

# **S.O.P'S FOR TRAP SHOOTING**

**1-SHOOT MANAGEMENT MAY DISQUALIFY A SHOOTER FOR VIOLATION OF THESE RULES.**

**2- IT IS SHOOT MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REMOVE ANY PERSON WHO IS CONDUCTING HIMSELF/HERSELF IN AN UNSAFE MANNER.**

**3- IT IS SHOOT MANNAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INSTRUCT THE TRAP HELP IN THE PROPER AND SAFE CONDUCT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES.**

**4- A WARNING DEVICE WILL BE PALACED ON THE ROOF OF TRAP HOUSE BEFORE EXITING.**

**5- TRAP PERSONNEL WILL BE THOROUGHLY INSTRUCTED OF THE POTENTIAL DANGER OF THE TRAP THROWING ARM.**

**6- THE PRACTICE OF TRACKING TARGETS BEHIND A SHOOTING SQUAD IS UNSAFE, DISCONCERTING TO THE SHOOTERS, AND IS NOT PERMITTED.**

**7- IF ANY SHOOTER IS SUSPECTED OF UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OR/DRUGS THEY WILL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY FROM THE RANGE.**

**8- A GUN WHICH FOR ANY REASON FAILS TO FIRE AS INTENDED MUST BE PROMPTLY OPENED WITHOUT ANY SUBSEQUENT DETERMINATION BY THE REFEREE/SCORER OF THE CAUSE OF FAILURE TO FIRE.**

**9- ALL GUNS MUST HAVE THE ACTION OPENED AND CONTAIN NO LIVE OR EMPTY SHELLS AT ANY TIME, EXCEPT WHILE THE SHOOTER IS ON THE FIRING LINE. A BREAK OPEN GUN'S ACTION MAY BE CLOSED WHEN IT IS IN A GUN RACK BUT IT SHALL NOT CONTAIN A LIVE OR EMPTY SHELL. WHEN THE GUN IS REMOVED FROM THE RACK ACTION WILL BE OPENED.**

**10- AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION, TEST SHOTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED **UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.****

**11- A SHOOTER SHALL PLACE A LIVE SHELL IN HIS/HER GUN ONLY WHEN ON A POST FACING THE TRAPS. IN SINGLES AND HANDICAP SHOOTING HE/SHE MAY PLACE ONLY ONE (1) LIVE SHELL IN HIS/HER GUN AT A TIME AND MUST REMOVE IT OR THE EMPTY SHELL(S), **BEFORE MOVING FROM ONE POST TO ANOTHER.****

**12- SNAP CAPS OR RECOIL REDUCTION DEVICES MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE ABOVE ONLY IF COLORED A SAFTY ORANGE AS TO PERMANENTLY IDENTIFY THEM AS NOT BEING A LIVE OR EMPTY SHELL.**

**13- IN CHANGING FROM ONE (1) POST TO ANOTHER, THE SHOOTER SHALL NOT WALK IN FRONT OF THE OTHER COMPETITORS.**

**14- A SHOOTER MAY HOLD HIS/HER GUN IN ANY POSITIONAS LONG AS IT IS POINTED DOWN RANGE WHEN IT IS HIS/HER TURN TO SHOOT. THE SHOOTER MUST IN NO MANNER INTERFERE WITH THE PRECEDING SHOOTER BY RAISING HIS/HER GUN TO POINT OR OTHERWISE CREATE AN OBSERVABLE DISTRACTION.**

**15- ALL GUNS USED BY SHOOTERS MUST BE EQUIPPED SO AS NOT TO EJECT EMPTY SHELLS IN A MANNER THAT DISTURBS OR INTERFERES WITH OTHER SHOOTERS.**

**16- ALL PERSONS INCLUDING SHOOTERS, SCORERS, AND TRAP PERSONNEL **MUST WEAR APPROPRIATE EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION WHILE ON THE TRAP FIELD.** FAILURE TO**

**COMPLY YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE TRAP RANGE.**

**17- A SHOOTER CANNOT USE:  
A GUN LARGER THEN 12 GAUGE.  
LOADS THAT CONTAIN NICKEL OR COPPER  
COATED SHOT OR TRACER LOADS.HOWEVER,  
THE USE OF LEAD, BISMUTH, OR OTHER  
COMPOSITE NONTOXIC SHOT MATERIALS  
SHALL BE ALLOWED.**

**18- ANY LOAD WITH A VELOCITY GREATER  
THAN 1290 FPS WITH MAXIMUM SHOT CHARGE  
OF 1 1/8 OUNCES OR 1325 FPS WITH A MAXIMUM  
SHOT CHARGE OF 7/8 OUNCES AS MEASURED IN  
ANY INDIVIDUAL SHOTSHELL.THESE  
VELOCITIES ARE MAXIMUM AND NO  
INDIVIDUAL SHOTSHELL SHALL EXCEED  
THESE LIMITS FOR THE DESIGNATED SHOT  
CHARGE.IN ADDITION, NO LOAD CONTAINING  
MORE YHAN 1 1/8 OUNCES OR ANY SHOT  
LARGER THAN 7 ½ CAN BE USED.**

**20- THERE WILL BE NO HANDLING OR  
POINTING OF GUNS BEHIND THE LINE.**

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**Revisions:**

June 2023: Added to item #11 that all guns must be empty prior to moving from post to post on the firing line.