

MON VALLEY TRAP SHOOTING LEAGUE RULES

The Mon Valley Trap Shooting League follows all ATA rules. Shooters new to the league need to fill out an entry form at their first shoot with their name, address, phone, email, age, and club they will shoot for.

Shooter must shoot during one of the first 4 weeks in order to be placed on a team roster*. Shooter must complete 15 of 20 shoots and shoot at least once at each club to qualify for league trophies, prize money, and the post-season shoot. Each week's 50-target program will count as one shoot. A shooter's 15 highest scores will be used to calculate his or her placement in the payout classes at the end of the season.

Each club's 10 highest scores for each shoot will constitute the club's team score that night. Scores are sorted by highest to lowest, then alphabetical by last name.

NOTE: Shooter must check his or her score sheet before leaving the trap, verify your score and initial your total. THE LEAGUE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MIS-RECORDED SCORES ONCE THE SHOOT ENDS.

Shoots will start at 5pm; a club may start before 5pm if it has adequate personnel to begin the shoot and enough shooters to fill a squad. Entries will close at 8pm, signups will be allowed after 8pm if there are still squads shooting.

The price of the program is \$15 per 50 targets, allocated as follows: \$13 to the host club and \$2 to the league's prize fund towards the regular and post season purses. Junior shooters (those who have not reached their 18th birthday by the date of the season's first shoot) will shoot for \$13 per 50 targets with \$11 to the host club and \$2 to the prize fund.

Practice shooting will be permitted during league shooting so long as no practice shooting is done prior to that week's league score having been shot. The cost of practice will be the same as league shooting cost.

A filled squad must shoot on the next available trap. If a shooter refuses to shoot on the next available squad, their money will be refunded and they will be denied the opportunity to shoot that day.

In the event of darkness, lights will be turned on at the discretion of the hosting club, all targets for a round must be uniform in color, and cannot be changed once a 25-target round has begun.

Shooting Ahead or Behind:

Scores that are shot back (shooting behind to make up) will not count for team scores. You may shoot ahead as many weeks as you desire at each club. You must wait to sign up for additional rounds until you have shot your previous rounds (NO EXCEPTIONS). If you sign up squad members who are not present yet, you must pay for their rounds at time of sign up. You may shoot back as many times as needed to qualify. Scores shot ahead will be posted 4 weeks ahead from the time they are shot and will be counted as team scores for that week. In all cases shoot ahead and shoot back scores must be shot at the clubs where they were missed or will be missed in the future. The following order for make-up and shoot ahead scores will be followed: the first score is for the current shoot, scores shot after that back fill missing shoots, then proceed as shoot ahead scores.

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Prize Monies and Trophies:

Prize monies collected during the regular season will be divided 70% for regular-season purse and 30% for post-season purse. The 70% will be awarded in six classes with monies divided 40-30-20-10% within each class based on the total of shooter's top 15 scores from the regular-season. The 30% will be awarded using the 16-yard post-season score only, in six classes with monies divided 40-30-20-10% within each class. Both regular-season and post-season purse will be paid out in cash at the post-season shoot. Shooters must attend and participate in post-season shoot in order to be eligible for post-season purse money.

There will be 8 trophies for the regular-season: Champion Club, Champion Shooter, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, Hi Lady, Hi-Junior, Hi Veteran and Hi-Senior Veteran. Veteran Class = shooters having reached their 65th birthday by the date of the season's first shoot. Senior Veteran Class = shooters having reached their 70th birthday by the date of the season's first shoot. In the event of a tie score, the number of 50's shot is the first tiebreaker, then the best out of 16 weeks, 17 weeks, etc. until tie is broken. If a tie still exists after all 20 weeks have been reviewed, trophies will be awarded as Co-Champions.

Big 5 Post-Season Program:

At the Post-Season shoot, there will be a 25-target program for the top 5 shooters from each club, shooting as a 5-man squad per club. If a top 5 shooter is not present, the next highest scoring shooter for that club that is present will shoot in his or her place. Best score out of 125 targets wins the Big 5. In the event of a tie score, the number of 25's shot per team are the first tie breaker, then the number of 24's, the number of 23's, etc. until tie is broken. If a tie still exists after all scores have been reviewed, tied teams will be awarded as Co-Champions. This program will precede the 100-target program for all shooters.

Class 5 Post-Season Program:

At the Post-Season shoot, there will be a 25-target program for the top B, C, D, E, and F class shooters from each club, shooting as a 5-man squad per club. If a class shooter is not present, the next highest scoring shooter from that class for that club that is present will shoot in his or her place. If no other shooters from that class are available, the next highest shooter from the class below not already participating in the Class 5 program will shoot in his or her place. In the event there is no next highest score shooter available in the lower classes, the score for that club's missing class will be determined by taking the average of the other three club's shooters in that class, then subtracting a 1 target penalty. Best score out of 125 targets wins the Class 5. In the event of a tie score, the number of 25's shot per team are the first tie breaker, then the number of 24's, the number of 23's, etc. until tie is broken. If a tie still exists after all scores have been reviewed, tied teams will be awarded as Co-Champions. This program will follow the Big-5 program and precede the 100-target program for all shooters.

*The League will allow each club to add up to two (2) shooters AFTER the first 4 weeks, any further additions must be approved by a majority vote from the 4 club delegates. Any added shooter MUST still complete a minimum of 15 regular season shoots to qualify for regular and postseason purses. No shooters can be added via this exemption after Week 12.

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