

ATTACHMENT B  
TRAPSHOOTING COMPETITION GUIDELINES  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS YOUTH SPORT SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Southern Illinois Youth Sport Shooting Association (SIYSSA), a non-profit corporation, is dedicated to promoting Trapshooting activities for the youth of Southern Illinois. These guidelines are meant to support the activities of each member team by encouraging good sportsmanship and responsibility. SIYSSA is committed to developing youth trap shooters to compete both individually and through team effort. Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) rules will be observed in all aspects of SIYSSA trap shooting competition governance except where team/squad rules will be superseded as described below. SIYSSA regular competitions will observe the following rules as set forth, in part, by the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) for their State and National Competitions:

### **Youth Athlete Eligibility**

1. Must be a member of ATA.
2. May be a member of SCTP, as well as their coaches, as proof of liability insurance.
3. All school-age boys and girls in Grades 5- 12, or under, as of September 1<sup>st</sup> with the physical, mental and emotional maturity to participate in a team sport are eligible to participate.
4. Participants must be bona fide students enrolled in an accredited school or home schooled program.
5. Each athlete must be deemed academically eligible to participate in school-sponsored sports programs.

### **Squad Divisions**

Teams must attempt to squad according Division as outlined below. Must be a full 5 member squad all representing the same Team. The squad shoots in the division of its highest ranked shooter. If a team has more eligible shooters than can fill a squad they may, at the coach's discretion, fill a squad with less than five members or members from another team. Both of which make them ineligible for team awards but still eligible for individual awards. When competing on ineligible mixed squads, division ranks do not apply to the members of that squad.

- Rookie Division (Grades 5th or under)
- Intermediate Entry (Grades 6th-8th)\*
  - 1st year of participation in Intermediate Division
- Intermediate Advanced (Grades 6th-8th)
  - After 1 year of participation in Intermediate Entry Division
- Junior Varsity (Grades 9th-12th)\*\*

- 1st year of participation in Junior Varsity Division
- Varsity (Grades 9th-12th)
  - After 1 year of participation in Junior Varsity Division
- Open (no declaration of division and used at the discretion of the head coach to complete a squad ONLY when its members represent a wide range of divisions and every effort has been made to squad according to the other Divisions.)
  - Only 1 squad is allowed per team per event
  - If team has only 1 squad then that squad may be placed in the Open Division
- Mixed (Ineligible squad for team trophies. See above.)

Athletes competing in the SIYSSA Invitational will be classified by their current year enrollment in school:

- Senior High (All 9th-12th Graders)
- Junior High (All <= 8th Graders)

### **Annual Awards**

A banquet will be held following the end of each shooting season in June-August. Individual awards will be given to the top athletes who are members of SIYSSA in the following categories:

- Junior\* and Sub-Junior\*\* Gold (top 5 scoring athletes in their division)
- Junior and Sub-Junior Silver (Top 6-10 scoring athletes in their division)
- High Overall
- Champion Lady
- Runner-Up Lady
- Champion Junior & Sub-Junior
- Runner-Up Junior & Sub-Junior
- 3rd Place Junior & Sub-Junior
- 4th Place Junior & Sub-Junior

\*Junior and Junior Gold Division

\*\*Sub Junior and Pre-Sub Division

End of year ranking will be determined with the following criteria:

- Eligible athletes must have registered at least 500 single targets at SIYSSA events between September-May of each target year.
- Final score of each athlete will be determined by: singles hit ÷ singles count.

In the event of ties, shoot-offs between competing athletes will be scheduled prior to the annual banquet. Failure to attend the shoot-off will result in forfeiture by the absent athlete. In the event, all opposing athletes cannot participate in the shoot-off, ties will be determined in the following order until the winner is determined:

1. Highest singles count from SIYSSA events
2. Highest handicap score from SIYSSA events
3. Highest doubles score from SIYSSA events
4. Highest ATA average for target year

### **Classification**

At SIYSSA competitions, youth athletes are allowed to declare ATA Special categories (Junior, Sub-Junior and Lady), however each squad must declare their SIYSSA/SCTP Division. Classification will adhere to ATA rules Section V(C) as determined by the registered shoot management.

### **Cherry Picking**

“Cherry Picking” individuals from within or from outside SIYSSA is strictly prohibited. “Cherry Picking” is bringing in an individual or putting together a group of “hot shots”, “all-stars”, or a “paper Team” to compete at SIYSSA events.

Team Members must attend most of their Team practice sessions in order to be eligible to shoot in a SIYSSA event representing that team. In the event an athlete lives more than 50 miles away from the Team’s local shooting range, or who are perceived as violating the “Cherry Picking” definition, then verification of eligible practices may be required.

SIYSSA athletes who compete with a SIYSSA Team are required to remain with that Team throughout the shooting year and not be a member of another Trapshooting Team within or from outside SIYSSA.

Team’s MUST establish their roster at the beginning of the shooting season. Changes to the Team’s roster are allowed throughout the competition year as long as they do not violate the “Cherry Picking” definition.

## **Registered Competitions**

All SIYSSA competitions will be registered ONLY competitions and will observe ATA rules, as such. Any team not participating in the registered competition is NOT allowed to share in the trophy presentation.

## **Determining Ties**

Individual ties will be determined by Longest Run commencing after their first 25 straight. In the event there is not a 25 straight present then a tie will be determined by the highest average between their highest and lowest round. Team/Squad ties are determined by the highest average of the total scores of the top shooter and the lowest shooter.

example:

John 22, 24, 24, 24

Terry 23,23. 24, 24

Terry wins.

## **Scoring Competitions**

SIYSSA will use the final score sheets as prepared by the facility in which the competition is held. During scoring, a coach and/or representative from each participating Team must be present to ensure accuracy of the final tally.

## **Non-Members/Associate Members**

Non –regular members may participate in SIYSSA events. If they participate in the SIYSSA trophy presentation then they must pay \$3.00/athlete per event. The SIYSSA Invitational is open to all regular members & non-regular members with NO SIYSSA trophy fee. All non-regular members are encouraged to become regular members at the Annual Meeting of SIYSSA. Abuse of the SIYSSA trophy fee by non-members will be assessed after two years of participation as the mission of SIYSSA is to expand membership.

## **Safety Rules**

1. Toe Pads – The use of toe pads is forbidden. It is a violation to rest the muzzle on the foot. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
2. Foot Wear – Shooting in flip-flops or opened-toed shoes/sandals is prohibited. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
3. Muzzle Control – While on a shooting post or station, the muzzle must never cross any part of the shooter's anatomy or any other person's anatomy. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
4. Eye Protection-Safety glasses and/or prescription eyeglasses are required while the shooter is on the shooting post or station. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.

5. Ear Protection-Hearing protection appropriate to the shooter is required while the shooter is on the shooting post or station. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.

### **Media Releases**

Any public notifications including press releases referencing SIYSSA competitions or events must be identified as such with: "Southern Illinois Youth Sport Shooting Association" or "SIYSSA". Any logos, trademarks, or slogans created by SIYSSA are available for use ONLY by participating SIYSSA members.

## Trophy Presentation

In an effort to reward accomplished athletes both individually and by team the following awards will be distributed at the conclusion of each SIYSSA competition. Other awards will be offered as voted upon by the SIYSSA Members.

	Name	Team	Score
High Overall*			
Top Lady*			

Class A, AA, AAA	Name	Team	Score
1 <sup>st</sup> Place			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place			
Top Lady*			

Class B	Name	Team	Score
1 <sup>st</sup> Place			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place			
Top Lady*			

Class C	Name	Team	Score
1 <sup>st</sup> Place			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place			
Top Lady*			

Class D	Name	Team	Score
1 <sup>st</sup> Place			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place			
Top Lady*			

\*A High Overall or Lady will be issued a Top Trophy, he/she cannot also receive their Class Trophy. In the event a Lady wins High Overall she will be issued both High Overall/Top Lady Trophy but not her class.

## Varsity Squad

Varsity 1 <sup>st</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Varsity 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Varsity 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

## Junior Varsity Squad

Junior Varsity 1 <sup>st</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Junior Varsity 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Junior Varsity 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	



## Intermediate Advanced Squad

Intermediate Advanced 1 <sup>st</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Intermediate Advanced 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Intermediate Advanced 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

## Intermediate Entry Squad

Intermediate Entry 1 <sup>st</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Intermediate Entry 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Intermediate Entry 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

## Rookie Squad

Rookie 1 <sup>st</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Rookie 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Rookie 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

## Open Squad

Open Champion		
Squad	Score	Squad Member
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	