**2025 Golden Eagle Youth Trap Team Rules Handout**

The Golden Eagle Youth Trap Team mission statement is “To provide youth shooting sports opportunities in a safe and competitive environment, striving to be fair and economical for our community.”

**Safety**

As mentioned in our team mission statement, Safety is a foundation that must be followed and enforced. It is an expectation of all Athletes and Parents to know and follow these rules that have been put in place.

Upon arrival, all firearms are to be unloaded, breech open, and placed in gun rack.

Firearm bags and cases will be kept in your vehicle.

Ammo and Ammo cases will be kept off the ground and out of the way, too often these can be major trip hazards.

No one will handle any firearm unless instructed to do so by the shooting coach.

No one will handle anyone else’s firearm.

When instructed to report to the firing line, no one will load a firearm until instructed to do so.

While carrying your firearm:

Firearm shall be unloaded.

Firearms that have break barrels will be broke open and carried on the Athletes shoulder.

Firearms that do not have break barrels shall have the barrels pointed up with the breach open.

While on the firing line, all firearms are to be pointed down range towards the trap house.

The use of a Gun Barrel rest pad is allowed on the firing line; however, the coach reserves the right to prohibit its use by an Athlete if Safety becomes a concern.

If a malfunction occurs, keep firearm pointed down range towards the trap house and wait for assistance from a shooting coach.

Eye and Ear protection must always be worn while on the line. (Eye and Ear protection can be provided)

No Horseplay, no reckless handling of firearms, ammunition, or equipment.

**Only shooting coaches and score keeper allowed on firing line. (For Insurance, Safety and Consistency Purposes). Suggestions from parents welcome during breaks**.

Failure to comply with any of the above Safety rules can ultimately result in disqualification from the team. The following 3 strike rule will apply:

Verbal warning

Written warning

Disqualification from team with forfeited entry fee

Volunteers are needed to spread out the work requirements. The following tasks can be performed by volunteers to help with the team mission statement. Contact any coach to volunteer for these items

Group Travel/Hotel arrangements as needed

Fund raising (Raffle Coordination)

Scorekeeping-to free up coaches to coach and observe athletes

Clay Target pickup, delivery and unloading

Facilities improvements as needed

Lunch preparation at State shoot

**Scheduled Practice sessions**

The team shall schedule two practice shooting sessions prior to the Scheduled shooting sessions. Participation in these two scheduled practice sessions are required for:

All first-year athletes

All participants in the Rookie Division

Participation by all other team members is encouraged but is not required

**Scheduled Scoring sessions**

The team will conduct, at a minimum, 7 scheduled scoring sessions. All age groups will shoot 75 targets at these sessions. It is expected that all members make every effort possible to attend each one of these scheduled sessions.

If you are going to miss a scheduled Scoring session, it is expected that you will make every effort to shoot for score in advance of your absence. This should be scheduled with the Head Coach so proper arrangements can be made.

1. For emergencies on the day of your scheduled session, it is expected that you will contact the head coach if you are going to miss a scheduled shooting session **PRIOR TO** the first scheduled time slot of the day.
2. Three unexcused absences will result in removal from the trap team.
3. If the session is missed, the targets must be made up at the same location where the session was missed. For example, if the shooter is scheduled to shoot at GEN, then the makeup session must occur at GEN. The session should be scheduled as soon as possible after the missed scheduled date. Exception would be if you have your minimum 500 targets recorded. The score would not be required to be made up.

**Members are expected to pick up their own, empty hulls and trash.**

**Unofficial Practice**

Youth athletes may practice outside of the organized scheduled shooting dates. The team makes every effort to accommodate the unlimited use of the facilitates for such practices. That use does come with great cost to the team. Every effort will be made to continue this practice and stay aligned to the Youth Trap team mission statement. It is encouraged for those who take advantage of this opportunity, be very proactive in raising funds for the team in one or more of the following ways:

1. Making a sizeable personal donation to the team.
2. Seek extra business donations above and beyond the average member.
3. Exceed Raffle sales beyond the maximum amount you can get returned to you.
4. Actively plan and execute an additional fundraiser approved by the team other than the Gun Meat Raffle.

These practices must be at a minimum, supervised by an adult and must follow all the safety rules put in place at the scheduled shooting sessions.

It is an expectation that those who use the facilities for practice, leave the facilities in the same condition or better after the practice. Failure to complete the following items will likely result in the banning of use by the individual or individuals.

* + 1. Adjustments to the trap throws are only made by Coaches.
    2. Trap thrower must be completely refilled.
    3. Power must be disconnected.
    4. All equipment must be properly put away.
    5. Garbage needs to be completely picked up and placed ENTIRELY in trash containers.
    6. Empty Hulls must be picked up off the ground by those who placed them there.
    7. Facility must be locked and key secured.
    8. Contact a GEYTT Coach to report any issues or findings.

**Scorekeeping**

Scoring will begin on the first week of the scheduled scoring sessions. A minimum of 6 scoring sessions must be recorded to properly select squads for the GEYTT. Team Members must attend a minimum of six (6) team practice or scoring sessions to be eligible to shoot in a SCTP State or National Championship event representing that team.

All scoresheets must be signed by:

One Coach/adult volunteer-whose son or daughter was not participating on the squad

ATA registered Scorecards need to show:

1. All the participants and Date.
2. Signed or initialed by Squad leader
3. Pre-approval by head coach required to be counted.

**Golden Eagle Average Card**

All scores from the scoring sessions and shoots are recorded on your Golden Eagle AVG card. Optional Registered ATA shoots can be placed on the average card if the shooter notifies a coach in advance, that they are attending the shoot and they want their targets added to the card. Otherwise, they will not be included on the card. Once notified to count them, the scores must be counted.

**Squad placement**

Squad placement for each shoot will depend upon the members AVG as shown on their Golden Eagle AVG card. To develop your average, the Member can choose one of the following options:

1. 500 GEYTT Scheduled scoring targets at a GE Facility, 500 targets are all that can be counted for AVG
2. Minimum of 500 ATA registered Targets, **no MAX!** Starting week #1 and completed by June 1st. 6 practices required at GES for SCTP participation.
3. Combination of GE Scheduled targets and ATA registered targets (500 minimum with no max # of targets to effect average) Starting week #1 and completed by June 1st.

Updates to averages will be sent out on MAY 1st and when the AIM state squads are selected on June 1st. This year, after the AIM State shoot, we will continue to keep track of averages and re-adjust the squads for AIM Nationals based on current Average. The same will be the case for the SCTP state. For each shoot, the members AVG will be used to determine the squad they are on. **Below outlines the Squad selection dates:**

AIM State June 1st SCTP State June 15th AIM Nationals July 6

**SCTP Squadding**

All athletes will be placed in their appropriate SCTP CATEGORIES

ROOKIE DIVISION (Grade 5 and Under)

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (Grades 6 – 8)

INTERMEDIATE ENTRY LEVEL 1st year of participation in the intermediate division.

INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED LEVEL After 1 year of participation in the intermediate division.

SENIOR DIVISION (Grades 9 – 12)

JUNIOR VARSITY 1st year of participation in the senior division.

VARSITY After 1 year of participation in the senior division.

OPEN DIVISION (Competitive squad of athletes from a single team with multiple classifications.)

After each athlete is placed in their correct category, category squads will be filled by using everyone’s GEYTT Average Card.

Squad #1 will be filled by placing the shooter with the highest Avg in that category on the squad, followed by the second and so on until a squad of 5 is filled.

Ties for the following positions will be broken by using the ATA shoot off format which starts with a 25-bird round between all the shooters who tied for that spot. The highest score in that single round will be awarded the higher spot, and the remaining athletes will begin the next squad.

Ties for 5th overall spot in Category

Ties for 10th overall spot in Category

Ties for 15th overall spot in Category

Ties for 20th overall spot in Category

And so on.

Squad #2 will be filled by placing the shooter who had the 6th highest avg in the category on the squad then each athlete following in descending order until all members are placed on a full squad of Five. If a squad is incomplete with no remaining athletes in that age group, the following options are available:

There is an open Category, where shooters from different age divisions can shoot together, if a squad of 5 can be filled for this event, the Board will try to do so.

Remaining athletes will become alternates. Alternates will be placed on a team if someone becomes unavailable in the alternates appropriate category for an event. If a shooter is unavailable, the shooter who finished just behind the unavailable shooter in total score will move up, followed by all shooters on all remaining squads for the duration of the season.

**AIM Squadding**

All athletes will be placed in their appropriate AIM CATEGORIES.

New Members - Age category is based on your age the day you join the ATA.

Existing Members - Age category is based on your age as of September 1st

Pre-Sub 11 and Under

Sub-Junior 12-14

Junior 15-17

Junior Gold 18-22

After each athlete is placed in their correct category, category squads will be filled by using everyone’s GEYTT Average Card. Squads will be filled just like the SCTP squads above.

**Injuries**

In the unfortunate event that an athlete becomes injured, the Head Coach reserves the right to ask that an athlete not participate in a Scheduled Event. The following should help guide this difficult decision:

Timing of the injury versus, and expected recover date

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**Events**

**Regional SCTP shoot**

This SCTP shoot is completely optional for team members. The shoot offers several disciplines. Members of the club are welcome to participate under the following conditions:

All Rules of the SCTP must be followed, including any coaching requirements for SCTP events.

It will be the responsibility of the organizing group members that wish to participate to secure the services of a certified Golden Eagle SCTP coach, **coaching availability cannot be guaranteed by the Team.**

Fees will be the responsibility of the member, if the club pays the entry fee, the member will be invoiced for fee’s and due in 30 days.

The squad selection process will be used for the singles event.

**State SCTP shoot**

The team will send all members of the Preferred Plan to the State SCTP Shoot to participate in the Singles Trap event.

Those that wish to compete in disciplines other than Singles Trap must abide by the following:

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**National SCTP shoot**

The Golden Eagle Youth trap team will make every effort to fund the entry fees for those squads that finish in the top 3 in the State SCTP shoot in Singles Trap. However, because of the cost to families and scheduling restrictions for the event, the Golden Eagle Youth Trap Team Coaches will try to determine if squads will be competitive at the national shoot. We will compare scores from previous years to determine if a squad can be competitive during the event. If it seems the squad may not be competitive, we may recommend not attending. This applies to all age divisions.

Those squads that do not finish in the top 3 at state can participate in Nationals disciplines, provided:

Fees will be the responsibility of the member, if the club pays the entry fee, the member will be invoiced for fee’s and due in 30 days.

Can obtain the services of a Golden Eagle Trap Team SCTP coach

Assist in the registration process for the squad if time slots are available.

Abide by all SCTP rules.

**AIM Zone shoot**

The team will send all members of the Preferred Plan to the AIM Zone Shoot to participate in the Singles Trap event.

Those that wish to compete in disciplines other than Singles Trap must abide by the following:

All Rules of AIM must be followed

It will be the responsibility of the organizing group members that wish to participate to secure the services of a Golden Eagle AIM coach, **coaching availability cannot be guaranteed by the Team.**

Fees will be the responsibility of the member, if the club pays the entry fee, the member will be invoiced for fee’s and due in 30 days.

The squad selection process will be used for the singles event.

**AIM State shoot**

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All Rules of the AIM must be followed

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**AIM National shoot**

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All Rules of the AIM must be followed

It will be the responsibility of the organizing group members that wish to participate to secure the services of a Golden Eagle AIM coach, **coaching availability cannot be guaranteed by the Team.**

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The squad selection process will be used for the singles event.

**Charity shoot**

The Golden Eagle Youth trap team will participate along with other local gun clubs in a Charity shoot. This shoot raises funds for Charity and proceeds are matched. This shoot raises several thousands of dollars for Charity. Entry fees are paid for by the club but additional donations can be made.

**Helpful Links**

Golden Eagle Youth Trap Team website:

<https://GoldenEagleYouthTrapTeam.org/>

Facebook account:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/373407614790310/>

ATA website:

<https://shootata.com/>

SCTP website:

<https://sssfonline.org/>

AIM website:

<https://aim4ata.com/>

USA Clay Target League website:

<https://usaclaytarget.com/>