

# **Park High School Trap Team Handbook**



***“AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL  
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES”***



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## **MSHSCTL AND PARK HIGH SCHOOL TRAP CLUB MISSION STATEMENT**



- The Park High Trap Club is part of the already established Minnesota State High School Clay Target League (MSHSCTL)
- The Club will follow the League's Mission as follows: To emphasize the positive influence shooting sports can have in an individual's life. We do this by providing a Safe, Comfortable, Positive Environment that Enhances the participants Self-Concept, Character and Personal Growth through Safe, Educational and Socially Acceptable involvement in the shooting sports. This will be accomplished while promoting the Highest Standards of Safety, Sportsmanship, Teamwork and Ethical Behavior.

### **DISTRICT 833/SCHOOL WEAPONS POLICY**

- As a student of Park High School, you should be aware of the School District 833 Weapons Policy as follows:
  - No student or nonstudent shall possess, use or distribute a weapon before, during, or after school hours in any school district location or during any school sponsored event.
  - The school district will act to enforce this policy and to discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, school employee, volunteer, or member of the public who violates this policy. (*See your Student Rights and Responsibilities School handbook for additional information.*)
- As a member of the PHS Trap Club, the District Weapons Policy still applies to you. For definition purposes, equipment is defined as a shotgun, gun case, and/or ammunition (full or empty boxes or shell casings).
- Under **no circumstances** should a student athlete bring their equipment to school in their vehicle, or plan to leave directly from school to go to the range. This would be a strict violation of the District's Weapons Policy, for which you should expect to be punished to the fullest extent.
- In a situation where the student accidentally leaves equipment in their vehicle, when realized, they must self-report and immediately inform School Administration and the appropriate steps will be taken.
- As a member of the PHS Trap Club, our position is not to debate policy; we must strictly adhere to this policy, as there are no exceptions nor are there any protections guaranteed. If you have any questions on this issue, please feel free to speak with one of the coaching staff and/or the athletic director.

### **STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR/CODE OF CONDUCT**



As a member of the Park High School Trap Club you understand that you have been given a unique privilege to participate in this High School Sport.

- You will promise to follow all of the rules as outlined by the State High School Trap League and those that the Club, School and District have adopted.
- You will be respectful of all your fellow team members and coaching staff at all time and represent the school with pride and integrity whenever I am participating in a High School Trap League event or activity.
- You are required to purchase, maintain and wear the assigned Club's uniform anytime that you are competing with the team or while attending any Club and League events unless otherwise directed by the Clubs leadership.
- **Athletes and Parents** will respect their Coaches and follow their direction. Athletes and Parents understand that they need to follow this direction especially during our League events at all times for Safety reasons to protect all Athletes, Coaches, Volunteers and Spectators.
- I promise to make Safety the Number One Priority whenever I am handling a firearm.
- I will not bring any firearms or ammunition on any school property.
- Courtesy and Sportsmanship go hand in hand with safety to create a safe and fun environment. They also portray our sport in the best possible light within our school and the greater community. There will be a strong emphasis on the value of team unity, sportsmanship, and hard work. Every player will have an important role to play. A critical part of being a good team is everyone knowing their role, and performing it to the best of their ability. Trap Shooting is a fun sporting competition that is an once-in-a-lifetime experience which we hope you enjoy and take with you well into your future as adults.
- Along with the safety rules the following conduct and sportsmanship rules will be strictly enforced:
  1. Blatant violations of safety rules, discourteous behavior including heckling, bullying, trash talking, temper tantrums or disobedience of directions from coaching staff will result in immediate removal from the trap line and possibly club grounds, with further disciplinary actions at the discretion of the Head Coach.
  2. A second violation will result in expulsion from the team and forfeiture of shooting fees paid. This will be at the discretion of the Head Coach, whose decision will be final.
  3. The Minnesota State High School Clay Target League (MSHSCTL) has specific rules regarding appropriate attire and conduct as well. You are expected to abide by the Leagues Policies and Procedures



To review more information can be found at the leagues website:  
[www.mnclaytarget.com](http://www.mnclaytarget.com)

- Any misuse or violation of these rules could result in suspension of your shooting privileges with the team and possible permanent removal from the team's roster.

### **COMPLAINT POLICY**

- If at any time you feel a complaint needs to be made, please contact one of the coaches. We want to ensure that the needs and safety of the athletes are met. If you feel you cannot approach a coach, please contact the Athletic Director. If for some reason the issue cannot be resolved, please contact the school principal.

### **TEAM SAFETY RULES**

#### **Traveling To and From the Range:**



- Reminder – you are not to bring your equipment to school, you are to go home after school to pick up your equipment and transport your firearms directly from home and back to home after competing.
- Drive to the range with respect for others. Don't speed and don't rush.
- Once in the range parking lot, drive slowly and watch carefully.
- Range parking lots are generally gravel or dirt. Don't spin out or throw gravel.
- Respect the vehicles and other personal equipment. Immediately report any damage.
- Keep a positive attitude when arriving and leaving from practices or competition events.
- Range shooting hours are posted and must be followed to the minute. Area homeowners and ranges have an agreement on time. Be aware of the time, you may not be allowed to finish your round if range hours expire.

### **Proper Range Behavior**

- **No electronic devices** are allowed on the firing line.
- Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited before, during shooting or on the grounds.
- Do not eat, drink or have food when on the firing line.
- This is an adult activity; act accordingly as we have trusted you to do so.

### **Firearm Safety**

- Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction. Never at another person or building.
- Always keep your finger out of the trigger guard area until your firearm is shouldered and set.
- Respect Range Safety Officers. Immediately respond to cease fire or other commands.
- Do not handle, play with, or aim another person's firearm without the safety officer's consent.
- It is highly suggested that you clean your firearm after every day of shooting. A clean firearm is one that will work as expected every time you need it. Dirty or clogged firearms are dangerous.



- Each person is responsible for personal equipment and items. All of your equipment should be within reach or visible when you are on the range. Keep unused items in your locked vehicle.

### **Safe Gun Handling Range Instructions**

- Be sure the firearm is safe to operate at all times. Never load or fire an unsafe firearm.
- Know how to use your firearm safely. Remember your firearm training classes.
- Upon arriving at the club, athletes are to uncase their firearm at their vehicle and use a **two hand carry** with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and should place their guns on a designated gun rack.
- All guns are to remain on the rack until it is the athlete's time to shoot or unless directed specifically by the coach.
- All muzzle direction rules apply when moving from the gun storage rack to a specific trap or from post to post.
- Know your target and what is beyond it.
- Immediately after shooting a round an athlete's gun should either be placed back onto the gun rack or cased and returned to the athlete's vehicle. If this info is unclear for any reason then follow this clear message – If you are not shooting your gun, it should be on the rack...**NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- No resting the barrel of your firearm on your foot or on any other solid surface. Footpads of any type are not permitted while on this team.
- All firearms must have an open action when walking around the range.
- Range safety starts with you. If you see a safety concern, bring it to the Range Safety Officer or coach.
- All range-specific rules are posted at each range; make sure you have read them. You can be banned from any range for violating their posted rules.
- If you think there may be a range safety issue but are not sure, always bring it up to the Range Safety Officer or a coach as soon as possible. They care and want to know.

### **Safe Shooting Lines**

- Do not touch others or their firearm when on the shooting line.



- Be respectful and quiet. Do not distract others on the shooting line.
- Only coaches will be allowed to instruct students on the shooting line.
- **Anyone** on the range can **Call for a Cease Fire** if a safety issue is discovered.
- The Range Safety Officer looks for hazards and will make random spot checks. You must comply.
- The first shooter on the shooting line can shoot only with official permission. (Official permissions is given from the Scorer, Range Safety Officer or Coach)
- Shooters must not have a shell chambered when moving to the next station. (If a mistake is made, stop, point the firearm down range and take out the shot shell)
- Only chamber a shell when you are at the proper station and close when time to shoot.
- Trap singles allows only **one** shell in your firearm at any given time.
- Do not shoot when anyone else is shooting on the shooting line. Only during your turn.
- Once you pull the trigger, you cannot stop the shot – take your time and be sure of your target.

### **Muzzle Direction**

- It will be standard practice that all muzzles be pointed in a safe direction down range while in the possession of an athlete or adult when walking to or from the trap range, and when walking from one post to the next, or while waiting for a turn to shoot.
- Athletes using “Pump” action and “Automatics” should have the actions open and muzzles pointed upwards. Athletes using “Break” actions must have the action open with the muzzle pointing down.
- All coaches and adult volunteers have the responsibility to keep the range safe at all times and therefore should take it upon themselves to speak respectfully with any athlete from any school if they see a violation of this rule.

### **Two Strike Safety Rule**





- Safety is no joke and is taken seriously, especially in shooting sports. A Two Strike Rule will be applied for any student who is found to be in violation of the rules above.
  - **Strike One.** Upon a first safety violation, the student will be sent home immediately and it will be the coaches' responsibility to call the parents of the athlete and address the concerns before the athlete can return to the team.
  - **Strike Two.** If a second safety violation, the student will be removed from the team and will not be able to appeal a return. No refund of any type will be provided to a student removed from the team based on a second safety violation.

### **Weather Safety**

- Trap is an outdoor sport. We will be occasionally shooting in the wind, rain or snow. We will stop for low visibility, lightning or hail. Dress accordingly for the weather.
- Every shot is an opportunity to focus, apply your coaching, learn and execute well. Don't focus on the weather, only on your current shot when on the shooting line. Be aware and adjust to how wind and other weather aspects can affect your performance. Be safe and stay accurate.

### **Proper Hygiene**

- Be presentable with a clean uniform and proper attire.
- Don't put food or drink into your shooting vest or shell bag.
- Wash your hands after shooting with cold water.
- Wash your hands after handling any ammunition.
- Wash your hands after cleaning your firearm.
- Washing your clothes directly after shooting is highly recommended.
- Remember that lead is present in this sport and it is a known health hazard.

### **3M TRAP & SKEET CLUB RULES - MSHSCTL TRAP SHOOTING**



THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL CLAY TARGET LEAGUE (MSHSCTL) STUDENT TRAP SHOOTERS, COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS WHILE SHOOTING AT THE 3M TRAP & SKEET CLUB.

- ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT ON TO, OR CONSUMED ON, THE CLUB PROPERTY. THE CLUB DOES NOT PROVIDE OR SELL ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
- EAR AND EAR PROTECTION MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE TRAP SHOOTING FIELDS.
- THE MAXIMUM SHOTGUN SHELL LOAD IS 3 DRAMS EQUIVALENT POWDER WITH NO SHOT LARGER THAN 7 ½ FOR TRAP SHOOTING OR PATTERNING.
- THE MUZZLE OF YOUR SHOTGUN MUST BE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AT ALL TIMES.
- ONLY ONE SHOTGUN SHELL IS ALLOWED IN YOUR SHOTGUN AT ANY TIME. IT IS NOT ALLOWED TO WALK FROM STATION TO STATION WITH A SHELL IN THE CHAMBER WITH THE BREACH OR ACTION OPEN OR CLOSED.
- THE BREACH OR ACTION OF YOUR SHOTGUN MUST BE OPEN AT ALL TIMES AND CLOSED ONLY WHEN YOU ARE AT YOUR PROPER STATION AND READY TO SHOOT.
- CELL PHONE USAGE IS NOT ALLOWED WHILE ON THE TRAP SHOOTING FIELDS.
- ONLY MSHSCTL COACHES AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND 3M TRAP & SKEET CLUB PERSONNEL ARE ALLOWED TO LOAD THE PAT TRAP TURRETS AND LOAD BOXES OF CLAY TARGETS IN THE TRAP HOUSES.
- ONLY 3M TRAP & SKEET CLUB PERSONNEL ARE ALLOWED TO CHECK, MODIFY OR REPAIR THE PAT TRAPS IN THE EVENT THERE IS A MALFUNCTION OR OTHER TYPE OF MACHINE ISSUE. MSHSCTL COACHES AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE ALLOWED TO MAKE PAT TRAP ELEVATION ADJUSTMENTS WHEN NEEDED.
- ALL OBSERVERS, EXCEPT FOR MSHSCTL COACHES AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND 3M TRAP & SKEET CLUB PERSONNEL, MUST STAY BEHIND THE TRAP FIELDS RANGE FENCE AT ALL TIMES.

**3M TRAP & SKEET CLUB RULES - MSHSCTL TRAP SHOOTING (CONT.)**



- IF THERE IS A SHOOTING DELAY OR AN INTERRUPTION DURING A ROUND, ALL SHOOTERS ON THE FIRING LINE MUST EXTRACT THEIR SHELLS UNTIL THE DELAY OR INTERRUPTION IS RESOLVED AND SHOOTING IS RESUMED.
- EMPTY HULLS ARE NOT TO BE PICKED UP WHILE ON THE FIRING LINE DURING A ROUND. THE EMPTY HULLS MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE END OF THE ROUND - AFTER ALL GUNS HAVE BEEN CLEARED.
- 3M TRAP & SKEET CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS DURING MSHSCTL SHOOTING SESSIONS. THEY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DISMISS ANY INDIVIDUAL FROM THE SHOOTING RANGE FOR ANY UNSAFE ACTION(S) OR RULE VIOLATION(S).
- ALL 3M TRAP & SKEET CLUB MEMBER AND RANGE SAFETY OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS WITH MSHSCTL ATHLETES WILL BE COMMUNICATED THROUGH THE COACHING STAFF. COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING SAFETY VIOLATIONS CAN BE COMMUNICATED DIRECTLY TO THE ATHLETES.
- RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS HAVE THE DISCRETION TO DELAY OR CANCEL AN MSHSCTL SHOOTING SESSION IF IT IS DEEMED THAT LIGHTNING OR ANY OTHER UNSAFE WEATHER CONDITION POSES A THREAT TO THE SHOOTERS.

## **PRACTICE/COMPETITION PROCEDURES**

### **Upon arrival at the gun club:**



- Report to the Head Coach/Assistant Coaches for assignment. He will attempt to squad shooters by experience level, however this may not always be possible, especially early in the season when daylight is limited. It is important we don't waste time by shooting short squads so everyone can get their rounds in with good light.
- The Coaches will indicate how soon your squad will be called to the trap line. If your squad is on deck, make sure you and your squad mates are ready to take the field as soon as the previous squad finishes the round and cases their guns.
- A squad will consist of up to 5 shooters, shooting positions 1 – 5. The Shooter on post 1 is designated as squad leader. The Head Coach will determine when the squad, scorer and coaches are ready to begin.
- After all shooters have shot 5 times at their first station, the scorer will call for a station change and read the scores for the post just completed. Shooters will then move one station to the right. The position 5 shooter assumes position 1. When doing this he/she will turn to the right and walk parallel to the trap line behind the other squad members. **AT STATION CHANGES ALL SHOOTERS WILL FOLLOW SAFETY RULE –** The shooter in the #1 field position will indicate to Squad Leader he/she is ready to proceed.
- The squad leader (now on post 2) will check the rest of the squad and if all are ready will resume the round.
- The squad leader always starts the next set. The shooting order (1 – 5) remains the same throughout the round. At the end of the round the scorer will release the squad from the trap line. The shooters will either get another box of shells for the next round or case their guns with action open. At the end of the round shooters will case their guns with the action open and at the Coaches direction pick up the empty hulls for disposal.
- As time allows team members may be able to shoot additional practice after team league rounds are completed. See a coach for details.

**If you don't understand a rule or procedure ask a coach.**

## **TERMINOLOGY & SAFETY TIPS**

### **Terminology:**



The following terms will be used during practice and competition. Please learn & familiarize yourself with these terms.

- **Coach:** Trained and experienced person who can help you learn the game and develop skills.
- **Range Safety Officer:** Supervises shooting activities as prescribed by the range Standard Operating Procedures.
- **Spectator Area:** The area on or behind the sidewalk in the shooting areas of trap ranges designated for observers of shooting sports. The Spectator Area or other safe areas are where all students not on the shooting line are to remain.
- **Ready Area:** A table and firearm rack may be available to get shells and safety gear prepared.
- **Trap House:** The structure from which clay targets are launched for trap.
  - This will be maintained and refilled by **range operators** only.
  - A Cone may be placed on top to signal refill in progress. Back off to ready area while the trap machine is being refilled every 2 or 3 rounds.
- **Cease Fire:** Stop shooting immediately upon the command. There will be many more clays to shoot, so just stop.
- **Firing Line:** A concrete pad on which the shooter stands during their turn. Do not step ahead of the 16 yard concrete pad. The skeet range may be in use at the adjoining field. This is a safe practice with others on the firing line.
- **Hang Fire:** When a shell does not fire after pulling the trigger. Keep firearm pointed down range. Be prepared, the shell may fire anytime in the next few seconds. Call for help immediately. Don't turn around and keep the firearm under control; it may still fire. If this happens to you, **stay calm and have your barrel inspected by a Coach or Range Safety Officer.**
- **Squib Load:** When there is less than normal pressure after ignition. The shot and the shot cup may not have exited the barrel. You may notice an off or odd sound and a lesser recoil against your shoulder. If this happens to you, **stay calm, stop firing and have your barrel inspected by a Coach or Range Safety Officer.**
- **Pull:** A command you say to have the clay launched, either by a voice activated unit or a person pushing a button. Don't be shy when calling for the pull.



- **Clean Range Grounds:** The Park High School Team will pick up empties when firearms are placed on the rack and range cleared. Wait for OK by the Coach and/or the Range Safety Officer.

## **SAFETY TIPS**

Here is a simple list of tips and ideas to help the student athletes consider safety as a foundation of shooting sports. We would like each student to remember to **ALWAYS, ALWAYS...**

1. Keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
2. Keep your finger OFF the trigger guard area until ready to shoot.
3. Keep your firearm unloaded until ready to use.
4. Keep action of the gun open until you are ready to shoot.
5. Use eye and ear protection.
6. Use a vest or shell bag.
7. Be sure your firearm is clean and safe to operate.
8. Be familiar with your firearm and know how to use it safely.
9. Know the range rules and range shooting hours.

**NEVER BRING A GUN OR AMMUNITION TO SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

## **UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT**

### **Uniforms**



- MSHSCT League rules prohibit the following:
  - Clothing that exposes any part of the torso such as; cut-off t-shirts, halter tops, tank tops.
  - Short shorts, low riding shorts or pants revealing undergarments or buttocks.
  - Proper footwear must be worn at all times and have a closed toe. No sandals, crocs, or flip flops.
  - Any clothing with any type of designs, messages, etc... that have direct or indirect references to alcohol, tobacco, sex or sexual connotations, drugs, gambling or profanities.
- It is **MANDATORY** the Athlete's jersey and hat must be worn at all team competitions and other Club & League events unless otherwise directed by the coaching staff or you will not be allowed to compete.
- Uniforms will be worn over extra shirts when needed to stay warm. Jackets as needed will be permissible.
- Anyone not appropriately dressed while competing will be sent home to get your jersey and return when you have it.

### **Safety Equipment**

- **Safety Glasses (Shooting Glasses):** Shell casings fly during shooting sports. Protect your eyes but not just your favorite sunglasses. Don't use common glasses. Wrap around for full coverage is a plus. Must be shatter resistant.
- **Ear Protection:** Foam plugs are the cheapest and work very well. Ear muffs or headphone style can sometimes get in the way, but work extremely well to protect your hearing. Hearing protection is required, but the exact type is optional.
- **Shooting Vest (or hip shell bag):** – You will be firing at least 25 shells every round. Accessing your shells safely and without thought is important while on the firing line.
- **Shotgun:** A clean, well maintained working shotgun with a case to keep it in or for transport. Your firearm is not a toy,
- **Ammunition (shells):** Proper ammunition is a must. Only size 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 8 and 9 shot shells are allowed.
- **Positive Attitude:** The first safe thing you can do is bring your positive attitude while shooting.



**Always ask a Coach or Range Safety Officer before using different or unexpected equipment on the range.**

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY & LETTERING REQUIREMENTS**

### **Academic Eligibility**

The Minnesota State High School League policy states that to be eligible for participation in MSHSL activities, one must be making satisfactory progress (C or better) towards graduation. Our goal is to develop the total student in all of





our programs. This requirement will improve our students and give much needed credibility to our programs.

### **Lettering Requirements**

To earn a Varsity letter (*spring season only*) the student must do the following:

- Student athletes will be eligible to earn a letter at PHS by fulfilling the following requirements during the regular season:

(Ranking will be determined at the end of the regular season based on average seasonal scores)

- must post scores each week of the season (no absences/event score of zero)
  - a competitive seasonal average score of 19 or higher
- Student athletes will be eligible to earn a letter at PHS by fulfilling the following requirements at the State Championship:
    - scoring 24 or 25 at the State Championship
    - being a member of a team that takes 1<sup>st</sup> Place at any level (Varsity, Junior Varsity, or Novice)
  - Additionally, a student can earn a letter if they perform at the varsity level, with an average score of 19 to 25, during the State Championship. Example: A JV or Novice athlete who shoots Varsity level scores at State will earn a letter.

### **Team Award Requirements**

The following criteria will be used to determine the team awards (spring season only):

**Highest Season Average:** The season average will be based on practice and competition weeks of the spring season. An athlete must post scores each week of the season (no absences/ event scores of zero).

**High Gun (V, JV, N):** This award is the season average from competition weeks of the spring season. An athlete must post scores each week of the season (no absences/ event scores of zero). In the event of a tie, the highest reserve week score will be used to break the tie.

**Most Improved:** This award is determined by finding the difference between event scores of the first week of practice and the last week of competition. An athlete must post scores each week of the season (no absences/ event scores of zero).

### **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

All student athletes, teams and spectators are invited to the Trap Shooting Championship in Alexandria, Minnesota.



### **Competition Format**

Student athletes shoot their assigned number of targets to compete in BOTH individual and team events. Student athlete classifications are determined by the athlete's year-end average weekly score after Week 5.

### **Classifications include:**

Novice: 0-14.99 average per round

Junior Varsity: 15-18.99 average per round

Varsity: 19-25 average per round

Team events for each classification (Novice, Junior Varsity and Varsity) require a minimum of five athletes in the same classification.

### **Participation Fee**

Competition targets are included with the participation fee. All athletes will shoot 100 targets. All participating athletes will receive an official event t-shirt as part of their paid registration fee.

### **Individual Competition**

All athletes will participate in the "High Gun" (highest number of targets hit) competitions in their corresponding classification. If a tiebreaker is required for any places, the longest reverse run of hit targets by the athletes will be used. The longest reverse run score will start from the last target and count backwards until a missed target is reached to determine the tiebreaker score. If there is a tie after the longest run is totaled, then a tie for that place is declared.

### **Team Competition**

A minimum of five athletes from the same team in the designated classification will compete. There is no maximum amount of team members in a classification. The top five student athlete scores from a team will be used to determine the overall team score for their designated classification. If a tiebreaker is required for any places, the team member with the highest round score from each team will be used to break the tie. Subsequent score comparisons will be used if the top score is tied.

Teams will shoot in two separate sessions. After the starting time for each day, all starting and completion times are estimated. It is important to be prepared to shoot immediately after the previous team completes their round. No athlete registrations or substitutions are allowed at the event.

### **25-50-75-100 patches**

Patches will be awarded to those student athletes that achieve 25, 50, 75, or 100 straight at the event. Event practice rounds are not eligible.

### **Award Ceremony**



An award ceremony will be held at the completion of the competition. Awards for season competition will be handed out along with awards for event competition.

The following awards will be awarded for event competition:

- Novice, JV and Varsity team: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
- Novice, JV and Varsity high gun male and female: 1st – 3rd places
- Individual high gun: Highest number of targets hit overall

## **STATE TOURNAMENT**

### **MSHSL State Tournament Selection Process**

#### **Background**

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) state trap shooting tournament occurs in June annually. In order for our team to participate in that tournament, we must qualify at the MSHSCTL Trap Shooting Championship (held in Alexandria). If we qualify, the MSHSL requests the list of athletes that will be participating the morning after our competition at the Championship Tournament. Each qualifying team's head coach can pick 5 shooters and up to 2 alternates if desired.

This state tournament selection process was established to provide objective criteria for selecting athletes for the MSHSL state trap shooting tournament. These criteria offer athletes shooting varsity or junior varsity levels at the Championship the opportunity to be selected for the MSHSL state trap shooting tournament squad.

#### **Selection Process**

The selection process is based on the objective, performance-based criteria defined below.

1. Each shooter's average will be calculated using the 5 weeks of league competition combined with his/her performance at the MSHSCTL Trap Shooting Championship in Alexandria.



Formula: Shooter average = total targets hit / 14 [The total number of rounds over that period is 14 (which is 10 for league competition + 4 for Championship)]

2. Tie breakers will be executed as follows:
  - a. Use reverse longest run from Championship.
  - b. Use reserve week scores.
  - c. In the event of a continued tie, then use of reverse longest run from the 5 weeks of league competition starting with week 5, week 4, week 3 and so on.
  - d. In the event of a continued tie, then use of reverse longest run from league reserve week.
  - e. In the event of a continued tie, then use a coin flip.
3. Each shooter's team ranking will be established based on the shooter's average calculated above, taking into consideration any tie breakers.
  - a. Highest average = rank #1
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest average = rank #2
  - c. Etc.
4. The top 5 shooters based on team ranking calculated above will be selected for the MSHSL state trap shooting tournament squad.
  - a. Shooters ranked #1 through #5 represent the tournament squad.
  - b. Shooters ranked #6 and #7 represent the tournament alternates.

### **Head Coach Discretion**

League rules permit the Head Coach to select the state tournament squad. In the event any athlete or parent breaks any of the team, school, or gun club policies, the Head Coach will remove that athlete from the squad. The selection process is performance based and managed by the Head Coach. If an athlete is removed, the first alternate will move onto the squad.

### **COACHING STAFF/CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **Head Coach**

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## **MANDATORY LIABILITY WAIVER TO PARTICIPATE**

### **MEMBER AGREEMENT**

As a member of the Park High School Trap Club you are required to comply with all State and Federal Laws regarding Firearms Ownership, Possession and Transportation. Team members are also required to know the District, School, Gun Club and Team rules and agree to abide by them.



**WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: PARK HIGH SCHOOL TRAP CLUB TEAM**

To be signed by parent or legal guardian of Park High School Trap Club Team member if student athlete is under 18 years of age.

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in the activities of the Park High School Trap Club Team (the “Club’s Team”), I hereby release, waive, discharge and indemnify the Club’s Team, 3M Trap and Skeet Club and its members or agents (“Releasees”) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death that may be sustained by me while participating in any Club’s Team activities, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.
2. I am fully aware of the risks involved and hazards connected with the Club’s Team activities, including the risk of injury or death. I (or my minor child) elect to voluntarily participate in these activities with full knowledge that they may be hazardous. I voluntarily assume the risk of loss, property damage, personal injury, and/or death that may be sustained by me or my heirs and assigns as a result of my (or my minor child) engaging in such activities, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise.
3. I further herby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that they may incur due to my (or my minor child) participating the Club’s Team activities, whether caused by the contributory negligence of Releasees or otherwise.
4. I understand that the Club’s Team does not maintain insurance policy covering liability arising from my (or my minor child’s) participation in the activities. I am aware that I should review my own personal insurance coverage as no such losses or liability will be covered by any insurance maintained by the team.
5. I understand that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement binds the members of my family and spouse if I am alive, and my heirs, or personal representative if I am deceased and shall be deemed as a release, waiver, discharge and covenant not to sue the above-named Releasees and as an agreement to indemnify, defend and hold the Club’s Team harmless against any claims. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.
6. In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representative, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing



written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute this release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by it.

7. This Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall remain in effect into perpetuity.

ATHLETE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_