



Ozaukee Scholastic Shooting Sports Handbook

(Shooters, Parents, Coaches, Parent Volunteers)

2022 Season

Mission

To allow youth shooters to safely and responsibly participate in shooting sports

Goals

1. To instill in each shooter safe, responsible handling and storage of firearms.
2. To guide each shooter as they develop a proficiency in a sport that can be shared and enjoyed with family, friends, and community for a lifetime.
3. To help each shooter reach his/her potential both within and outside of the shooting sports.
4. Provide shooters with positive role models that teach safe handling of firearms and respect for others.
5. To provide students with the opportunity to letter in their sport of choice – trap shooting.
6. To strengthen connections within families and communities through lifelong recreational shooting sports activities.

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Trap Shooting

Shooting Day and times: See posted schedule.

- Weekly league – Monday night’s time depends on squad assignment. Changes in the schedule will be posted.
- Conference – Typically on Monday however we may be required to travel on a different night to meet the hosting club’s availability. Please see the conference schedule.
- Competitions – Shooters will be notified of dates and times as they are scheduled.

If you are unable to attend a team function you must notify your head coach.

Trap

League: Initial fee - \$130 (includes one punch card of 10 rounds), plus cost of ammunition.

Conference: Cost of shooting for the Kettle Moraine Conference each week is: \$8-10.00 for two rounds depending on the club. Cash must be paid at the time of the shoot to the club you are shooting at. Your punch card may only be used for home shoots.

Competitions: Most competitions will need to be paid at the time of the shoot. A few of the competitions must be paid a few weeks prior to the shoot. You will be notified of payment cost and timeframe.

Pistol

Initial fee: \$80

Practice Shooting Day and Times: Tuesday, 3:30 to 6:00 pm.

Competitions: Cost varies by event with state matches approximately \$25/gun; regionals \$35/gun; nationals \$55/gun. The team participates in a minimum of three competitions per year.

Eligibility to Participate in OSSS

- Each shooter must be in middle or high school and reside or attend schools within Ozaukee County.
- Shooters must possess a current Hunter's Safety Certificate.
- Shooters must have satisfactory academic performance/attendance and be deemed eligible to participate in extracurricular activities as determined by school athletic participation policies. The Head Coach may request to see current academic grades.
- Shooters must provide their own transportation to practice, league, and any competition shoots.
- Shooters must ride the bus to away conference meets. We will meet at Ozaukee Fish and Game. Times will be provided the Sunday before the shoot.
- Shooters must have access to a firearm - either 12 or 20 gauge in satisfactory working condition as well as provide their own ammunition.
- All shooters must complete and submit a Consent & Waiver Form, Medical Consent, and Sportsmanship Contract prior to any live shooting.
- Any student shooting OSSS league who decides to shoot at conference, state or national competition must only shoot for OSSS. Transferring between clubs or other school is prohibited.

Clay Sports Season

League Season: runs from March through May (new shooters may begin on Dry Fire in January).

Kettle Moraine Trap Shooting High School Conference: runs March through May.

Competition Shoots: done locally on weekends. Participation in state and nationals will be determined once the season starts.

Pistol/Rifle Season

League Season: runs from March through May

Virtual Shoots: runs March through July and team participation will be determined by the head coach.

Competition Shoots: Participation in state, Midwest regionals and nationals will be determined once the season starts.

Type of Clay Sports Participation

League: Ozaukee County Fish and Game with some travel possible to neighboring clubs

Kettle Moraine Trap Shooting Conference: All shooters will participate when OSSS hosts conference at Ozaukee Fish and Game. The top 25, comprised of Intermediate and Advanced shooters may be asked to shoot with the conference travel team, however commitment must be made by the shooter to travel to the away meets. Travel to away shoots will be by bus.

Competition Shoots: Eligibility criteria for shooting competition is:

- Must participate in Kettle Moraine Trap Shooting Conference (travel team).
- Must be invited (based on score, attendance, and attitude)
- Make the commitment to shoot at both the state AND national competitions. Shooters must qualify at a state shoot in order to be eligible to shoot at nationals per SCTP.

Type of Pistol/Rifle Participation

Participation: Shooters must be an OSSS participant and tryout for eligibility to shoot pistol and rifle.

Eight disciplines are currently available – centerfire pistol iron sight, rimfire pistol iron sight, centerfire pistol - optic, rimfire pistol - optic, 1911, and rimfire rifle iron sight, rimfire rifle optics, Pistol Caliber Carbine (PCC). Athletes may participate in as many disciplines as the team allows based on the size of the team and space available in accordance with the SASP Handbook. All participants are expected to shoot at state, regional and national competitions.

Practice: All shooters are expected to practice on a weekly basis at Ozaukee County Fish and Game.

Equipment

- All equipment (including guns) and personal belongings must be clearly labeled for each shooter. All eye and ear protection must be provided by shooter. Safety equipment may be available for purchase in limited quantities at the club.
- All students must have the appropriate firearm in accordance with ATA and Ozaukee County Fish and Game rules and bylaws.
- **Required Safety Equipment:** All league members and coaches must wear protective eye and ear protection when within the confines of a Clay Sports field or Pistol range. You will not be allowed to shoot without this equipment.
- **Firearm Transportation:** All Firearms must be transported in accordance with State & Federal transportation laws. Firearms or ammunition on any Grade, Middle or High School campus is strictly prohibited. Any student in violation of these rules would be subject to local, state and federal penalties.
 - **Recommend purchase copy of "Traveler's Guide to Firearms Laws of the Fifty States" by J. Scott Kappas, Esq. for roughly \$14 to \$20 on Amazon**

Shooting Facilities (home and away)

Each shooter must clean up their own area (inside and outside) prior to leaving the clubhouse/grounds. Please leave the facility better than you found it!

NOTE: No shells/hulls/spent brass or personal belongings are to be left behind on the ground or on the table/floors in the clubhouse. Remember...we are all guests and volunteers.

Attendance Policy

Shooters are expected to attend all practices and home conference meets. Those designated to travel to away conference and competition shoots are expected to attend those as well. Students unable to fulfill these obligations must contact the Head Coach at least 48 hours prior to the session that will be missed. You may not have more than two unexcused absences or you will not be able to participate in the next conference or competition shoot. If more than two unexcused absences occur, you may be brought before the disciplinary committee. Exceptions will be reviewed by the disciplinary committee.

Squad Assignments

Each shooter will be assigned to a squad at the start of the season. These squads may change as the season progresses. Shooting times for squads will be posted weekly. Please check email on a regular basis for squad assignments and time. These will be posted no later than 6 pm on the Sunday prior to our Monday shoots.

Weekly payment for shooting rounds

The squad leader must collect the money or punch cards from their squad and present to the attendance desk prior to shooting. All shooting must be paid for the night of the shoot or no shooting will occur.

Dress Code

Dress for the weather. We shoot in rain, sleet, or snow. You will not be allowed outside unless you are dressed safely for the weather as deemed appropriate by the coaches.

- Tops: Items of clothing that expose any part of the torso or cleavage are prohibited. These include, but are not limited to, cutoff t-shirts, halter tops, tank tops, etc.
- Bottoms: Short shorts and low riding shorts or pants revealing undergarments or buttocks are prohibited.
- Other: Shirts, hats, pants – any clothing – and any other associated items carried, worn, etc., with pictures, caricatures, designs, messages, writings, or other embellishments with direct or indirect references to alcohol, tobacco, sex, or sexual connotations, drugs, gambling, or profanities are prohibited. **Closed toed shoes or boots are required.**

NOTE: This is policy per SCTP, SASP, and the Kettle Moraine Conference.

Conference and competition shoots:

Please wear your OSSS t-shirts or other OSSS clothing to represent our team. DRESS for the WEATHER!!

Safety Rules and Code of Conduct

All members participating in the OSSS represent not only themselves, but their school and community. Our member's attitudes and actions must reflect positive interaction with each other, our opponents, our coaches, and our families. **Each member must follow the OSSS code of conduct and their individual school's Athletic Code regarding possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs, destroying property, school attendance, or if found guilty of other conduct unbecoming a student involved in athletic activities.** Unsafe handling/use of firearms, arguing with a referee or coach, disrupting competitors, cheating, theft, use of alcohol or drugs during the season, etc., are grounds for disqualification, suspension, or expulsion from OSSS.

Safety rules include but are not limited to:

- 1. Always keep gun pointed in a safe direction**
- 2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot**
- 3. Always keep gun unloaded until ready to use**
- 4. Always keep action of the gun open until you are ready to shoot.**
- 5. Always use safety glasses and hearing protection.**
- 6. No cell phones are allowed on or behind the line of shooting.**
- 7. All firearms must be checked prior to stepping up to the line of shooting.**
- 8. Always wear a vest or shell belt**
- 9. Never bring a gun or ammunition (live or other) to school or onto school grounds.**

HONOR the GAME, TREAT OTHERS with RESPECT, and FOLLOW the RULES

Law Enforcement contact

If anyone has contact with law enforcement due to a violation of the OSSS Code of Conduct, you are required to notify your respective Head Coach or OSSS President immediately. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

CODE of CONDUCT

Each athlete involved in Ozaukee Scholastic Shooting Sports (OSSS) is expected to comply with all OSSS rules of conduct. OSSS is committed to fair and equal opportunity for every person regardless of age, race, color, creed, religion, handicap, disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, national origin, ancestry, and citizenship. Athletes are required to follow the Code of Conduct during their shooting season. A season begins with the first formal contact with the advisor/coach during the school year that activity convenes. This is the first day of practice. A season ends after the completion of the final competition. It is expected that parents and participants will support this code and inform school officials of any violations.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Each shooter will follow their respective school's athletic code policy for academic eligibility and continued participation in OSSS activities.

BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

VIOLATION	POINTS	
UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT contrary to school, OSSS, SCTP, and SASP standards/sportsmanship (Ex: Swearing, arguing, insubordination, throwing items, etc.)	2	
SAFETY VIOLATION with Firearms after verbal warning(s)	4	
	<i>INITIAL or Self-Report With HONESTY</i>	<i>INITIAL Report NO HONESTY</i>
ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES 1. Use or possession of tobacco in any form. 2. Drinking, buying, contributing to the purchase, selling, participating in the sale, consuming, possessing, delivering, or transporting of alcoholic beverages. 3. Illegal possession and/or use of (or knowingly being in the presence of) alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.	4	6
Any other form of illegal or criminal behavior	6	8
NOTE: Athletes should not be attending "events/parties" where drugs/alcohol/tobacco are being consumed or being made available in any manner in violation with the law even if he/she is not drinking/using. In the event that the student unknowingly ends up in such a place, where a parent or legal guardian is not present, they must make every effort to leave immediately.		

POINTS / CONSEQUENCES: Points are assigned per occurrence and for the most severe violation. Example – Frank is caught at party smoking a cigarette with a beer in his hand and when confronted admits his guilt. This is a second offense for alcohol. The alcohol is the most severe violation reported with honesty. Points given for the first violation are 4 points, the second violation is 4 points for a total of 8 points. Frank would be suspended from one scheduled event for the first violation and later be suspended from 4 scheduled events.	
The point system is to be used as a guideline.	
4 Points	The athlete will be suspended for <u>1</u> scheduled meet.
The athletic suspension will begin with the next meet and continue until the prescribed number of meets has been completed. Athletes will be expected to practice with their team during the suspension period**.	
6 Points	The athlete will be suspended for <u>2</u> scheduled meets.
The athletic suspension will begin with the next meet and continue until the prescribed number of meets has been completed. Athletes will be expected to practice with their team during the suspension period**.	
8 Points	The athlete will be suspended for <u>4</u> scheduled events.
The athletic suspension will begin with the next meet and continue until the prescribed number of meets has been completed. Athletes will be expected to practice with their team during the suspension period**.	
10 Points	Ineligible for one (1) year for the season with possible dismissal from the team.
** At the coaches discretion.	
NOTE: All participants must finish the season in good standing having completed their suspensions or serve the suspension at the start of the new season.	

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

Violations - Students who have violated this handbook are not eligible for post-season school or team sponsored awards in any season (or seasons if it carries over) that the consequence is being served.

Parent Notification - Prior to any disciplinary action, the parents will be made aware of the violation.

Legal Age - Athletes that are under legal age are subject to compliance with this handbook in order to participate with OSSS (For example – tobacco possession or use).

Multiple Violations – In case multiple violations occur, points are cumulative and each violation suspension must be served in its entirety. Points are cumulative during the season.

Awards – Athletes who have violated this handbook are not eligible for postseason team sponsored awards in any season that the consequence is being served. This includes athletes who withdraw from the program before the conclusion of the season. If you quit, you forfeit your chances to receive your HS letter, medals, certificate of achievement, Top Shot awards, etc.

Disciplinary Committee - Will convene when a behavioral violation has occurred. The violation will be reviewed, parents notified, parent/shooter/committee meeting scheduled to review the violation, and the committee will then meet to discuss potential consequences. The shooter/parents will be notified in writing of the decision. The committee will be comprised of 3 members of the OSSS Board of Directors (Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and 2 SCTP/SASP registered volunteers. The President and Head Coach will be called upon as needed.

High School Lettering

In order to receive your athletic letter in trap shooting you must fulfill the following requirements:

- Attendance:
 - Weekly attendance: Youth shooters must attend practices, league and conference shoots. Points will be assigned for each shoot as follows: (max of 8 points)
 - Practice/league - ½ point for each week
 - Home conference attendance - 1 point for each home meet
 - Away conference: 1.5 points for each meet attendance (max of 4 points)
 - Competition meets: 2 points will be given for each local/state/regional/national competition
- Conduct
 - Youth shooters must follow the OSSS code of conduct at all times. Any violation will result in reduction of points (max of 4 points)
- Shooting Scores
 - Youth shooters will be given points depending on their average score at the end of the season
 - 17-19 (1 point)
 - 20-22 (2 points)
 - 23 and above (3 points)
 - Youth shooters will be given points for score improvement
 - 10% (1 point)
 - 20% (2 points)
 - 30% and above (3 points)
- **TOTAL points needed to letter – 18**
 - Youth shooters that letter based on the OSSS criteria will have their name sent to the Athletic Director of their school who will review the list for academic and behavioral eligibility based on that school's athletic code.
 - Upon approval from the school AD, OSSS will issue the letter to the youth shooter.
 - Letters will be issued at the end of the season. Approval must come from the OSSS board and then from each individual school before letters can be issued to our shooters. If a shooters' school does not allow us to issue a letter, shooters will be given a chevron clay target in its place.

In order to receive your athletic letter in pistol shooting you must fulfill the following requirements:

- Attendance:
 - Youth shooters must attend practices, and scheduled matches. Points will be assigned for each practice as follows: (max of 13 points)
 - Practice/virtual - 1 point for each week
 - Midwest Regional: 2 points and 1 point for each medal achieved (max of 4 points)
 - State Championship: 2 points and 1 point for each medal achieved (max of 4 points)
 - National Championship: 2 points and 1 point for each medal achieved (max of 4 points)
- Conduct
 - Youth shooters must follow the OSSS code of conduct at all times. Any violation will result in reduction of points (max of 4 points)

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Supporting National Organization

Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation – National Development Program

Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) developed and administers the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP), and Scholastic Action Pistol Program (SASP) as youth development programs focused on providing young people with a positive experience in the shooting sports. The SSSF is designed to instill in young people a set of personal values and character traits that teach fair play, compassionate understanding, individual responsibility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and personal commitment—qualities that will serve them well throughout their lives and will be instrumental in helping each SSSF participant to reach his/her full potential.

It is the duty of everyone involved in the SSSF—coaches, parents, and participants—to set a good example for SSSF team members to emulate by upholding high moral and ethical standards of personal conduct.

SCTP activities are designed to incorporate two indispensable elements—SAFETY and FUN. SAFETY is incorporated into every facet of every SSSF activity. The learning environment at the team practices and at the competitive shoots is designed to include the elements of FUN for all participants. SSSF participants learn the safe and responsible handling and use of firearms. They discover the joy of contributing to a shared team goal and the commitment that goes along with it. During this self-discovery process team members develop proficiency in a sport that can be shared and enjoyed with family and friends for a lifetime.

Divisions

Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP)

Senior Division Grades 9-12 Consists of:

- Jr. Varsity - 1st year participating in the Senior Division.
- Varsity Division - 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year participating in Senior Division.

Intermediate Division Grades 7-8 consist of:

- Entry Level - 1st year participating in the Intermediate Division
- Advanced - 2nd year participating in the Intermediate Division
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Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP)

Senior Division Grades 9-12:

- Jr. Varsity - 1st year participating in Senior Division
- Varsity Division - 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year participating in Senior Division

Intermediate Division Grades 6-8:

- Intermediate Entry - 1st year participating in Intermediate Division
- Intermediate Advanced - 2nd or 3rd year participating in Intermediate Division

Rookie Division Grade 5:

- Rimfire rifle
- Pistol Caliber Carbine on head coach approval

Coaches

Head Coaches

An SCTP or SASP team is a group of individual athletes registered by and to a Head Coach. Each team must have a Head Coach who is 21 years of age or older and have passed a Background Check. At least one coach must be CERTIFIED as a shooting coach/instructor (see SCTP rules, p.9 for list of acceptable certifications or AIM handbook, p. 6.; SASP see rules p.9). The first and foremost responsibility of the Head Coach is to ENSURE the SAFETY of all participants. Head Coaches MUST emphasize the safe handling and use of firearms in every facet of the SASP/SCTP Program and must be willing to conduct the “required practices”. All head coaches must have served a minimum of 1 years as an assistant coach and be voted into the head coach position by the board of directors.

Assistant Coaches

Assistant coaches must be 18 years of age or older and are to be supervised by the Head Coach. All coaches must complete and pass a Background Check and may need to take an online course for coaching sponsored by the SCTP/SASP. All potential assistant coaches must have served one year as a parent volunteer. Approval by the board of directors to take the coaches class and successful completion of that class is needed for the person to be eligible to become an assistant coach. All assistant coaches must receive final approval by the board of directors.

Parent Volunteers

Potential adult volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and are to be supervised by the Board of Directors – Vice President. All parent volunteers must pass a background check and may need to take an online course for coaching sponsored by the SCTP/SASP.

Coaches Guidelines

General Rules

- Must take and pass the SCTP/NRA or SASP/NRA coaches class
- Must complete annual SCTP/SASP registration paperwork
- Must complete a background check every 2 years
- Must stay up to date with NRA coaching certification (every 2 years)
- Arrive 30 min prior to starting time for coaches meeting

- Dress for the weather- We shoot in rain, sleet, snow and heat
- Make sure you have eye and hearing protection
- **If you cannot make your scheduled time, PLEASE contact the head coach 48 hours prior to the next night of shooting.**
- Each coach will engage students for the lesson plan identified for each week.
- Each coach is responsible for making sure shooters, parent volunteers and mentors follow through on all safety requirements and to report any safety or conduct violations to the head coach.
- Must abide by all applicable OSSS handbook policies (for example, dress code, safety, etc.)
- If an accident or incident occurs that jeopardizes the health of a student, please notify the head coach or a board member immediately via cell phone (text or call).

Parent Volunteer Guidelines

General rules

- Must complete annual SCTP registration paperwork
- Must complete background check every 2 years
- Arrive 15 min prior to starting time
- Dress for the weather- We shoot in rain, sleet, & snow
- Make sure you have eye and hearing protection
- If you cannot make your scheduled time, contact the Vice President 48 hours before the scheduled event, and PLEASE find your own replacement
- Must conduct themselves according to the SCTP sportsmanship rules
- Must abide by all applicable OSSS handbook policies (for example, dress code, safety, etc.)

Scoring /Marking Volunteer Procedures

- Safety is our #1 Priority- Make sure shooters use proper gun handling & have eye and hearing protection
- As marker you control the line you are working
- Get score sheet from Squad leader and ask squad leader to release his squad to the line
- Squad leader will ask if the squad is ready & then ask if the puller is ready
- Nothing is said for broken target targets only call missed targets as a "LOSS"
- Mark score sheet with an X for broken targets and an O for missed or lost targets
- Shooters will shoot 5 targets per station for a total of 25 targets
- While scoring call the "Ready" command after the first shooter shoots his 5th shoot per station
- Give the shooters their score after each station
- After last shooter shoots his last shot give the command "squad out". Add up the shooters scores.
- Require shooters to clean up trap range after each squad shoots. We practice with NO SHELLS on the ground.

Refilling Trap House

- You can run 2 full rounds of 5 shooters before refilling
- Give the command "make the line safe". Your shooters at that time need to put their guns in the gun rack.
- Approach the trap house from the right hand side. **Turn off the trap machine** and wait for the machine to discharge the target that is currently in it.

- **TURN ON LIGHT**
- Enter the trap & fill the machine to the top with targets. Leave boxes in trap house until the end of the night
- Turn off light, Turn on trap and return to the line
- At the end of the night, wind up controller cord, refill trap machine, sweep up broken targets, remove garbage and lock up the house.