



# 2025 Iowa Scholastic Clay Target Program

## General Information & Iowa League Guidelines

## ***General Information***

- All participants must be registered with the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and have all team, coach and participant paperwork on file with the SCTP before registering for any League or Championship Events.
- Shotguns with release triggers or exposed hammers are not allowed at Iowa SCTP League or Championship events.
- As stated in the National SCTP Handbook, earbuds designed to listen to music (either Bluetooth or corded) are not allowed in SCTP practices or competitions.
- Use of tobacco or alcohol is prohibited for all contestants, coaches and spectators during the course of events or 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.

## ***League Information***

- The governing rules for leagues are those of the SCTP and the applicable National Governing Body (NGB) - Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA), and National Sporting Clay Association (NSCA).
- All events must be between two or more registered Iowa SCTP teams.
- For Iowa SCTP League events, 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 2 different teams competing. This requirement also does not apply to shoots that are registered with the ATA, NSSA, or NSCA.
- All events must be published on the SCTP SHOT system 2 days prior to the event.

- All scores for teams and individuals must be posted to the SHOT system within 1 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 2 days prior to the event.
  - Registration is closed in SHOT at least the night before the event in order for targets to be used for SCTP purposes.
  - An athlete must be registered for the event on SHOT in order for the targets to be used for SCTP.
  - There must be athletes from at least 2 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.
- **Iowa DNR, as the SCTP State Advisor, reserves the right to alter or change the league guidelines at any time, for any reason.**
- **The anticipated 2024-2025 National SCTP Rules will be released in the fall of 2024.**

## ***Championship Information***

- Athletes must have attended at least six practices (shoots do not count as practices) prior to attending a State Championship Event. All competitors must be students in good standing and must be academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities as defined by their school.
- All athletes must have the respective National Governing Body and State Association membership paperwork completed prior to being squadded for a state championship event. Membership applications will not be accepted at the events.
- No coaching of athletes while on the field, course, or at a shooting station.
- **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.**

# ***Championship Event Dates***

**2 Year Collegiate Championship** - October 19-20, 2024 at New Pioneer Gun Club, Waukee, IA

**International Skeet Championship** - May 17-18, 2025 at New Pioneer Gun Club, Waukee, IA

**International Trap Championship** - May 17-18, 2025 at AVAD Hunt Club, Coon Rapids, IA

**State Skeet Doubles Championship** - TBD

**State Trap Championship** - June 2-8, 2025 at ISTA Homegrounds, Cedar Falls, IA

**Sporting Clay Championship** - June 12-14, 2025, TBD

**Skeet Championship** - June 19-22, 2025, TBD

# ***Code & Rule Authority for the Program***

Iowa Code Chapter 481A & Iowa Administrative Code 571

481A.17 Target shooting sports program.

The department shall establish a target shooting sports program to promote recreational target shooting sports. The purposes of the program shall be to introduce more Iowans to target shooting sports, promote existing target shooting programs, provide more target shooting facilities, and improve existing target shooting facilities. The commission may adopt rules to achieve these purposes.

571 - CHAPTER 12 CONSERVATION EDUCATION

DIVISION III

SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM

571—12.60(481A) Purpose. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 481A.17, these rules set forth the department's shooting sports programs.

571—12.61(481A) Definitions. For the purpose of this division:

"Athlete" or "student" means a member of a department-approved shooting sports team.

"Certified coach or instructor" means a person who wishes to coach a shooting sports team and who meets all criteria in rule 571—12.24(481A) and the specifics contained in the department's certified coach policies and procedures manual.

"Trainer" means someone who has received specialized advanced training and is certified to train coaches

or instructors in a national program.

571—12.62(481A) Department-recognized shooting sports programs. The following shooting sports programs are recognized by the department:

12.62(1) Archery. The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) or other equivalent nationally recognized archery program including bullseye and 3D target training, education, and competition.

12.62(2) Rifle and pistol. The Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) or other equivalent nationally recognized rifle and pistol program, which may include centerfire, rimfire, and air-powered disciplines.

12.62(3) Shotgun. The Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) or other equivalent nationally recognized clay target shooting program that includes both American and international clay target disciplines.

571—12.63(481A) Administration of shooting sports programs.

12.63(1) Program coordinator. The department shall assign a program coordinator for the programs

identified in rule 571—12.62(481A).

12.63(2) The program coordinator's responsibilities shall include the following:

- a. Coordinate the overall program in the state.
- b. Coordinate regular coach certification and development training opportunities.
- c. Coordinate athlete competitions and state championship events and serve as the shoot director for championship events.
- d. Develop policies and procedures for the program, including any state-specific eligibility criteria and rules of play for the program. Such standards shall be published on the department's website prior to the start of the season.
- e. Enforce and uphold all national and state-specific program rules.
- f. Conduct outreach for the program and serve as the primary point of contact in the state for the program.

571—12.64(481A) Certified coach or instructor requirements and responsibilities.

12.64(1) Registration procedure. The certified coach or instructor applicant must register with the applicable program and meet the minimum requirements in subrule 12.64(2). The applicant shall completely and accurately fill out the registration form.

12.64(2) Minimum requirements. Failure to meet the following requirements shall result in the denial of the applicant's registration. The applicant shall be notified of the denial by the program coordinator.

a. Minimum age. The applicant must meet the minimum age of the program.

(1) For archery, certified coaches must be 18 years of age.

(2) For rifle and pistol, certified head coaches must be 21 years of age. Certified assistant coaches must be at least 18 years of age.

(3) For shotgun, certified head coaches must be 21 years of age. Certified assistant coaches must be 18 years of age.

b. Training. The applicant must satisfactorily pass a designated training course.

c. Background check. The applicant must authorize a background check that includes, but may not be limited to, a criminal history check. A record of a felony conviction will disqualify the applicant. A record of a misdemeanor conviction (not including simple misdemeanors under Iowa Code chapter 321) within the last three years may disqualify the applicant.

d. Fish and wildlife violation check. The applicant may be disqualified if the applicant has accumulated any habitual offender points pursuant to rule 571—15.6(483A) within the last five years or had a license suspended by a court of law or the department.

12.64(3) Certified coach or instructor responsibilities. A certified coach or instructor has the following responsibilities:

a. Complete required data management and reporting, including updating and maintaining athlete and coach information in the online data management systems, recording shooting sports competitions and results, and recording volunteer coaching hours when required.

b. Follow all applicable administrative rules, policies, and procedures as set forth by the department for the specified shooting sports program.

c. Follow any applicable national program or state-specific program rules or policies including but not limited to handbooks, rules, and sportsmanship contracts.

d. Represent the department and associated program in a professional and positive manner that supports the department's goals and mission, and avoid even the appearance of impropriety while instructing or coaching athletes or students.

e. Recruit students and volunteer coaches for shooting sports teams.

f. Actively promote shooting sports.

g. Maintain order and discipline on the shooting sports team, model good sportsmanship, and ensure safe handling practices of the relevant shooting sports equipment at all times.

571—12.65(481A) Athlete or student requirements and responsibilities.

12.65(1) Registration. The athlete or student shall contact the athlete's or student's local shooting sports team to participate. The head coach will provide the athlete or student with an electronic link to register online with the applicable program.

12.65(2) Requirements. An athlete or student participating on a department-approved shooting sports team shall abide by the following requirements. Failure to do so may result in removal from the program,

disqualification from competitions, or both.

a. Complete any national program or department-required documents prior to participation.

b. Follow any applicable national program or state-specific program rules or policies including but not limited to handbooks, rules, conduct requirements, and sportsmanship contracts.

12.65(3) Fish and wildlife violations. Prior to participation on a department-approved team, the athlete or student shall be subject to a fish and wildlife violations check. If the athlete or student has accumulated any habitual offender points pursuant to rule 571—15.6(483A) within the last five years or has had a hunting,

fishing, or trapping license suspended by a court of law or the department, the athlete or student may be ineligible to participate on a department-approved shooting sports team for the current season. Eligibility will be reviewed prior to the beginning of the next season.

571—12.66(481A) Certified trainer requirements and responsibilities.

12.66(1) Registration. A certified trainer applicant must register with the applicable program. The applicant shall completely and accurately fill out the registration form. A certified trainer applicant must have successfully completed certified coach or instructor training before being eligible to become a certified trainer.

12.66(2) Responsibilities.

a. The trainer applicant must register with the applicable program and meet the program's minimum requirements. The applicant shall completely and accurately fill out the registration form.

b. A certified trainer shall represent the department and respective program in a professional and positive manner that supports the department's goals and mission and shall avoid even the appearance of impropriety while instructing.

c. The certified trainer will work with the program coordinator to identify and schedule training classes around the state.

d. Trainers will utilize the online class registration system for the program to create coach training classes for which coach applicants can register.

e. Certified trainers must conduct at least one class per year to remain an active certified trainer.

12.66(3) Acceptance of new trainers. If the number of existing certified trainers meets the demand for the program, the department may choose not to add additional trainers.

571—12.67(481A) Grounds for revocation or suspension of certification of a certified trainer, coach, or instructor. The department may, at any time, seek to revoke or suspend the certification of a certified trainer, coach, or instructor who:

12.67(1) Fails to meet the responsibilities and requirements as outlined in rule 571—12.64(481A) or 571—12.66(481A), as appropriate.

12.67(2) Fails to follow the policies and procedures of the department.

12.67(3) Falsifies any information that may be required by the department. Falsifying information is understood to mean purposefully supplying information that is inaccurate or misleading or the intentional omission of information.

12.67(4) Handles any shooting sports equipment in a negligent, reckless, or unsafe manner, or allows any student to do so.

12.67(5) Is convicted of or forfeits a bond for any fish and game, snowmobile, ATV, or navigation violation of this state or any other state.

12.67(6) Uses profanity or inappropriate language, such as any type of lewd, sexist, or racial references or generalities; engages in any kind of discriminatory conduct due to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, or sexual orientation; or otherwise acts in an unprofessional manner.

12.67(7) Engages in the physical punishment of a student, including the use of unreasonable or unnecessary physical force or physical contact made with the intent to cause pain, or any type of indecent contact with a child as defined by the Iowa Code.

12.67(8) Coaches while under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drug or while ingesting prescription medication in a manner contrary to the dosing directions given by the prescribing physician.

12.67(9) Has substantiated complaints filed against the trainer, coach, or instructor by the public, department personnel, or another certified volunteer coach.

12.67(10) Is under investigation for committing, is in the process of a judicial proceeding based on the allegation of committing, or is convicted of committing a felony or misdemeanor as defined in the statutes of

this state or another state, except for simple misdemeanors under Iowa Code chapter 321 or its counterparts in

other states. Every certified trainer, coach, or instructor is subject to a criminal history check and conservation

violation check at any time during the individual's tenure as a certified trainer, coach, or instructor.

12.67(11) Is suspended or expelled by a national governing body for a shooting sports program. These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 481A.17.