

# ***Ozaukee Scholastic Shooting Sports***

## ***Handbook***

***(Shooters, Parents, Coaches, Parent Volunteers)***

### ***2014 Season***

#### ***Mission***

To allow youth shooters to safely and responsibly participate in shooting sports

#### ***Goals***

1. To instill in each shooter safe, responsible handling and storage of firearms.
2. To guide each shooter as they develop a proficiency in a sport that can be shared and enjoyed with family, friends, and community for a lifetime.
3. To help each shooter reach his/her potential both within and outside of the shooting sports.
4. Provide shooters with positive role models that teach safe handling of firearms and respect for others.
5. To provide students with the opportunity to letter in their sport of choice – trap shooting.
6. To strengthen connections within families and communities through lifelong recreational shooting sports activities.

# What's New for 2014??

## Board Members

- President: Carrie Scheel
- Vice President: Dan Skelton
- Secretary: John Preisler
- Treasurer: Tom Haas
- Head Coach (trap): Doug Klinski
- Head Coach (pistol): Rick Leach
- Ozaukee Fish & Game Liaison: Doug Klinski

## Trap Shooting

Shooting Day and times: See posted schedule on Facebook

- Weekly league – Monday nights either 6pm or 7pm; depends on squadding . Changes in the schedule will be posted on Facebook
- Conference – Monday nights per conference schedule
- Competitions – shooters will be notified of dates and times as they are scheduled.

If you are unable to attend a team function you must notify your squad leader and head coach.

Pictures will be taken on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please wear your OSSS t-shirt. Please bring your completed order form with check. Forms will be handed out on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Cost

League: Initial fee - \$85 (includes one punch card of 10 rounds), plus cost of ammunition.

Conference: Cost of shooting for the Kettle Moraine Conference each week is: \$6.00 for two rounds. Cash must be paid at the time of the shoot to the club you are shooting at.

Competitions: Most competitions will need to be paid at the time of the shoot. A few of the competitions must be paid a few weeks prior to the shoot. You will be notified of payment cost and timeframe.

## Pistol

Shooting Day and Times: Monday, prior to Trap shooting. Competition as scheduled on Facebook.

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### **Eligibility to Participate in OSSS**

- Each shooter must reside or attend schools within Ozaukee County.
- Shooters must be 12 years or older and possess a current Hunter's Safety Certificate.
- Shooters must have satisfactory academic performance/attendance and be deemed eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities as determined by school athletic participation policies. The Head Coach may request to see current academic grades.
- Shooters must provide their own transportation to practice, league, conference, and any competition shoots.
- Shooters must have access to a firearm - either 12 or 20 gauge in satisfactory working condition as well as provide their own ammunition.
- All shooters must complete and submit a Consent & Waiver Form, Medical Consent, and Sportsmanship Contract prior to any live shooting.
- Any student shooting OSSS league who decides to shoot at conference, state or national competition must only shoot for OSSS. Transferring between clubs or other school is prohibited.

### **Academic Eligibility to Participate in Competitions with OSSS**

Although each school has its own academic eligibility standards for sports participation, OSSS expects our shooter to be successful both at home and in the classroom. To participate in competitions, shooters are expected to not have any grade below "C's". One "D" may be allowed on a temporary basis if in the opinion of the parents and the Head Coach the shooter is making a concerted effort to improve that grade. The school districts in our area have many services to help students succeed. If you are struggling in a class it is your responsibility to contact your teacher, or counselor to arrange for those services.

### **Season**

League Season: runs from March through May.

Kettle Moraine Trap Shooting High School Conference: runs April through May.

Competition Shoots: done locally on weekends and to Nationals will be determined once the season starts.

### **Location**

League: Ozaukee County Fish and Game with some travel possible to neighboring clubs with

Kettle Moraine Trap Shooting Conference: All shooters will participate when OSSS hosts conference at Ozaukee Fish and Game. Intermediate and Advanced shooters may choose to shoot with the conference, however the commitment must be made to travel to the away meets. Travel is at the shooters/parents provision.

Competition Shoots: By invitation and ability to make commitment to participate at state and national levels.

### **Equipment**

- All equipment (including guns) and personal belongings must be clearly labeled for each shooter. All eye and ear protection must be provided by shooter. Safety equipment may be available for purchase in limited quantities at the club.

- All students must have the appropriate firearm in accordance with ATA and Ozaukee County Fish and Game rules and bylaws.
- **Required Safety Equipment:** All league members and coaches must wear protective eye and ear protection when within the confines of a Trap field.
- **Firearm Transportation:** All Firearms must be transported in accordance with State & Federal transportation laws. Firearms or ammunition on any Grade or High School campus is strictly prohibited. Any student in violation of these rules would be subject to local, state and federal penalties.

### ***Shooting Facilities (home and away)***

Each shooter must clean up their own area (inside and outside) prior to leaving the clubhouse/grounds.

NOTE: No shells/hulls or personal belongings are to be left behind on the ground or on the table/floors in the clubhouse. Remember...we are all guests and volunteers.

### ***Attendance Policy***

Shooters are expected to attend all practices and home conference meets. Those designated to travel to away conference and competition shoots are expected to attend those as well. Students unable to fulfill these obligations must contact their squad leader first, then the Head Coach or President at least 48 hours prior to the session that will be missed. You may not have more than two unexcused absences or you will not be able to participate in the next conference or competition shoot. If more than two unexcused absences occur you may be brought before the disciplinary board. Exceptions will be reviewed by the disciplinary board.

### ***Weekly sign in***

Each shooter must legibly print their first and last name on the score sheet for their squad prior to shooting to account for attendance.

### ***Weekly payment for shooting rounds***

The squad leader must collect the money or punch cards from their squad and present to the attendance desk prior to shooting. All shooting must be paid for the night of the shoot or no shooting will occur.

### ***Dress Code***

***Dress for the weather. We shoot in rain, sleet, or snow. You will not be allowed outside unless you are dressed safely for the weather as deemed appropriate by the coaches.***

- Tops: Items of clothing that expose any part of the torso or cleavage are prohibited. These include, but are not limited to, cutoff t-shirts, halter tops, tank tops, etc.
- Bottoms: Short shorts and low riding shorts or pants revealing undergarments or buttocks are prohibited.
- Other: Shirts, hats, pants – any clothing – and any other associated items carried, worn, etc., with pictures, caricatures, designs, messages, writings, or other embellishments with direct or indirect references to alcohol, tobacco, sex, or sexual connotations, drugs, gambling, or profanities are prohibited. **Closed toed shoes or boots are required.**

**NOTE:** This policy per SCTP, SPP and Kettle Moraine Conference.

Conference and competition shoots: Please wear your OSSS t-shirts or other OSSS clothing to represent our team.

### *Code of Conduct and Safety Rules*

All members participating in the OSSS represent not only themselves, but their school and community. Our member's attitudes and actions must reflect positive interaction with each other, our opponents, our coaches, and our families. **Each member must follow their individual school's Athletic Code regarding possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs, destroying property, school attendance, or if found guilty of other conduct unbecoming a student involved in athletic activities.** Unsafe handling/use of firearms, arguing with a referee or coach, disrupting competitors, cheating, theft, use of alcohol or drugs during the season, etc., are grounds for disqualification, suspension, or expulsion from OSSS.

Safety rules include but are not limited to:

1. Always keep gun pointed in a safe direction
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
3. Always keep gun unloaded until ready to use
4. Always keep action of the gun open until you are ready to shoot.
5. Always use safety glasses and hearing protection.
6. No cell phones are allowed on or behind the line of shooting.
7. All firearms must be checked prior to stepping up to the line of shooting.
8. Always wear a vest or shell belt
9. Never bring a gun or ammunition (live or other) to school or onto school grounds.

**HONOR the GAME, TREAT OTHERS with RESPECT, and FOLLOW the RULES**

### *Law Enforcement contact*

If anyone has contact with law enforcement due to a violation you are required to notify the OSSS Police Liaison immediately. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

### *High School Lettering*

In order to receive your athletic letter in trap shooting you must fulfill the following requirements:

- Attendance:
  - Weekly attendance: Youth shooters must attend practices, league and conference shoots. Points will be assigned for each shoot as follows: (max of 8 points)
    - Practice/league - ½ point for each week
    - Home conference attendance - 1 point for each home meet
  - Away conference: 1.5 points for each meet attendance (max of 4 points)
  - Competition meets: 2 points will be given for each local/state/regional/national competition
- Conduct
  - Youth shooters must follow the OSSS code of conduct at all times. Any violation will result in reduction of points (max of 4 points)
- Shooting Scores
  - Youth shooters will be given points depending on their average score at the end of the season
    - 17-19 (1 point)
    - 20-22 (2 points)
    - 23 and above (3 points)
  - Youth shooters will be given points for score improvement
    - 10% (1 point)
    - 20% (2 points)
    - 30% and above (3 points)
  - **TOTAL points needed to letter – 18**
- Youth shooters that letter based on the OSSS criteria will have their name sent to the Athletic Director of their school who will review the list for academic and behavioral eligibility based on that school's athletic code.
- Upon approval from the school AD, OSSS will issue the letter to the youth shooter.
- Letters will not be issued until the start of the next season as approval must come from the OSSS board and then by each individual school before letters can be issued to our shooters.

### **Supporting National Organization**

#### **Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation – National Development Program**

Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) developed and administers the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP), and Scholastic Pistol Program (SPP) as youth development programs focused on providing young people with a positive experience in the shooting sports. The SSSF is designed to instill in young people a set of personal values and character traits that teach fair play, compassionate understanding, individual responsibility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and personal commitment—qualities that will serve them well throughout their lives and will be instrumental in helping each SSSF participant to reach his/her full potential.

It is the duty of everyone involved in the SSSF—coaches, parents, and participants—to set a good example for SSSF team members to emulate by upholding high moral and ethical standards of personal conduct.

SCTP activities are designed to incorporate two indispensable elements—SAFETY and FUN.

SAFETY is incorporated into every facet of every SSSF activity. The learning environment at the team practices and at the competitive shoots is designed to include the elements of FUN for all participants. SSSF participants learn the safe and responsible handling and use of firearms. They discover the joy of contributing to a shared team goal and the commitment that goes along with it. During this self-discovery process team members develop proficiency in a sport that can be shared and enjoyed with family and friends for a lifetime.

## **Divisions**

### **Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP)**

#### **Senior Division Grades 9-12 Consists of:**

- Jr. Varsity - 1st year participating in the Senior Division.
- Varsity Division - 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year participating in Senior Division.

#### **Intermediate Division Grades 7-8 consist of:**

- Entry Level - 1st year participating in the Intermediate Division
- Advanced - 2nd year participating in the Intermediate Division

### **Scholastic Pistol Program (SPP)**

#### **Senior Division Ages 17-20:**

- Jr. Varsity - Rimfire.
- Varsity Division - Centerfire.

#### **Junior Division Ages 12-16:**

- Jr. Varsity - Rimfire
- Varsity Division - Centerfire.

## **Coaches**

### **Head Coaches**

An SCTP or SPP team is a group of individual athletes registered by and to a Head Coach. Each team must have a Head Coach who is 21 years of age or older and have passed a Background Check. At least one coach must be CERTIFIED as a shooting coach/instructor (see SCTP rules, p.9 for list of acceptable certifications or AIM handbook, p. 6. SPP see rules p.9). The first and foremost responsibility of the Head Coach is to ENSURE the SAFETY of all participants. Head Coaches MUST emphasize the safe handling and use of firearms in every facet of the SCTP Program and must be willing to conduct the “required practices”. All head coaches must have served a minimum of 2 years as an assistant coach and be voted into the head coach position by the board of directors.

### **Assistant Coaches**

Assistant coaches must be 18 years of age or older and are to be supervised by the Head Coach. All coaches must complete and pass a Background Check and may need to take an online course

for coaching sponsored by the SCTP/SPP. All potential assistant coaches must have served one year as a parent volunteer. Approval by the board of directors to take the coaches class and successful completion of that class is needed for the person to be eligible to become an assistant coach. All assistant coaches must receive final approval by the board of directors.

### ***Parent Volunteers***

Potential adult volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and are to be supervised by the Board of Directors – Vice President. All parent volunteers must pass a background check and may need to take an online course for coaching sponsored by the SCTP.

## **Coaches Guidelines**

### **General Rules**

- Must complete background check
- Arrive 30 min prior to starting time for coaches meeting
- Dress for the weather- We shoot in rain, sleet, snow and heat
- Make sure you have eye and hearing protection
- If you cannot make your scheduled time, YOU need to contact the head coach 48 hours prior to the next night of shooting.
- Each coach will engage students for the lesson plan identified for each week.
- Each coach is responsible for making sure shooters, parent volunteers and mentors follow through on all safety requirements and to report any safety or conduct violations to the head coach.
- Must abide by all applicable OSSS handbook policies (for example, dress code, safety, etc.)

## **Parent Volunteer Guidelines**

### **General rules**

- Must complete background check
- Arrive 15 min prior to starting time
- Dress for the weather- We shoot in rain, sleet, & snow
- Make sure you have eye and hearing protection
- If you cannot make your scheduled time, YOU need to find your own replacement
- Must conduct themselves according to the SCTP sportsmanship rules.
- Must abide by all applicable OSSS handbook policies (for example, dress code, safety, etc.)

### **Scoring /Marking Volunteer Procedures**

- Safety is our #1 Priority- Make sure shooters use proper gun handling & have eye and hearing protection
- as marker you control the line you are working



- get score sheet from Squad leader and ask squad leader to release his squad to the line
- Squad leader will ask if the squad is ready & then ask if the puller is ready
- Nothing is said for broken target targets only call missed targets as a “LOSS”
- Mark score sheet with an X for broken targets and an O for missed or lost targets
- Shooters will shoot 5 targets per station for a total of 25 targets
- While scoring call the “Ready “command after the first shooter shoots his 5<sup>th</sup> shoot per station
- Give the shooters their score after each station
- After last shooter shoots his last shot give the command “squad out”. Add up the shooters scores.
- Require shooters to clean up trap range after each squad shoots. We practice with NO SHELLS on the ground.

### Refilling Trap House

- You can run 2 full rounds of 5 shooters before refilling
- Give the command “make the line safe”. Your shooters at that time need to put their guns in the gun rack.
- Approach the trap house from the right hand side. **Turn off the trap machine** and wait for the machine to discharge the target that is currently in it.
- **TURN ON LIGHT**
- Enter the trap & fill the machine to the top with targets. Leave boxes in trap house until the end of the night
- Turn off light, Turn on trap and return to the line
- At the end of the night, wind up controller cord, refill trap machine, sweep up broken targets, remove garbage and lock up the house.