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Iowa Shooting Sports 2026 Coach Conference January 31, 2026

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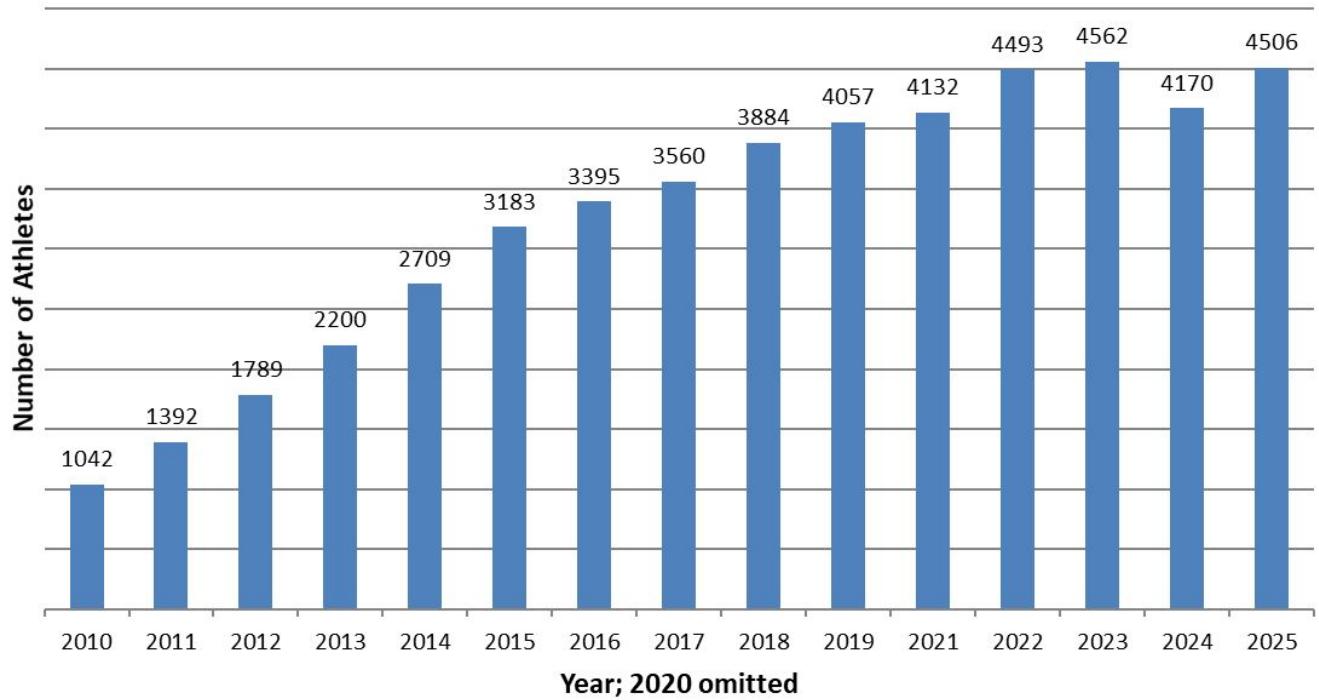
- Iowa State Advisor for SSSF
 - Facilitate leagues and championships
 - Train coaches
 - Perform due diligence for athlete transfers
- Oversee Iowa's public ranges
 - Assess, maintain, improve, and create ranges
 - Develop and train staff

2025 Season Data



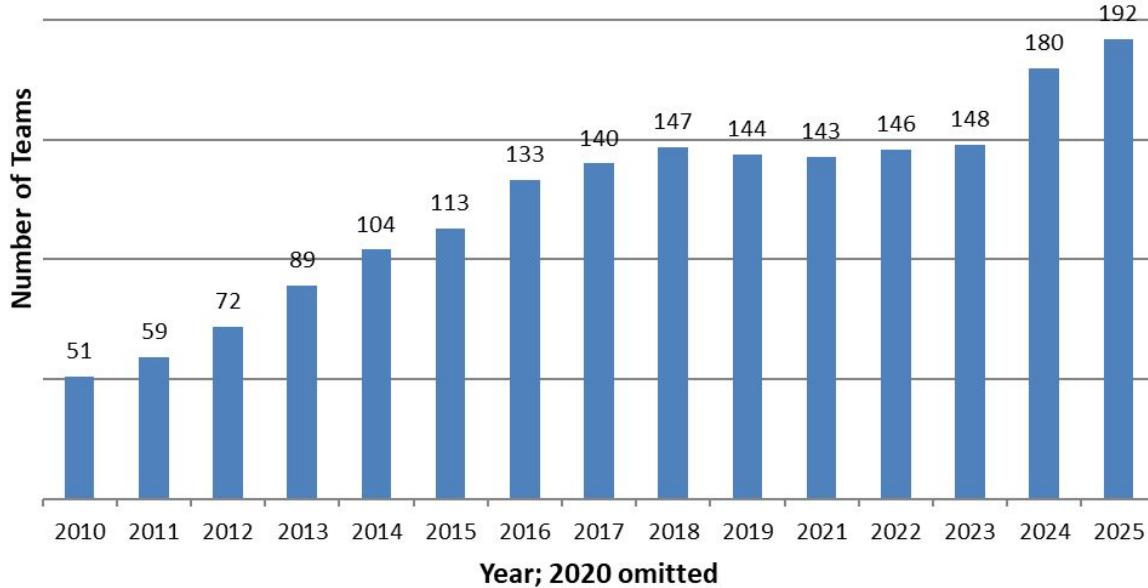
Handouts are printed for attendees and will be available for download online under the program links section of the DNR SCTP webpage

Iowa SCTP Registered Athletes



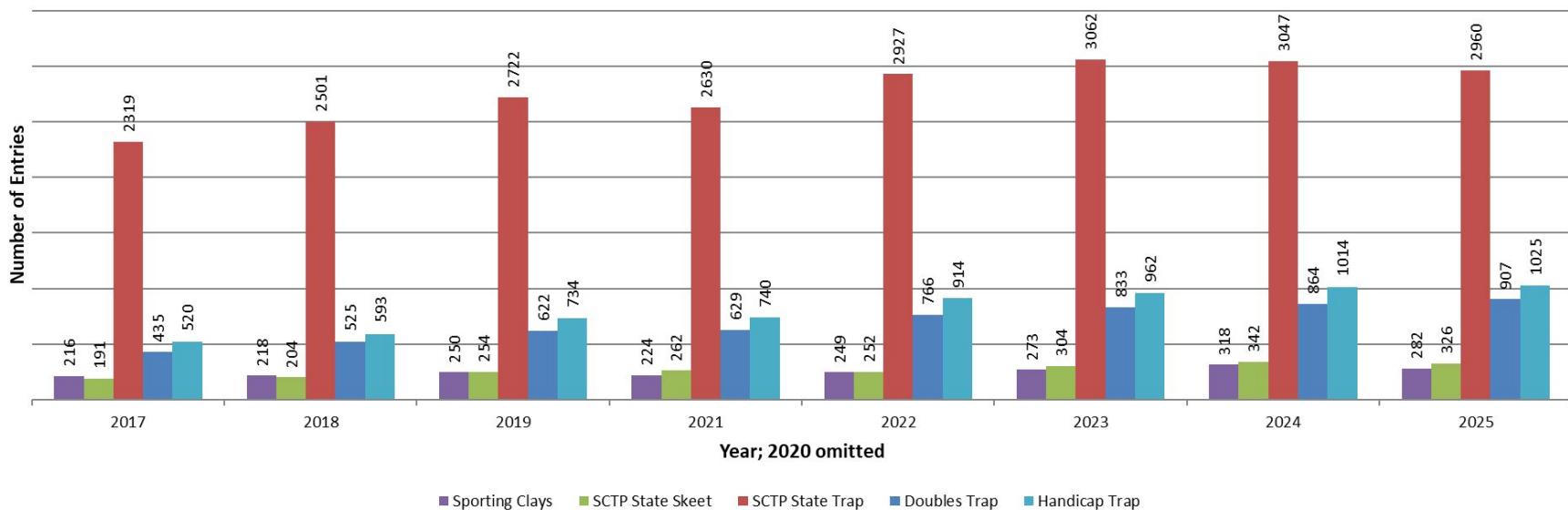


Registered Teams



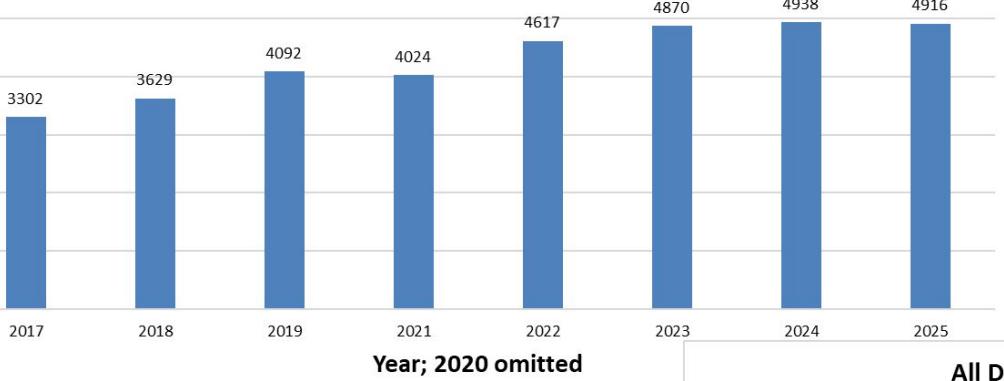


State Championships Participation



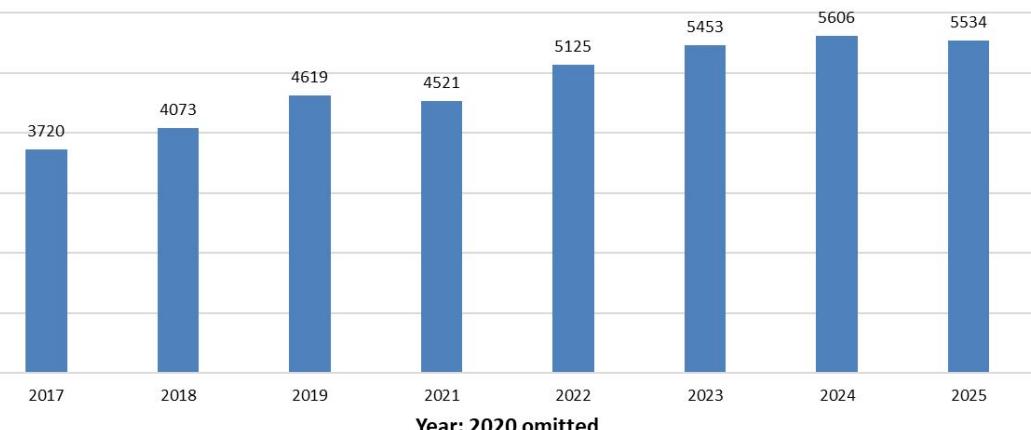
All Trap State Championships Total Participation

Number of Entries



All Discipline State Championships Total Participation

Number of Entries





2025 Season Target Count

Singles Trap League – 506 Matches: 1,791,775 Targets

Doubles Trap League – 222 Matches: 269,350 Targets

Handicap League - 193 Matches: 261,775 Targets

Skeet League - 152 Matches: 164,225 Targets

Skeet Doubles League - 57 Matches: 38,150 Targets

Sporting Clays League – 59 Matches: 144,400 Targets

5-Stand League – 73 Matches: 67,250 Targets

State Championship Competitions – 861,600 Targets

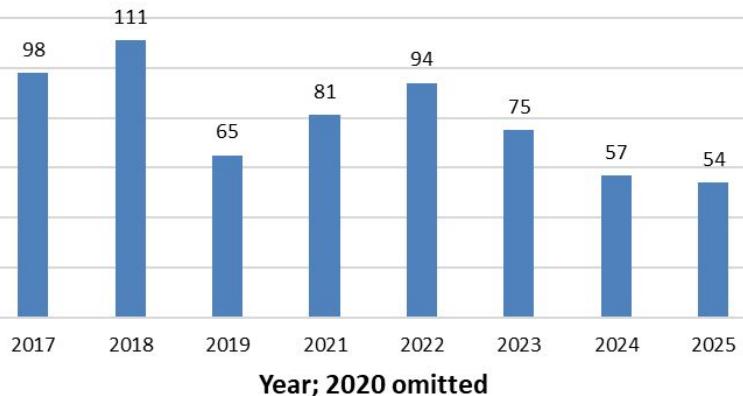
3,598,525 Competition Targets in 2025!

Over 112.45 tons of lead fired!



State Championship Participation

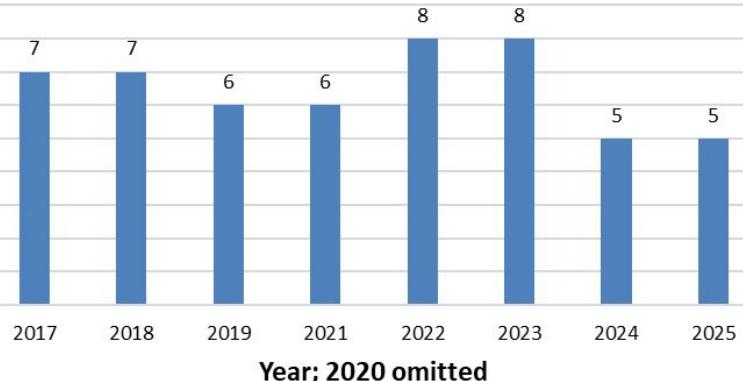
Total Athletes



Year; 2020 omitted

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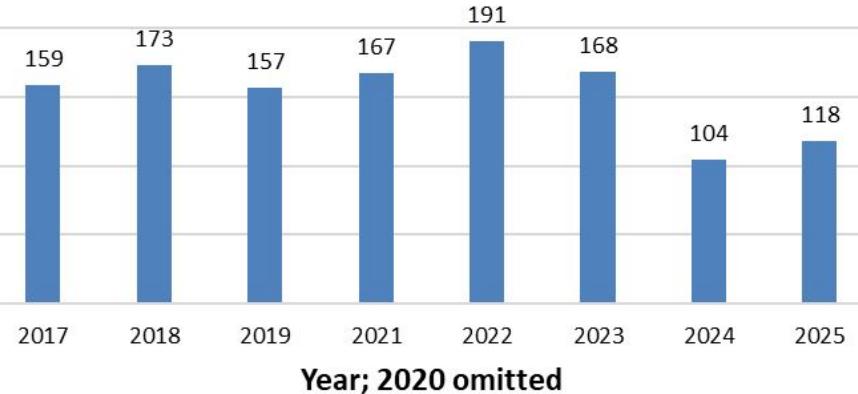
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State Championship Participation

Total Entries





Housekeeping Items

Transfers

Athletes

- Only get one
- Must have a valid reason
- Must be to the next closest team able to accept
- Sending and accepting head coaches must agree
- State advisor helps with the process
- SCTP approves and completes in SHOT

Coaches

- No transfer needed, new head coach can invite to the team on SHOT



Housekeeping Items

Patches are changing

- Transitioning to Iowa SCTP, Inc
- Decentralizing to coaches
- Teams will need to purchase

This should improve turnaround time and accuracy



Housekeeping Items

Update SHOT accounts

- Coach accounts: Address, Phone, Email
- Athlete accounts: Classification and State ID #

IDENTIFICATION

SSSF ID	ATA Number
112286	2520875
State ID#	NSSA Number

NSCA Number	USAS Number
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Housekeeping Items

Training

- Basic Shotgun Coach
 - March 8, 12pm-4pm, Harlan
 - April 12, 1pm-5pm, Newton
- SASP Coach
 - TBD, Finish online to generate
- Hearing Protection
 - April 4, 10am-4pm. Polk City



Shooting Sports Survey

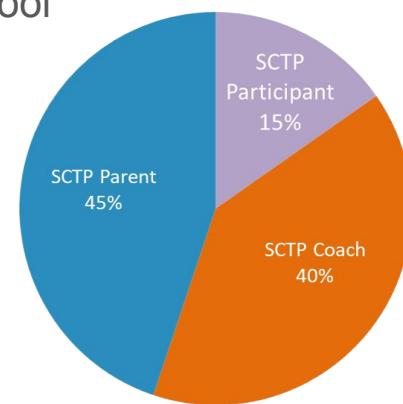
Small sample size

- Need more athletes
- Need coaches to post at meets

Starting to see trends around

- SCTP athlete interest in shooting more Skeet and SASP
- Limits coming from a lack of facilities or funding
- First hearing about SCTP team while at school

Our hope is for this data to inform future changes



NASP
CHEW
Marion High School

SCTP
Warren County
CR Prairie High School

SASP
Carroll Action Shooting Sports
Baxter Shooting Sports

6 Additional
NASP - Mount Pleasant Middle School
NASP - Center Point Urbana
SCTP - South Winneshiek
NASP - Jesup
NASP - Central DeWitt
NASP - Van Buren County

League Update



All events must be scored by a designee of the venue/host range or a member of an opposing 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.



What does that mean? Why is it necessary?

The host of the match designates who is keeping score.

- They are ultimately responsible for the integrity of the shoot.

This rule was added to increase transparency.

- When an athlete puts up a great score we don't ever want to hear, "Oh well their _____ was keeping score".

Having contact info on a scoresheet allows us to follow up on issues.

League Update



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.

What does that mean? Why is it necessary?



League scores should be gained in competition.

- An athlete cannot give up mid round and then come back for additional rounds just to chase a perfect score.

League Update



League Standings are not posted weekly, but rather at designated dates.



What does that mean? Why is it necessary?

We received feedback from coaches and parents that they observed their athletes experiencing less stress when the data exports were down last year.

- Less weekly checking and stewing on their standing, more enjoying the game and shooting for their best.

We chose posting dates to align with the end of fall, mid spring, and the end of the season .

League Update



Three required locations and higher cumulative scores for every league.



What does that mean? Why is it necessary?

Our leagues are getting more competitive.

- Trap - 16 perfect scores!
- Skeet - 6 perfect scores!

We hope more travel is beneficial.

- Forces teams to compete with others.
- Might encourage the creation of new facilities.

Championship Dates



May 16th - 17th, 2026	<u>International Trap Championship</u> AVAD Hunt Club, Coon Rapids
May 16th - 17th, 2026	<u>International Skeet Championship</u> TBD
May 30th - 31st, 2026	<u>State SASP Championship</u> Olofson, Polk City
June 8th - 14th, 2026	<u>State Trap Championship</u> ISTA, Cedar Falls
June 18th - 20th, 2026	<u>State Sporting Clays Championship</u> Highland Hideaway Hunting, Riverside
June 25th - 27th, 2026	<u>State Skeet Championship and State 5-Stand Championship</u> ISTA, Cedar Falls

State SASP Championship



The original date had to move due to Nationals schedule.

New date is the the latest we could schedule.

We are looking for new host facilities to grow this event.

State Skeet and State 5-Stand Championships



ISTA has built 7 skeet overlays!

We are bringing back doubles skeet.

Intermediates and Seniors will shoot 150 targets and can be squadded together.

5-Stand will run concurrently with other events.

Keep an eye out for Registration Info, it will be pre-event style.



Who wants to bring back shoot-offs?

Show of hands?

There will be stipulations listed in the new Championship Guide.



Thank you!

Coches are the backbone of this program.

Tracking the effort you all invest would show a bigger number than our competitive targets each season!

I've enjoyed getting to know many of you and look forward another season with you all.