

OTTER CREEK SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
2026 SUMMER TRAPSHOOTING LEAGUE RULES

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ENTRY

1. Sponsor fees – each team = \$45. Sponsor fee must be paid before the league start date.
2. Otter Creek Sportsman's Club Membership Fee = \$40 single - \$50 Family (family membership applies to spouse and dependent children). (Life membership available) Shooter's membership must be paid by the end of the fourth week or their scores will NOT be posted.
3. Starting date of league, shoot offs and trophy presentations are as indicated by the club calendar and website.
4. The first three weeks must be shot by the end of the third week. After the initial three weeks, each week must be shot by end of week indicated in the calendar or on website. There will be no make-up without a valid reason. Shooters may shoot the entire 16's portion in advance, if desired. On handicap, you may shoot ahead after week 5.
5. The registration of handicap targets will not start until after week 5.
6. There must be at least five shooters and no more than eight on each team.
7. League members shall be provided with a membership card with space for each week's scores. It is the SHOOTER'S RESPONSIBILITY to keep track of the weeks and scores which have been shot.
8. Each team must have a team captain. Only team captains may register a complaint with the League Secretary for his/her team members or team.
9. Shooters who will permanently miss the remaining part of the league for a valid reason may be replaced with the consent of the League Secretary. The replacement must use scores already shot and posted. Handicap will be determined by the Handicap and Classification Committee using Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) guidelines. The replacement will not be in the running for any individual high score trophies earned by his/her scores.
10. Written request for make-up must be made to the League Secretary before the week to be missed has ended.
11. The competition week BEGINS on Tuesday and ENDS on Sunday. Scheduled shooting days are TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SUNDAY. Refer to the paper calendar or website for any adjustments to the weeks for special events (Iowa State Shoot, etc).
12. On ATA shoot days, there will be **NO LEAGUE or PUBLIC SHOOTING**. Please watch the calendar and website for shoot dates and plan your shooting in advance.

GENERAL RULES

1. SHOOTER'S RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE LEAVING THE SIGN-UP DESK:
 - a) Write name legibly
 - b) Team number
 - c) Number of the week to be registered and STAMPED IN RED
 - d) Handicap yardage when needed
2. Shooters will shoot for score in consecutive week order. If duplicate scores are recorded, the **lowest** score will count for the week concerned and others for that week shall be void and not transferable.
3. In league classes where an odd number of teams exist, the odd team of the week will shoot against its own average score calculated by any combination of the nearest three weeks scores (either previous or following). Previous scores will take precedence when calculating the average. Raw scores will be used in the calculation.
4. The high individual score on total 16 yard and handicap targets combined will be awarded a trophy. All ties will shoot off. The shoot off will be 25 – 16-yard targets and 25 handicap targets.
5. No target will be changed from lost to dead once the shooter has left the post from which the target being questioned was shot.
6. Shooters should ask the puller or scorer to call lost targets loud enough so that everyone on the squad can hear. Scores should be read after every five targets.
7. Shooters should remain at their positions until the puller or scorer has read the scores for that position and has called the change.
8. NO FOOD OR DRINK OF ANY KIND WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE FIRING LINE.
9. The ATA Rule Book will be used along with the league rules to govern league shooting.
10. Tied team scores will be decided by the 6th, 7th or 8th scores on an equal number of members per teams.
11. League Shoot-Offs will be held per the club's calendar and website. We prefer that all ties be shot off on that date. A team or individual involved in a shoot-off will shoot at NO CHARGE ON THE LEAGUE SHOOT-OFF DAY – OTHERS WHO SHOOT DURING THE WEEK PREVIOUS TO THE SPECIFIED DATE WILL PAY FOR THEIR SHOOT-OFF TARGETS AT THE REGULAR PRICE.

16 YARD TARGETS

1. Shooters will be classified using Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) guidelines after they have completed the first four weeks of 16-yard competition and/or by known ability.
2. Each individual class winner is awarded a trophy and all ties will shoot off at end of league.
3. Averages of shooters on a team during the first three weeks will determine which class the team shoots in. The scores of the top five team members for each of the three matches shall be totaled and shall be used to establish the team handicap. Taking the team average, subtract 120 and use sixty percent of the difference as team's handicap. No team can be handicapped to more than a score of 120.

EXAMPLE: Top five members have scores totaling 112, 114 and 118. Total equals 344. Dividing by 3 equals 114.6. Rounding to 115 and taking the difference between 115 and 120 we have 5. Taking sixty percent of 5 gives 3. Added to the totals gives us 115, 117 and 120 as no team total with a bird handicap added can be more than 120.

4. In computing all team averages, the fractions will be figured to the nearest tenth for all competitive rounds. Percentage points below 0.5 will be dropped, and those 0.5 and above will be rounded to the next highest number.

HANDICAP TARGETS

1. Four yardage groups = 20 - 20.5, 21 - 23.5, 24 - 27
2. ATA shooters will start league at the yardage punched on their ATA average card on the first night of their handicap shooting.
3. ATA shooters that no longer shoot registered targets will start the league on yardage last assigned to them by the ATA.
4. Non-ATA shooters will be assigned yardage according to previous two years scores and by known ability.
5. The minimum yardage to be assigned is 20 yards.
6. Handicap yardage gain is scored for 50 targets every 2 weeks (week 9/10, 11/12, 13/14 & 15/16)

Shooters will receive added yardage for the following reasons:

- 1 YARD for a 2-week score of 49 or 50.
- ½ YARD for a 2-week score of 47 or 48.

It will be the SHOOTER'S RESPONSIBILITY to know their correct yardage at all times and to make sure that they are standing on the correct yardage when they shoot their targets. In the event it is discovered that a shooter is shooting from the incorrect yardage, the round must be re-shot from the correct yardage.

TROPHIES

1. Team Trophies shall be awarded as follows:
 - If there are 4 teams in a class, then 1st place will be awarded.
 - If there are 5 to 8 teams in a class then 1st and 2nd place will be awarded.
2. Sixteen-yard trophies (individual) will be awarded by class – i.e., the high shooter in each class.
3. Handicap trophies will be awarded by yardage group, i.e., the high shooter in each group. Shooters will remain assigned to the group in which they started regardless of earned yardage.
4. High Overall score (16 Yard & Handicap) is awarded an individual trophy. In addition, their name is engraved on a Travelling Trophy.