

# Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park

## Trap Shooting - Range Rules

### Introduction

The purposes of these rules are to provide a safe and secure setting for the members, guest, and observers, of the Club, to engage in American style trapshooting. Our three trap fields have been laid out and certified, in accordance with the stipulations, distances and safety zones prescribed by the ATA and NRA. The designated safety zones, fields of fire limits, and ammunition restrictions, enable our fields to be used safely and provide a safety zone for other inhabited areas of the Club, and neighboring land owners. These rules have been adopted from the Safety section of the Official Rules of the ATA, and the general safety range rules of the NSSF and the NRA, to provide operational guidance, for both formal trapshooting events, and all other informal use of the fields.

### Administration

The Chairman of the Trap Committee controls the operation of the trap fields. The Club President approves scheduling of the use of the trap fields. Non- scheduled, informal, use of the trap fields with associated equipment is restricted to Trap Committee members. Club members, not on the Trap Committee, may use the fields during non-scheduled times but must conform to the “Rules for Use of Trap Fields with Private Throwing Machines or Hand Throwers”. (See attachment)

### General Procedures

All shooters and scorers require eye and hearing protection.

Tracking of targets behind a shooter is not permitted.

The consumption of alcohol is not permitted. The judgement, as to whether a shooter is impaired, and therefore unsafe, is strictly up to the management.

All guns must have the action open and contain no live shell or empty shell at any time, except while the shooter is on the firing line. The gun action may be closed when in the gun rack, but shall not contain a live or empty shell.

You may put a live shell in your gun when you are on the firing line and facing the trap. Limit of one shell for Singles and Handicap, and two shells for Doubles.

Snap caps must be colored orange if you are going to have them in the gun on the firing line.

Test firing or practice firing of a gun at any place on the trap fields other than on the firing line or at the pattern board is not permitted. Exceptions to this rule are on a case by case basis approved by the management.

Use of the patterning board is not allowed during scheduled use of the trap fields. A separate list of Patterning Board Rules is attached.

Ungentlemanly behavior, disorderly behavior, physical or verbal abuse and threats, are not tolerated, and are considered grounds for ejection.

The trap fields are restricted to the following gun and ammunition specifications. (These restrictions minimize the possibility of the shot fall pattern exceeding the trap field design safety zones.)

Maximum gauge: 12

Maximum shot size: 7 ½, unplated, lead

Maximum velocity of load not to exceed: 1290 fps for 1 1/8 oz, 1325 fps for 1 oz., and 1350 fps for 7/8 oz.

Maximum shot weight not to exceed 1 1/8 oz.

No slugs, flares or any other rounds not considered Trap target rounds.

### **Shooters Responsibility**

It is each shooter's responsibility to know the range rules, handle his weapon and shoot in a safe manner. Each shooter should consider himself a "range safety officer". Any unsafe situations should be corrected immediately and/or be brought to the attention of the management.

### **References**

Additional detail and intent of the above rules may be obtained by reading the general range safety guidelines published by the NRA and NSSF. The ATA publishes Official Rules each year and changes are posted on the ATA bulletin board in the clubhouse. A copy of the ATA rules book is available from the ATA website. [www.shootata.com](http://www.shootata.com)

### **Suggestions and Corrections**

Any corrections or suggestions to these rules should be submitted to the Chairman of the Trap Committee.