

Sporting Clays

Rules & Regulations

Safety

1. **Safety is everyone's responsibility.**
2. Eye and ear protection is mandatory for all competitors and spectators.
3. There will be no loaded guns going to or leaving the range.
4. Guns must remain unloaded with action open at all times, except when a shooter is on-station, ready to call for targets. Break action shotguns may be closed while stored in a gun stand or rack but must be unloaded. When preparing to shoot, shotguns shall be loaded with no more than two shotgun shells at a time.
5. Guns can only be loaded when positioned downrange at a shooting station, and only when it is your turn to shoot. All guns must be cleared before leaving a shooting station, with actions open while keeping the gun pointed downrange at all times until cleared.
6. In case of a misfire, keep your gun pointed in a safe direction for 30 seconds with your gun action closed. After that time, you may open your gun to correct the misfire problem.
7. While trappers at your station or at adjacent stations are moving into position, team members shall maintain all guns open and unloaded. Only authorized personnel may touch the trap equipment. Any shooter caught "adjusting "trap" machinery will be immediately disqualified.
8. There will be no shooting at any other locations other than the clearly designated shooting areas on the shooting range.
9. Only one person can shoot at station at one time. Spectators and waiting shooters must stay in a proper and safe area.
10. Guns must be secured to vehicles only in a vertical position.
11. **NO GUNS ON TOES! Gun muzzles are never allowed to rest on a shooter's foot.**
12. No one under 18 years of age may normally operate a vehicle of any type on the shooting range. In order for a youth shooter under 18 to driver on the clay course in order to shoot, they must have a valid driver's license.
13. Tobacco, Vapes, Alcohol, or Illegal Drugs are not allowed anywhere on Camp Don Harrington property!
14. **Camp Don Harrington's Speed Limit is 15 miles per hour!** Any shooter or volunteer displaying gross negligence while driving, while shooting, or at any other time during the event will be immediately ejected from the competition and asked to leave Camp Don Harrington. **No driving backwards on the course!** . Please drive from station to station going towards the next higher station number. For example, go from station 4 to station 5, and so on.
15. **Open Carry is NOT allowed at Camp Don Harrington.**

The Course

16. Don't leave empty shells on the ground. Pick them up and dispose of them in the shell buckets provided.
17. The course consists of shooting numbered stations, that consist of various targets. The number and characteristics of targets from each station (the course of fire) will be determined by the event sponsor and will be the same for all shooters. Targets will be propelled in a manner to resemble the characteristics of a game bird or animal typically taken by a sporting shotgun.

Equipment

18. Shotguns of 12 gauge or smaller, are to be used in attempting all targets. Shotguns fitted for multiple chokes are permitted. Shooters are allowed to change chokes only between stations. **All shotgun shells used during the tournament are to be no larger than 7 and 1/2 and no smaller than 9 shot size.**

Conduct of the Shoot

19. Groups of 4 competitors will form a team and will proceed to the assigned starting station. Only one team may shoot at a station at a time.
20. Members of the team take turns at shooting. Beginning order of shooters from station to station is up to the individual team. When all members of a team have completed shooting at a station, the team rotates (moves) to the next numerically higher designated station. If rotating from station 15, the next station shall be station 1.
21. To be scored as "hit" or "dead," and designated on score cards as an "X," the clay must separate into at least two clearly discernible pieces in the judgment of the scorekeeper/field judge. Targets not struck and broken shall be called "lost" or "missed" and designated by an "O" on scorecards.
22. **In the event of a "no bird" on any pair, nothing is established, and the pair is shot over. This also applies to gun/ammo malfunctions while shooting pairs.**
23. At the start of shooting at a new station, the squad may elect to throw one target pair for viewing. After that, no more "view" targets may be called for by any member of the team at that station.
24. Pairs will be presented as true or report pairs. In a true pair both clays come out simultaneously. In a report pair one clay is thrown, with the second clay following as soon as the gun is fired. A shooter may attempt two shots at the same bird, or at different birds. Should the shooter break both targets with one shot, and then the result will be scored as two "kills."
25. The Lewis Class System will be used to determine winners (Individual and Team.) In case of ties the winner will be decided by the highest number of targets broken on a particular course station. That station will be predetermined and selected by the sporting clays course operator. If there is still a tie, the next successive numerical clays course station(s) will be used in the above manner until a winner is determined.
26. **All shooters are responsible for checking their own scores before they leave each station. No changes to a scorecard will be made once a shooter leaves a station.**
27. **MULLIGAN** - ONE MULLIGAN TICKET provides a shooter with a perfect score on one Station TBD. Mulligans will be available for purchase during check-in/registration. **MULLIGANS CANNOT HURT YOUR SCORE, SO BE SURE TO BUY ONE AT REGISTRATION!!!** Only one Mulligan ticket per shooter is allowed. The Mulligan station is determined by the course director at his/her discretion. A Mulligan ticket also enters participant into drawing for a selected prize. Purchase of Mulligan will be noted on the score card. **Mulligans will count in determining final scores and scores will not be treated any differently if you do or do not purchase a Mulligan ticket!** (Some shoots will use provide the shooter to select their station---TBD)
28. Please note that the Golden Spread Council has the right to take photographs of event shooters, visitors, and volunteers during the event, and will likely be flying a photography drone during the tournament. Photos may be used for future marketing.