of the event.

Individual Awards (awarded to men and women)

Rookie: 1st - 5th places
Intermediate Entry: 1st - 5th places
Intermediate Advanced: 1st - 5th places
Senior Junior Varsity: 1st - 5th places
Senior Varsity: 1st - 5th places

Team Awards

Rookie Division: 1st - 3rd places
Intermediate Division: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Division: 1st - 3rd places
*The top 5 individual athlete league scores will be used to calculate the team score.

American Trap Singles League Tie-Breaking Process

Rookies Division: League ties in the Singles Trap League will be determined by the total of the first two rounds (50 targets) from the Championship event. If a tie remains after the first 50 targets, the total of the third round will be used, and the total of the fourth round if a tie remains. If the tie remains after all 100 Championship event targets, a reverse run will be used. If still necessary, a forward run and then longest run will be used to separate a tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.

Intermediates and Senior Divisions: League ties in the Singles Trap League will be determined by the total of the first four rounds (100 targets) from the Championship event. If a tie remains after the first 100 targets, the fifth round score will be used, followed by the sixth through eighth rounds individually if needed. If the tie remains after all 200 Championship event targets, a reverse run will be used. If still necessary, a forward run and then longest run will be used to separate a tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.

All-State Awards:

Men's Awards - Top 5 athletes
Women's Awards - Top 5 athletes

All-State Awards are calculated based on the combination of the League Score and the State American Trap 16 yard singles Championship Score. Ties will be broken following the Singles Trap Championship Event Tie Breaker Process. Athletes must be classified as Senior Division to compete for All-State awards.

Doubles Trap League

The course of fire for the league is American Trap Doubles, and the governing rules are that of the Scholastic Clay Target Program and the Amateur Trapshooting Association. The league will consist of 300 targets (six scores of 50 targets). The highest six scores, from at least three different facilities, will determine each athletes' total league score. Athletes may shoot as many events as they wish over the season, but no more than two 100 bird events a day per discipline. All events must be between two or more registered SCTP teams. Matches must be set up as 50 or 100 bird events, entered as one or two rounds of 50 targets (25 pairs), and published on the SCTP SHOT system two days prior to the event. All scores for teams and individuals must be posted to the SHOT system within one day of the conclusion of the event.

Individual Awards (awarded to men and women)

Rookie: 1st - 5th places
Intermediate Entry: 1st - 5th places
Intermediate Advanced: 1st - 5th places
Senior Junior Varsity: 1st - 5th places
Senior Varsity: 1st - 5th places



Team Awards

Intermediate Division: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Division: 1st - 3rd places
*The top 5 individual athlete league scores will be used to calculate the team score.

Doubles Trap League Tie-Breaking Process

All Divisions: League ties in the Doubles Trap League will be determined by the total of the

Championship event (100 targets). If the tie remains after all Championship event targets, a reverse run will be used. If still necessary, a forward run and then longest run will be used to separate a tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.

Handicap Trap League

The course of fire for the league is SCTP Trap Handicap as designated by the SCTP. Rookie athletes will shoot all targets from 19 yards, Intermediates from 21 yards, and Seniors from 25 yards. The governing rules are that of the national Scholastic Clay Target Program and the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

The league will consist of 300 targets (six scores of 50 targets). The highest six scores, from at least three different facilities, will determine each athletes' total league score. Athletes may shoot as many events as they wish over the season, but no more than two 100 bird events a day per discipline. All events must be between two or more registered SCTP teams. Matches must be set up as 50 or 100 bird events, entered as two or four rounds of 25 targets, and published on the SCTP SHOT system two days prior to the event. All scores for teams and individuals must be posted to the SHOT system within one day of the conclusion of the event.

Individual Awards (awarded to men and women)

Rookie: 1st - 5th places
Intermediate Entry: 1st - 5th places
Intermediate Advanced: 1st - 5th places
Senior Junior Varsity: 1st - 5th places
Senior Varsity: 1st - 5th places

Team Awards

Intermediate Division: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Division: 1st - 3rd places
*The top 5 individual League Scores by Division will be used to calculate the team league score.

SCTP Handicap Trap League Tie-Breaking Process

All Divisions: League ties in the SCTP Handicap Trap League will be determined by the total of the Championship event (100 targets). If the tie remains after all Championship event targets, a reverse run will be used. If still necessary, a forward run and then longest run will be used to separate a tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.



Skeet Leagues

Singles and Doubles Skeet Leagues are open to all athletes and teams registered with the SCTP. For scores to qualify, the shoot must be created within the appropriate League two days prior to the event. The 2026-27 League season begins on September 1, 2026 and ends on June 7, 2027. All coaches and athletes must be registered in the SHOT system for the 2027 season prior to practice and competition. League score updates will be posted at a minimum on November 17, 2026, April 6, 2027, May 4, 2027, and June 8, 2027.

Singles Skeet League

The course of fire for the league is American Skeet, and the governing rules are that of the Scholastic Clay Target Program and the National Skeet Shooting Association. The 2027 Competition Season begins September 1, 2026 and will end June 7, 2027.

The league will consist of 300 targets (six scores of 50 targets). The highest six scores, from at least three different facilities, will determine each athletes' total league score. Athletes may shoot as many events as they wish over the season, but no more than two 100 bird events a day per discipline. All events must be between two or more registered SCTP teams. Matches must be set up as 50 or 100 bird events, entered as two or four rounds of 25 targets, and published on the SCTP SHOT system two days prior to the event. All scores for teams and individuals must be posted to the SHOT system within one day of the conclusion of the event.

NSSA registered shoots can count toward league scores and be entered in SHOT. The "host" coach must enter the scores into SHOT and is responsible for obtaining copies of the scoresheets from the host club for the SCTP athletes.

Individual Awards (awarded to men and women)

Rookie: 1st - 3rd places
Intermediate Entry: 1st - 3rd places
Intermediate Advanced: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Junior Varsity: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Varsity: 1st - 3rd places

Team Awards

Intermediate Division: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Division: 1st - 3rd places
*The top 3 individual athlete league scores will be used to calculate the team score.

Skeet League Tie Breaking Process

Rookie Division: League ties in the American Skeet League will be determined by the total from the Championship event (50 targets). If a tie remains after the 50 Championship event targets, a reverse run will be used. If still necessary, a forward run and then longest run will be used to separate a tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.

Intermediates Division: League ties in the American Skeet League will be determined by the total of the Championship event (100 targets). If the tie remains after all 100 Championship event targets, a reverse run will be used. If still necessary, a forward run and then longest run will be used to separate a tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.

Senior Division: League ties in the American Skeet League will be determined by the total of the first three rounds (75 targets) from the Championship event. If a tie remains after the first 75 targets, the total of the fourth round will be used, followed by the fifth through sixth rounds individually if needed. If the tie remains after all 150 Championship event targets, a reverse run will be used. If still necessary, a forward run and then longest run will be used to separate a tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.

All-State Awards:
Men's Awards - Top 5 athletes
Women's Awards - Top 5 athletes
All-State Awards are calculated based on the combination of the League Score and the State Skeet Singles Championship Score. Athletes must be classified as Senior Division to compete for All-State awards. Shoot-offs will only be conducted for perfect scores. Perfect score ties will be broken following the Skeet Championship Tie Breaker Process.

Doubles Skeet League

The course of fire for the league is American Skeet Doubles, and the governing rules are that of the Scholastic Clay Target Program and the National Skeet Shooting Association.

The league will consist of 300 targets (six scores of 50 targets). The highest six scores, from at least three different facilities, will determine each athletes' total league score. Athletes may shoot as many events as they wish over the season, but no more than two 100 bird events a day. All events must be between two or more registered SCTP teams. Matches must be set up as 50 or 100 bird events, entered as one or two rounds of 50 targets, and published on the SCTP SHOT system two days prior to the event. All scores for teams and individuals must be posted to the SHOT system within one day of the conclusion of the event.

Individual Awards (awarded to men and women)
Rookie: 1st - 3rd places
Intermediate Entry: 1st - 3rd places
Intermediate Advanced: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Junior Varsity: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Varsity: 1st - 3rd places

Team Awards
Intermediate Division: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Division: 1st - 3rd places
*The top 3 individuals League Scores will be used to calculate the team league score.

Doubles Skeet League Tie Breaking Process
Rookie Division: League ties in the Doubles Skeet League will be determined by the total from the Championship event (50 targets). If a tie remains after the 50 Championship event targets, a reverse run will be used. If still necessary, a forward run and then longest run will be used to separate a tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.

Intermediates Division: League ties in the Doubles Skeet League will be determined by the total of the Championship event (100 targets). If the tie remains after all 100 Championship event targets, a reverse run will be used. If still necessary, a forward run and then longest run will be used to separate a tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.

Senior Division: League ties in the Doubles Skeet League will be determined by the total of the first three rounds (75 targets) from the Championship event. If a tie remains after the first 75 targets, the total of the fourth round will be used, followed by the fifth through sixth rounds individually if needed. If the tie remains after all 150 Championship event targets, a reverse run will be used. If still necessary, a forward run and then longest run will be used to separate a tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.



5-Stand League

The 5-Stand League is open to all athletes and teams registered with the SCTP. The course of fire for the league is 5-Stand sporting, and the governing rules are that of the national Scholastic Clay Target Program and the National Sporting Clays Association. Each 5-stand course must have eight machines. Each station must consist of five targets - one single, one report pair, and one true pair. Athletes have full use of gun for the single target (two shells). Events shot on a walking course should be registered in the Sporting Clays League. The 2027 Competition Season begins September 1, 2026 and will end June 7, 2027. League score updates will be posted at a minimum on November 17, 2026, April 6, 2027, May 4, 2027, and June 8, 2027.

The league will consist of 300 targets (six scores of 50 targets). The highest six scores, from at least three different facilities, will determine each athletes' total league score. Athletes may shoot as many events as they wish over the season, but no more than two 100 bird events a day per discipline. All events must be between two or more registered SCTP teams. Matches must be set up as 50 or 100 bird events, entered as two or four rounds of 25 targets, and published on the SCTP SHOT system two days prior to the event. All scores for teams and individuals must be posted to the SHOT system within one day of the conclusion of the event.

Individual Awards (awarded to men and women)
- Rookie: 1st - 5th places
- Intermediate Entry: 1st - 5th places
- Intermediate Advanced: 1st - 5th places
- Senior Junior Varsity: 1st - 5th places
- Senior Varsity: 1st - 5th places

Team Awards
- Intermediate Division: 1st - 3rd places
- Senior Division: 1st - 3rd places
- *The top 5 individual athlete league scores will be used to calculate the team score.

5-Stand League Tie Breaker Process

Rookie, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions: League ties in the 5-Stand League will be determined by the total from the Championship event. If the tie remains after all Championship targets, a total score from preselected stations will be used to break the tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.

Sporting Clays League

The Sporting Clays League is open to all athletes and teams registered with the SCTP. The course of fire for the league is Sporting Clays, and the governing rules are that of the national Scholastic Clay Target Program and the National Sporting Clays Association. The 2027 Competition Season begins on September 1, 2026 and will end June 14, 2027. League score updates will be posted at a minimum on November 17, 2026, April 6, 2027, May 4, 2027, and June 15, 2027.

The league will consist of 300 targets (three scores of 100 targets). The highest three scores, from at least three different facilities, will determine each athletes' total league score. All of the scores must be shot on a walking course. Athletes may shoot as many events as they wish over the season, but no more than two 100 bird events a day per discipline. All events must be between two or more registered SCTP teams. Matches must be set up as 100 bird events, entered as 1 round of 100 targets, and published on the SCTP SHOT system two days prior to the event. All scores for teams and individuals must be posted to the SHOT system within one day of the conclusion of the event.

Individual Awards (awarded to men and women)

Rookie: 1st - 3rd places
Intermediate Entry: 1st - 3rd places
Intermediate Advanced: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Junior Varsity: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Varsity: 1st - 3rd places

Team Awards

Intermediate Division: 1st - 3rd places
Senior Division: 1st - 3rd places
*The top 3 individual league scores will be used to calculate the team league score.

Sporting Clays League Tie Breaker Process

Rookie, Intermediate and Senior Divisions: League ties in the Sporting Clays League will be resolved by the total score from the Championship event. If the tie remains after all Championship targets, a total score from preselected stations will be used to break the tie. Remaining ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.

All-State Awards

Men's Awards - Top 5 athletes
Women's Awards - Top 5 athletes

Due to the variability in the difficulty of sporting clays courses, the All-State Awards for Sporting Clays are calculated solely based on the State Sporting Clay Championship Score. Athletes must be classified as Senior Division to compete for All-State awards. Ties will be broken following the Championship event tie breaking procedure.