



## 2016-2017 Safety Rules and Regulations for Events

**SAFETY – 100% Safe - 100% of the time – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Safety is everyone's responsibility. The Rules and Regulations for SCYSF Events are designed with the ultimate goal of having a safe Event. SCYSF will recognize all rules of the Host Club and NSCA unless specifically noted as following.

### **SPORTING CLAY EVENTS**

#### **A. COACHES TRAINING - Effective July 2016:**

1. **Head Coach** – To be a Head Coach for a SCYSF Team, an individual must successfully complete the following trainings:
  - **SCYSF Sponsored Assistant Coaches Training for Sporting Clays.** This training is mandatory and must be successfully completed before December 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the first event of the season. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

In addition to the above training, one of the following courses must also be successfully completed. NOTE: The Assistant Coaches Training is a pre-requisite before any of the following CSM trainings can be taken.

- **CSM – Sporting Clays Level 100 Certification.** (Both, the SCYSF Sponsored Assistant Coaches Training for Sporting Clays and CSM Sporting Clays Level 100 Certification is the minimum requirement for a SCYSF Head Coach.)
- **CSM CLAY and/or CSM TRACS**
- **NSCA Instructor Certification I, II and III**

**A 1-year grace period is granted to all “new” teams starting and “existing” teams with the loss of a Head Coach. The SCYSF Sponsored Assistant Coaches Training for Sporting Clays is “Mandatory” to be a Head Coach during that period. (NO EXCEPTIONS).**

2. **Assistant Coach** – To be an Assistant Coach for a SCYSF Team, the coach must complete the **SCYSF Sponsored Assistant Coaches Training for Sporting Clays** (one day only training). **The 4-H Shotgun Training will not be recognized or accepted starting the 2016-2017 season. Any and all prior year coaches who have successfully completed the 4-H Shotgun Training will be recognized by the SCYSF.** A certificate of certification or completion must be submitted each year with the Assistant Coaches Registration (this is a new requirement).

3. **Coaches Meeting** - All squad coaches must attend the **Coaches Meeting** prior to all Sporting Events. The meeting is **Mandatory**. The meeting will be called to order at the scheduled time. A roll call of participating coaches will be called using the squad scorecard. Any Coach not attending the meeting will result in his/her team squad being **disqualified** from participating in the Event. **No Exceptions**. A substitute coach is allowed to replace the squad coach if present at the meeting eliminating squad disqualification.
4. **SCYSF Event Day** - A Coach trained that meets or exceeds the above requirements for Head or Assistant Coach is required to be assigned to a squad at all SCYSF Sporting Events. A coach is required for each 3 person squad and allowed to coach an additional squad having no more than 1 athlete at the same time. Two squads with 2 athletes each is allowed – 4 maximum. The squads must be shooting the same course and starting at the same station.
5. **Primary Responsibility** - Coaches primary responsibility on Event day is to create a safe environment at all times for athletes, spectators, club personnel and themselves.
6. **Coaching the Squad** – The coach is allowed to coach the squad between stations or while watching other squads shoot as long as a distance of 15 feet is maintained from the shooting box.
7. **Position of Coach for Sporting Events** - The coach must stand directly behind the athletes in or just outside of the shooting box within arm's length of the competitor. **Arm's length is the rule on Event day**. A coach found in violation of the rule will be **disqualified immediately resulting in the entire squad being eliminated from the Event**.

## **B. SAFETY on EVENT DAY**

1. **Ear and Eye Protection** - Required by everyone on the course – athletes-coaches - parents - spectators - club personnel. **No Exceptions!**
2. **Qualified Ear Protection** - Ear buds, blue tooth and music listening devices are not qualified ear protection and are not allowed. Qualified ear protection is Mandatory.
3. **Actions Open - Automatic and pump guns** must have the action open at all times with the barrel pointed up (above head) when walking and riding. The open action will be facing forward when carrying shotgun. **Over/under shotguns** must be carried over the shoulder with the barrel in front controlled by the hand on the barrel and pointed down.
4. **Slings and Straps** - Attached to the shotgun are NOT allowed at SCYSF Events.

5. **Muzzle of the Shotgun** – The muzzle is to be controlled and pointed in a safe direction at all times. Muzzle cannot be rested on any part of the body including but not limited to foot area, chin, hand and arm.
6. **Footwear** - Open-toed shoes, such as flip-flops / sandals / etc. are NOT allowed at any Event. Any athlete wearing open-toed shoes will be **disqualified**.
7. **Dress Code** - Athletes must maintain a dress code that includes shirts with sleeves, clothing with no offensive or suggestive language, proper shoes and middle of the thigh shorts or longer will be worn. Athletes are not allowed to wear a vest only with no shirt.
8. **Factory Ammunition Only** – No reloads allowed! Any shooter found using illegal ammunition will be **disqualified** – No Exception. Legal (lead) ammunition for 12, 16, 20, 28 and .410 can not exceed shot size greater than #7 1/2 shot (#8, 8 1/2 or #9 shot is legal). The maximum load for all shot shells 12 gauge and smaller shall not exceed one and one-eighth (1 1/8) ounces in a 2 3/4 length shell for 12, 16, 20, 28 gauge and a 2 1/2 length shell in a .410.
9. **Athletes can load 2 shells maximum** – There are no single shots on the course. Coaches make sure the shooter exits the shooting stand with a safe gun and muzzle is pointed in a safe direction as competitor has completed the station.
10. **Golf – Clays Cart – ATV Rules** – To operate a golf or clays cart or any type of ATV vehicle at a SCYSF Event, the driver must be a minimum age of 16 and maintain a valid Drivers License and abide by all State laws and host club rules. Permits are not valid to operate any vehicle of this type. Any athlete found in violation of this rule will be disqualified from the Event. **No Exceptions**. All guns will be transported with muzzle up or down while on vehicle.

## C. MALFUNCTIONS

1. **Ammo and Gun Malfunctions** – When a gun malfunctions there is the potential of **2 hot ends – muzzle and action**. The coach is to take control of the gun immediately and ask the athlete to step back and out of way. Keep the muzzle pointed down range and the action/chamber pointed down and away. Wait 30 seconds - unload the gun with both ends pointed in a safe direction. Shooting can continue after gun is cleared and safe.
2. **Malfunctions** – Each athlete is allowed a total of 3 malfunctions without any loss of targets. After 3 malfunctions, all others will be scored as lost targets. Athlete's error is not considered a malfunction and targets will be scored as lost.
3. **Major Gun Problems** – We encourage you to remove guns that continue to have problems from the rotation and provide another gun for the competitor.

## D. GENERAL R&R

1. **Warm Up** – After the athletes Safety Meeting all teams proceed directly to the assigned station. **A shotgun start will begin the warm up and the rotation at the assigned time. Don't be late!** All competitors are allowed to shoot an 8 shot warm up from the menu and from within the shooting stand. Coaches are to be behind athlete as required at all times while shooting warm up.
2. **Show Birds** – There are **NO SHOW BIRDS** on the 1st station of each rotation. If your team comes to a station after the 1st station is shot and there is not another team shooting to allow the birds to be viewed - show birds will be allowed. If there is a team shooting that allows viewing of the birds from behind station, no show birds are allowed when your team takes the stand.
3. **Scoring and Honor System** – If any target is scored wrong, giving the athlete a higher score because the scorer missed the call or didn't know better, the Coach is obligated to make the correction and the right call. **Do the right thing and teach a life lesson.**
4. **Protest** – If a referee's call is in question, it must be addressed by the athlete or a squad member first and then the coach before leaving the station. If the problem cannot be resolved with referee, the coach can file a protest in writing for \$50 at the registration table after the completed round. Winning the protest will return the \$50. The protest committee's decision is final.
5. **Verify Scores** - When the scorecards are returned to the coach and before the squad leaves the shooting area, scores are to be verified. If the shooter leaves and returns later, the target will be scored as the referee called the target.
6. **Coaching** –Athletes are allowed to coach and help each other at all times.
7. **Parent or Family Members** – Parents and family members cannot address the referee over a protest or called shot. SCYSF has the authority to **disqualify the entire squad**. We highly suggest family members and friends not to get involved.
8. **Club Staff** - Be courteous to the referees and the host club staff. Thank you(s), yes sirs/ma'am's and no sirs/ma'am's are always appreciated.
9. **Break Downs** - If there is a breakdown, please do not go around and start shooting another station unless a SCYSF official or club management directs the squad to do so.
10. **Proceed in Rotation** – One station after another in sequence.
11. **Shotgun Start** - We begin all rotations at SCYSF Sporting Events using a SHOTGUN START. After everyone is at their station, listen for the horn or blast that will indicate the first squad to start shooting the warm up targets. After each

squad has completed their 8 shot warm up, immediately proceed with start of shooting the Event.

12. **Start Station** – Start on the station as indicated on the score card. Many times there is an A and B squad at the first station. When your squad has completed shooting, the squad moves to the next station. Shoot and Move. Do not wait on the next squad to shoot and move in a big group.
13. **Pick Up** – All squads that started the rotation together will pick up and clean the last station together. All shell hulls, boxes and trash to be picked up and put in trash container at station.
14. **Score Cards** – Coaches are to verify athletes scores at the last station and leave the score cards with the referee. *A cell phone photo of the scorecard is a good idea for later use.*

## E. SCYSF DIVISIONS

- **Rookie** 5th Grade and Under  
*Definition: Any athlete in these grades will be in this division even if athlete participated in previous year(s).*
- **Intermediate - 1st Year** 6th – 8th Grades  
*Definition: Any athlete in these grades will be in this division if in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or if participating for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.*
- **Intermediate - Advanced** 7th – 8th Grades  
*Definition: Any athlete in these grades will be in this division if participated in previous year as Intermediate 1<sup>st</sup> Year.*
- **Junior Varsity - 1st Year** 9th – 10th Grades  
*Definition: Any athlete in these grades will be in this division if participating for 1<sup>st</sup> time or participated previous year as Intermediate Advanced.*
- **Junior Varsity - Advanced** 10th Grade  
*Definition: Any athlete in this grade will be in this division if participated in previous year as Junior Varsity 1<sup>st</sup> Year.*
- **Senior Varsity – 1st Year** 11th – 12th Grades  
*Definition: Any athlete in these grades will be in this division if participating for 1<sup>st</sup> time or participated in previous year as Junior Varsity Advanced.*
- **Senior Varsity – Advanced** 12th Grade  
*Definition: Any athlete in this grade will be in this division if participated in previous year as Senior Varsity 1<sup>st</sup> Year.*

**Both Lady Intermediate and Varsity Divisions have been eliminated starting with the 2016-2017 season and replaced with a Ladies Class in each of the 7 other SCYSF Divisions.**

**Four (4) Lady Trophies will be awarded for each Division - an HOA Lady Team and HOA Individual. This will be duplicated for each Division: Rookie, Intermediate 1<sup>st</sup> year and Advanced, Junior Varsity 1<sup>st</sup> year and Advanced and Senior 1<sup>st</sup> year and Advanced. With this change, we will be able to award up to 28 Ladies vs only 20 Ladies under the previous set up.**

### **SPECIAL NOTES for SPORTING:**

1. If an athlete is in the 6th, 9th or 11th grade, they are a **1st year** athlete **even if the athlete participated with SCYSF the previous year.**
2. If an athlete is in the 7th, 8th, 10th, or 12th grade and **participated** with the SCYSF in the previous year, the athlete is **considered** an advanced competitor. **If in these grades and athlete did not participate the previous year, athlete will be in the 1st year division for that grade.**
3. An athlete can only move up and **participate** in any higher division. **However when completing athlete registration form, place athlete in division based on above information. This will not affect the division athlete participates in as long as the division is the same or higher.**
4. An athlete that moves up for one event can move back to their original division for future events.
5. **All squad members must be a lady athlete to compete in Ladies Class.**
6. **Ladies can compete for HOA in one of the SCYSF Divisions and Ladies class and not be on a ladies only squad.**
7. **A lady athlete can only move up and shoot in a higher division. A lady that moves up for one event can move back to their original shooting division for future events.**