

South Bay Trap League

Rules

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REV. II

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The South Bay Trap League (SBTL) is organized for the purpose of providing non-registered individual and team trapshooting competitions. To ensure proper organization and management of the league, the SBTL Chairman, League Management and the Handicap Committee (see N) have been established. The SBTL Chairman oversees both League Management and the Handicap Committee. League Management consists of the SBTL Chairman, President, Vice President and Treasurer. The Handicap Committee consists of the League Management members and two (2) voting representatives from each Club.

The regular season consists of nine (9) shooting tournaments, including the South Bay Grand. Awards are given at all tournaments (see Sections J, K and L). The Grand is held at the end of the season. The season starts on the second Saturday of February and runs through October. The shoots are usually held on the second Saturday of the month **but may change as conflicts arise with other ATA/PITA shoots.**

Should major holidays require other deviations from the second Saturday guideline, the subsequent season's schedule will be published prior to the October Grand shoot to facilitate shooters' calendar planning for the following year.

All shoots consist of non-registered targets and are open to all who wish to participate. All events are governed by rules and regulations of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) except for the changes, additions and deletions described hereinafter.

A. EVENTS

South Bay Trap League tournaments, including the Grand, consist of three events:

Singles (16 yards)	50 targets
Handicap	50 targets
Doubles (optional for Juniors)	50 targets (25 pair)
TOTAL Of	150 targets

The following ATA rules have been abbreviated where such abbreviation does not distract from the meaning and intent of the rule.

B. SAFETY RULES

Safety is the single most important consideration in trapshooting. Club management and/or SBTL Chairman may disqualify a shooter for violation of these Safety Rules which may result in further disciplinary action.

1. It is the shooter's responsibility to conduct himself/herself in a safe and reasonable manner during a tournament.

2. It is the responsibility of club and League Management to remove any competitor who handles a gun dangerously on or off the firing line, or who deliberately or carelessly violates gun safety rules, or in any manner that endangers contestants, spectators or gun club personnel.
3. The practice of tracking targets behind a shooting squad is unsafe, disconcerting to the shooters, and is not permitted.
4. Alcohol and drugs impair judgment and their use before shooting, during an event, between events and sub-events, including shoot-offs and practice, is prohibited. It is the responsibility of shoot management to remove and disqualify shooters who violate this rule. (Note: You may not shoot in a shoot-off if you have consumed alcohol, however, you can win if all other shoot-off candidates in your class, group or category have forfeited).
5. A gun which for any reason fails to fire must be held closed for 15 seconds pointed down range, then promptly opened.
6. All guns must have the action open 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.
7. As a safety precaution, test shots are not permitted.
8. A contestant shall place a live shell in his/her gun only when on a post facing traps. In Singles and Handicap, 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. In Doubles, he/she may place two (2) live shells in his/her gun at a time and must remove both live and/or empty shells before moving from one (1) post to another. When changing posts, the shooter shall not walk in front of another shooter. The shooter moving from post five (5) to post one (1), shall walk behind the other shooters with his/her gun barrel pointed in a safe direction.
9. Snap caps or recoil reduction devices may be excluded from the above only if colored a safety orange for permanent identification.
10. A contestant may hold the gun in any position when it is the contestant's turn to shoot and must in no way interfere with the other shooters by raising his or her gun to point or to otherwise create an observable distraction.

11. All guns used by shooters must be equipped, fitted and utilized so as not to eject empty shells in a manner that disturbs or interferes with other shooters.
12. All persons, including shooters, referees and trap personnel must wear appropriate eye and hearing protection while on the trap field.
13. In handicap squadding, there shall be no more than two (2) yards difference between adjacent shooters on the squad, and no more than a total difference of three (3) yards within the squad. Shooters on a squad with a three (3) yard difference must have at least a two (2) post separation between adjacent shooters.

C. SCORING

The referee/scorer shall keep an accurate record of scores for each contestant. The referee/scorer shall mark / or X for “DEAD” and 0 for “LOST” on the scoresheet. Any target scored other than clearly with /, X or 0, or which is scored with both an X and 0, shall be “LOST” unless the word “DEAD” is clearly printed beside or above it. The referee/scorer shall announce, LOST when the target is missed and *NO TARGET* when no target is thrown or a target is thrown broken. It is the responsibility of the shooter to confirm their score before their first (1st) shot on the next field. Scores of the competition shall be official and govern all awards and records of the competition.

Listed below are rules and definitions that deal with situations common to competitive shooting.

1. **Dead Target:** A target fired upon which has a visible piece broken from it or is completely reduced to dust by the shot shall be scored as a DEAD target.
2. **Lost Target is when:**
 - a. A target fired upon and missed or dusted (a puff of dust without a visible piece or pieces).
 - b. A whole target which appears promptly after a shooter’s call and is within the legal limits of flight and the shooter voluntarily does not fire.
 - c. An illegal target, freak target, or a target of a markedly different color that is fired at and missed is a LOST target. Such targets can be refused, but if fired at, they must be scored.
 - d. A missed target resulting from a “soft load” when the wad clears the barrel is a LOST target. If the wad does not clear the barrel, the **Failure to Fire rule may be applicable**).
 - e. Target(s) left unscored on the scoresheet will be scored as LOST by League Management.
 - f. A target deliberately fired at twice in doubles is a LOST pair.
3. **“No Target” requires the shooter to have another target or pair when:**

- a. The referee/scorer announces NO TARGET.
- b. An allowable “Failure to Fire” (see section 4 below)
- c. A target is thrown broken, regardless of the result of any shot fired.
- d. Debris is thrown on the shooter’s call along with a whole target(s).
- e. A shooter fires out of turn.
- f. More than one (1) shooter fires at the same target.
- g. A target is thrown at any material interval of time before or after the call of the shooter (early or late target), provided the shooter does not fire. If the shooter fires, the target is scored.
- h. An incorrect number of targets is thrown, regardless of whether the shooter fires.
- i. An illegal, freak (flipper), or target of markedly different color is thrown, provided the shooter does not fire. If the shooter fires, the result must be scored.
- j. The shooter does not stand behind his/her proper yard marker, or straddling an imaginary line drawn through the center of the trap house and the center of the shooting post. Exceptions will be made for wheelchair shooters and may be made by the referee/ scorer when there are inequalities in the shooting platform
- k. A contestant inadvertently shoots one (1) post at the incorrect yardage shall be allowed to move to the correct yardage and reshoot only those targets scored DEAD on that post. Targets shot at the incorrect yardage and scored LOST shall remain LOST. Targets shot at the incorrect yardage on more than one post shall be scored LOST.
- l. In doubles, if the shooter fires at an illegal first target and the second target is legal, the shooter must also fire at the second target, and if the shooter fails to do so, the legal second target shall be scored LOST. After a shooter has fired at either a legal or illegal first target, the shooter is not required to fire at an illegal second target, but if the shooter does fire, the result must be scored.
- m. If a shooter fails to fire for any reason other than as stated in paragraph C.2. above, it may be allowed as a NO TARGET.

4. **Failures to Fire:**

- a. A contestant shall be allowed two (2) failures to fire for any reason including a flinch during each Singles and Handicap sub-event, regardless of length. When the first or second allowable failure to fire occurs, the shooter shall be allowed to call and shoot again. After two (2) failures to fire all further occurrences in that same sub- event shall be scored LOST. In shoot-offs, there is only one (1) allowable failure to fire for each shoot-off round and type of event.
- b. A contestant shall be allowed two (2) FAILURES TO FIRE during each Doubles sub- event if the failure occurs when the contestant attempts to shoot the first target of a doubles pair, or when the contestant attempts to shoot the second target of a doubles pair after the first target has been fired at and broken and would have been scored DEAD. When the first target of a doubles pair is fired at and missed and that target would be scored LOST and an allowable failure to fire occurs on the second target, the shooter may shoot another pair. In such circumstances the shooter must shoot at both targets of the repeat pair, but the first target shall be scored LOST regardless of the result of the actual shot, and the second target shall be scored as

shot. When the first or second allowable failure occurs in any doubles sub-event, the contestant shall be allowed to call for and fire at another pair of targets and the result of the new pair will be scored in accordance with these Official Rules.

- c. When a defective gun doubles or machine guns, whether or not the first target would have been scored DEAD or LOST, and whether or not either target is legal or illegal, the referee/scorer shall rule this as a Failure to Fire the results of which shall NOT be scored. The contestant shall be required to shoot the pair again and the results scored accordingly.

D. OTHER RULES AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. **Scoring Errors** – Mistakes are made—changes to the scoresheet must be made BEFORE the shooter, whose score is under question, fires the first shot at the next station. In the case of a change in a scoresheet involving the last station, the correction must be made before the shooters leave the field. The scorer has the final say in making changes as to how a target is scored. Arithmetic errors shall be corrected in the shoot office.
2. **Squad Leader** – The shooter on post 1 is the Squad Leader. If post 1 is vacant, then the shooter on post 2 is the squad leader, and so forth. The Squad Leader is the only shooter who can ask to see a target prior to starting the sub-event. One whole and legal target or one whole and legal pair of doubles is allowed. In shoot-offs, two targets or two pairs are allowed. The Squad Leader should check and initial the scoresheet at the completion of each sub-event and shall have the responsibility to carry the scoresheet between traps. SBTL requires the Squad Leader to deliver the scoresheet to the office as soon as possible after each event.
3. **Delays or Trap Problems** – If a shooter experiences a broken or illegal target, or if there is a delay due to a trap or gun malfunction, the shooter in turn may ask to see one whole and legal target (or one pair in doubles) before resuming shooting.
4. **Resetting Traps** – Should a trap be throwing targets that, although not necessarily illegal, appreciably vary from other traps, any shooter may request that club management reset the trap even though prior squads have shot. Shooters can't shoot at a target then request them to be changed. All target adjustments must be made prior to the start of the round. Management has the final word on resetting traps.
5. **Post Change** – It is the duty of the referee/scorer to see that the shooters change posts at the proper time; however, any targets shot after failure to move at the proper time shall be scored.

E. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. **SBTL shoots are open to all shooters.** Team (club) competition is an important part of SBTL. All new shooters are requested to declare their team at their first shoot. If a

shooter chooses not to declare a team but becomes a member of a participating team during the SBTL season, scores prior to becoming a member cannot be counted toward team scores. In addition, to be eligible for year-end awards, a shooter must participate in at least five tournaments.

2. **Registration** for each shoot will close when the last squad is on deck for the first event and the last squad takes the field.
3. **Shooters who register early** may choose their squads and positions, depending upon availability, but after the first 15 minutes of squadding, the squadding person may place the shooter where needed to fill the squads.
4. **Shooters may squad at the shoot** or through pre-squadding to speed sign-ups at the shoot. Shooters not present when their squad is called to the line will be re-squadded at the discretion of the Handicap Committee, and upon repeated lateness or absences, may lose their pre-squad privileges. Pre-squadded shooters who miss two shoots in a row without informing SBTL will be removed from the pre-squad list.
5. **Shooter Teams.** While SBTL encourages team competition, shooters are not required to declare a team. Once a shooter declares their team, it cannot be changed for the duration of that season. If by the second shoot, there are less than five (5) members of a particular team, SBTL reserves the right to disband the team and will allow the shooters to choose a new team.
6. **Shooters pay for all events.** Shooters, except for Junior shooters (who may elect not to shoot the doubles event) must pay for all events even though they may choose not to shoot all events. After starting their first event, shooters will not receive refunds for any events not shot or completed unless such events are cancelled.
7. **A shooter who has either an ATA or PITA card** must present it, if requested, when registering.

F. CLASSIFICATION

1. Shooter Responsibility

- a. The shooter is responsible for notifying the Handicap Committee at each shoot registration if he/she should be shooting at a higher class or longer yardage due to:
 - The shooter's class or yardage from ATA, PITA, NBTL, or any other organized competition being higher than his/her current SBTL class or yardage.
 - The shooter's high score or trophy score at a recent SBTL shoot which has not been reflected in his/her classification. See **Earned Reclassification**. Failure to bring this to the attention of the committee prior to the awarding of

trophies will result in forfeiture of all money or any trophy won due to any misclassification or incorrect yardage.

- Scores shot at an incorrect class or yardage will still count for all awards (in the correct class or yardage) if the mistake is corrected prior to the awarding of trophies. If scores are shot at an incorrect yardage, then the shooter will have to reshoot at the correct yardage prior to submission of the score sheet or are subject to disqualification. Shooting in a higher class or longer yardage will be interpreted as an election by the shooter, with no reduction in the current year.

2. Score Accuracy

- a. At each shoot, the shooter is responsible for verifying the accuracy of posted scores.
- b. Scores in error for each shoot must be identified to the office staff before shoot-offs begin at the end of each shoot. Errors identified after that time can only be corrected towards year-end awards and averages. (Note: A five-minute shoot-off announcement will be made at each shoot. Please make sure you review your posted scores and determine if correction may be warranted.)
- c. For purposes of the next shoot's handicapping, the shooter needs to identify the error before registration of the next SBTL shoot in which they participate. If a shooter fails to alert management in time, the scores will be deemed to be correct as posted.

3. Special Categories

- a. The shooter is responsible for declaring his/her Special Category at each shoot registration. Such declaration cannot be made after the shooter has started the first event. The preprinted entry card/label may contain a category entry, and if so, the shooter will automatically be entered in that category unless he/she specifically indicates to the contrary. A shooter cannot compete in more than one category.
- b. Categories are Regular Member, Veteran (65-69 years), Senior Veteran (70 years or older), adult Lady and Juniors (under 18 years). A category shooter may elect to shoot in a different category, for which he or she may qualify. However, any earned reclassification in any category will apply to that shooter for the next six shoots, including the Grand.

4. Classification Table

The Handicap Committee uses the following table as a guide in establishing a shooter's classification and yardage:

SINGLES (16 YARD) AVERAGE	CLASS
97.0% (48.50 – 50.00)	AA
94.0 % (47.00 – 48.49)	A
91.0% (45.50 – 46.99)	B
88.0% (44.00 – 45.49)	C
<88.0% (below 44.00)	D

HANDICAP AVERAGE

>96%	(48.00 – 50.00)
95 to 96%	(47.50 – 47.99)
80 to 82%	(40.00 – 40.99)
<80%	(0 – 39.99)

ADJUSTMENT

one yard increase
½ yard increase
½ yard decrease
one yard decrease

DOUBLES AVERAGE

93.0%	(46.50 – 50.00)
89.0%	(44.50 – 46.49)
85.0%	(42.50 – 44.49)
78.0%	(39.00 – 42.49)
<78.0%	(below 39.00)

CLASS

AA
A
B
C
D

5. Beginning Classifications

- a. New shooters (no ATA, PITA or NBTL history) will be initially classified as follows:

Ladies and Juniors:	Singles:	D class
	Handicap:	19 yards
	Doubles:	D class

Men:	Singles:	B class
	Handicap:	22 yards
	Doubles:	B class

- b. A shooter new to SBTL with an ATA, PITA or NBTL record must shoot the highest class or longest yardage currently effective in these associations. If the shooter has insufficient targets to establish an average per the rules of the ATA, PITA or NBTL, then the shooter will be classified as a new shooter.
- c. A new SBTL shooter that has known ability above the classifications in paragraph 5.a. may be placed at the appropriate class/yardage by the handicapper. The handicapper shall have the authority to make the decision in the absence of average information from any of the above associations.
- d. A former SBTL shooter who returns after missing one or more years will be classified at the highest class/yardage of any of the above associations, or the previously class and yardage on record if appropriate. The handicapper shall have the authority to make the decision in the absence of any information from the above associations.
- e. A shooter may elect to compete in a higher class or longer yardage than what has been assigned. However, if that is done, the shooter may not have a lower classification or yardage for the current shoot season in which they participate, regardless of shooting average.

6. Shooter's Ongoing Classification

- a. Shooter's minimum classifications are determined by SBTL wins in the current season, SBTL average, known ability, or shooter declaration if it is a higher class or longer yardage than the other factors.
- b. SBTL manual corrections to shooter's classifications; SBTL works very hard to equitably classify all shooters at our events. Occasionally, even with our best effort, a shooter will end up misclassified. SBTL retains the right to correct a shooter's classification prior to a shooter participating in an event.

7. **Earned Reclassification/Minimums**

Earned reclassification/minimums is an advance in the classification or handicap yardage for reasons other than an increase in the shooter's average. The duration of an earned reclassification/minimum is defined by the type of reclassification that is earned.

A shooter who has either won a trophy or forfeited a trophy shoot-off in an event class, will be increased to one class (Singles, Doubles), or one yard (Handicap). High Over All will be increased one class and yard in all qualifying events.

A shooter can only earn one reclassification per event, and a shooter's earned reclassification stands for the remainder of the current shoot season

8. **Year-End Buckle Class Determination**

Year-end buckle classification is established after participation in an aggregate of five (5) shoots on record. The five (5) shoots can be any combination from seasons back three years including the current season. Year-end buckle class is established as follows:

- a. If a shooter has five (5) or more tournaments on record from the beginning of the season, the year-end buckle classification/yardage will be the same as the shooter's first shoot.
- b. If a shooter has less than five (5) tournaments on record at the beginning of the season, the year-end buckle classification/yardage will be determined and set after the fifth SBTL score and will be based on the shooter's sixth tournament.
- c. Scores shot at the SBTL GRAND are used in year-end buckle class determination.

G. ASSESSMENTS AND SHOOTING FEES

1. The league is supported by a combination of club team fees, newsletter advertising and shooter fees. The main support is from shooter fees. This funding is used to pay for all supplies, miscellaneous office expenses, All-Star pins, 1000 Bird awards, Year-End buckles and awards, and Grand awards.
2. The yearly fee assessed by each club team is \$100.00(One Hundred) for each tournament. These fees will help pay for year-end awards and prizes for the Grand.
3. The hosting club is paid for each 25 targets shot during an SBTL tournament. SBTL does not pay for shoot-off targets. All other funds from entry fees are retained by the league.
4. League Management sets targets fees as agreed with all hosting clubs.

H. PURSES AND OPTIONS

All purses and options are optional and must have at least five (5) entries, otherwise option fee is refunded. The following are options available:

1. Singles & Doubles have a Lewis Purse - \$5.00 (100%, high gun, five groups).
2. Handicap options:
 - a. Lewis Purse - \$5.00 (100%, high gun, five groups)
 - b. 25 options - \$5.00 (60/40%, percentage system)
 - c. Yardage Purse - \$5.00 (50/30/20%, percentage system)
 - d. Perfect 50's Option - \$5.00. This option is progressive and pays 75% for a perfect 50, ties divide.

Payoffs may be picked up at end of shoot unless otherwise posted. Payoffs not collected by the end of the shoot will per present at the following shoot.

I. CLUB TEAM SCORES

Each club has a team score at each tournament which consists of its five (5) highest combined shooter's scores.

J. TOURNAMENT TROPHIES/AWARDS

1. Each hosting club is responsible for providing the awards. The following trophies are awarded at each tournament in precedence order:
 - High Over All
 - Handicap Groups: (19-21 Yd), (22-23 Yd), (24-25 Yd), (26-27 Yd)
 - Doubles Classes: AA, A, B, C, D
 - Singles Classes: AA, A, B, C, D
 - High Lady
 - High Veteran (65-69 years of age)
 - High Senior Veteran (70 years of age and older)
 - High Junior (under 18 years of age)
2. All shooters are limited to one (1) trophy per tournament.
3. For those shooters that qualify and declare themselves in a Lady, Veteran or Senior Veteran, trophies are determined by combining their Singles, Handicap and Doubles scores. Declarations will be ongoing until the shooter changes at a subsequent tournament.
4. For those shooters that qualify and declare themselves a Junior, the trophy is determined by combining the Singles and Handicap scores only. Juniors who elect to shoot the Doubles event are eligible for the Doubles class trophy.
5. Two (2) shooters are required to constitute a class or category. When the minimum is not met, it is at the discretion of the hosting club to award the individual trophy.
6. A shooter who is tied for an award but is a clear winner for a lower award of precedence, may elect to accept the lower award. Such action would constitute a forfeiture of the higher trophy which will result in an increase in class or yardage.

K. YEAR-END AWARDS

Only members in good standing of SBTL who have participated in at least six (6) shoots in the current season, including the Grand, are eligible to win any of the year-end awards. These awards are presented at the Grand. A shooter may win only one year-end award. Note that the All-Star awards, 1000 Bird awards and Team Trophies do not include the score from the Grand.

1. Year-End Awards

a. High Over All (HOA)

The High Over All is awarded to the shooter with the highest six (6) shoot total of tournament scores, including the Grand, regardless of classification or yardage. In the event of a tie, the next highest tournament scores will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists after seven (7) tournament scores, the winner will be determined by a shoot-off in accordance with Section L.4.

b. High Handicap Award by Yardage

A Handicap Buckle is awarded for each of the four (4) yardage groups. The winner in each yardage group is determined by combining the shooter's six (6) handicap scores of the regular league season including the Grand handicap score. In the event of a tie, the next highest tournament scores will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists after seven (7) tournament scores, the winner will be determined by a shoot-off in accordance with Section L.5.

c. High Doubles Award by Class

A Doubles Buckle is awarded for each of the five (5) classes. The winner of each class is determined by combining the shooter's best six (6) doubles scores of the regular league season including the Grand. In the event of a tie, the next highest tournament scores will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists after seven (7) tournament scores, the winner will be determined by a shoot-off in accordance with Section L.6.

d. High Singles Award by Class

A Singles Buckle is awarded for each of the five (5) classes. The winner of each class is determined by combining the shooter's best six (6) singles scores of the regular league season including the Grand. In the event of a tie, the next highest tournament scores will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists after seven (7) tournament scores, the winner will be determined by a shoot-off in accordance with Section L.7.

SBTL has a long tradition of providing year-end awards that are exquisite. This tradition of providing such awards will not be broken.

2. All-Star Awards

An All-Star award is awarded to the twenty shooters with the highest combined six (6) tournament scores, excluding the Grand. In the event of a tie for the 20th position, all will receive the award and will compete for the All-Star trophies at the Grand. The 21st and higher positions are alternates who will take the place of any All-Star shooter who does not attend the Grand.

3. 1000 Bird Award

A 1000 Bird Pin is awarded to every shooter who breaks 1000 birds, or more, during the regular league season, excluding the Grand.

4. High Team and Runner-Up Team Trophies

High Team and Runner-Up Team trophies are awarded to the teams with the highest and second highest total scores achieved during the regular league season, excluding the Grand. In the event of a tie, the club with the greatest aggregate of first, second, and third place wins will be declared the winner. For this purpose, first place is equal to three (3) points, second place two (2) points, and third place one (1) point.

L. SOUTH BAY GRAND AWARDS

All shooters may qualify for the South Bay Grand awards.

1. All-Star Trophies

Shooters that qualify for a Year-End All-Star award are required to shoot as a South Bay Grand All Star. First place and Runner-Up trophies will be awarded to the All-Star shooters with the highest and second highest score, regardless of class/yardage in each of the following: High Over All, Handicap, Doubles, and Singles. All Star shooters are not eligible for participation awards.

2. Participation Trophies

Participation trophies are provided by the club and meet the same requirements as defined in Section I above. All shooters, not selected as All Stars are eligible for these trophies.

3. Added Money

- a. In addition to the trophies noted above, the league may provide added prize money. The amount to be added (if any) will be determined by League Management based on the financial condition of the league. Individuals may also contribute to the league specifically for added money at the Grand.
- b. All added money will be awarded only at the handicap event at the Grand. It will be divided equally among the four yardage groups and presented to the top three scores in each group based on a 50/30/20% percentage system.
- c. All shooters who have shot at least three (3) SBTL tournaments in the current season are eligible to win Added Money, at no cost to the shooter.

M. SHOOT-OFFS

To prevent disputes and to complete shoot-offs in a timely manner, the following rules apply:

1. Shoot-offs will be completed in the order necessary to facilitate the award precedence as set forth in Section I.
2. All ties for trophies will be decided by shoot-offs unless otherwise agreed to by all participants; the participant declines or forfeits the trophy; or has already left the

tournament. If a shooter declines or forfeits the trophy, the shooter will not be eligible to shoot off for another lower trophy in the order of shoot-offs. If a shooter has left the tournament, he/she will be eliminated by default. **(NOTE: A shooter who has or is consuming alcohol prior to shoot-offs is eliminated, however, the shooter is eligible for a trophy if all other candidates have forfeited.)**

3. A shooter who has tied for a trophy in more than one event may participate in more than one shoot-off. However, if the shooter wins a shoot-off, the shooter must accept that trophy and is eliminated from any further shoot-offs.
4. **The HIGH OVER ALL shoot-off** consists of ten (10) targets at 16 yards, ten (10) targets at the shooters' respective handicap yardage, and five (5) pairs of doubles. Shoot-off is two (2) per station in Singles and Handicap, and one (1) pair per station in Doubles. In the event of a tie, a sliding handicap from station 1 at the shooters' respective yardage, follow the leader—one miss-and-out will determine the winner.
5. **Handicap shoot-offs** will be shot from each shooter's respective yardage, two (2) targets from each station. In the event of a tie, a sliding handicap from station 1 at the shooters' respective yardage, follow the leader—one miss-and-out will determine the winner. When the longest shooter reaches 27 yards, the shooters will remain at their current positions. When the sliding handicap is reached, leadoff will alternate.
6. **Doubles shoot-offs** will be shot from the 16-yard line, a pair from each station. In the event of a tie, a follow the leader—one miss and out will determine the winner.
7. **Singles shoot-offs** will be shot from the 16-yard line, two (2) targets from each station. In the event of a tie, a sliding handicap from station 1 at the shooters' respective yardage, follow the leader—one miss-and-out will determine the winner. When the sliding handicap starts, leadoff will alternate.
8. In the event of a shoot-off only the winner of that shoot-off will advance. The shooter who loses the shoot-off will not advance. If a shooter in a shoot-off leaves the club then they forfeit their right to a shoot-off. The shooter that is present will win the shoot-off and advance.
9. Shoot Management may amend a shoot-off to settle or avoid a lengthy shoot-off if all participants agree.

N. HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Ensure traps are properly set in conformance with ATA rules.
2. Provide scorekeepers and trap personnel for each event. In Doubles, participants may request another scorekeeper when one proves inadequate to the demands of the task.
3. Ensure that all scorekeepers are knowledgeable about all ATA rules applicable to scoring.

4. Ensure the tournaments start on schedule and provide any required assistance to Shoot Management, especially regarding safety issues.
5. Provide awards for shoot winners. At least nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) must be spent on purchased awards.
6. Have food and beverages available for the shooters and their guests.
7. Assume all liability for the safety of the participants and must carry liability insurance.

O. LEAGUE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Coordinate rule changes, shooting dates, and any other changes affecting League operations.
2. Classify, squad and cashier all shooters at each tournament.
3. Provide scoresheets, enter and post scores, calculate options and determine trophy winners.
4. After each tournament, distribute to all active shooters the results, team standings and shooter classifications for the next tournament. All results will also be posted on SBTL's website at southbaytragleague.com.
5. Maintain running averages of all shooters and publish standings for Year-End awards.
6. Interpret League rules to resolve any disputes regarding rules and shooter classifications.
7. Ensure conduct of shooters is kept within range safety and hosting club's rules.
8. Participate in all applicable meetings or conferences concerning the organization and/or operation of the League.
9. Encourage League shooters to discuss with League Management and Handicap Committee members suggestions regarding the operation of a tournament, suggestions regarding changes or improvements to the rules, or any other issues affecting the League.

P. GOVERNING BODY

1. **Officers:** Chairman of the board, Assistant Chairman, President, Vice-President, Treasure, Secretary, ScoresR Manager, Director of Awards and Club Delegates.
2. **Election of Officers:** There are only certain positions up for election. They are President, Vice-President, Treasure, Secretary, Score Keeper and Director of Awards and Club Delegates. These positions are up for election every three (3) years. Each club is allowed to vote. Every shoot club has one (1) vote towards the board member positions. Chairman and Assistant Chairman are not eligible for election. These positions are held until these individuals decide to retire or have violated the code of conduct set forth above. Any officer

can be asked to leave for any violation. If such violation occurs it is up to the officers and handicap committee to decide.

3. Duties of Officers:

- a. **Chairman of the Board:** To oversee all operations pertaining to the South Bay Trap League. The Chairman has final say on all issues. The Chairman of the Board holds position until they are ready to retire or violated the code of conduct set forth above. This position is not up for election.
- b. **Assistant Chairman:** To assist in all operations of the South Bay Trap League. The Assistant Chairman holds their position until they choose to retire. This position is not up for election.
- c. **President:** Manages the shoots, helps where help is needed during shoots, takes care of any issues that may arise during tournament. Provides necessary reports for each meeting.
- d. **Vice-President:** Resolves disputes among league members and board members. Helps with the daily shoot program. Make sure each facility is ready to conduct a South Bay Trap League shoot.
- e. **Treasurer:** Responsible for all monies during the shoot day. Distributes cash prizes for shooters who are present to collect. Make sure all money is collected and accounted for at the end of the shoot. Treasurer is responsible for paying the club and the South Bay Trap League. Complete financial report at end of each shoot. Make sure to have the financial report available for every scheduled meeting.
- f. **Secretary:** Take notes at meetings, send out the monthly newsletter, take care of any paperwork for the league. Helps with shoot day tasks.
- g. **Scores R Manager:** Is responsible for setting up the scoring program. They are also responsible for classifying and handicapping shooters. ScoreR manager is responsible for making sure the pre-squad list is correct and squadding for each tournament. They must make sure the scores are inputted correctly the day of the shoot. ScoresR manager is not part of SBTL, but is contracted by SBTL to conduct the scoring, classification, and squadding of each shoot. ScoresR manager must follow the specific SBTL guidelines.
- h. **Director of Awards:** Responsible for making sure the clubs have trophies for our events, making sure the club has spent the required amount on awards and responsible for handing out awards after the shoot. If the shooter is not present for their award, then the director will take possession of the award and hand it to the shooter at the next shoot. The Director of Awards is also responsible for assigning the awards to the right shooter and in charge of shoot offs.
- i. **Club Delegates:** Each club that is involved with the South Bay Trap League is allowed to have up to three (3) club delegates. The club delegates are persons that are to represent their club. Delegates are elected by the Chairman of the Board/ Shoot Club management. Their positions are up for a vote if anyone wishes to contest them. They are allowed to vote on all league issues. Even though there are three delegates per club, their vote only counts as one (1) vote. There is a total of five (5) clubs in the South Bay Trap League.

Definitions

SBTL- South Bay Trap League

Shoot Season- February to October of current year. Total of nine (9) shoots including the Grand

Club- Where the shoot tournament takes place. Shooting facility

League- Management for the shoot tournament

ScoresR- Management system used to keep score, track of options played, and shooter information

Legal target- Please refer to the ATA rules on setting legal targets

Score sheet- Sheet where a score keeper marks down hits and misses for all contestants