

Powder Creek Shooting Park Trap League Shooting Rules

The 2006 Spring Trap League is hosted and regulated by the Powder Creek Shooting Park located at 8601 Monticello Road in Lenexa, Kansas. The purpose of the League is to provide an evening of fun, fair and competitive trapshooting open to all shooters of all abilities, novice to veteran. There are no gender or age limitations and no membership requirements in any shooting organization. Powder Creek management will determine the duration of each League session. Currently, Powder Creek management anticipates that the Spring League will run approximately 9 weeks, from April 6 through June 1.

The Singles/Handicap League is based on team rather than individual competition. Scoring is based on total targets broken by the team.

The League

The League is administered by the management of the Powder Creek Shooting Park, which includes scheduling dates and times of competition; tracking scores, team standings and individual shooter statistics; and accounting for the cost of targets and any other League expenses.

For any instance(s) not covered in these rules, the rules of the Amateur Trapshooting Association will apply. Specifically, see the latest version of ATA Official Rules. Powder Creek management will make a copy of these rules available for reference.

Singles and Handicap

Divisions:

The Spring League will be divided into four Divisions, using Lewis Class rules.

Teams:

Teams are composed of a minimum of five (5) shooters, with up to two (2) designated substitutes. Substitute shooters must be designated not later than the 4th week of the League.

Team Captains:

A captain is responsible for representing the team. The captain is responsible for collecting fees from team members, including the sponsor fee, and making one payment to Powder Creek Shooting Park prior to the start of the League. The Captain will also assign squad members their shooting positions each night and ensure the recording accuracy of their team's score sheets. If a team wins prizes/trophies at the conclusion of the season, the captain is responsible for distribution to the individual team members. Captains are chosen at each team's discretion.

Team Fees:

Each team is assessed a one-time sponsor fee to cover administrative, cash prize, trophy and barbeque dinner expenses. Powder Creek management determines the amount of that fee. The team captain is responsible for payment of this fee to Powder Creek prior to the start of the League. The fee for the Spring 2006 League has been set at \$125 per team.

Target Fees:

Shooters are required to pay individual target fees, in addition to team fees. The price for 25 targets is \$4; weekly target fees are \$8.

Limitations:

No shooter may shoot for more than one team per League. Any shooter's score appearing on

other than their original team's score sheet will not be scored or recorded. Exceptions to this rule may be made by Powder Creek management in cases of a team dropping out of the League with team members who would still like to compete.

Team members must shoot on the same squad during any given shooting cycle.

Squad Shooting Time Assignments:

Powder Creek management will assign a shooting time for each team. The failure of a team to shoot when their squad is called will result in the team shooting after all other teams have finished shooting at their appointed times. Target score adjustment for shooting with from three to five shooters is addressed below.

Competition and Scoring System:

Each competition cycle (one week's shooting) will include a 16-yard singles event and a handicap event, each consisting of 125 targets per team.

Scoring:

All scores will be recorded and reported by an employee of Powder Creek on a standard target score sheet. The score sheet will identify the date, the team name, and the team members shooting.

16-Yard Singles:

Each team will shoot a total of 125 targets (25 targets per shooter) from the 16-yard line. The team's 16-yard average will then be calculated by dividing the total targets hit by the number of shooters (usually 5), rounded to the nearest whole number.

Handicap Yardage:

The team's handicap yardage is determined by adding two (2) to the team's 16-yard average for the given competition cycle. (The average is not cumulative throughout the League duration, and is used only for calculating the handicap yardage.) The team will then shoot 125 handicap targets (25 targets per shooter) with all shooters shooting from the established handicap yardage. Example: if a team's 16-yard average is 23, the handicap event will be shot from the 25-yard line. Yardages will be rounded to the nearest whole number. The minimum handicap yardage will be 20.

Team Score:

The team's score for the competition cycle is the sum of the total targets broken for the team from the 16-yard singles event and the handicap event.

Score Tracking:

Powder Creek management will be responsible for tracking and posting individual and team scores on the bulletin board and to the web site within 24-hours of the completion of the competition cycle. All score sheets will be verified and maintained by Powder Creek management to ensure accuracy and compliance with League rules. All score sheets will be available for review by any League member.

Number of Shooters:

A team must field a minimum of three shooters for the competition cycle. If the team has 3 or 4 shooters, a score of 15 targets is recorded for the absent shooter(s) for both the 16-yard singles and handicap, for a total of 30 targets. These numbers will not be used when calculating the team's average for the 16-yard event in establishing the team's yardage for the handicap event. If a team cannot field the minimum required 3 shooters, it is considered a "no-show" and will receive no (0) targets for the competition cycle.

Make-ups, Shoot-Aheads:

Make-ups for a missed shooting cycle are not allowed except for extraordinary situations, as determined by Powder Creek management.

“Shoot-aheads” are not permitted except for an extraordinary situation, subject to approval by Powder Creek management.

Ties:

In the event of a tie (two or more teams of equal score on the last night of League shooting), a shoot-off will be held between the tying teams consisting of 25 16-yard singles targets per shooter. This will continue as long as necessary until a winner is determined. Shoot-offs may be held for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places, as well, depending on the number of teams participating.

Trophies and Payouts – Singles and Handicap

Trophies and Payouts:

Team trophies will not be given; rather, teams will be drawn through the Lewis Class process. It is anticipated that four (4) classes will be included, depending on total participation. All League fees will be paid out to shooters in the form of prizes.

Individual Trophies:

Individual trophies are not available..

Doubles League

There will be no Doubles League during the Spring League.

Scheduling

Spring League shooting will be held on Thursday nights during the months of April, May and June, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Starting times will be assigned by Powder Creek management, and will be varied for all teams during the course of the League.

All shooting will be completed on Traps 1 through 4. Teams will shoot all targets for the week on the same trap, including both 16-yard and handicap targets. Trap assignments may be changed in the event of mechanical problems, or at the discretion of Powder Creek management to facilitate the number of teams participating in the League and the efficient use of club resources. However, every attempt will be made to use these designated traps throughout the duration of the League.

Cancellations: In case of adverse weather (heavy rain, lightning, sleet, snow), power outages or mechanical failures, Powder Creek management will decide whether to delay, reschedule or cancel the night's competition. Make-ups are not allowed except for partial cancellations of an evening's competition, and must be made-up by the end of the following week's competition cycle. If competition is stopped mid-squad and canceled for the night, the make-up will begin where the canceled squad was interrupted (using the same shooters).

League Dinner

A dinner will be provided for all League participants on the final night of the League (June 1). The cost of the dinner is included in the League fees.

Target Color

Target color will be orange for daylight competition and white for nighttime. A change from orange to white will be made at dusk at the beginning of a round of 25 targets. Once the change from orange to white is made, the trap will throw white targets for the duration of the competition cycle. TARGET COLOR WILL NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE ROUND HAS STARTED.

Eye and Hearing Protection

Eye and ear protection is required of all shooters, no exceptions.

Final Authority

For matters not covered in these bylaws or ATA rules, Powder Creek and League management will have final authority. League members are encouraged to offer suggestions or ideas to Powder Creek management for changes and improvements to these rules. The decision to pursue any changes will rest with Powder Creek management. Powder Creek management may poll team captains for their opinions on an issue prior to making a decision.

Rule Revisions

These rules are effective beginning April 1, 2006. Generally, changes to the above rules will be made effective at the beginning of the next League session; only extraordinary rule changes will be made during a league in progress.