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## **SECTION I ORGANIZATION OF THE AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION (ATA)**

The following is an informative summary of the organization of the AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION (ATA). Complete, and controlling, details are as contained in the Official Rules, Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Corporation. The Official Trapshooting Rules of the ATA govern the shooting of registered targets and the conduct of shooters and the duties of shoot management. The ATA has the responsibility for the formulation, regulation and enforcement of these Rules. These Rules are contained in this booklet.

Whenever and wherever used in this compendium, the terms: Rules, Official Rules, Official Trapshooting Rules or any similar derivative thereof, shall be interpreted to include the intended construction and application of the ATA Official Rules and/or ATA Articles of Incorporation (as may be amended) and/or ATA By-Laws (as may be amended) and/or changes made at the direction of the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee.

The ATA Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee reserves the right to make alterations in, or amendments to these Rules at any time, whenever it is deemed to be in the best interest of the ATA.

### **A. PURPOSE OF THE ATA**

The purpose of the ATA is to promote and govern the sport of amateur trapshooting throughout the world.

### **B. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is divided into two (2) classes (Life and Annual), both of which have full shooting rights and privileges. *The 2010 target year runs from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.*

All shooters are considered amateurs and shall be entitled to all rights as set forth in these Rules.

### **C. STATE ORGANIZATIONS AND ATA DELEGATE ELECTIONS**

Shooters in the various States and Provinces are organized into State and Provincial Associations, which under the auspices of the ATA, control shooting in their own territories and conduct State and Provincial championship tournaments. Shooters are required to pay any fees and dues which may be set by these State/Provincial Associations in their place of residence in order to be considered members in good standing of that State/Provincial Association. Such associations receive assistance from the ATA in the form of trophies and cash refunds. This assistance is explained in Rule X., C.

At each annual State or Provincial championship tournament sanctioned by the ATA, a business meeting will be held on a date and time specified in the

program for the tournament. The meeting date must be one of the last three (3) days of the tournament, held no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and no later than 9:00 p.m. If, however, the meeting is held on the last day of the tournament then it must commence no later than 12:00 noon. At the business meeting all members of the ATA residing in that State or Province, who are present in person at the meeting and are also members of their State or Provincial Association, who have been active members (e.g., having registered targets) in any two (2) target years, shall be entitled to vote for a State or Provincial Delegate and for not over two (2) Alternate Delegates.

A current (paper) Average Card, the form of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, shall evidence ATA membership, Life and Annual. No membership shall be effective until after receipt of proper application at the General Office of the Corporation, approval, issuance of an Average Card, and receipt by the member. A member shall not be qualified to cast a ballot for a State or Provincial Delegate or Alternate Delegate(s) until properly qualified in accordance with this Paragraph.

A shooter who has paid his/her dues and exhibits the receipt for payment may participate in registered shoots.

The criteria for election as a State Delegate or Alternate Delegate are:

- actual physical residence within the boundaries of the State/Province of representation, and
- in receipt of life membership certificate from the ATA, and
- a member in good standing of the State/Provincial Association of the State/Province of representation, and
- ATA member in good standing for at least five (5) consecutive years, and
- active participation as evidenced by registration of at least 3,000 targets total (Singles, Handicap and Doubles combined) in current and previous four (4) years, and of at least 500 targets each year in the current and previous four (4) years, and
- Shall not have been suspended within the prior five (5) years or for a period of one (1) year or more.

Target registration may be waived for shooters with an extensive target history who because of documented physical problems are not currently able to participate.

Selection of the State or Provincial Delegate, and the Alternate Delegate(s) should be given the utmost consideration. Delegates (or in their absence Alternate Delegates), in a properly called meeting, constitute the Board of Directors of the ATA and as such have the responsibility of overseeing the operation of the Association. Only those persons who are responsible dedicated individuals should be considered.

## **D. ZONES**

The Zones are comprised of the following States and Provinces:

**CENTRAL** - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada.

**EASTERN** - Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Canada and the Provinces in Canada lying east thereof (Atlantic Provinces).

**SOUTHERN** - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

**SOUTHWESTERN** - Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

**WESTERN** - Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, Canada.

## **E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Corporate Powers of the ATA under Illinois law are vested in the Board of Directors, which consists of a Delegate from each State and Province. The Board of Directors meets annually during the Grand American World Trapshooting Championships and at other times when properly called by the Executive Committee or as provided by the By-Laws.

## **F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ATA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. The Executive Committee consists of a representative from each of the five (5) zones elected each year to the Executive Committee at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. One (1) member of the Executive Committee is designated President and the other four (4) are designated Vice-Presidents.

2. The Board of Directors has delegated direction of the affairs of the ATA to the Executive Committee between meetings of the Board of Directors.

3. The Executive Committee employs an Executive Director to handle the daily affairs of the ATA. The ATA Executive Director implements the policies set forth by the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee and follows their directions.

4. The main office and records of the ATA are located at 601 West National Road, Vandalia, Ohio 45377-1036, phone (937) 898-4638, Fax (937) 898-5472, [www.shootata.com](http://www.shootata.com).



## **G. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

The ATA is organized under the Corporate Laws of the State of Illinois and has a Illinois Charter and Corporate By-laws formulated in accordance with Illinois law, as a not-for-profit public charitable corporation. The ATA has also been recognized and approved under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as a fully tax exempt 501(c)(3) charitable entity.

## **H. JURISDICTION**

The ATA has jurisdiction over all affiliated Associations regardless of location.

## **SECTION II INFORMATION FOR SHOOTERS**

### **A. PROCEDURE FOR JOINING ATA**

#### **1. ANNUAL MEMBERS**

Application for Annual Membership may be made online at [www.shootata.com](http://www.shootata.com) by following the membership instructions and payment method or at any registered shoot by filling out an application and the payment of \$20.00 dues to the ATA. Sub-Junior and Junior Annual Members shall pay \$12.00 dues to the ATA. A temporary receipt will be given to the shooter upon receipt of a proper application. The temporary receipt should be retained as evidence of payment and be used in lieu of an Average Card until the Average Card is received. The ATA will issue an annual Average Card in the normal course of business. This card will be marked to indicate the shooter's handicap yardage. Full membership rights are effective upon receipt by the member of the Average Card.

Annual Members have all the shooting rights and privileges of Life Members, but may hold no office in the ATA. Annual Members, who have been active members (e.g., having registered targets) in any two (2) target years, are entitled to vote for the State/Provincial Delegate and Alternate(s), at the annual business meeting of the State or Province.

Annual Memberships are renewable by mail or at any registered shoot. To renew by mail send your complete name, address, including zip code, and \$20.00 (\$12.00 for Juniors or Sub-Juniors) to ATA, 601 West National Rd., Vandalia, Ohio 45377-1036.

#### **2. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

Life Memberships are obtained by the submission of a properly completed application and the payment of \$500.00. Senior Life Memberships for those 65 years and older are \$250.00. Life members pay no annual dues thereafter. Upon approval of the application, the ATA will issue a Life Membership Certificate and the Life Membership is effective upon receipt by the Member. Life Members are entitled to vote for State Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the ATA. Only Life Members may hold office in the ATA.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If a shooter pays dues at a shoot, he/she must retain his/her receipt until receipt of an ATA Average Card. Unless the shooter can show evidence of membership fee payment, he/she may have to pay again. Shooters must record all scores before receipt of an ATA card and then transfer these scores to the new card.

If a shooter does not receive an ATA card within four (4) weeks, he/she should send a letter to the ATA, 601 West National Rd., Vandalia, Ohio 45377-1036, advising the ATA that an application was made on a certain date and give ATA the name of the gun club that received the application and payment.

## **B. TARGET YEAR**

*The 2010 target year runs from September 1, 2009 thru August 31, 2010. Scores shot at any tournament ending after September 1, 2009 regardless of starting date, will be included in the following year's averages.*

## **C. RULES OF CONDUCT OF AN ATA SHOOTER**

Each member will be furnished a copy of these Official Trapshooting Rules, and it is assumed that the member will read and understand each rule. Members are strongly encouraged to know these Rules and abide by them for their own benefit and for the benefit of other shooters.

1. By entering the competition, every contestant agrees to accept all official decisions and to abide by these Rules.

2. It is the responsibility of all shooters to see that they are handicapped and classified properly in accordance with these Rules and/or the official program. Any errors made by the classification committee and/or the shooter must be corrected before shooting or the shooter may be subject to disqualification and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

3. When making entry at any registered shoot, shooters should produce their plastic identification card and Average Card so that names, addresses, and membership numbers are properly noted and errors in record keeping are prevented. Shooters not having a plastic card should always list their ATA number, entire name and address on entry forms.

4. The Average Card is intended to provide classification personnel at registered shoots with current data on a member's shooting ability. Shooters not having their Average Cards up to date may be put in a higher class or otherwise penalized. Failure to accurately record scores, or the falsification of scores, can lead to disciplinary action including suspension from the ATA.

5. Any member who;  
Submits false information for any reason to a participating club, ATA, or shoot management; or  
Who causes false scores or other information to be recorded; or

Who commits an act of theft; or  
Who commits acts which result in artificially low scores; or  
Who encourages or assists others in such acts is subject to disciplinary action.

### **SECTION III REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONDUCTING A REGISTERED SHOOT**

#### **A. APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A SHOOT**

Proper blank application forms, obtained from the ATA, or local State secretaries, should be filled out and provided to the State secretary for approval prior to the scheduled shoot. If there are club dues or other obligations to the State, these must be enclosed with applications. Registered league dues of \$25.00 per league must be submitted to ATA with the appropriate league application.

If the application is in order, the State secretary will approve and forward it to the ATA for the certification of registration provided that the date(s) requested will not conflict with the dates of a registered event and/or tournament granted to another club or association in close proximity. The question of close proximity is left to the judgment of the officials of the State association. State and Provincial Associations shall not unreasonably withhold approval of shoot dates from affiliated clubs. In the event the State association is unable or unwilling to decide the question of close proximity, the question will be referred to the ATA State/Provincial Delegate who has the duty to make the decision, and whose decision is final. The Delegate has no duty, responsibility or authority of the ATA to decide any shoot dates until the question of close proximity has been referred to the Delegate by the State/Provincial association.

Upon receipt of the approved application form, the ATA will issue the registration certificate, provided all conditions of the application have been met. A record of the issuance of the certificate of registration will be kept on file in the main office of the ATA, and prior to the holding of the registered event and/or tournament, necessary office supplies for the proper recording of scores will be sent to the club or association.

#### **B. PREPARATION AND PROGRAMS**

1. An official written program for every shoot must be published or posted. (Note: the program may be handwritten or in email form). The program must, at a minimum, list all fees, events, options, trophies, penalty classification and handicap (if used) for the shoot. It is required that ATA shoot programs indicate the specific amount of fees collected on behalf of the ATA. ATA fees must be set apart from all other fees and charges made by shoot management and are to be escrowed for payment to ATA. Programs should be made available and/or sent to an up-to-date list of shooters.

2. All shooters must be charged the same target and option fees. An exception may be made for special category shooters, (i.e., charging Junior

and Sub-Junior shooters half price).

3. Shoot Management should ascertain that the gun club facilities are in good condition prior to the shoot and that an adequate supply of materials and supplies needed to conduct the shoot are available. ATA assumes no liability, or responsibility, if Shoot Management does not adequately comply with this, or any, ATA suggestion and/or directive contained in the Official Rules.

### **C. CHECKLIST FOR THE SHOOT**

1. Shoot Management should arrange for:
  - a. capable classifying and handicapping personnel who shall classify and handicap all shooters in accordance with the Official Rules; and
  - b. competent cashiers who will calculate purses and options correctly and pay off as many events as possible before the close of the shoot; and
  - c. squadding personnel (Note - at small shoots, all three (3) of the above may be done by the same person or persons), and
  - d. referee/scorers who know the ATA Rules, and who have been adequately trained to call all targets, or only the lost targets as directed, and to record the scores correctly on the sheets provided; and
  - e. referee/scorers must be provided with an unobstructed view of shooters. It is improper at an ATA shoot for shooters to supply their own referee/scorers. (Note - one (1) person may serve as referee/scorer. If the person or persons serving in these capacities is negligent or inefficient, the Management shall remove him/her or them.); and
  - f. provide appropriate hearing and eye protection to firing line personnel. This includes all employees who perform duties on or near the trap field. Shoot Management is required to enforce this provision, failure to do so may result in disciplinary action; and
  - g. any additional help needed to conduct the tournament efficiently, such as squad hustler, scoreboard recorder, score sheet runners, and enough personnel to properly operate a shooting facility.

2. Management shall confirm that all participants are ATA members in good standing who have paid their annual dues or are Life Members before accepting their entries. If shoot management accepts entry from a contestant and it is subsequently determined he/she is not an ATA member in good standing and his/her annual dues had not been paid, Shoot Management must make every effort to collect those dues. If Shoot Management, ATA or another club is unsuccessful in collection of the unpaid dues, Shoot Management will be assessed an amount equal to each unpaid entry. Notice of unpaid dues will be mailed by the ATA to each participant and club responsible. Failure to timely pay assessments may result in a club's registered shooting and/or shoot application(s) being denied or held in abeyance until payment is made.

3. Shoot Management of any registered event and/or tournament, at its discretion, may reject any entry, or refund any entry. In all cases except as may be otherwise provided in these Official Rules, the authority of

the Management of a registered shoot is not subject to appeal and all contestants must abide by its rulings. No entry shall be rejected on the basis of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or disability unless such disability renders the contestant incapable of complying with these Official Rules or results in an unsafe condition, which endangers any person or property.

4. Shoot Management shall appoint a judge or judges to be called upon for ruling on official complaints when the occasion arises. If a judge has not been appointed, the president of the club, or in his absence, the secretary shall act as judge. The referee/scorer must call upon a judge to settle any controversy regarding a score or when he/she has made an error by being ahead or behind in his scoring. Officials of the ATA will not change the decisions of these judges made in accordance with these Rules, or change the report of any shoot held in accordance with these Rules.

5. No shooter will be allowed to repeat any portion of the regularly advertised program (i.e., shooting more than once in an event) *except as permitted in Section VII. Par., A., 8.*

6. Additional events (not included in the official program) may be held and the scores registered provided that shooters have been notified of such events by shoot management, that the event is announced and posted, and that at least three (3) participants shoot and complete the event. (see Rule IV, A., 2., c.)

7. The sponsors of registered events and/or tournaments are responsible for the payment of all added money, guaranteed money, purses, and/or prizes advertised or offered in their shoot programs. If the Management of a registered shoot does not meet the above obligations, the ATA will not be responsible for such payments and will not be liable in any manner whatsoever. Sponsors and/or Shoot Management, for and in consideration of the privilege to conduct any registered shoot, shall knowingly and willingly hold harmless and indemnify the ATA for any and all disputes or causes of action arising hereunder.

8. Shoot Management must make every effort to see that the Average Cards of any shooters earning yardage are punched. If for any reason an Average Card is not punched at the shoot, Shoot Management shall inform the ATA, the shooter, and the shooter's State ATA Delegate in writing, of this omission.

#### **D. FOLLOW UP DUTIES**

Following the conclusion of a registered shoot and/or tournament Shoot Management is responsible or will delegate the responsibility for:

1. Completing and sending to the ATA office the following items:
  - a. The ATA report form with complete names, addresses, ATA card numbers, and accurate scores of all shooters for all events.

- b. The earned yardage reports.
- c. *A trophy list and shoot - off results for all ATA registered events that qualify for All American points.*
- d. Names and addresses of those paying ATA dues at the shoot.
- e. A check for ATA daily fees or league registration fees collected at the shoot or league.
- f. One (1) copy of the official shoot program or league Rules. This must be done within 8 calendar days following the last day of the registered shoot or league to avoid a \$25.00 late shoot report fine for the first offense and a \$100.00 late shoot report fine for second offense in a target year, which, if not paid, will be deducted from that state rebate. A third offense will dictate cancellation of registered shoot privileges until delinquent shoot reports and or money are properly received by ATA. Any check(s) presented to ATA and subsequently dishonored is equal to a third offense and must be paid, including bank charges, before further registered shoots are permitted.

- 2. Sending State fees collected to the State Association.
- 3. Sending a report of the results to the Trap & Field Magazine.
- 4. Reporting shoot results to the local radio and TV stations and the local newspapers as practicable.

## **E. KEEPING SHOOT RECORDS**

Shoot Management is required to keep the records from all registered shoots for at least one (1) year. This includes all shoot cashing information (entry and options) and actual squadsheets that were used on the field.

## **SECTION IV ATA TOURNAMENTS**

In these Rules the words "shoot" and "tournament" are intended to include "leagues" throughout these Official Rules with exceptions only as noted.

### **A. REGISTERED SHOOTS**

- 1. The ATA governs the conduct of all shoots registered with it. Only clubs affiliated with their State/Provincial Association will be permitted to hold registered shoots.
- 2. To constitute a registered shoot the following requirements must be met:
  - a. all contestants must be members of ATA at the time of their entry, and
  - b. each contestant must pay ATA daily registration fee of \$2.00 for each day of competition at each shooting location (\$1.00 fee for Big 50 events), and such other Zone or State Association fees as may be charged, and
  - c. at least three (3) or more contestants must compete in and complete the same event on the same day of competition.

3. No daily fee charges shall be permitted except those assessed by the ATA, the Zone, or the State in which the tournament is being held.

4. A shooter is not required to be a member of any club or facility to participate in a duly authorized registered shoot. (See Section IV A ,2.b payment of state/provincial dues)

## **B. WHO MAY PARTICIPATE**

Only ATA Life or Annual Members may participate in an ATA registered trapshooting tournament event and/or tournament. Shooters must be members of the State/Provincial Association in their place of residence to compete in registered shoots in that State or Province.

## **C. MEMBERS OF OTHER SHOOTING ORGANIZATIONS**

Targets shot and registered with any shooting organization other than ATA shall not be counted toward any published minimum target requirement, for any purpose, at any tournament where ATA trophies are awarded.

## **D. FIRING POSITION AND SHOOTING ORDER**

1. There shall be five (5) firing positions (posts), numbered 1 to 5, left to right, spaced three (3) yards apart, and sixteen (16) yards from Point B (Diagram I on page 55).

2. The referee/scorer shall not throw a target unless all contestants are in the correct positions.

3. At any registered trapshooting competition, no person shall be permitted to enter and take part in any completed or partially completed event or events after Squad No. 1 has completed sub-event 1 of any new event. At tournaments shot "bank system" with several squads starting at the same time on several traps, the procedure shall be construed to be the same as if all squads started on the same trap.

## **E. SUB-EVENTS**

A sub-event is any number of targets shot on any one field at one time, with one full rotation on all five (5) posts by each shooter, such as 25 or 50 Singles or Handicap targets or 10 pairs, 15 pairs, 25 pairs of Doubles. An event is the total targets of a specific type (16 yard, Handicap, or Doubles) such as 200 16-yard targets, 100 Handicap targets, etc. for which separate entry is made. It is not necessary to change traps after each sub-event. Events of less than 50 targets may not be registered.

## **F. RECORDING SCORES WINS AND TIES**

1. All 16 yard, Handicap and Doubles scores are required to be accurately and legibly entered on each member's Average Card in the spaces provided at the completion of each registered and/or tournament event.

2. It is the duty of each ATA member to record all wins and ties in 16 yard and Doubles events on his/her Average Card. The intent of this rule is to properly inform classification and handicap committees of prior wins and ties in 16 Yard and Doubles events.

Failure of any member to strictly comply with these rules may lead to penalty classification, disqualification and/or suspension from membership in the ATA.

## **G. SQUADDING, SQUAD LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES AND TARGET OBSERVATION**

1. In all ATA events contestants shall shoot in squads of five (5) except:

- a. When there are less than five (5) contestants available for the last squad of any program.
- b. When yardage differences in Handicap events make it impractical or unsafe.
- c. When there are withdrawals from a squad after the competition has begun and squads scheduled.
- d. When in the opinion of shoot management, the harmony of the shoot may be enhanced by squadding less than five (5) contestants.

2. In Handicap there shall be no more than two (2) yards difference between adjacent shooters in the squad, and no more than a total difference of three (3) yards in a squad. *When squadding 18, 19 & 20 yard shooters, there shall be no more than one yard difference between adjacent shooters in the squad and no more than a total difference of two yards in a squad.*

3. It is illegal for more than five (5) shooters to be in a squad.

4. The squadding of practice shooters with those shooting registered events shall not be allowed, nor shall anyone be allowed to shoot registered events on a non-registered basis. This Rule shall not apply during Registered League Shooting or Big 50 events.

5. For each squad, the shooter who has been assigned to start on post 1 is designated the "Squad Leader". If post 1 is empty, the role of the Squad Leader passes to the shooter assigned to start on post 2, and so on. The Squad Leader has the following duties:

- a. After all squad members are present at their assigned positions on the trap field, the Squad Leader should ascertain that all squad members are ready to begin the sub-event. After doing so, the Squad Leader only may ask that target(s) be thrown for the squad's observation. For regular 16-yard Singles and Handicap sub-events, the Squad Leader may ask for one (1) target only. For regular Doubles sub-events, the Squad Leader may ask for one (1) pair of Doubles. For Shoot-offs in 16-yard Singles and Handicap events, the Squad Leader may ask for two (2) targets. For Shoot-offs in Doubles events,



the Squad Leader may ask for two (2) pairs of Doubles.

b. If the target(s) thrown for observation are broken, irregular, or illegal, the Squad Leader may ask that another target (or pair of Doubles as applicable) be thrown. The squad has the right to see a legal target (or legal pair of Doubles as applicable) before commencing the sub-event.

c. The Squad Leader should check and initial the score sheet at the completion of each sub-event.

d. The Squad Leader shall have the responsibility to carry the score sheet, on which more than one (1) sub-event is recorded, from trap to trap until completion of the event.

6. During a sub-event, if there is a delay due to trap or gun malfunction, the contestant in turn may ask to see a target (or pair of Doubles as applicable) thrown before he/she resumes shooting.

7. Should a trap be throwing targets that, although not necessarily illegal, appreciably vary from trap to trap, any shooter may request that management reset the trap even though prior squads have shot. The final decision as to whether or not a trap is to be reset will be made only by shoot management.

8. During a sub-event, if a contestant is subjected to a single no target event, the contestant shall have the right to see a legal target (or legal pair of Doubles as applicable) and adjust the voice release mechanism (if present) before shooting resumes.

## **H. SHOOT-OFFS**

1. Shoot-offs shall be considered and interpreted the same as registered events and all applicable ATA Rules shall apply unless mutually agreed upon by all contestants. The management of a tournament may rule that ties shall be carried over to the first (or more if needed) sub-event of the next like event. However, when there are ties in a Handicap event and any tying shooter earns yardage and consequently will be shooting farther back in the subsequent Handicap event, all tying shooters must agree to the carry over.

2. All ties whenever possible shall be shot off and in such a manner, as shoot management shall designate. Unless otherwise specified by the management, ties on single target events shall be shot off in 25 target events and Doubles in 10 pair events.

3. Ties for High All Around Championships (HAA) shall be shot off 20 Singles, 10 Handicap, and 5 pair of Doubles. Ties for High Over All (HOA) shall be shot off in such a manner that the Shoot-off represents as closely as possible the same proportion of Singles, Handicap and Doubles targets as the High Over All program contains but keeping the Shoot-off to 50 targets or less. The Singles, Handicap and Doubles portion of the Shoot-off shall be shot in the order that the events occurred in the program, or as determined by shoot management.

4. When squadding shooters for Shoot-offs for High Over All (HOA) and High All Around (HAA) the shooting order shall be the order in which they shot in the last event involved except where such order would be inadvisable or dangerous because of yardage differences. This order shall remain through each portion of the Shoot-off.

5. The following method shall be used for rotation of shooters: Starting posts to be used shall be as follows except where handicap yardage makes it unsafe.

If 1 shooter - post number 2.

If 2 shooters - post numbers 2 and 4.

If 3 shooters - post numbers 2, 3 and 4.

If 4 shooters - post numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5.

If 5 shooters - post numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

If more than 5 shooters are involved in the tie, they shall be divided as equally as possible into two or more squads as directed by the management.

In subsequent Shoot-offs the post shall be rotated in a clockwise manner, with the shooter from post 1 advancing to post 2 and the shooter from post 5 rotating to post 1 or to the post dictated by the number of shooters remaining, but always in clockwise rotation.

6. The practice of banking targets in advance of commencement of a shoot-off is not permitted unless all tying shooters are notified and are in unanimous agreement. Exception: banking of targets is permissible for telephonic shoots held in multiple locations.

7. It is recommended that shooters involved in shoot-offs be given no more than three five minute calls to report for a shoot-off. First call, second call and final call.

## **I. SAFETY**

Shoot Management may disqualify a contestant for violation of these Rules, and violations may also result in further disciplinary action.

1. It is the shooter's responsibility and shoot management's responsibility to conduct a shoot in a reasonable and safe manner.

2. It is Shoot Management's responsibility to remove any competitor who is conducting himself/herself in an unsafe manner. (Repeat violators should be reported to the Executive Committee for further action.)

3. It is Shoot Management's responsibility to instruct the trap help in the proper and safe conduct of their respective duties.

4. All trap help must have a flag or other warning device to warn of any person(s) exiting from the trap house.

5. Trap personnel should be thoroughly instructed of the potential danger of the trap (particularly the target throwing arm).

6. Movement and exposure on adjacent traps should be kept to the minimum.
7. The practice of tracking targets behind a shooting squad is unsafe, disconcerting to the shooters, and is not permitted.
8. Alcohol and drugs impair judgment and the ATA Rules pertaining to the usage of alcohol and/or drugs must be enforced by Shoot Management. This Rule shall be strictly complied with and shall apply to practice shooting as well as registered and tournament events. (Rule XII, B., 2., a.)
9. 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 the Failure to Fire.
10. 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. Repeat offender(s) of these Official Rules will be given a 30 day suspension upon a second violation of these Rules; a third violation of these Rules will result in a 90 day suspension; and further violations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee for further disciplinary action.
11. As a safety precaution, test shots will not be permitted under any circumstance.
12. A contestant 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. In Doubles shooting he/she may place two (2) live shells in his/her gun at a time and must remove both live or empty shells before moving from one (1) post to another. In changing from one (1) post to another, the shooter shall not walk in front of the other competitors.
13. Snap caps or recoil reduction devices may be excluded from the above only if colored a safety orange as to permanently identify them as not being a live or empty shell.
14. A contestant may hold his/her gun in any position when it is his/her turn to shoot. The contestant 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 contestants must be equipped, fitted and utilized so as not to eject empty shells in a manner that substantially disturbs or interferes with other contestants.

16. All persons including competitors, referee/scorers, and trap personnel must wear appropriate eye and hearing protection while on the trap field. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

17. No shooter shall be permitted to participate in any ATA event while seated in or otherwise using a golf cart on the firing line. Single passenger conveyances are the appropriate means for participating should one require assistance due to permanent or temporary disability.

18. While not prohibited, the practice of resting the muzzle of a shotgun on a shooter's toe is ill-advised and is discouraged.

## **J. SPECIAL CATEGORIES**

All Ladies, Sub-juniors, Junior, Veterans, and Senior-Vets must declare their special category at the time of classification in any registered tournament if they wish to compete as a category shooter. Without such declaration, the contestant will not be allowed to compete for the applicable category trophy. No contestant will be allowed to declare or change a special declaration after firing his/her first shot. The only exception to this rule will be correct an ATA classification error.

The following rules apply to shooters who have declared a special category. At all tournaments where All American points will be awarded in any event, shooters may declare only one (1) category (i.e. Lady, Sub-Junior, Junior, Veteran, or Senior Veteran) Note: Chair shooters are exempt from this rule.

1. A female shooter, may be designated as a lady contestant.
2. A shooter who has not reached his/her 15th birthday may declare as a Sub-Junior.
3. A shooter who is 15 but has not reached his/her 18th birthday may declare as Junior.
4. A shooter who is 65 but not reached his/her 70th birthday may declare as a Veteran.
5. A shooter who is 70 years of age and older may declare as a Senior Veteran.

This rule does not supersede paragraph 7.

6. Age based categories are established on the birthday of the shooter. For purposes of determining age category for HOA and HAA awards the category declared by the participant on the first day he/she shoots shall be used.

7. Shooters who become eligible for new age based categories during the target year may elect to continue to compete in the previous category for the remainder of that target year. (For example a shooter reaching age 70 may elect to continue to shoot as a Veteran for the remainder of the current target year.) However, once a shooter has elected to

move to the new category that decision is irrevocable and he/she may not again declare eligibility for the previous category. Junior shooters reaching the age of 18 may continue to declare Junior category for the remainder of the current target year.

Note: Age based special category shooters that are in contention for or desire to achieve All-American Team recognition should review the All-American Team policy on page 57 prior to declaring a new special category.

a. When there is no Sub-Junior trophy Sub-Juniors will be included in the Junior category. Senior veterans will be included in the Veteran category when there is no Senior Veteran trophy.

## **K. CHAIR SHOOTERS**

Only shooters that have a permanent disability or condition that requires them to shoot from other than a standing position shall qualify for the Chair Category.

1. The Chair category designation will be assigned only by the Central Handicap Committee or Zone CHC representative upon request by each individual shooter and a new average card will be issued with the Chair Designation.

2. Shooters with a temporary condition that requires a scooter or other type of device are not qualified for Chair Category.

This rule does not in any way prohibit any shooter from shooting from a chair, stool, scooter or any other seating device.

## **SECTION V SINGLES AND DOUBLES EVENTS**

### **A. 16 YARD SINGLES**

This event must be shot 5 or 10 shots at each post from 16 yards with each shooter in order shooting at one target until all have shot 5 or 10 times, and then rotating in a clockwise manner to the next post. Should Shoot Management elect to change to 50, 16-yard targets per trap (10 per post) after a shooter has made entry, the shooter must be allowed the option to withdraw and be refunded or change his/her option entry.

### **B. DOUBLES**

This event must be shot from 16 yards, with each shooter in order shooting at two (2) targets thrown simultaneously from the trap house until all have shot the specified number of times, then rotating in a clockwise manner to the next post. A Doubles event may be shot by having each squad shoot successive alternating 15 pair and 10 pair sub-events on the trap or traps being utilized, or Shoot Management may elect to throw Doubles in sub-events of 25 pairs.

## C. CLASSIFICATION

1. For 16-yard targets and Doubles, shooters should be placed in three (3) or more classes, according to their established average and/or known ability. A new shooter may be assigned to any class in 16-yards and Doubles events, at the discretion of classification personnel until the shooter establishes his/her known ability.

a. To arrive at known ability the following should be taken into consideration as far as such information is or can be made available:

(1) Official registered targets (abnormally low scores should be disregarded). Averages of all registered shooters are compiled and published annually.

(2) Non-registered scores including Shoot-off scores, non-registered events, practice scores, etc.

(3) Any other information bearing on a shooter's ability to shoot and break targets.

2. For 16-yard events the following systems are established:

### SIX CLASSES

98% and over	AAA
96.25% and under 98%	AA
94.75% and under 96.25%	A
93% and under 94.75%	B
90% and under 93%	C
under 90%	D

### FIVE CLASSES

97% and over	AA
94% and under 97%	A
91% and under 94%	B
88% and under 91%	C
Under 88%	D

### FOUR CLASSES

95% and over	A
92% and under 95%	B
89% and under 92%	C
Under 89%	D

### THREE CLASSES

95% and over	A
91% and under 95%	B
Under 91%	C

3. For Doubles events the following systems are established:

### SIX CLASSES

96% and over	AAA
92% and under 96%	AA
89% and under 92%	A
86% and under 89%	B

82% and under 86%	C
Under 82%	D

#### FIVE CLASSES

93% and over	AA
89% and under 93%	A
85% and under 89%	B
78% and under 85%	C
Under 78%	D

#### FOUR CLASSES

90% and over	A
85% and under 90%	B
78% and under 85%	C
Under 78%	D

#### THREE CLASSES

89% and over	A
83% and under 89%	B
Under 83%	C

4. If Shoot Management desires to use different classification it may do so by printing the modified classification in the program of the shoot.

5. For better classification of shooters it is suggested that the following method be used.

a. If the shooter has less than 500 targets on current year's Average Card, use the previous year average and known ability.

b. If the shooter has between 500 and 1,000 targets (inclusive) on his/her current year's Average Card, use the current average and known ability or the previous year's average and known ability, whichever is higher.

6. Foreign shooters who shoot DTL or doubles in their home associations will be classified either by those averages (or their ATA averages, at the discretion of the handicap committee.) For classification purposes, a DTL average of 95 will be considered the same as an ATA singles average of 95 and the same equivalence for doubles will be used.

#### **D. PENALTY CLASSIFICATION**

Shoot Management may establish penalty classification for 16-yard targets and Doubles, if target requirements are printed in the program.

### **SECTION VI THE ATA HANDICAP SYSTEM**

The ATA Handicap system is the method whereby shooters whose ability to win or compete at a level of accomplishment has been demonstrated and shooters whose ability is unknown are handicapped by shooting a greater distance from the trap house. *The minimum handicap is 18.0 yards and the maximum is 27.0 yards.* A shooter's yardage is determined by Rules governing new shooters,

by yardage earned, or by his/her established handicap yardage, which is based on known ability and 1000 target reviews, thereafter. At each State or Provincial shoot the handicapping and classifying shall be the responsibility of a State or Provincial shoot committee appointed by the State Association with the ATA Delegate as chair.

## **A. HANDICAP EVENTS**

This event must be shot 5 or 10 shots at each station as directed by shoot management from 18 to 27 yards with each shooter in order shooting at one target until all have shot 5 or 10 times as directed and then rotating in a clockwise manner to the next post. Should shoot management elect to change to 50 Handicap targets per trap (10 per post) after a shooter has made entry, the shooter must be allowed the option to withdraw and be refunded or change his/her option entry.

A contestant must stand on the highest whole yardage punched on his/her card. For example, if a card is punched at 20.5 yards, the shooter will stand on 20.0 yards. However, if one-half (1/2) yard is then earned, the card must be punched to 21.0 yards and the shooter must stand on the 21.0 yard line.

A shooter may not stand on a higher yardage than he/she is punched, unless assigned penalty yardage by shoot handicap personnel.

When a Handicap marathon event consisting of more than 100 targets is shot, each 100-target sub-event must not begin prior to the awarding of earned yardage based on the previous 100 targets. Shooters earning yardage must shoot subsequent sub-events from the new yardage.

It is not permitted to have more than one 50 and/or 75 target Handicap event in a registered tournament in any one (1) day.

## **B. CENTRAL HANDICAP COMMITTEE (CHC)**

1. The Central Handicap Committee, made up of a chair and five (5) or more members, is appointed at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee. It is the responsibility of the Central Handicap Committee, under the direction of the Executive Committee, to oversee the handicap system and control the assigned yardage of all members of the ATA.

2. Any Central Handicap Committee member may increase a shooter's yardage at his/her discretion when applying the Known Ability Rule. The only other ATA Officers authorized to increase a shooter's yardage are voting members of the Executive Committee.

## **C. HANDICAP YARDAGE ASSIGNMENT**

A shooter will be handicapped between 18 and 27 yards and at the highest yardage punched on his/her Average Card, unless he/she is required to shoot penalty yardage.



1. New lady shooter - new lady shooters will be assigned a handicap of 19.0 yards.

2. New sub-junior shooter - a new male shooter who has not reached his 15th birthday will be assigned a handicap of 19.0 yards. A male shooter upon reaching his 15th birthday will be assigned a handicap of 20.0 yards unless he has previously earned or been assigned greater yardage. *(Note: If a male sub-junior has been reduced to the 18.0 yard line by the review process, upon reaching his 15th birthday he will remain at the 18.0 yard line until additional yardage is earned)*

3. New male shooter - a new male shooter, 15 years of age or older, will be assigned a handicap of 20.0 yards.

4. After a lapse in membership any shooter reapplying for membership in the ATA, who had been assigned a previous handicap yardage, shall resume shooting at the previously assigned yardage. The only exception is if the shooter was previously assigned a yardage based on age; because of present age the shooter may be required to shoot at a longer yardage. Failure of a shooter to shoot previously assigned yardage will result in disqualification and any and all scores and prizes, including money, forfeited thereby.

5. Rules for members of other trapshooting associations;

a. If a shooter is a member of any other trapshooting association or was a member of such association the preceding year AND shot targets in such association in the current or preceding ATA target year, he/she will shoot from the handicap yardage of whichever association shows the greater yardage.

b. A member who, at any time has previously been a member of another trapshooting association but has not shot targets in such association in the current or preceding ATA target year must shoot his/her last assigned yardage in that association (if it is greater) unless the shooter has received an ATA 1000 target review and been granted a reduction.

c. It will be the responsibility of the shooter to notify the shoot handicap committee if he/she holds or has held a card of another trapshooting association. Failure to notify the shoot handicap committee of another trapshooting association card may be cause for penalty action resulting in forfeiture of entry fees and all monies, including prizes, and possible suspension from all ATA shoots for one year.

#### **D. EARNED YARDAGE**

1. Yardage will be automatically earned by shooters of high scores in all ATA registered events, according to the following table. This additional yardage is indicated by punches on the shooter's Average Card.

#### **EARNED YARDAGE TABLE** High Scores (and all ties)

Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
15-39	1/2 yd			
40-69	1 yd			
70-124	1 yd	1/2 yd		
125-249	1 yd	1 yd	1/2 yd	
250-499	1 1/2 yd	1 yd	1/2 yd	
500-1499	2 yds	1 1/2 yds	1 yd	1/2 yd
1500 and up	2 1/2 yds	2 yds	1 1/2 yds	1 yd

2. Any score of 96 will automatically earn 1/2 yard provided it does not earn at least that much under the earned yardage table.

3. Any score of 50x50 or 75x75 in events of that length will automatically earn 1/2 yard provided it does not earn at least that much under the earned yardage table.

4. The State/Provincial Handicap Champion will automatically earn 1 yard provided the score does not earn at least that much under the earned yardage table.

5. Any score of 97, 98 and 99 or winning a total of \$750.00 or more (option and added money) in a single handicap event will automatically earn 1 yard, and a score of 100 or winning a total of \$1,200.00 or more (option and added money) in a single handicap event will automatically earn 1-1/2 yards provided these scores do not earn at least that much under the earned yardage table.

6. In marathon Handicap events comprised of more than 100 targets, each 100 targets (or remaining part of 100 targets) shall constitute a separate event for earned yardage purposes and shall be reported as a separate event on the shoot report form.

7. When multiple Handicap events are shot during the same day with fewer than 15 contestants, yardage will be awarded the high score(s), under the earned yardage table, by combining the total number of different individual shooters in all events with fewer than 15 shooters.

For example;

Event 1 - 14 shooters, Event 2 - 20 shooters, Event 3 - 12 shooters (3 of whom shot Event 1), Event 4 - 13 shooters (5 of whom shot Event 1 and/or Event 3). Event 2 stands on it's own because it has more than 15 shooters. Combining Events 1, 3, 4 total of 31 different shooters (14, 9, 8). The high score among those 31 shooters will receive a 1/2 yard punch based on the earned yardage table.

8. The earned yardage table applies to events of 50, 75 or 100 Handicap targets.

9. A shooter's card will be punched from the yardage actually shot (including penalty yardage if applicable). For example, if a shooter earns yardage shooting from 22 yards penalty he/she will be punched from

the 22 yard line and not his/her normal yardage assignment. It is the duty of each ATA member to have his or her Average Card punched if yardage is earned. The Average Card must be punched to the correct earned yardage on the day the yardage is earned and before leaving the tournament grounds. If a member is required to leave the tournament grounds prior to the completion of a Handicap event, it is the member's duty to determine if his or her score qualified for a yardage increase and to have his or her Average Card punched to the correct yardage prior to entering any subsequent registered event and/or tournament.

10. The number of contestants starting the event will be the number used for the earned yardage table.

#### **E. PENALTY YARDAGE**

Shoot Management may establish penalty yardage based on numbers of registered targets if those target requirements are printed in the program. In no event shall any shooter be assigned a handicap of less than the minimum yardage appearing on his/her Average Card.

#### **F. SPECIAL HANDICAP RULES**

1. A shooter must continue to shoot from the last yardage assigned or earned until he/she receives a new Average Card with his or her reduced yardage indicated on it regardless of the length of time that has elapsed since that yardage was assigned or earned. The ATA Shooter Information Center is not to be used to evidence of a reduction; only an Average Card with the new yardage will be accepted.

2. A shooter's handicap yardage may be reduced only as a result of a 1000 target review or a special review. No reduction may be made in the field. The shooter's new Average Card will be noted with the word "review".

3. A shooter's handicap yardage may be increased at any time during the year including immediately before and during the Grand American World Trapshooting Championships:

- a. because of earned yardage, or
- b. as a result of a review, or
- c. at the discretion of a member of the Central Handicap Committee or voting member of the Executive Committee.

4. A shooter at all times shall have the right to appeal any Central Handicap Committee action(s) to the Executive Committee.

5. Earned yardage of 1.5 or more yards for any single event will not be removed in part or whole by 1,000 target review for a minimum period of two (2) years from the date the yardage was earned. This restriction on reductions may be removed after one year for a shooter by the State Delegate sending a request to his or her Zone Central Handicap Committee Member who will make the final decision.

6. If a shooter earns yardage while a reduction is in process the reduction shall automatically be void.

7. When multiple 100-target Handicap target events (marathons) are shot in the same day, only 2 100-target events may be considered as a maximum per day towards reduction. The 2 events considered out of the marathon must be those 2 in which the highest scores are registered.

## **G. REVIEWS**

### **1. 1000 TARGET REVIEW**

The shooting record of each member will be automatically reviewed for possible yardage changes after each successive 1000 or more registered Handicap targets shot in the current and previous year if no yardage was earned.

a. A shooter with a low purified handicap average (the average with abnormally low scores deleted) accompanied by a relative 16 yard average, will receive a one yard reduction, EXCEPT

(1) *No shooter will be reduced more than 3 yards in any target year.*

(2) The known ability rule will be used in assessing a shooter's record.

b. A shooter with a high-purified handicap average may receive a "Special Review" for possible yardage increase.

c. If a yardage change is made, the shooter will receive by mail a new Average Card with the new assigned yardage noted with the word "review."

### **2. SPECIAL REVIEW**

a. "Special Review" is an evaluation by the Central Handicap Committee generated by a high-purified average on a 1000 Target Review or initiated by a shooter through his/her State Delegate or a member of the Central Handicap Committee. The results of a Special Review shall be agreed upon by the Central Handicap Committee and the shooter's State Delegate. If a disagreement in yardage assignment exists between the State Delegate and the Central Handicap Committee, the matter may be directed to the Executive Committee. A Special Review may be used:

(1) To determine possible yardage increases for shooters showing high-purified handicap averages on a 1000 target review.

(2) To determine possible yardage reduction for a shooter because of advancing age or physical disability. A shooter through his/her State Delegate may initiate this review.

b. Other shooting organizations' registered handicap scores may not be used in the Special Review process to determine possible yardage changes, and such scores may be used only insofar as they may indicate known ability.

### **3. ASSIGNED YARDAGE INCREASES**

a. A member may appeal an assigned yardage increase by writing to the ATA office, to the attention of the Executive Director after having shot 500 targets at the assigned yardage. After receiving a reduction based on such an appeal for any further reduction 1000 additional registered Handicap targets must be shot.

b. There will be no yardage increase by shooter request beyond 25 yards. Subsequent to a shooter receiving an increase in yardage by request he/she will be ineligible for reductions from that yardage assignment based on 1000 target reviews for a period of 2 years.

c. The only persons authorized to increase a member's handicap yardage are member(s) of the Central Handicap Committee or voting member(s) of the Executive Committee.

## **SECTION VII OFFICIAL SCORING**

### **A. PROCEDURE**

1. The official score is the record kept by the referee/scorer on a sheet furnished him/her by shoot management. The referee/scorer's decision on whether a target is dead or lost is final, subject to review only by the shoot committee or other governing body. The score sheet shall show the scores earned in the event or sub-event. The score sheet shall not be smaller than 11 inches by 17 inches (for four sub-event score sheets) in any tournament in which ATA trophies are provided. The larger format score sheet is recommended for all tournaments. During Handicap events the first sub-event of each score sheet shall be annotated with the yardage assignment of each contestant.

2. The referee/scorer shall keep an accurate record of each score of each contestant. If he/she rules "DEAD" or "LOST," the referee/scorer shall promptly mark / or X for "DEAD" and 0 for "LOST" on the score sheet. Any target scored other than clearly with /, X or 0, or which appears to be scored, with both an X and 0, shall be "LOST", unless the word "DEAD" is clearly printed beside it. The scores of the competition shall be official and govern all awards and records of the competition.

3. The referee/scorer shall distinctly announce, "Lost" when the target is missed and "No Target" when no target is thrown or a target is thrown broken. The referee/scorer shall call the result of all targets, or only the lost targets, as directed by shoot management.

4. When the referee/scorer calls "No Target" for any contestant, the next contestant shall not shoot until the first shooter has shot and the referee/scorer has ruled "Dead" or "Lost."
5. Should more targets be fired in a sub-event than the event calls for, then the excess targets of the sub-event will not be scored.
6. A shooter that misses the first post in any event may make up that post only and continue with the squad. Squad members should move off the line during the shoot up function
7. 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.
8. Inadvertently skipped posts. A shooter is required to shoot the requisite number of targets from each post (5 or 10 as specified by shoot management). If a shooter inadvertently skips a post he/she or any member of the squad shall not be deemed to be out of turn but will be required to shoot the specified number of targets from the skipped post. While the shooter is shooting the skipped post the remainder of the squad will remain behind the trapline and will not proceed to the next trap.
9. *A contestant that inadvertently shoots ONE 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 LOST.*
10. To preserve the harmony of the competition, no member of a squad shall move toward the next post or leave the field until the squad member who is last has fired his/her final shot of the current post's specified number of targets.
11. The official score must be kept on the score sheet in plain view of the contestant. If contestant's view of the score sheet is obstructed for any reason, he/she may refuse to shoot until he/she has been provided an unobstructed view of the score sheet.
12. It is an error if the referee/scorer fails to properly mark the results of any shot in the section of the score sheet where the results should be recorded. In such cases it is the duty of that contestant to have any error corrected before he/she has fired the first shot at the next post or in the case of his/her last post before leaving the trap. If the shooter fails to have the score corrected, the recorded score(s) shall remain unchanged and no valid protest will be entertained.
13. Every contestant in a squad shall be permitted to examine his/her

score before the sheet is sent to the bulletin board or to the cashier's office. The score sheet should be checked, confirmed, and initialed by the Squad Leader. The Squad Leader is encouraged to verify that any targets changed during a sub event are correctly noted as either dead or lost. After the completion of the last sub-event the score sheet will be handled as directed by shoot management.

14. Errors in the recorded details of the official score can only be corrected in strict accordance with the aforementioned Rules, but an error made in the totaling or compilation of targets shall be corrected whenever the error is discovered. Shoot management must correct scores recorded in error by field personnel as a result of misapplication of the Rules.

15. Any protest concerning a score or scores must be made before or immediately after the close of the competition to which such scores relate. A valid protest may only be made by a contestant who competed in the event.

## **B. BROKEN OR DEAD TARGET**

A target (called "Dead") is one that is fired upon and has a visible broken piece from it, or one that is completely reduced to dust. The referee/scorer shall record a target dead when it is broken in the air.

## **C. LOST TARGET**

The referee/scorer shall rule, "LOST":

1. When the contestant fires and fails to break the target whether missed completely or when only dust falls from it. A "Dusted Target," is a target from which there is a puff of dust, but no perceptible piece is seen; it is not a dead target; or

2. When a whole target appears promptly after a contestant's recognizable command and is within the legal limits of flight and the contestant voluntarily does not fire; or

3. When an illegal target, a freak target, or a target of a markedly different color is fired at and missed. A contestant may refuse illegal, freak or off-colored targets, but if he/she fires at the target the result must be scored; or

4. When a contestant voluntarily withdraws from, or is otherwise disqualified, and takes no further part in a sub-event after having fired at 1 or more targets of a sub-event and does not fire at all the targets in the sub-event, the referee/scorer shall rule all targets not fired upon "LOST" targets and they shall be scored and reported accordingly. When the shooter is prevented by reasons beyond his/her control from completing a sub-event, the scores for that partial sub-event shall not be recorded or reported. Example: shooters have shot 61 targets of a 100-target event

when a storm permanently stops shooting. The management should report the scores for the first 50 targets only; or

5. When a score sheet is delivered to the office with one or more targets that are not properly scored either "DEAD" or "LOST," they shall be scored as "LOST" targets by shoot management; or

6. When a contestant deliberately fires at the same target twice in Doubles Events. This rule is not applicable to a gun "doubling" or "machine-gunning", see Rule VII, D., 3.; or

7. When a commonly called "soft load" occurs, and the shot is fired but no part of the over powder wad or shot remains in the barrel and the target is missed. A soft load where the over powder wad or shot remain in the barrel shall be deemed a "Failure to Fire" and the "Failure to Fire" Rules apply.

#### **D. FAILURE TO FIRE**

The following procedure shall be followed in all tournaments:

1. A contestant shall be allowed two (2) failures to fire in Singles and Handicap events, for any reason other than stated in Paragraph C., 2. above, during each sub-event regardless of the length of the sub-event. When the first or second allowable Failure to Fire in any sub-event occurs, the contestant shall be allowed to call for and fire at another target, and the result of the shot will be scored in accordance with these Official Rules. During shoot-offs for All Around and High Over All events shooters will be allowed 1 Failure to Fire in each of the three (3) disciplines (Singles, Handicap, Doubles).

2. A contestant shall be allowed 2 failures to fire, for any reason other than stated in Paragraph C., 2., above, during each Doubles sub-event if the Failure to Fire 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", there shall be no allowable Failure to Fire at the second target. (See exception in VII., E., 11., f.) When a pair is ruled lost there shall be no "Failure to Fire" charged. When the first or second allowable Failure to Fire 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 shots at the new pair will be scored in accordance with these Official Rules.

3. Machine-gunning or doubling only occurs in doubles events where two shots are fired with a single operation of the trigger, rendering the competitor incapable of firing at the second target because both shot shells have fired. When a defective gun malfunctions, 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 occurrence a “failure to fire” and score accordingly.

4. Whenever an allowable Failure to Fire as provided in this Rule occurs, the referee/scorer shall mark a large legible F1 on the score sheet in the space where that target is scored along with the score for that target, and also place the same mark beside the total sub-event score. After F1 and F2 is in the place where individual targets are scored, any subsequent Failure to Fire in the same sub-event and for any reason, when a target is called and the target appears promptly and within the legal limits of flight, shall be ruled “LOST” and shall be scored accordingly. Cumulative application of the rule is prohibited (failures to fire do not accumulate from sub-event to sub-event), and “sub-event” shall be as defined by Official Rule IV, E.

5. Shoot Management is required to examine each score sheet before the score is posted, and any target scored as a Failure to Fire after two (2) allowable Failure to Fire as set forth above, shall be scored “LOST” whether originally scored as “LOST” by the referee/scorer or not.

#### **E. NO TARGET**

The referee/scorer shall rule “NO TARGET” and allow another target(s) in the following instances:

1. When an allowable “Failure to Fire” as described above occurs.
2. In single target events when the target is thrown broken, regardless of the result of any shot fired.
3. When a whole target appears on the call of the shooter along with target debris.
4. When a contestant shoots out of turn. All contestants must shoot in regular order or sequence according to his or her position in the squad. A contestant who does not shoot in regular order is “out of turn” and the results are not scored.
5. When two (2) contestants fire at the same target.
6. When the trap is sprung without any call of pull, or when it is sprung at any material interval of time before or after the call of the contestant, provided the contestant does not fire. If the contestant fires, the result must be scored.
7. When two (2) targets are thrown at the same time in single target events regardless of whether the contestant fires.
8. When an “illegal” target is thrown, which is a target that is not within the prescribed angle or height limits for single target shooting, or what is known as a “flipper” or “freak” target is thrown, which is a target that may have slipped out of the carrier of the trap or one not properly placed

on the trap, provided the contestant does not fire at it. If the contestant fires, the result must be scored.

9. When a target whose color is markedly different from that of the others is thrown, and the contestant does not fire. If the contestant fires, the result must be scored.

10. When firing, the contestant's feet must be behind the firing mark at 16-yards, or behind the mark for the Handicap yardage assigned to him/her, depending upon the event being participated in. The contestant must stand with at least one foot on an imaginary line drawn through the center of the trap and continuing through the center of the post, or have one foot on each side of the line. Exceptions to the rule contained in the second sentence of this paragraph may be granted by the referee/scorer due to inequalities in the shooting platform, and shall be granted for wheelchair contestants. Wheelchair contestants shall position their chair so that the center of mass of their body is over the place where they would stand as required by this rule if no chair were used. If a contestant fails to follow this rule in its entirety, the referee/scorer shall rule any target fired at and broken a "NO TARGET," but if fired at and missed, the referee/scorer shall rule the target "LOST."

11. In addition, in DOUBLES EVENTS, the referee/scorer shall rule "NO TARGET" and allow another pair of targets in the following instances ONLY:

- a. When only one target is thrown.
- b. When more than two targets are thrown.
- c. When both targets are broken by one shot.
- d. When one or both targets are thrown broken even though the contestant fires at one or both targets.
- e. When one or both targets are not within the prescribed angle or height limits and the contestant does not fire at either target.
- f. If the contestant fires at an illegal first target and the second target is legal, he/she must also fire at the second target, and if he/she fails to do so, the legal second target shall be ruled, "LOST." After a contestant has fired at either a legal or illegal first target, he/she is not required to fire at an illegal second target, but if he/she does fire, the result must be scored.

## **SECTION VIII PURSES AND OPTIONS**

### **A. COMPULSORY PURSES**

No compulsory purse and/or option of any type shall be permitted in any tournament in which ATA trophies or ATA added monies are provided.

### **B. OPTIONS AND MONEY DIVISIONS**

Failure to comply strictly with these Rules shall result in disciplinary action by the State or Provincial Association and/or the Executive Committee.

1. Added Money. No tournament promoter or other person responsible therefore shall in any advertisement or program mention any purse or money in excess of the money actually added or guaranteed. Examples of money divisions may be included provided it is clearly stated that the amounts listed are only examples and not guaranteed amounts. The word "example" must be included. Failure to observe the above provisions shall be grounds for disciplinary action by the State or Provincial Association and/or by the Executive Committee. The ATA does not guarantee and it assumes no responsibility whatsoever, for actual payment and receipt of added money, guaranteed money and prizes advertised or offered at any shoot except the money, prizes and trophies directly supplied by and/or authorized by ATA.

2. At every registered tournament the cashier, or other official in charge, is required to post on a bulletin board available to the participants the names of all contestants who have entered any purse, options or any other monies, with each type of entry and contestant noted in an orderly and discernable fashion. Purses, options, etc., may be entered by and for contestants only.

Any club or cashier may deduct up to one-half (1/2) of one percent of the gross amount of purse and options to help defray costs of computations. Breakage accumulated by rounding off is to be considered part of the one-half (1/2) of one percent. The one-half (1/2) of one percent may be deducted from the gross amount of monies collected from purses, options, Lewis Class purses, guaranteed purses, or otherwise, but in no event shall Hall of Fame contribution awards be included in the computation or deduction. The deductions mentioned above shall be made in such manner that no individual purse, option, Lewis class purse, guaranteed purse or otherwise shall be reduced in any amount greater than the percentage that particular item bears to the whole amount of monies collected.

All monies collected shall be returned to the shooters in the same event in which collected unless otherwise noted in the program. In such cases the program must state clearly the circumstance under which the money will be paid. This rule shall not apply to any monies collected above the actual costs of any merchandise or other such prizes, for which a separate fee is charged. Any excess monies of that type shall not be required to be returned to the shooters provided specific notification of nonreturn of such monies has been conspicuously inserted into each program indicating where and under what circumstances such monies are to be collected.

3. The cashier shall post on the bulletin board the amount to be paid each purse or option winner. In the event payment is made by check after the shoot is over and the contestants have left the ground, a payoff sheet for unposted events must accompany each check indicating the amount paid for each individual purse and option included in the payment.

4. Any reasonable request to inspect the cashier sheets must be honored by the shoot management. Any shooter or gun club must file a written complaint to validly contest any payoff or trophy award within thirty (30) days after the competition of the registered shoot and/or tournament or forfeit the right to do so without right of appeal.

### **C. CALCUTTAS**

The ATA does not encourage Calcuttas or similar events at any registered ATA tournament. ATA Rules concerning payment or non-payment of monies shall not be applicable in any manner to any dispute involving Calcuttas or similar events.

## **SECTION IX REGISTERED LEAGUE SHOOTING**

The following Rules shall apply to League Shooting only:

A. Registered League Shooting shall apply only to 16-yard Singles targets and Doubles targets.

B. Registered League Shooting shall be subject to and governed by official ATA Rules. In the event of any conflict between any Registered League's Rules and any official ATA Rule, official ATA Rules shall take precedence and shall govern in all aspects. The Official ATA Rules shall govern all complaints of ATA Rules violation or any Registered League's Rules violation, as a result of which any contestant or league is subject to possible disqualification, suspension or expulsion.

C. The ATA will maintain and publish Registered League Targets history, and all Registered League Targets shall be counted for purposes of target attainment accomplishments.

D. All Registered League Targets shall be counted toward target requirements for the Grand American World Trapshooting Championships and for all other ATA Registered Tournaments.

E. Registered League Target Averages shall be reported in the annual Average Book, separate from ATA Target Averages, and shall be maintained on a separate column on the ATA Average Card.

F. The following conditions are required to be met before any league targets will be registered:

1. A League must elect to become a Registered League.
2. Any member of a Registered League electing to register scores must be a Life or Annual Member of the ATA.
3. Applications for Registered League Shooting must be made on application forms approved and supplied by the ATA, and each form

must be fully completed before submission to ATA. An application fee of \$25.00 for each Registered League must be paid at the time of submission of the application to the ATA office. The application must be approved in writing by the State or Provincial Association Secretary before the form is submitted to the ATA.

4. Each Registered League's total score will be registered upon payment of a fee equal to the standard ATA Daily Fee charged for registered tournaments. Registration will be made when the designated league representative provides shoot reports to the ATA office containing the total number of targets thrown and broken for the League, and the total number of targets broken by each individual League participant, along with the required fee.

5. League shoot reports are required to be sent to the ATA office within eight (8) calendar days after the date of the last shoot of the League. Failure to comply with this deadline shall result in a penalty of \$25.00 assessed against the defaulting League. In the event the penalty is not timely paid, the \$25.00 penalty shall be deducted from the State Association's annual rebate (see section X., C.).

6. In the event any League fails to comply with the requirements set forth in this Rule, League scores for the League and for individual participants in the League will not be registered.

## **SECTION X STATE AND ZONE SHOOT**

### **A. RESIDENCE**

No person may compete for ATA trophies or titles in State, Provincial or Zone tournaments, unless he/she, for the immediately preceding six (6) months, has been a bona fide resident of said Province, State or Zone, and a member in good standing of the State or Provincial Association and the ATA. No person may compete for any such ATA trophies or titles in more than one (1) State, Province or Zone each target year. However, nothing shall preclude a shooter from returning to the former State, Province or Zone residence and competing for trophies in the event he/she has not been a bona fide resident of another State, Province or Zone for the immediately preceding six (6) month period prior to such competition. In case there is a dispute with respect to the residence of a shooter attending a State, Provincial or Zone tournament, it shall be the duty of the State or Provincial Association (for a State/Provincial Shoot) or the Zone Officials (for a Zone Shoot) in which the shoot is being held to rule as to said shooter's right to compete as a resident shooter. The ruling of the State, Provincial Association or Zone Officials

shall be final.

## **B. LINE REFEREE/SCORERS**

At all shoots where ATA trophies are furnished shoot management is encouraged to provide a line referee.

## **C. ATA SUPPORT FOR STATES**

The ATA in its commitment to build strong state and provincial associations aids them financially. From the \$20.00 annual membership, \$3.00 is returned to the state or provincial organization. No portion of the \$12.00 annual membership for Junior and Sub Junior members is included in the state rebate. From the \$500.00 life membership, \$250.00 is returned to the state or provincial organization over a 10 year period and part is retained in a special ATA emergency fund. From the \$2.00 daily fee, 20% is returned to the state organization. These refunds are made to the State/Provincial Association ten days prior to the State/Provincial Shoot, provided such shoot is held and provided the State or Province turns into the ATA at least \$200.00 from annual membership dues and registration fees. From this refund, there is deducted an amount equal to any fines due because of late shoot reports. On or before January 1 of each year the ATA shall inform the Secretary of each State/Province of the approximate amount of refund to be paid to that State/Province. This information must be printed in the program for that annual State/Provincial shoot.

## **D. ATA TROPHIES**

1. Only one (1) ATA trophy shall be awarded to any one (1) person in any separate event. This means a contestant may not win both an ATA special category trophy and an ATA champion, runner-up/place, class, or yardage trophy. Trophies not provided by the ATA to States/Provinces or Zone are exempt from this rule. Please see Paragraphs E. and H. of this section.

2. *A chair shooter whose score qualifies them for more than one (1) ATA trophy must notify shoot management as to which trophy he/she desires to accept or shoot for. The shooter must make his/her declaration after the scores for each EVENT are posted and before entering in to any shoot-off/carry-over. The maximum time allowed for such declaration shall be made by shoot management, within a range of 15 to 45 minutes, and published in the shoot program. If not published in the program, the time shall be 15 minutes. This declaration should be made at a place specified by shoot management. If the shooter fails to make a declaration within the specified time, shoot management shall assign "Chair" as the choice.*

3. *Any shooter who is tied for event Champion may shoot-off/carry-over for the Championship trophy. If a shooter fails in the championship trophy shoot-off/carry-over and has declared a special category at the*

*time of classification, the shooter can fall back to the declared special category.*

*4. Any shooter who has declared a special category at the time of classification and whose score qualifies for any trophy in his/her declared category, will compete for the category trophy and not for place, class or yardage group.*

*5. Any special category shooter whose score does not qualify for a trophy in his/her category, may compete for place, class or yardage group trophies.*

*Once any declarations have been made either by a shooter or shoot management, the declaration is final and cannot be changed. There shall be no exception to this rule.*

#### **E. STATE ATA TROPHIES**

The ATA will also donate the following trophies to each State and Provincial Association holding a State or Provincial shoot:

##### **Singles**

Singles Champion  
Singles Runner-up  
Lady Singles Champion  
Veteran Singles Champion  
Senior Veteran Singles Champion  
Junior Singles Champion  
Sub-junior Singles Champion  
Class Champions (AA, A, B, C, D) which may be awarded in the Class Or Singles Championship.

##### **Handicap**

Handicap Champion  
Handicap Runner-up  
Handicap Third  
Handicap Fourth  
Handicap Fifth  
Handicap Sixth

##### **Doubles**

Doubles Champion  
Doubles Runner Up  
Class Champions (AA, A, B, C, D) which may be awarded in the Class Or Doubles Championship.

##### **All Around Championship**

All Around Champion

#### **F. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS AT STATE TOURNAMENTS**

The 4 State championships shall be determined on the following:

Singles-200 targets

Doubles-50 pair

Handicap-100 targets

High All-Around-the sum of the above, 400 targets

Ladies, Junior, Veterans, Sub-Junior, Senior Veterans and any other championships not listed above may be determined on a lesser number of targets at the discretion of the State Shoot Management.

#### **G. ATA SUPPORT FOR ZONES**

The ATA donates \$3,000.00 in added money to be awarded at each Zone tournament. Zone officials may determine the division of the ATA

added money for Zone tournaments in the Singles and Doubles class championships and in the championship events of Singles, Handicap, and Doubles. It shall be made available to all ATA registered shooters regardless of location unless the money is specifically restricted to Zone residents at the discretion of the various ATA Zones and it must be so stated in the Zone programs.

## **H. ZONE ATA TROPHIES**

The ATA will donate the following trophies to each Zone for its Zone Tournament:

### **Singles**

Singles Champion  
Singles Runner-up  
Singles Championship  
AAA, AA, A, B, C, D  
Lady Singles Champion  
Junior Singles Champion  
Sub-Junior Singles Champion  
Veteran Singles Champion  
Senior Veteran Singles

### **Class Singles**

Singles Class Championship  
AAA, AA, A, B, C, D

### **Doubles**

Doubles Champion  
Doubles Runner-up  
Doubles Championship  
AAA, AA, A, B, C, D  
Lady Doubles Champion  
Junior Doubles Champion  
Sub-Junior Doubles Champion  
Veteran Doubles Champion  
Senior Veteran Doubles

### **Class Doubles**

Doubles Class Championship  
AAA, AA, A, B, C, D

### **Handicap**

Handicap Champion  
Handicap Runner-up  
Handicap Third  
Handicap Fourth  
Handicap Fifth  
Handicap Sixth  
Lady Handicap Champion  
Junior Handicap Champion  
Sub-Junior Handicap Champion  
Veteran Handicap Champion  
Senior Veteran Handicap Champion

### **All-Around**

All-Around Champion

## **I. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS AT ZONE TOURNAMENTS**

Zone championships shall be determined on the following:

Singles-200 targets

Doubles-50 pair

Handicap-100 targets

All-Around, the sum of the above, 400 targets



Class Singles and Class Doubles-a minimum of 100 targets (not to be shot concurrently with the Singles and Doubles Championships).  
Zone tournament programs shall call for a minimum of 600 registered targets.

## **J. CONCURRENT STATE AND ZONE SHOOTS**

When a State or Provincial shoot is held concurrently with a Zone telephonic shoot a shooter may win both an ATA state trophy and an ATA Zone trophy.

## **SECTION XI GRAND AND ALL AMERICAN QUALIFICATION**

### **A. GRAND AMERICAN QUALIFICATION**

No participant shall be classified to shoot Handicap events at less than 25.0 yards unless he/she has a minimum of 1000 registered Handicap targets in the current year. The 1000 handicap targets must have been registered since September 1 of the previous year and not later than the day preceding the first day of the Grand American World Trapshooting Championships. However, participants who fail to meet Grand American Handicap qualification as described above shall have the choice of shooting targets only from their assigned yardage provided they waive and forfeit all rights to trophies, options, purses, and added money. Handicap target requirements are waived for Senior Veterans, making them eligible for trophies and monies.

Shooters who do not have a total of 1000 16 yard targets registered beginning since September 1, of the previous year and not later than the day preceding the first day of the Grand American World Trapshooting Championship will be advanced (1) class or more at the discretion of the Handicap Committee. Shooters with less than 500 registered single targets will be placed in class B or higher at the discretion of the Handicap Committee.

Shooters who do not have a total of 1000 double targets registered beginning since September 1, of the previous year and not later than the day preceding the first day of Grand American World Trapshooting Championships will be advanced (1) class or more at the discretion of the Handicap Committee. Shooters with less than 500 registered double targets will be placed in class B or higher at the discretion of the handicap committee.

### **B. ALL-AMERICAN TEAM REQUIREMENTS**

	16's	Hdcp	Dbls
Men	3000	2500	1500
Women, Juniors, Veterans	3000	2000	1000
Sub-Juniors, Sr. Veterans	2000	1000	500

1. Qualified competitions are the Grand American, Satellite Grand Americans, Annual Resident Zone Tournaments, Annual State or Provincial Tournaments or any other ATA Registered Tournament where

total entries in the Singles Championship Event, Doubles Championship Event, and Handicap Championship Event, individually or in any combination, total at least 600 entries.

2. Shooters must have competed in the all three champion events (the High All Around) in qualifying tournaments in three different states/provinces.

## **SECTION XII**

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION, DISQUALIFICATION AND REINSTATEMENT**

#### **A. PAYMENTS AND OVERPAYMENTS**

Any club, which conducts a registered event and/or tournament, should make payment of all added money, purses, options, and other monies to the shooters as promptly as possible. Failure to do so within fifteen (15) days may result in the cancellation of registration privileges of that club for the remainder of the year, and no further registration shall be granted to that club until all monies due to shooters, the ATA and State organizations have been paid in full. The person(s) responsible, and/or officer(s) of such delinquent club(s), shall be barred from shooting registered targets until such payments have been made. Any ATA member who is due payment of money from a gun club and is requested to, but refuses to provide his/her Social Security Number or Tax ID Number is not protected by this fifteen (15) day Rule.

Any competitor at a registered shoot who, through error, has been overpaid on any purse, added money, option, or other awards, and who is notified of the overpayment by certified mail, must return the overpayment within fifteen (15) days. Failure to do so shall result in disqualification from participation in any ATA registered event and/or tournament until payment is made in full.

#### **B. DISQUALIFICATION**

1. A shooter may be disqualified for an event or for a whole tournament at any time by Shoot Management, or at any time by the Executive Committee or such person as they shall designate for that purpose, or disciplined by the Executive Committee, whenever the following prohibited conduct is brought to their attention:

- a. if in the opinion of Management or the Executive Committee the shooter disrupts the harmony of the shoot, or
- b. Contestants not timely reporting for competition, including shoot-offs; or
- c. if the shooter shoots at any place other than the regular firing line; or
- d. if the shooter fails to shoot at his/her correct yardage *in any sub-event except as permitted in Section VII. Par. A., 8.*; or
- e. if the shooter has failed to have his/her Average Card punched for earned yardage at a prior shoot, and fails to report earned yardage at the time of any subsequent registration; or
- f. if the shooter behaves in other than a sportsman-like manner such as physical abuse, verbal abuse or threats of any type directed to

shoot personnel, other competitors, or any other person, whether on or off the shooting line, if such conduct occurs on gun club grounds and during any day when ATA registered trapshooting takes place; or

g. if the shooter interferes with the Management's procedures in conducting the shoot; or

h. if the shooter does not respond and report to the firing line in a timely manner when his/her squad is called to shoot; or

i. if the shooter does not abide by the Rules of the ATA, by the Rules set out by Management, and/or in the official program.

2. It is the responsibility and the required duty of Shoot Management to immediately remove and disqualify any contestant at any time during an ATA sanctioned tournament:

a. who is under the obvious influence of alcohol or drugs before starting or during any event, sub-event, shoot-off or practice, or who consumes any alcoholic beverage or drugs during participation in any event, sub event or between events or sub events held on the same day including shoot-offs and practice. For purposes of this rule, "drugs" shall mean any illegal drug, and shall also mean any prescription medication if that prescription medication affects the judgment or conduct of the contestant to a degree that renders the contestant incapable of safely participating in the sport of trapshooting, whether during a registered event and/or tournament or practice; or

b. who handles a gun dangerously on or off the firing line, or

c. who deliberately or carelessly violates gun safety precautions, Official Rules regarding safety, or in any manner endangers contestants, spectators, or gun club personnel.

3. Disqualification for a single event does not prevent a contestant from participating in other events in the same tournament and scores shot in other events are not affected. However, any disqualification pursuant to Rule 2., a. above shall include all events or practice on the same day after the time of disqualification.

4. If the infraction is severe the management may disqualify the contestant for the entire tournament and require him/her to leave the grounds.

5. Disqualification for a tournament does not prevent a shooter from participating in other tournaments.

6. All entry monies in events not competed in as a result of disqualification are to be returned in full. Events, which have been started, do not qualify for refunds due to disqualification.

7. Scores shot in a registered event and/or tournament for which a shooter is disqualified will not be registered, and any trophies or monies, which the contestant has received for an event for which he/she is

disqualified, **MUST** be returned. Any shooter who is disqualified for any registered event or tournament and fails to return any trophies or monies which the shooter received in that event or tournament will remain disqualified and will be barred from shooting ATA targets or otherwise participating in ATA activities until all trophies or monies have been returned and written certification from the gun club involved is received at the ATA Main Offices.

*8. When a shooter's Handicap score is disqualified and that score would have earned yardage under the earned yardage table, the shooter's average card must be punched to the earned yardage. Those targets that are disqualified will not become part of the shooter's target history.*

## **C. SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS, AND REINSTATEMENT**

1. The Executive Committee may at any time at its discretion suspend any member or discipline shoot management for any conduct specified in Rule XII, B., 1., and/or anyone who:

- a. presents a check at any shoot for fees and targets, or has or allows his/her fees and targets to be paid by such check, that is returned or dishonored for insufficient funds or any other reason. Further, any person who presents such a check more than two (2) times shall be automatically suspended for a period of one (1) year. Suspension shall be timed after reimbursement is made. The Executive Committee may designate authority to the Executive Director to suspend any member for presentation of dishonored checks, on first and second offenses, until the gun club where the check(s) were written has been reimbursed and the reinstatement fee has been paid. Clubs receiving such a check shall report the name and address of the shooter or individual issuing the check to the ATA along with a copy and a statement that the check was for registered targets and/or fees. After having been reimbursed the club **MUST** immediately inform the ATA so that reinstatement proceedings may be initiated. Any ATA member who has been suspended for presenting a check that is returned for insufficient funds or other causes and becomes eligible for reinstatement shall be required to pay the sum of \$25.00 to the ATA as a reinstatement fee. This fee must be paid before reinstatement will be considered; or
- b. falsifies his/her scores; or
- c. fails to have his/her Average Card properly punched for earned yardage or fails to report earned yardage at the time of registration for any subsequent tournament; or
- d. fails to return any overpayment after proper notification; or
- e. is convicted of any gun or firearms violation; or
- f. willfully, deliberately, or repeatedly violates the Rules of the ATA as contained in the Official Rules; or
- g. encourages, participates in or allows a willful rule violation by any minor of which he/she is parent or for whom he/she is acting as legal or actual guardian, either temporary or permanent. For purposes of

these Rules only, a “minor” shall mean a person who has not attained his or her 18th birthday, and “guardian” shall mean a person who has actual physical custody or control of a minor, either temporarily or permanently and custody or control for the purpose of attending a single registered trapshooting tournament shall satisfy that definition of “guardian” for the purpose of enforcement of this rule only; or  
h. engages in conduct or behavior, which constitutes cause for suspension in the opinion of the Executive Committee.

2. A member who is suspended for any reason is barred from shooting ATA targets or otherwise participating in ATA activities for the period of his/her suspension.

3. If the Executive Committee feels the violations warrant suspension for longer than three (3) years, or expulsion, the member shall have the right of appeal if he/she complies with the terms and provisions of the By-Laws of the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

#### 4. INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS

The procedure for investigations of complaints of any Rules violation, including those that may result in suspension or disciplinary action, is as follows:

a. All complaints of ATA Rule(s) violations(s) shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Shall be in writing and shall be signed by the complainant(s). Verbal or anonymous written complaints will not be accepted or considered.

(2) Shall be dated with the effective date that the complaint is made, and shall contain the exact date(s) of the alleged Rule(s) violation(s) in the statement of facts upon which the complaint is based.

(3) Specific Official Rule(s) alleged to have been violated shall be stated if known by the complainant.

(4) Full details of the incident(s) upon which the complaint is based must be made, and must include a statement of facts sufficient to describe the incident upon which the complaint is based, and sufficient to establish that violation(s) of Official Rule(s) occurred.

(5) The location and name and address of the gun club where the alleged violation occurred must be stated, and if a violation of Rule XII, B., I.e. is alleged then the exact location of the violation(s) must be described.

(6) Names and addresses of any witnesses to the alleged violation(s) must be stated.

(7) A complaint may only be made by an ATA life or annual member in good standing on the date the alleged violation(s) occurred, or by a gun club in good standing where the alleged violation(s) occurred and signed by an authorized officer or director of the gun club.

b. All complaints of violation(s) of ATA Official Rules must be made within thirty (30) days after the date on which the alleged violation(s) occurred. In the event a claim is made, or a defense is raised that a complaint was not timely made, the earliest of the following dates shall control:

- (1) The date of receipt by the ATA Executive Director or other ATA Official as designated by Corporate Resolution; or
- (2) The date of postmark of the envelope in which the complaint was transmitted; or
- (3) The date of transmittal to the ATA Executive Director [supra-Throughout these Official Rules and/or By-Laws, the reference to Executive Director shall include any other ATA Official that has been legally authorized by appropriate Corporate Resolution to fulfill the responsibilities and/or duties herein impressed] by any electronic media, provided, that a hard copy showing date of transmittal can be printed, and provided further that the original signed complaint and hard copy of proof of electronic transmittal are mailed or delivered to the ATA Executive Director on the same date transmitted.

c. All complaints shall be sent or delivered to the ATA Executive Director at the ATA Main office, and any statement of procedure in any previous Rule stating otherwise is void and of no effect. Upon receipt of a written complaint the ATA Executive Director shall:

- (1) Cause each complaint to be assigned a number, consecutive to the last complaint received in order of receipt, and consisting of the year of receipt and consecutive number of receipt, e.g. 99-01, 99-02, etc.
- (2) Examine the complaint to determine it substantially complies with the requirements set forth herein.
- (3) If the Executive Director determines that the complaint alleges a serious breach of safety he/she shall immediately notify the ATA President of the alleged violation. The President, after consideration of the allegation, may direct the Executive Director to issue an administrative suspension of the member pending inquiry and action by the Executive Committee as set forth herein. While under administrative suspension a member may not participate as a contestant in any ATA registered events and/or tournaments. Notification of administrative suspension shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested or personal delivery.
- (4) If the Executive Director determines that the complaint substantially complies with the requirements herein, he/she shall mail the complaint to the ATA State or Provincial Delegate representing the State or Province in which the alleged violation occurred, with instructions to proceed as required in accordance with ATA Official Rules.
- (5) If the Executive Director determines that any of the following conditions exist:

(a) The complaint is directed against the ATA State or Provincial Delegate representing the State or Province in which the alleged violation occurred; or

(b) The Delegate has an obvious conflict of interest; or

(c) The Delegate recuses himself/herself, He/She shall assign the investigation to the Alternate Delegate(s) in succession. If one of the conditions described in (5.), (a.), (b.), or (c.) exist as to all available Alternate Delegates, then the Executive Director shall promptly notify the ATA President. Within ten (10) days after the receipt of such notification, the ATA President shall contact each voting member of the Executive Committee and, based on the majority vote of the Executive Committee, shall instruct the Executive Director who shall be assigned to conduct the investigation. In the event the person so assigned shall be unable or unwilling to conduct the investigation the ATA President shall repeat this procedure until an individual has been selected to conduct the investigation.

(6) If the Executive Director determines the complaint does not substantially comply with the requirements set forth herein, he/she shall return the complaint to the complainant with a letter informing the complainant of the reason(s) why the complaint does not comply with these Official Rules. Any defective complaint may be resubmitted at the option of the complainant, however, the time limit specified in Paragraph 4.b., above, is not extended and the time limitation is not tolled by this procedure.

d. Within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the complaint from the ATA Executive Director, the Delegate or individual appointed to conduct the investigation shall serve written notice of the complaint and a copy of the complaint on the alleged violator, by certified mail, return receipt requested or personal delivery. The written notice shall state the date and location of the alleged violation(s), the acts alleged to have occurred, the Official ATA Rule(s) alleged to have been violated, and shall inform the alleged violator that a written response is required within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notice. A copy of the notice and a copy of the complaint, along with copies of any other documentation that is in the possession of the Delegate or individual appointed to conduct the investigation at that time, shall be sent to the Vice-President of the Zone in which the alleged violation occurred. The Delegate, Alternate Delegate or individual appointed to conduct the investigation shall thoroughly investigate the allegations of the complaint and shall obtain witness statements in writing, signed by the witness(es), whenever reasonable, possible, or practicable.

e. Upon receipt of any answer from the alleged violator, or if no such answer is received within fourteen (14) days after his/her receipt of the notice, or immediately upon receipt of notice of non-acceptance if the alleged violator refuses to accept the certified mail, the Delegate, Alternate Delegate or individual appointed to conduct the investigation shall confer with such State officers as deemed necessary, and then within twenty eight (28) days shall, in

writing, recommend appropriate action to the Zone Vice-President. The entire file, including the return receipt or notice of refusal, and any response(s), answer(s), statement(s) or other documents relating to the complaint or investigation not previously sent or provided shall be delivered to the Zone Vice-President at the time the Delegate, Alternate Delegate or individual appointed to conduct the investigation makes his/her recommendation. Action recommended shall be specific, and shall not be general or left to the discretion of the Zone Vice-President or Executive Committee.

f. The Zone Vice-President, upon receipt of the recommendation(s), shall review the entire file, and within fourteen (14) days after receipt shall write his/her own recommendations, with supporting facts, to all members of the Executive Committee. Each member of the Executive Committee will be provided a complete copy of the file and all recommendations accompanied by an ATA Official Ballot.

g. All members of the Executive Committee shall, within fourteen (14) days after their receipt of the Zone Vice-President's recommendations, advise the ATA President of their agreement or disagreement with the recommendations of the Zone Vice-President, or any modification thereof. All Official notifications required under Section XII, C., 4., Subsections (e), (f), and/or (g), herein, may be effected by utilizing the Official Ballots as supplied or, in the alternative, scheduled for an adjudication hearing during any special or regularly scheduled meeting (teleconference or otherwise) of the Executive Committee, time requirement(s) permitting, subject to Section XII, C., 4., I.

h. After receipt of notice of agreement or disagreement from each member of the Executive Committee, or modifications approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, the ATA President shall cause reasonably prompt and appropriate action to be taken in accordance with the majority vote of the Executive Committee. Suspensions and/or expulsions made under this section shall conform to the applicable provisions pertaining thereto as fully set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

i. Any time requirement set forth in this Rule may, for good cause, and after written request of a Zone Vice-President, be extended by the President or his/her designate.

#### 5. REINSTATEMENT

Any ATA member who has been suspended for any reason must pay a \$25.00 fee to the ATA when his/her period of suspension is completed or when, in the case of returned checks, he/she has reimbursed the club where the check was written. This fee must be paid before reinstatement.

### **SECTION XIII STANDARDS FOR TRAPHOUSES, TARGETS, TARGET SETTING,**



## GUNS AND AMMUNITION

### A. TRAP MACHINE

A trap machine, which throws targets at an unknown angle, shall be used. All trap machines used to throw ATA registered targets shall be so manufactured, modified, or equipped as to interrupt irregularly the oscillation of the trap or otherwise assure the unpredictability of the flight of substantially all targets thrown.

Each gun club that throws ATA registered targets must have on file in the ATA main offices a signed Affidavit that the trap machines used to throw registered targets meet the requirements of this rule. The State/Provincial ATA Delegate is responsible for the enforcement of this Rule.

### B. TRAPHOUSES

Traphouses must adequately protect the trap loaders and shall not be higher than necessary for that purpose. It is recommended that traphouses constructed after September 1, 2003 shall conform to the following specifications:

1. Length not less than 7 feet, 6 inches, nor more than 9 feet, 6 inches.
2. Width not less than 7 feet, 6 inches, nor more than 9 feet, 6 inches.
3. Height not less than 2 feet, 2 inches, nor more than 3 feet, 0 inches, the height to be measured from the plane of the number 3 shooting position.

It is recommended that the throwing surface (throwing arm or plate) of the trap machine be on the same level as that of Post 3 and the target height setting pad.

### C. POSTS

The posts shall be 3 yards apart on the circumference of a circle whose radius is 16 yards. Handicap posts, when used, shall be prolongations of the lines given in Diagram I (p. 55), commonly known as fan shaped. The distance between posts at 16-yards shall then be 3 yards.

### D. TARGETS

No target shall measure more than four and five-sixteenths ( $4 \frac{5}{16}$ ) inches in diameter, and not more than one and one-eighth ( $1 \frac{1}{8}$ ) inches in height. A target shall not weigh less than 95 grams or more than 105 grams with an allowable variation of plus or minus 5 grams per target lot. A target lot is defined as all targets with the same production lot number.

### E. FLIGHTS AND ANGLES

Singles targets shall be thrown not less than 49 yards nor more than 51 yards. Distance measurements are on level ground in still air. Targets shall be between 8 feet and 10 feet high, when 10 yards from Point B. The recommended height is 9 or  $9 \frac{1}{2}$  feet. The height at a point 10 yards from Point B is to be understood to mean height above an imaginary

horizontal straight line drawn through the post and Point B. (See Diagram II) (See also the alternative to setting by distance - setting by speed - in Section F, following.)

Target height may also be set based on the height of the target at ten yards as measured above the level of the trap arm in the house rather than the height as measured from the number 3 shooting station. This is the recommended procedure at facilities where the installation of traps in the houses is inconsistent as to height.

Point B is defined as the intersection of a line measured 1 foot 6 inches or 2 feet 6 inches from the outside vertical wall (farthest from the shooting stations) of the trap house and the centerline of the trap house. Please review Diagram I on page 55. Clubs constructing new trap house and fields should use the same point B measurement as their existing fields to keep all fields as consistent as possible.

In Singles shooting the trap shall be so adjusted that within the normal distribution of angles as thrown by the trap, the right angle shall not be less than 17 degrees measured to the right of center (3BF), and not less than 17 degrees measured to the left of center (3BF), with a total angle between outside target limits of not less than 34 degrees. (See Diagram II) Under no circumstances shall a Standard Model 1524 trap be set in less than the #2 hole. Any other trap machine shall be adjusted so as to throw not less than equivalent angles. Where terrain allows, a visible stake *must* be placed on the centerline of the trap on the arc of a circle that has a radius of 50 yards and its center is Point B (Point F, Diagram II).

To help in determining legal angles, stakes may be placed on the arc of a circle that has a radius of 50 yards and its center is Point B. One stake should be placed where a line drawn through Point A and Point B intersects this arc and another stake placed where a line drawn through Point C and Point B intersects the arc. These lines and stakes will assist in determining the required angles, but it is to be understood that the angle specifications apply when the target is from 15 yards to 20 yards from the trap rather than where the target strikes the ground. However, no target is to be declared illegal unless it is significantly outside normal parameters (e.g., more than 10 degrees outside normal).

In doubles shooting, targets shall be thrown not less than 44 yards nor more than 51 yards. Distance measurements are on level ground in still air. *Targets shall be between 8 feet and 10 feet high when 10 yards from point B.* The recommended height is 9 or 9 1/2 feet. The height at a point 10 yards from Point B is to be understood to mean height above an imaginary horizontal straight line drawn through the post and Point B (See Diagram II). The trap shall be adjusted so the angle of target spread is not less than 34 degrees. (See the alternative to setting by distance - setting by speed - in Section F, following.)

Target height may also be set based on the height of the target at ten

yards as measured above the level of the trap arm in the house rather than the height as measured from the number 3 shooting station.

The 17 degree angle will appear to be a straight-away from a point 3 1/2 feet to the right of post 1; the 17 degree angle will appear to be a straight-away from a point 3 1/2 feet to the left of post 5. This 17 degree angle refers to the flight line of the target from the house to 15 or 20 yards out and can be used for singles, handicap, and doubles targets.

## **F. RULES FOR THE USE OF RADAR GUNS AND CHRONOGRAPHS TO SET TARGET SPEED**

There are two types of radar guns, high-power and low-power. The practical difference between them is that high-power guns work reliably from the 16-yard line and low-power guns don't.

High-power guns (Decatur, Stalker, most "police radar guns" and similar) are to be used at the 16-yard line. The trap oscillation is stopped, and the target measured is a straightaway. The gun is pointed horizontally. The correct speed for a singles or handicap target *is a minimum of 42 MPH*. The correct speed for the right target of a doubles pair *must be a minimum of 39 MPH*.

Low-power guns (SportRadar, Bushnell, and similar) are to be used at the back of the traphouse and at the level of the top of the traphouse. (Holding the gun higher than that will lead to a target which is too fast.) The trap oscillation is stopped, and the target measured is a straightaway. The gun is pointed horizontally. The correct speed for a singles or handicap target *must be a minimum of 42 MPH*. The correct speed for the right target of a doubles pair *must be a minimum of 39 MPH*. When a radar gun is used from inside the house, the correct speed for a singles or handicap target *must be a minimum of 44 MPH*. The correct speed for the right target of a doubles pair *must be a minimum of 41 MPH*.

A chronograph is to be used as close to the trap as practical and tipped up at approximately the same angle as the flight of the target. The correct speed for a singles or handicap target is 67 ft/sec. To set doubles with a chronograph, set a singles target to 76 ft/sec. and then switch the trap to throw doubles without changing the spring tension.

Note: target speed may be set by distance as above or by speed as determined by a radar gun or chronograph. Target must be set by measured speed or distance.

## **G. GUNS AND AMMUNITION**

Any shooter violating any of these Rules shall be disqualified from competition in accordance with these Rules. Any such violator shall be referred to the Executive Committee for possible further disciplinary action.

A contestant cannot use:

1. A gun with a chamber larger than 12 gauge. Guns of smaller gauges are permissible in registered and tournament shooting, but no competitive consideration shall be given in recognition of that fact for handicap and classification purposes. A contestant may not use a gun capable of chambering more than one gauge of shells at the same time. For example, chambering 12 gauge and 20 gauge shells in the same gun at the same time is prohibited.

2. Loads that contain nickel or copper coated shot or tracer loads. However, the use of lead, steel, bismuth, or other composite non-toxic shot materials shall be allowed. Any gun club allowing shot materials described in this Rule, other than lead, shall be required to cover or shield all hard surfaces on trap fields which are known, or reasonably believed, to cause pellet ricochet with material which will prevent the shot pellets from rebounding and/or ricocheting.

3. Any load with a velocity greater than 1290 FPS (Feet Per Second) with maximum shot charge of 1 1/8 ounces, or 1325 FPS with a maximum shot charge of 1 ounce, or 1350 FPS with a maximum shot charge of 7/8 ounces or less, 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 than 1 1/8 ounces or any shot larger than Number 7 1/2 can be used. Shot charges are maximum and no charge may exceed the charge amount by more than 3%.

4. Any shell loaded with black powder.

5. Shoot Management, ATA official(s) or any contestant may challenge the load of any other contestant. Any challenge shall be initiated so as to not disrupt the harmony of the shoot or interfere with other contestants not involved with the challenge. On receipt of a challenge management or ATA official(s) shall obtain a shell or shells from the challenged party, and if after examination, management or ATA official(s) find the contestant violated the ATA rule, he/she may be disqualified. Any such initiated challenges, determined to be abusive in nature, will be referred to the ATA Executive Committee for disciplinary action.



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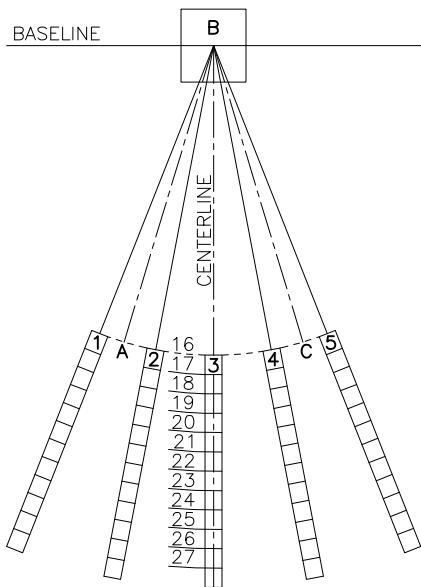
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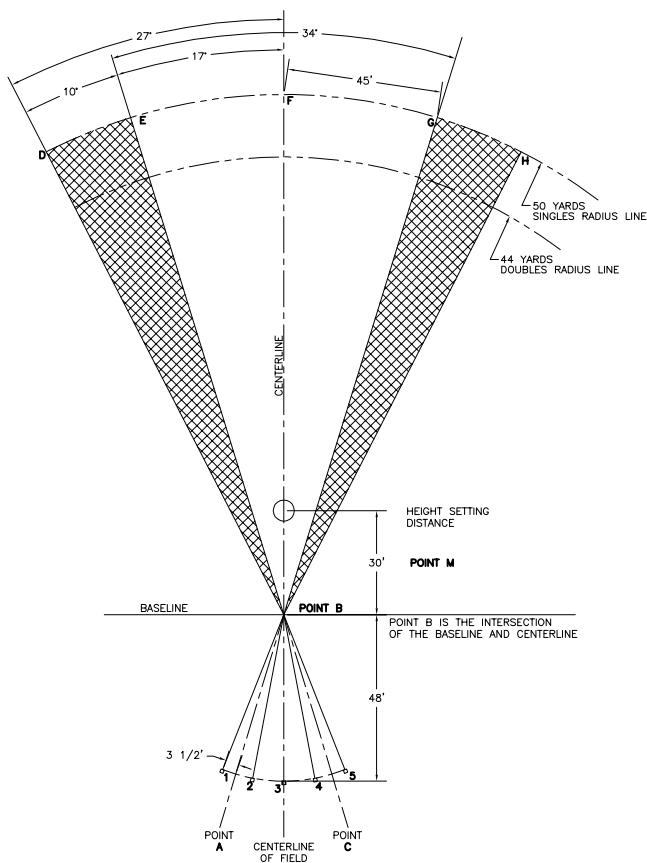
YARDS FROM POINT B

Diagram I  
Trapfield and Firing Positions

## **Diagram II**

### **Legal Target Area for Single and Doubles Shooting**

1 TO 5:	FIRING POINTS 3 YARDS APART
POINT B:	16 YARDS FROM FIRING STATIONS
DEFGH:	FIFTY YARDS FROM TRAP
BDEFGHB:	AREA OF LEGITIMATE TARGET
BEFGB:	MOST DESIRABLE AREA IS WHICH TO THROW TARGET
3BF:	IMAGINARY STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH POINT B AND NO. 3 FIRING STATION
EF, FG:	THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THESE POINTS SHALL BE A STRAIGHT LINE 45 FEET LONG
TARGET ELEVATION:	TARGET ELEVATION SHOULD BE 8-0 TO 10-0 FEET FOR SINGLES, HANDICAP AND DOUBLES



**Diagram II**  
**Legal Target Area for Single and Doubles Shooting**

## ALL AMERICAN TEAM QUALIFICATION AND POINT AWARDS

### Minimum Requirements For AA Team Consideration:

1. Targets	Singles	Handicap	Doubles
Men	3000	2500	1500
Women, Juniors, Veterans	3000	2000	1000
Sub-Juniors, Senior Veterans	2000	1000	500

### 2. Competition in 3 states

Shooters must have competed in all three champion events (the High All Around) in qualifying tournaments in three different states/provinces.

### Qualifying Tournaments:

Grand American

Satellite Grand Americans – Dixie, Spring, Southern, Southwestern, Empire, Great Lakes, Western, Heartland, Northeastern and Autumn Grands.

State/Provincial Championships

Resident ATA Zone Tournaments

Other Major Tournaments – These are tournaments where the combined attendance for championship events is greater than or equal to 600 entries. All “Other Major Tournaments” which qualified in the previous year will automatically qualify in the next target year even though the combined attendance numbers in the current year may be less than 600.

### Competition Factor:

This is a multiplier determined by tournament attendance. It is derived by combining the attendance in the championship Singles, Handicap and Doubles events. The resulting number is applied to the table below in determining the competition factor. This factor is used in the total trophy point calculation.

At each qualifying shoot, points earned for each trophy win or tie are multiplied by that shoot’s competition factor to determine total trophy points.

The number of shooters completing an event, as indicated in ATA records, will govern in case of a dispute as to tournament attendance.

<b>Total number of entries</b>			<b>Competition</b>
<b>Factor</b>			
5	to	500	2
501	to	900	3
901	to	1500	4
1501	to	2100	5
2101	to	2700	6
2701	to	3300	7
3301	to	3900	8
3901	and	over	9

**Please note:** Qualifying shoots will have a minimum competition factor of two (2). State shoots will have a maximum factor of seven (7). Satellite Grand's and ATA Zone shoots will have a minimum factor of three (3). Grand American preliminary week events will have a fixed competition factor of eight (8). Grand American Week events will have fixed competition factor of ten (10).

### **Trophy Point System:**

Points for trophy wins/ties are awarded based on the table below. *Shooters will not be eligible for trophy points unless the official shoot program specifies where trophies will be awarded in each qualifying event.*

Championship Events		Other Events	
Champion	10	Champion	5
Runner-up	8	Runner-up	4
3 <sup>rd</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup>	7	3 <sup>rd</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup>	3
6 <sup>th</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup>	6	6 <sup>th</sup> through 15 <sup>th</sup>	2
11 <sup>th</sup> through 15 <sup>th</sup>	5	tie	1
15 <sup>th</sup> through 20 <sup>th</sup>	4		
tie	3		

### **Trophy Events:**

Championship Singles, Handicap and Doubles events will be the last event of each type unless otherwise identified by the tournament program.

Class Singles and Class Doubles will be the like event immediately preceding the Championship Event unless otherwise identified by tournament program.

Preliminary Handicap is the event immediately preceding the Handicap Championship.

#### **Grand American**

All events except the White Flyer High Over All are included in trophy point calculation.

All preliminary events (Wednesday through Sunday) including Preliminary High Over All use the "Other Events" Trophy Point System Table.

All Grand Week Events (Monday through Saturday) including All Around and High Over All use the "Championship Events" Trophy Point System Table.

Placement in the top ten by score in the High Over All, All Around or Preliminary High Over All is awarded trophy points according to Trophy Point System Table.

#### **Satellite Grand American**

All events in the final week are eligible for trophy points.

Championship Events including All Around and High Over All use “Championship Events” Trophy Point System Table

All other events use “Other Events” Trophy Point System Table.

#### ATA State/Provincial Championships

Championship Events including All Around and High Over All use “Championship Events” Trophy Point System Table.

Preliminary Handicap, Singles Class Championship and Doubles Class Championship use the “Other Events” Trophy Point System Table.

Any single event with 600 or more entries is eligible for “Other Event” trophy points.

Resident and Non resident shooters are considered separately for point awards where there are resident and non resident trophies. Open trophy winners are awarded points based on their placement as compared to other resident or non resident shooters as applicable.

#### Resident ATA Zone Tournaments

Points are awarded for “zone wide” trophies only

Championship Events including All Around and High Over All use “Championship Events” Trophy Point System Table.

Singles Class Championship, Doubles Class Championship and Preliminary Handicap use the “Other Events” Trophy Point System Table. (Please note that preliminary handicap event must be “zone wide”.)

Any single event with 600 or more entries is eligible for “Other Event” trophy points.

Non-Residents may earn trophy points if the tournament qualifies under “Other Major Tournament” criteria.

Shooters earning points at individual zone sites that are classified as “Other Major Tournaments” (see below) and points for the entire zone shoot will have the higher of the two point totals count for point total purposes.

Resident and Non resident shooters are considered separately for point awards where there are resident and non resident trophies. Open trophy winners are awarded points based on their placement as compared to other resident or non resident shooters as applicable.

*In tournaments where resident, open and non-resident trophies are*

*offered in the same event, only two of the classifications will be eligible to receive All-American points.*

## Other Major Tournaments

Defined as tournaments with a combined entry in the Singles, Handicap and Doubles Championship of 600 and over.

Championship Events including All Around and High Over All use "Championship Events" Trophy Point System Table.

Any single event with 600 or more entries is eligible for "Other Event" trophy points.

### **Trophy Point Procedure:**

Trophy points are awarded for actual trophy wins as reported to the ATA Office and or Trap & Field Magazine by the tournament host. The report as received will be the official record from which trophy points are awarded.

Participants who note errors/omissions in winner's lists in Trap & Field or on shootata.com are encouraged to contact the tournament host directly and have notice of corrections forwarded to Trap & Field or ATA.

For the Men's Team, **ONLY** awards in longest yardage group and top class will earn trophy points after event champion and place points have been awarded.

In calculating special-category (Women, Juniors, Sub-Juniors, Veterans, Senior Veterans, and Wheelchair) All-American Points, any trophies other than the event championship one and the respective category one(s) will NOT earn trophy points.

Points for open trophy winners will be adjusted based on the shooters' actual placement in the event

A clear winner for each eligible point award must be determined. Trophy points will not be awarded to the shooters that do not have ties determined in a conventional manner (e.g. shoot off, flip of the coin etc.) Tie points only will be awarded in cases where clear winners are not reported.

At all Satellite Grand American and ATA Zone Tournaments All American Points pins will be awarded in accordance with the following schedule. Trophies may not necessarily be provided for all places receiving pins.

**Singles Class (14)**

Champion, runner-up and third  
 Lady: Champion and runner-up  
 Junior: Champion and runner-up  
 Sub-Junior: Champion and runner-up  
 Veteran: Champion and runner-up  
 Senior Vet: Champion and runner-up  
 Chairperson: Champion

**Doubles Class (14)**

Champion, runner-up and third  
 Lady: Champion and runner-up  
 Junior: Champion and runner-up  
 Sub-Junior: Champion and runner-up  
 Veteran: Champion and runner-up  
 Senior-Vet: Champion and runner-up  
 Chairperson: Champion

**Preliminary Handicap (zone-wide) (16)**

Event Champion, runner-up third,  
 fourth and fifth.  
 Lady: Champion and runner-up.  
 Junior: Champion and runner-up.  
 Sub-junior: Champion and runner-up  
 Veteran: Champion and runner-up  
 Senior Vet: Champion and runner-up  
 Chairperson: Champion

**Singles Championship (21)**

Champion, runner-up, third and fourth  
 Lady: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Junior: Champion runner-up and third  
 Sub-Junior: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Veteran: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Senior Vet: Champion, runner and third  
 Chairperson: Champion and runner-up

**Doubles Championship (21)**

Champion, runner-up, third and fourth  
 Lady: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Junior: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Sub-Junior: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Veteran: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Senior Vet: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Chairperson: Champion and runner-up

**Handicap Championship (27)**

Champion, runner-up, third through tenth  
 Lady: Champion, runner-up and third.  
 Junior: Champion, runner-up and third.  
 Sub-Junior: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Veteran: Champion, Runner-up and third  
 Senior Vet: Champion, runner-up and third.  
 Chairperson: Champion and runner-up.

**All-Around (19)**

Champion, runner-up and third  
 Lady: Champion and runner-up  
 Junior: Champion and runner-up  
 Sub-junior: Champion and runner-up  
 Veteran: Champion and runner-up  
 Senior Vet: Champion and runner-up

**High Over All (19)**

Champion, runner-up and third  
 Lady: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Junior: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Sub-Junior: Champion, runner-up and third  
 Veteran: Champion, runner and third  
 Chairperson: Champion and runner-up

NOTE: HOA Eastern Southern and Western Zones: 1,000 Targets  
 Southwestern and Central Zones: 700 Targets.

**Score Point Awards:**

Points are awarded for the top three scores in each qualifying event as indicated below:

	Championship Events	Other Events
High Score	10	5
2 <sup>nd</sup> High Score	8	4
3 <sup>rd</sup> High Score	7	3



High score points are **NOT** multiplied by the competition factor but added to total trophy points after the competition factor is applied.

Special Category shooters are **ONLY** eligible for high score points if their score is in the top 3 for the event.

### **Team Selection:**

The seven (7) highest (in points) qualifying shoots will be used to determine team placement.

The following teams and number of members are offered for achievement recognition.

Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team – 12

Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 20

Women's 1<sup>st</sup> – 10

Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> – 15

Junior 1<sup>st</sup> – 10

Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> – 15

Chairshooter - 7

Sub-Junior 1<sup>st</sup> – 10

Sub-Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> - 15

Veteran 1<sup>st</sup> – 12

Veteran 2<sup>nd</sup> - 20

Senior Veteran 1<sup>st</sup> - 12

Senior Veteran 2<sup>nd</sup> - 20

A shooter who qualifies for more than one team will be placed on the team where he or she ranks the highest. This may not necessarily be the team where he or she has tallied the greatest number of points.

### **AGE BASED SPECIAL CATEGORY SHOOTERS – PLEASE NOTE**

Points accumulated in more than one aged based special category (shooters that declare a new category during the target year) will not be combined for team placement purposes. For Example: A shooter that turns 70 on January 1<sup>st</sup> may declare as a Senior Veteran on that date but no points that were earned as a Veteran will apply to his Senior Veteran status. The same will apply for shooters turning 65 during the target year that declare themselves Veterans. Similar logic applies to Sub Juniors and Juniors.

No application is necessary for All American Team recognition. The ATA website ([www.shootata.com](http://www.shootata.com)) includes team standings and individual reports for qualifying tournaments. Information displayed in the ATA website is considered official and will be the basis for team selection. Any discrepancy should be reported to the ATA office. Each shooter in apparent contention will receive a detailed printout of their individual achievement on or about October 1<sup>st</sup>. Team selection will be announced in the December issue of Trap & Field and on the ATA web site. Formal notification will come from the ATA office some time in December.

**PITA LETTER OF AGREEMENT**  
**[for the advancement of shotgun sports]**

Whereas, the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America (ATA) and the Pacific International Trapshooting Association (PITA) both exist for the express purpose of promoting the safe and enjoyable conduct of the sport of trapshooting.

Now, therefore, the ATA and the PITA enter into this Letter of Agreement (LOA) to provide a vehicle to allow targets shot under the rules of the ATA and/or the PITA to be registered in each other's association, hereinafter referred to as cross registration. This LOA is expressly intended to be applied in only those States and Provinces who have both ATA and PITA State/Provincial Associations who conduct annual state tournaments.

This LOA may be cancelled by written notification by either association with one hundred eighty (180) days prior notice.

Any club conducting a registered trapshoot under the Rules of either ATA or PITA may provide for participating shooters to register all targets shot with the other Association by doing the following:

- 1) Notifying all shooters of the availability of cross registration in the official program.
- 2) Collecting the appropriate state and National daily fees for all shooters desiring to cross register targets, and insuring that their dues are current. Payment of those daily fees to the respective National and State/Provincial Associations.
- 3) Recording the membership number and scores of all such shooters.
- 4) Reporting the following information to the National office of the other Association:
  - A. Names and membership numbers of all shooters cross registering;
  - B. Scores of all shooters cross registering;
  - C. Total number of shooters participating in each event including those not cross registering targets;
  - D. Earned yardage for all handicap events;
  - E. Club official contact information.
- 5) Reporting all information required by the respective State/Provincial Association.

Clubs conducting PITA registered events shall require that all shooters cross registering with ATA shoot their longest earned/assigned handicap yardage. There will be a minimum of five (5) shooters (cross registered or not) in the first event of the day and a minimum of three (3) for all subsequent events.

No shooter currently suspended by the ATA or PITA may be allowed to cross register targets.

## 1000 TARGET REVIEW SYSTEM SUMMARY

This system has been developed through Delegate and Central Handicap Committee input with final approval and development by the Executive Committee. In order to explain the process clearly, several terms used in the following over-view will first be defined.

COMPUTER REVIEW is the term used for regular 1000 Target Reviews processed by the computer. The output from these reviews is either a one yard reduction or a "no change" review, 8888 or 5555 listed in the shoot location code column of the shooter's record.

BREAK POINT is the average looked at by the computer to determine if a reduction is warranted. Break points are different depending on zone of residence.

Eastern Zone:	89%
Central Zone	90%
Southern Zone	89%
Southwestern Zone	90%
Western Zone	90%

HANDICAP COUNTER reflects the number of handicap targets registered since the last earned yardage or 1000 Target Review. Said "counter" appears on the same line as the yardage in the heading of a shooter's record. The "counter" is zeroed after a review or earned yardage is entered into the shooter's record.

PURIFIED AVERAGE is best explained as the shooter's handicap average after disregarding up to two handicap scores that deviate more than 10% below the shooter's average.

SPECIAL REVIEW is a review generated upon a shooter's request and/or Delegate or Central Handicap Committee request. A "Special Review" may be for either reduction, increase, or no change. This review is processed manually and is indicated in the shooter's record with 2222 in the shoot location code.

### \*\*REVIEW PROCESS\*\*

1. The 1000 Target Review system is based upon the targets for the current and previous target year. Any special review or earned yardage will dictate 1,000 handicap targets be shot prior to another computer review.
2. Shooters with a purified handicap average higher than the break point will be listed as "within the norm of ability", the counter will be zeroed and a notation of 5555 will be entered into the shooter's record. Shooters with a purified average below the break point and 500 or more singles targets in the current and previous target year, but not combined will receive a one yard reduction subject to any other restrictions. This reduction can

be changed through agreement between the ATA Delegate and Central Handicap Committeeman, with notification to the shooter being a new card sent from the ATA office.

3. No shooter will be reduced more than *three* yards in any one target year.
4. Earned yardage of 1.5 or more yards for any single event may not be removed in part or in whole by any Committee action and/or 1000 target review for a minimum period of 2 years from the date the yardage is earned. This restriction may be removed after one year for a shooter by the State Delegate sending a request to his/her Zone Central Handicap Committee Member who will make the final decision.
5. When multiple 100 target Handicap target events are shot on the same day, only 2 100-target events may be considered as the maximum per day towards a reduction. The 2 events considered must be the 2 in which the highest scores are registered.
6. There are also codes inserted into a shooter's record that will prevent a yardage reduction from being granted without written direction from the State Delegate. This code indicates that a shooter has proven his ability. A very small minority of active shooters have restrictive codes in their record. Most codes are removed at target year end and are inserted back in the shooter's record at the discretion of the State ATA Delegate or Central Handicap Committeeman.
7. A one year hold on reductions will be given any shooter with a "D" in their special codes. This hold is at shooter request only and notification to the ATA office can be made in writing by the shooter or through their Delegate. All "D" codes are removed at the end of the target year and must again be requested for the next year.
8. No shooter with a "Y" code in their special codes will be reduced below the 24.0 yard line unless they are a Veteran or Senior Veteran. This is a permanent code automatically placed in a shooters records upon reaching the 27.0 yard line. "Y" coded shooters may request a special review through their State Delegate or a member of the Central Handicap Committee.
9. Only those shooters who have registered 500 or more singles targets in the current or previous target year will be reviewed. If a shooter has insufficient singles targets registered, his counter will be zeroed and he will be printed on the summary until sufficient singles targets are registered. At such time the most current 1,000 handicap targets will be used in the review. The following table is used to determine "relative 16 yard average":

<u>16 yard average</u>	<u>shooter cannot be reduced below</u>
97.0% or higher	24.0 yards
95.0% to 96.9%	22.0 yards
93.0% to 94.9%	20.0 yards

10. Shooters receiving reductions will be issued an average card

showing their new yardage. This card will have "REVIEW" printed above the date.

11. Upon receipt of a "1000 target review reduction" the shooter has one month to take that reduction. Before the Central Handicap Committee deems that "void"
  - a.) Special Circumstances:
    1. Shooter is obviously shooting out of state
    2. Shooter has not shot any targets since the review
    3. If shooter has shot more than 500 targets from old yardage the reduction is void.

SHOOT #	CODE #	EXPLANATION: Computer codes listed in location area of shooter record indicating change in yardage assignment
1	1	Refusal of yardage reduction by shooter
1	16	Refusal of yardage reduction by ATA
1	17	Change of Category, increase by ATA office
1	2222	Exceptions to reviews or reviews granted by members of Central Handicap Committee
1	3333	Exceptions to reviews or reviews granted by members of Executive Committee
1	4444	Earned yardage for disqualified score
	**5555	Computer review with "no change" granted - ** code number indicating reason for no reduction
1	6666	Correction to shooters yardage by A.T.A. office
	8888	Computer review indicating one yard reduction
1	9999	Special review by Central Handicap Committee Chairman
1	12222	Yardage for non-registered shoot

**NOTE: all 5555 and 8888 reviews are computer generated.**

CODE # Explanation – Summary codes listed in location code area of shooter record indicating reason for no reduction during computer review (5555)

105555	Insufficient Singles shot at to be reduced
205555	Shooter is within the norm of ability ( ____% or higher)
305555	"L" coded shooter; system will not allow computer

	reduction
405555	Previous year champion or tie in a major Grand American Tournament handicap event; may not be reduced until after the next Grand American
505555	“R” coded shooter, system will not allow computer reduction
605555	“H” coded shooters: 1-1/2 yard handicap rule would not allow reductions from the 1-1/2 yard punch for two years from the new yardage. This “H” code restriction may be removed after one year by the State Delegate sending a request to his/her Zone Central Handicap Committee Member, who will make the final decision.
185555	“D” coded shooter, one year hold on reductions per shooter request “K” coded shooter, lifetime hold on reductions per shooter request
705555	Reduction would reduce shooter below allowable 18.0 Yard line.
905555	Reduction in yardage is a maximum of 3 yards in any one target year
125555	Singles average too high to allow reduction below 24.0 yard line
135555	Singles average too high to allow reduction below 22.0 yard line
165555	Singles average too high to allow reduction below 20.0 yard line
145555	Adult male shooter may not be reduced below 20.0 yard line
155555	“Y” coded shooter; system will not allow previous 27.0 yard shooter to be reduced below 24.0 yard line. This code is waived for Veteran and Senior Veteran shooters.
175555	“I” coded shooter. The shooter’s yardage has been increased at his or her request. Reductions are not allowed for two years from the date of the increase. Thereafter normal reductions will resume. For example, if the shooter’s “counter” is at 600 when the “I” code expires, the reduction will occur after 400 more targets.
195555	“F” coded shooter. System will not allow computer reduction below a specified yard line

## ATA Big 50 Program

The ATA Executive Committee is proud to unveil the **Big 50 Program**. This has been instituted to encourage participation by league and casual shooters in registered shooting.

The program essentially offers a reduced ATA daily fees for Big 50 Program participants. The program is available on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday only. Three 50 target programs (singles, doubles and handicap) with no more than three 50 target events per day and no more than one of any one discipline may be registered.

Participating in the program is very simple per details below. The normal procedure for obtaining pre approval for the registered date(s) through your State/Provincial Association must be followed. It is also strongly suggested that you contact your State/Provincial Association Secretary to determine whether their daily fees are being waived.

The only separate notice required to the ATA is to simply write the words **Big 50** on or near the Gun Club line on your shoot financial report.

### **PROGRAM:**

- Only available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, this program is intended as a supplement to regularly scheduled shoots
- Shooters must declare their intent to register targets before shooting
- Clubs will throw 50 target events (singles, doubles or handicap)
- No more than three fifty target events per day, no more than one of any one discipline
- ATA daily fees are reduced to \$1.00 per registered shooter
- State fees may be waived
- Targets will be ATA registered
- Non-ATA members must first join ATA in order to get their targets registered
- Similar to the registered league program, registered and non-registered shooters may shoot at the same time and on the same squad
- Minimum of three shooters per discipline
- All other rules apply to "Big 50" events
- For purposes of applying the earned yardage table only registered shooters will be counted. If yardage is earned under the table only the high score among registered shooters will earn yardage, regardless of any non-registered score. A score of 50X50 will earn at least ½ yard regardless of the number of shooters.

**THE  
AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING  
ASSOCIATION**

**VANDALIA, OHIO**



**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
AND  
BY-LAWS**

**2010**



**RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION**

Under the Illinois Not For Profit Corporation Act

1. The name of this corporation is Amateur Trapshooting Association (the "corporation"). The corporation was originally organized on November 30, 2004 under the name Amateur Trapshooting Association.
2. The corporation has no capital stock, nor is it to be conducted for profit.
3. The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
4. The name and address of the registered agent and registered office are BCRA Co., 161 N. Clark, Suite 4300, Chicago, Illinois 60601.
5. (a) The corporation is not a Condominium Association as established under the Condominium Property Act.  
(b) The corporation is not a Cooperative Housing Corporation as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.  
(c) The corporation is not a Homeowner's Association which administers a common-interest community as defined in subsection (c) of Section 9-102 of the code of Civil Procedure.
6. The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for purposes described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including, for such purposes, to:
  - (a) promote and govern the sport of trapshooting in the United States, Canada, and such other areas as approved by the Executive Committee;
  - (b) make all rules and regulations governing such trapshooting, and to promote and to hold trapshooting tournaments;
  - (c) purchase, hold, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of shares of the capital stock of, or any bonds, securities or evidence of indebtedness created by any other corporation or corporations organized under the laws of this state or any other state, country, nation or government, and while the owner thereof to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership;
  - (d) issue bonds, debentures or obligations of this corporation from time to time, for any of the objects or purposes of the corporation, and to secure the same by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust, or otherwise; and
  - (e) have one or more offices, to carry on all or any of its operations and business and without restriction or limit as to amount to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, own, mortgage, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every class and description in any of the States, Districts or Territories of the United States, and in any and all foreign countries, subject to the laws of such State, District, Territory or Country.

7. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Trustees, Directors, Officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Except to the extent permitted by section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), no substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation. Any other provision of these Articles to the contrary notwithstanding, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from the Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and (c) by a corporation organized under the Illinois General Not For Profit Act of 1986, as now existing or hereafter amended.

8. The corporation shall have all the powers permitted a corporation that is both a nonprofit corporation under the Illinois General Not For Profit Act of 1986 (hereinafter referred to as the "State Statute") and an exempt organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future laws of the State of Illinois and Internal Revenue Law).

9. Bylaws of the corporation, consistent with these Articles, shall be adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be amended in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

10. The corporation shall have Members as provided in the Bylaws. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The number of Directors and their terms shall be as provided in the Bylaws, provided that there shall not be less than three Directors. The Directors of the corporation shall be elected in the manner described in the Bylaws.

11. In furtherance, and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to:

(a) make and alter the Bylaws of this corporation, to authorize and cause to be executed mortgages and liens upon the real and personal property of this corporation;

(b) make, alter, amend, change or repeal rules, regulations and conditions governing the sport of trapshooting, which shall be binding upon the

Members of the corporation;

(c) from time to time determine whether and to what extent, and at what times and places, and under what conditions and regulations, the accounts and books of this corporation, or any of them, shall be open to inspection of Members; and no Member shall have any right of inspecting any account, book or document of this corporation except as conferred by statute, unless authorized by a resolution of the Members or Directors; and

(d) if the Bylaws so provide, designate two or more Directors to constitute an executive committee, which committee shall for the time being, as provided in said resolution or in the Bylaws of this corporation, have and exercise any or all of the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of this corporation, and have power to authorize the seal of this corporation, if any, to be affixed to all papers which may require it.

12. This corporation may in its Bylaws confer powers upon its Directors in addition to the foregoing, and in addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred upon them by the State Statute.

13. The power and authority to sell, lease, hypothecate or exchange all of the property and assets of this corporation, including its good will and its corporate franchises, upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed expedient for the best interests of the corporation, is hereby vested in (a) the Executive Committee acting with the written consent and approval of a majority of the Board of Directors, or (b) the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting.

14. The private property of the Members shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatever.

15. Both Members and Directors shall have power, if the Bylaws so provide, to hold their meetings, and to have one or more offices within or without the State of Illinois, and to keep the books of this corporation (subject to the provisions of the State Statute), outside of the State of Illinois at such places as may be, from time to time, designated by the Board of Directors.

16. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all the assets of the corporation to an organization then qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

17. This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Restated Articles of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon Members herein are granted subject to this reservation.

18. (a) The provisions of this Article shall be in the nature of a contract between the corporation and each of its Trustees, Directors and Officers made in consideration of such person's continued service to the corporation. The protection afforded to each Trustee, Director or Officer by the provisions of this Article shall survive such person's term of office or employment. This Article may not be repealed, nor may the benefits to the Trustees, Directors and Officers afforded hereby be diminished, except as to liability accruing in respect of acts or omissions occurring after the date of such repeal or modification.
- (b) The corporation shall hold harmless and indemnify each Trustee, Director and Officer to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by the provisions set forth in the State Statute or any other or additional statutory provisions which are hereafter adopted authorizing or permitting such indemnification.
- (c) The corporation may purchase and maintain for the benefit of each Director or Officer, as named insured or additional insured, a policy or policies of general comprehensive liability insurance (covering claims arising out of death, illness or injury or arising out of property loss or damage) and directors' and officers' liability insurance (covering claims arising out of wrongful acts or omissions) in respect of liabilities asserted against and/or incurred by its Directors and Officers in either such capacity or otherwise in the performance of their services for the corporation.
- (d) In addition to the foregoing, and subject only to the exclusions set forth in section (e) of this Article, the corporation shall hold harmless and indemnify each Trustee, Director and Officer: (i) against any and all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such Trustee, Director or Officer in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (including an action by or in the right of the corporation) to which such Trustee, Director or Officer is, was or at any time became a party, or is threatened to be made a party, by reason of the fact that such Trustee, Director or Officer is, was or at any time becomes a Trustee, Director, Officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving or at any time serves at the request of the corporation as a Trustee, Director, Officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise; and (ii) otherwise to the fullest extent as may be provided to such Trustee, Director or Officer by the corporation under the non-exclusivity provisions of the State Statute.
- (e) No indemnity pursuant to section (d) of this Article shall be paid by the corporation: (i) except to the extent the aggregate of losses to be indemnified thereunder exceeds the amount of such losses for which the Trustee, Director or Officer is indemnified either pursuant to section (b) of this Article or pursuant to any insurance of the type referred to in section (c) of this Article purchased and maintained by the corporation; (ii) in respect of remuneration paid to such Trustee, Director or Officer if it shall be determined by a final decision of a court having jurisdiction in

the matter that such remuneration was in violation of law; (iii) on account of such Trustee's, Director's or Officer's conduct which is finally adjudged by a court having jurisdiction in the matter to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct; or (iv) if a final decision by a court having jurisdiction in the matter shall determine that such indemnification is not lawful.

(f) All agreements and obligations of the corporation contained in this Article shall continue during the period the Trustee, Director or Officer is a Trustee, Director or Officer of the corporation (or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a trustee, director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise) and shall continue thereafter so long as the Trustee, Director or Officer shall be subject to any possible claim or threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she was a Trustee, Director or Officer of the corporation or was serving in any other capacity referred to in this Article.

#### Certification of Corporate Secretary

Original signatures of all corporate officers and/or directors have been omitted for printing purposes, only.

The Restated Articles of Incorporation as herein reproduced are certified to be original and accurate in all material aspects.

By: 

G. Mike Seitz, Secretary

Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA)



**BY-LAWS**  
**of**  
**AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION**

**AS ADOPTED FEBRUARY 15, 2006, and AS AMENDED**  
**FROM TIME TO TIME THRU AND INCLUDING**  
**AUGUST 14, 2008, AT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

[All reference to masculine gender includes the feminine]

**ARTICLE I**  
**CORPORATE POWERS**

**Section 1:** The corporate powers of this Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

**Section 2:** The Board of Directors are specifically empowered to delegate the direction of the affairs of this Corporation between meetings to an Executive Committee consisting of five (5) members.

**ARTICLE II**  
**OFFICES**

**Section 1:** The Principal Office of the Corporation shall be located in the City of Vandalia, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio. The resident agent of this Illinois domestic Corporation shall be BCRA Corporation, 161 North Clark Street, Suite 4300, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

**Section 2:** This Corporation may have such other office, or offices, at such places as the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee, from time to time, shall designate.

**ARTICLE III**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1:** The membership of this Corporation is divided into two (2) classes: Life Members and Annual Members.

**Section 2: Life Members.**

(a) Life memberships shall be non-assignable and non-transferable and shall be terminated automatically upon the death of said life member. The owner of a life membership shall not be subject to the payment of annual dues or assessments.

(b) Life memberships shall be issued by the Executive Committee upon the payment of a membership fee, the amount of which shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, and upon approval of the respective member by the Executive Committee as to his qualifications and character.

(c) The sale and issuance of life memberships may be discontinued at any time at the discretion of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

(d) In the event of liquidation of this Corporation, all of its remaining assets, after payment or provision for all liabilities, shall be distributed to or for the

benefit of one (1) or more organizations described in Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended, organized and operated for purposes similar to or in conformance with those of this Corporation, as determined by the Board of Directors. The above reference to Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, refers to such Section now in force and as it may hereafter be amended, as well as to any corresponding provision of subsequent United States tax laws.

(e) A membership as a life member shall be evidenced by an appropriate certificate and membership card, the forms of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. No life membership shall be effective until after receipt of proper application at the General Office of the Corporation, approval of same, and issuance of both Certificate and Membership Card. A life member shall not be qualified to cast a ballot for a state or provincial delegate or alternate delegates until properly qualified in accordance with this Paragraph.

(f) The funds derived from the sale of life memberships shall become a portion of a special fund to be known as "The ATA Emergency Fund" and shall be expended only in the event of emergency to this Corporation, and at the direction of four (4) of the Executive Committee or a majority of the Board of Directors; however, from the sale of each life membership there shall be returned a sum equal to one-half (1/2) of the proceeds from said sale at the rate of ten percent (10%) thereof per annum to the State or Provincial Association in which the purchaser of said life membership lived at the time of purchase effective, however, only as to life memberships sold subsequent to the effective date of this amendment, to wit, the 13th day of August, 1998.

The ATA Emergency Fund shall at no time exceed the sum of \$1,000,000.00. Funds received after the maximum limitation has been reached shall be thereafter credited to a surplus account. In event the said fund is depleted below the sum of \$1,000,000.00, moneys thereafter derived from the sale of life memberships shall again be credited to said fund until the maximum limit thereof has been reached.

### **Section 3: Annual Members.**

(a) Annual memberships may be secured for each year, with the membership year beginning on September 1 (November 1, beginning 2008), upon submission of written application the form of which shall be determined by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, and upon the payment of a membership fee, the amount of which shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, and upon approval of the applicant's qualifications and character, and upon proof that said applicant is a member in good standing of his/her State or Provincial Association.

(b) A membership as an Annual Member shall be evidenced by a membership card, the form of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. No annual membership shall be effective until after receipt of proper application at the General Office of the Corporation, approval of same, and issuance of membership card. An Annual Member shall not be qualified to cast a ballot for a State or Provincial Delegate or Alternate Delegates until properly qualified in accordance with these By-Laws.

(c) Annual Members shall pay no dues or assessments other than the annual membership charge.

(d) From the sale of each annual membership there shall be returned to the association of the State or Province in which the party lived at the time he/she became an Annual Member a sum to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, provided the said state or province remits to the Amateur Trapshooting Association at least \$200.00 from annual membership sales and registration fees.

**Section 4:** Both Life Members and Annual Members, upon presentation of their membership cards, the payment of registration fee and compliance with the rules and regulations of this Association and their State Organization, shall be entitled to participate in all trapshooting contests registered by the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America.

#### **Section 5: Suspension and Expulsion of Members**

The Executive Committee hereby has the power vested in it to suspend any Life or Annual Member of the Corporation for such period of time, including life expulsion, for cause as may be determined by the majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Charges against the accused must be in writing and a copy of said charge must be furnished the member so charged by mailing said charges to him/her at least ten (10) days prior to any action being taken by the Executive Committee.

If the Executive Committee deems the charges to be sufficiently serious so as to warrant a longer suspension than three (3) years, or expulsion of said member, then said member shall have a right to appeal to have the charges heard during the next immediately following Grand American Tournament by the Board of Directors at a meeting called for that purpose. At that meeting, the Board of Directors shall hear and weigh the evidence in defense of the charged member as he may care to present. Thereupon, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to change the suspension to any period of time it determines, including permanent expulsion, notwithstanding the prior determination of the Executive Committee which shall be done by a majority vote of the Directors present at the meeting.

A member's right of appeal shall be preconditioned upon said member serving a notice of appeal upon the Executive Director of the Amateur Trapshooting Association within thirty (30) days after the mailing of the Executive Committee's decision to said member's residence of record on the official records of the Amateur Trapshooting Association; a member failing to serve said notice shall irretrievably lose his/her right of appeal to the Board of Directors, subject to the following additional terms and conditions.

In recognition of the principles of equity and redemption, any Annual or Life Member currently, or subsequently, suspended from the Amateur Trapshooting Association may appeal for Clemency and Reinstatement of his/her membership in the ATA after a minimum of one half (1/2) of the period of the suspension has elapsed. For those member(s) suspended for life, a minimum period of seven (7) years, from the original date of suspension of all ATA rights and privileges, must have elapsed before an appeal for Clemency



and Reinstatement may be submitted for proper review and consideration, as is consistent with these By-Laws.

Clemency and Reinstatement appeals shall not be accepted or reviewed if the suspension and/or expulsion resulted from findings of fact in which the member, suspended for life, is convicted of, or subject to an adverse verdict for a felony conviction in any criminal justice system; any criminal or civil judgment and/or action involving aggravated assault or a substantially similar offense; or if the applicant for Clemency and Reinstatement is otherwise prohibited from processing firearms by either state or Federal Law.

In appellate cases involving suspensions of three (3) years or less, all appeals for Clemency and Reinstatement shall be resolved by the Executive Committee, in their sole discretion. In appellate cases involving suspensions of more than three (3) years, including life suspensions, the Executive Committee shall refer the appeal(s) for Clemency and Reinstatement to the Board of Directors along with their findings of fact and conclusions, resulting therefrom, accompanied by a written recommendation to either approve or disapprove the appeal. All appeals for Clemency and Reinstatement referred to the Board of Directors will be heard and properly adjudicated at a special meeting(s) of the Board of Directors, subject to the call of the President, during the Grand American Tournament. All referenced appeals taken hereunder shall be preconditioned upon said member serving written notice of said appeal upon the Executive Director of the Amateur Trapshooting Association at least sixty (60) days prior to the first official day of the Grand American Tournament, at which time the appeal will first be eligible for hearing and adjudication by the Board of Directors. Any such appeal must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the State or Provincial Association where the applicant currently resides.

All appeals taken hereunder shall be decided by majority vote of the Board of Directors. The appeal for reinstatement may be granted on a conditional basis, by the Board of Directors, as to the regrant and the level of privileges. In the event the Board of Directors fail to reach a majority vote, the appeal for Clemency and Reinstatement shall be rejected and the suspension shall remain in full force and effect. All other applicable Rules or other governing procedures, for reinstatements shall also apply to these provisions. Only one (1) such appeal shall be considered, and acted upon, from any one (1) Annual or Life Member currently under suspension or expulsion. The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Board of Directors, shall determine the practice, procedure and application of the appeal provisions hereunder and they shall interpret all of these appeal provisions in harmony with the best interests of the Amateur Trapshooting Association and the remaining provisions of the By-Laws.

The hearing conducted shall be in accordance with proper Rules of Order; the Secretary of the Corporation shall act as Law Judge. Any suspension of member(s) by the Executive Committee shall not be stayed by appeal taken, by said member(s), to the Board of Directors.

The Secretary's Report at the Annual Meeting shall include the particulars of each suspension action of more than three (3) years taken by the Executive

Committee subsequent to the immediately preceding Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, for the prior year.

## **ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1: Election.**

(a) At each annual State or Provincial championship tournament sanctioned by the Corporation, there shall be held a business meeting on a date and time specified in the program for the tournament, which date must be one (1) of the last three (3) days of the tournament, and which time must be no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and no later than 9:00 p.m., except that if the meeting is held on the last day of the tournament then it must commence no later than 12:00 noon, at which meeting all members of this Corporation residing in that State or Province, who are present in person at the meeting and are also members of their State Association, who have been active members (e.g., having registered targets) in any two (2) target years, shall be entitled to vote for a State or Provincial delegate and for not over two (2) alternate delegates, all of whom shall be Life Members as a prerequisite to election. The criteria for the election as a State Delegate or Alternate shall be: (i) actual physical residence within the boundaries of the State of representation; (ii) in receipt of life membership certificate for the Amateur Trapshooting Association; and (iii) member in good standing of the State Association of the State represented. Further provided, a candidate standing for election must evidence ATA membership in good standing for at least five (5) consecutive years and active registered shooting participation of at least 500 targets (Singles, Handicap, Doubles combined) in the current and previous four (4) years with at least 3,000 total combined targets in the current and previous four (4) target years. Target participation may be waived, by the State or Provincial Association, for shooter(s) with an extensive target history who, because of documented physical disabilities is, or are, not currently able to actively participate in recognized ATA shooting events. In order to stand for election, serve or continue to serve, as an ATA Delegate or Alternate, any candidate, otherwise qualified hereunder, shall not have been, or be, suspended, for any reason, from the ATA within the prior five (5) years or for a period of one (1) year or more. The Delegates, or in the absence of a Delegate, his/her Alternate, shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America.

(b) The term of office of a Delegate shall commence upon the date notice of his/her election is received by the General Offices of the ATA at Vandalia, Ohio; and the said Delegate shall continue to hold office until his/her successor has been elected and notice thereof received by the ATA General Offices. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a delegate's term shall expire on the 10th day of August of the second consecutive year in which any State or Province shall fail to hold a championship tournament, unless such failure is occasioned by war or National emergency.

### **Section 2: Duties.**

The Board of Directors shall have the duty to outline and put in force

the General Policy of the Amateur Trapshooting Association, designating the time, place, and Rules of all registered tournaments and registered club shoots, prescribing all championship requirements, allotting, donating and distributing all trophies, cash contributions for competitive trapshooting under such conditions and at such times and places as it in its judgment may deem best for the sport. It shall have the duty, specifically, to see that the property, business, and assets of the Amateur Trapshooting Association are efficiently managed to the best interest of this Corporation.

### **Section 3: Powers.**

(a) The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of this Corporation, and to make rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the United States and the various States and Provinces in which it operates, for the guidance of the Executive Committee and the Officers of this Corporation in the management of the affairs of the Corporation.

(b) The Board of Directors, unless otherwise herein specifically set forth, shall have the power to appoint and remove at pleasure all Officers, Agents and Employees of the Corporation, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation and require from them security for faithful performance.

(c) The Board of Directors shall have the power and does by these presents delegate to the Executive Committee full and complete authority to do all things in the time intervening between annual meetings that the Board of Directors could do if it were in session.

### **Section 4: Meetings.**

(a) The Board of Directors shall meet annually at the scheduled and publicized location of the Grand American World Trapshooting Championships Tournament, or elsewhere if previously determined by it or the Executive Committee, during the Grand American Tournament.

(b) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called during the Grand American Tournament by the President or two (2) Vice Presidents or ten (10) Delegates by posting a notice of said meeting on the bulletin board in the club house on the said grounds not later than 1:00 p.m. of the day prior to said meeting, however, said meeting shall be called only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Said notice shall designate the time, place, and purpose for which the meeting is called. No business may be transacted at said meeting other than specified in the notice.

(c) **Quorum:** Fifteen (15) Delegates or qualified Alternates shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors at either annual or special meetings.

(d) **Voting:** All voting at an annual or special meeting must be done in person by a Delegate or his qualified Alternate. Any actions required to be taken at an annual or special meeting of the Board of Directors, except those actions referred to in Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph (c), may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by a majority of the Delegates entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof. Any such consent signed by a majority of such Delegates shall have the same effect as a majority vote with respect to said subject matter at any annual or special meeting and may be stated as such

in any document filed with anyone else.

**Section 5: Order of Business of Annual Meetings.**

(a) The following shall be the order of business at all Annual Meetings of the Board of Directors, subject to variation by the will of said Board:

1. Roll Call and Seating of Delegates;
2. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting;
3. Treasurer's Report;
4. Report of Committees;
5. Correspondence;
6. Unfinished Business;
7. Report of Executive Committee;
8. Report of Executive Director;
9. Election of Vice Presidents;
10. Election of President;
11. New Business;
12. For the Good of the Corporation;
13. Adjournment.

**ARTICLE V  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Section 1:**

The Executive Committee as such shall consist of five (5) members, four (4) of whom shall be designated Vice Presidents and one (1) shall be designated President. The immediate Past President of this Corporation shall be, Ex-Officio, a member of said Executive Committee in an advisory capacity without vote. In addition thereto, all other Past Presidents of this Corporation shall be life members of said Executive Committee in an advisory capacity without vote but with all other rights and privileges afforded the voting members of said Executive Committee.

**Section 2: Election.**

(a) One (1) member to the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, to the Board of Directors, by and from each of the following Zones:

(1) Central Zone, consisting of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada.

(2) Eastern Zone, consisting of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Canada, and the provinces in Canada laying east thereof.

(3) Southern Zone, consisting of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

(4) Southwestern Zone, consisting of Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

(5) Western Zone, consisting of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the Provinces

of Alberta and British Columbia, Canada.

The Executive Committee shall take and hold office on September 1, following the Grand American Tournament and hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

(b) The election of a member to the Executive Committee by a Zone shall take place during the "Election of Vice Presidents" portion of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association. The election shall be conducted and held by a Zone under and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) Election shall be by the majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association from that Zone present at the meeting. The vote shall be by written secret ballot and shall be taken until a majority vote of election is obtained.

(ii) At the time of election to the office, the person so elected must be, if the person so elected is not the then incumbent Vice President having served in that capacity from that Zone for the immediately proceeding two (2) consecutive years, a duly qualified and acting State or Provincial Delegate from the Zone of election. If the person so elected is the incumbent Vice President from that Zone having served in that capacity for the immediately proceeding two (2) consecutive years, he need not be, but may be, a duly qualified and acting state or province delegate from the Zone of election. No person can be elected to the Executive Committee for more than five (5) consecutive terms and at each election must be a resident of the Zone from which he is elected.

(iii) A candidate for election must be present, unless the majority of the State or Provincial Delegates present from that Zone shall waive this presence requirement by written consent prior to the election and the written consents made a part of the Official Corporate Records, and be nominated and seconded by voting members of the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association from that Zone who are present at that meeting. Except, however, an incumbent Vice President having served in such capacity for the immediate proceeding two (2) consecutive years shall be deemed to have been properly nominated and seconded for the office for reelection by his personal affirmation and stated intention of standing for reelection given at the meeting.

(iv) In the case where the present incumbent Vice President has served in such office for at least the two (2) previous consecutive years, no candidate for said election in opposition to said incumbent Vice President shall be nominated where the incumbent has stated his affirmation of reelection, unless:

(1) Not more than forty-five (45) days nor less than thirty (30) days prior to said election, a member or members of the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association from that Zone shall have served upon all members of the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association from that Zone at their addresses as indicated on the official rolls of the Amateur Trapshooting Association a petition or petitions stating that prior to said election a motion or motions of non-reelection shall be

introduced prior to the election of Vice President calling for the non-election of the incumbent Vice President and stating the reasons or grounds, of non-election. In addition, a copy of said petition shall be served upon the Executive Director of the Amateur Trapshooting Association at the General Offices of the Amateur Trapshooting Association. Proof of service at the meeting shall be by presentation of the return receipts of certified United States mail directed to the addresses of such Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association in the said Zone as then shown on the records at the time of mailing of the Amateur Trapshooting Association and shall be conclusive proof of compliance with this requirement.

(2) Any such properly noticed motion of non-election must be, if presented by the movant at the time of the election of Vice Presidents, must be heard and voted upon by the then present Directors of the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association from that Zone by secret, written ballot until a majority vote of decision is obtained. If a majority affirmative vote is obtained, then the election shall proceed as if the incumbent was not in office for at least the two (2) previous consecutive years. If a majority negative vote upon the motion is obtained, no candidate in opposition to the incumbent standing for reelection as Vice President shall be nominated and the incumbent shall be declared reelected.

### **Section 3: Duties.**

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to manage the affairs of this Corporation between annual meetings of the Board of Directors and in so doing to exercise the judgment and discretion that they individually would exercise in the management of their own affairs, taking into consideration at all times the best interests of this corporation and the will of the Board of Directors.

It shall be the further duty of the Executive Committee at all times to carry into effect directives of the Board of Directors.

### **Section 4: Powers.**

(a) The Executive Committee shall have the power to do any and all things on behalf of this Corporation not specifically denied them by the Board of Directors.

(b) The Executive Committee shall have the power to employ an Executive Director and to delegate to him such authority as they may see fit.

Any Executive Director so employed shall possess qualities and abilities which in the opinion of the Executive Committee will be in the best interest of the Corporation and its membership, and maintain or elevate the standards and status of the Amateur Trapshooting Association in trapshooting and clay target shooting around the World. Any Executive Director so employed shall meet or exceed basic requirements for education, experience and otherwise, which basic requirements shall be determined by the Executive Committee and made available to any applicant for employment as Executive Director, upon request. Any Executive Director employed shall execute a written employment agreement with a primary term of up to five (5) years, containing comprehensive non-competition provisions, and containing such other terms and conditions that the Executive Committee, in their sole discretion, shall

determine to be necessary or appropriate. Applicants for the position of Executive Director shall not be discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, gender, nation of origin, or sexual orientation.

(c) The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint for any fiscal year a Treasurer and a Secretary.

**Section 5:**

The Executive Committee shall require the Executive Director and Treasurer to be bonded in an amount not less than \$250,000.00 each, with the premiums of said bonding to be paid by the Corporation.

**Section 6:**

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each year at Vandalia, Ohio, unless waived by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, at such time as may be designated by the President. Other meetings may be called, from time to time at other places, by the President or any three (3) of the Executive Committee.

Unless specifically prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws, any action required to be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the members of the Executive Committee entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof. Any such consent signed by all of the members of the Executive Committee shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote, any may be stated as such in any document filed with anyone else.

**Section 7: Vacancies.**

Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by a vote of the remaining Delegates of that Zone. In the event any such vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days, then the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by selection of a Delegate from the Zone where the vacancy exists.

**Section 8: Remuneration.**

Members of the Executive Committee shall serve without compensation, as shall the Board of Directors; however, they may be reimbursed for all actual and necessary traveling expense incurred while traveling on business of this Corporation, at the discretion of the President. Such expenses incurred prior to August 1 of any year shall be reported promptly to the Treasurer for inclusion in his report to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI PRESIDENT**

**Section 1: Election.**

Following the election of the Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors the President shall be elected. The President shall be elected by the Directors, in attendance, at said Annual Meeting from the five (5) members of the Executive Committee. He/she shall take office on September 1, following the Grand American Tournament and continue to serve as President for one (1) year or until his/her successor is elected and qualified; provided, however, that he/she shall have an organizational meeting

with the incoming Executive Committee before the conclusion of the Grand American Tournament for the purpose of making appointments and special assignments and setting the dates for ATA sponsored tournaments for the following year.

**Section 2: Duties.**

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, to call when he/she deems necessary meetings of the Executive Committee, to appoint such necessary committees as he/she may deem advisable to efficiently carry on the activities of this Corporation, to see that the purpose for which this Corporation was organized to be carried into effect, to do such things as may be necessary to carry into effect the policies adopted by the Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee, and to sign in behalf of this Corporation all documents requiring execution other than checks.

**Section 3:**

Provided that in the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Executive Committee shall appoint from the Executive Committee or the Ex-Officio member of the Executive Committee, a President to serve during the remainder of the term. Provided, further, that if the Ex-Officio member of the Executive Committee is appointed President, he/she shall serve without vote, but with all other rights and privileges afforded the voting members of the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE VII  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Section 1:** The Executive Director shall have and exercise such authority as may be delegated to him/her by the Executive Committee from time to time.

**Section 2:** It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to do those things directed of him/her by the Executive Committee.

**Section 3:** The Executive Director shall keep the Executive Committee, at all times, acquainted with all matters which may arise pertaining to this Corporation, and of all actions taken by him/her on its behalf.

**Section 4:** The Executive Director shall have the power to disburse funds of this Corporation for normal operating expenses and procedures.

**ARTICLE VIII  
SECRETARY**

**Section 1:** The Secretary of this Corporation shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall have such duties as may be from time to time delegated by the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors.

**Section 2:** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep full and complete records of any and all activities of this Corporation, including minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, and following each meeting to send a copy of the minutes to each Director.

**Section 3:** The Secretary of this Corporation shall serve without compensation, except that he/she may be reimbursed for any and all necessary



expenses incurred in the fulfillment of his/her duties.

## **ARTICLE IX TREASURER**

**Section 1:** The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee annually.

**Section 2:** The Treasurer shall serve without compensation, except that he/she may be reimbursed for any and all necessary expenses incurred in the fulfillment of his/her duties.

**Section 3:** The Treasurer shall have custody of the corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and kept in the General Office of the Corporation. Treasurer or the Executive Director, shall deposit all moneys and instruments for the payments of money in the name of and to the credit of this Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Executive Committee.

**Section 4:** The Treasurer shall distribute the funds of this Corporation under the supervision and direction of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer shall report all of the Treasurer's activities to the Executive Committee, taking proper vouchers or receipts for such disbursements.

**Section 5:** The Treasurer shall sign all instruments for the payment of money by this Corporation, other than those signed by the Executive Director as authorized by Article VII, Section 4.

**Section 6:** Ten (10) days prior to the Board of Directors Meeting each year, the Treasurer shall render to each member of the Board of Directors a financial statement of the affairs of the Corporation showing the then financial condition of the Corporation, together with detailed records of receipts and disbursements for the preceding year, plus such then available quarterly financial statements for the completed intervening quarters between the ending date of the yearly financial statement and the date of the meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7:** In the event of emergency or absence of the Treasurer, the President shall, with the unanimous consent of the acting members of the Executive Committee, have the authority, for such period of time as is specified by the unanimous consent of the acting members of the Executive Committee, to assume the duties of Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE X REAL PROPERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Section 1:** The President shall appoint a Committee consisting of five (5) Life Members, one (1) from each Zone, to be known and designated as the Real Property Advisory Committee. The original members of the committee shall have the following terms: one for 1 year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years, and one for 5 years. Each year thereafter

at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a member of the Committee for a term of five (5) years, to fill the vacancy upon the Committee. All appointments to the Committee shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2:** The Committee shall organize itself by the election of a Chairperson.

**Section 3: Duties:** The Real Property Advisory Committee shall have the following duties:

(a) To investigate all proposals by the Executive Committee relative to the acquisition of any real property or the permanent improvement of any real property now owned by this Corporation, where such improvement would cost in excess of \$25,000.00.

(b) At all times to advise the Executive Committee relative to proposed acquisition or improvement of real property;

(c) To advise, in writing, the Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting thereof, of the recommendation of said Committee relative to any proposal for the acquisition or improvement of real property as submitted to it by the Executive Committee.

**Section 4: Limitation of Authority of Executive Committee.**

The Executive Committee shall at no time acquire in any manner any real property, or commit this Corporation to so acquire any real property, or cause any permanent improvements to be placed upon any real property owned by this Corporation, where such acquisition of real property or improvement to real property would cost in excess of \$25,000.00, until a recommendation by the Real Property Advisory Committee has been first rendered and a majority of the Board of Directors has approved the proposed acquisition or improvement.

**ARTICLE XI  
JURISDICTION**

**Section 1:** This Corporation shall exercise jurisdiction over all affiliated associations, regardless of geographical limitation.

**ARTICLE XII  
REGISTRATION**

**Section 1:** All trapshooting tournaments or club shoots given recognition by this Corporation shall be previously registered by it.

**ARTICLE XIII  
SHOOTING RULES**

**Section 1:** This Corporation shall annually, by either its Board of Directors or Executive Committee, adopt a set of Rules for the conducting of registered trapshoots and shall be known and designated as "Amateur Trapshooting Association Official Rules."

**ARTICLE XIV  
FISCAL YEAR**

**Section 1:** A fiscal year of this Corporation shall commence on the first day of October in each year.

**ARTICLE XV  
AUDIT**

**Section 1:** The Board of Directors or Executive Committee shall each year cause this Corporation to be audited by a registered Certified Public Accountant.

**ARTICLE XVI  
AVERAGES**

The shooting averages for each member of this Corporation shall be based on the registered targets shot during the 2008 Target Year for the fourteen (14) month period ending October 31, 2008; however, scores shot at any tournament that ends after October 31, 2008, regardless of starting date, will be included in the following year's averages.

The shooting averages for each member of this Corporation shall be based on the registered targets shot during the 2009 Target Year for the ten (10) month period ending August 31, 2009; however, scores shot at any tournament that ends after August 31, 2009, regardless of starting date, will be included in the following year's averages.

The shooting averages for each member of this Corporation shall be based on the registered targets shot during the 2010 Target Year, for the twelve (12) month period ending August 31, 2010, and thereafter; however, scores shot at any tournament that ends after August 31, 2010, regardless of starting date, will be included in the following year's averages.

**ARTICLE XVII  
SEAL**

The Corporate Seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation and any other identifying logos and/or appropriate verbiage that furthers the interests and beneficial pursuits of the Amateur Trapshooting Association.



**ARTICLE XVIII  
EMBLEM**

The official emblem of this Corporation shall be as herein illustrated.



**ARTICLE XIX  
AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1:** The By-Laws of this Corporation may be adopted or from time to time modified, changed, enlarged, amplified, or amended by resolution adopted by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors present at any Annual Meeting.

**Section 2:** No change in the By-Laws shall be made until after notice of the nature of said proposed change shall have been mailed to each Delegate and to the General Office of this Corporation at least ten (10) days prior to the said annual meeting.

**ARTICLE XX  
NOTICES**

Whenever, under the provision of these By-Laws, notice is required to be given to any Director, Officer, or Member it shall not be construed to mean personal notice, but such notices may be given in writing by mail and shall be deemed given upon depositing the same in a post office or letter box, in a prepaid envelope, telefax, or by telegram, addressed to such person at such address as appears on the books of the Corporation or at his last known address.

**ARTICLE XXI  
ASSETS AND PROPERTY RIGHTS**

No member of this Corporation shall have any right, title or interest whatsoever in or to any of the property or assets which the Corporation may have or hereafter acquire, except as hereinabove provided for in the dissolution and winding up of this Corporation.

## **ARTICLE XXII INDEMNIFICATION**

**Section 1:** The provisions of this Article shall be in the nature of a contract between the Corporation and each of its Trustees, Directors and Officers made in consideration of such person's continued service to the Corporation. The protection afforded to each Trustee, Director or Officer by the provisions of this Article shall survive such person's term of office or employment. This Article may not be repealed, nor may the benefits to the Trustees, Directors and Officers afforded hereby be diminished, except as to liability accruing in respect of acts or omissions occurring after the date of such repeal or modification.

**Section 2:** The Corporation shall hold harmless and indemnify each Trustee, Director and Officer to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by the provisions set forth in the State Statute or any other or additional statutory provisions which are hereafter adopted authorizing or permitting such indemnification.

**Section 3:** The Corporation may purchase and maintain for the benefit of each Trustee, Director or Officer, as named insured or additional insured, a policy or policies of general comprehensive liability insurance (covering claims arising out of death, illness or injury or arising out of property loss or damage) and Trustees,' Directors' and Officers' liability insurance (covering claims arising out of wrongful acts or omissions) in respect of liabilities asserted against and/or incurred by its Trustees, Directors or Officers in either such capacity or otherwise in the performance of their services for the Corporation.

**Section 4:** In addition to the foregoing, and subject only to the exclusions set forth in Section 5 of this Article, the Corporation shall hold harmless and indemnify each Trustee, Director and Officer: (i) against any and all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such Trustee, Director or Officer in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (including an action by or in the right of the Corporation) to which such Trustee, Director or Officer is, was or at any time became a party, or is threatened to be made a party, by reason of the fact that such Trustee, Director or Officer is, was or at any time becomes a Trustee, Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving or at any time serves at the request of the Corporation as a Trustee, Director, Officer, employee or agent of another Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise; and (ii) otherwise to the fullest extent as may be provided to such Trustee, Director or Officer by the Corporation under the non-exclusivity provisions of the State Statute.

**Section 5:** No indemnity pursuant to Section 4, of this Article, shall be paid by the Corporation: (i) except to the extent the aggregate of losses to be indemnified thereunder exceeds the amount of such losses for which the Trustee, Director or Officer is indemnified either pursuant to Section 2, of this Article, or pursuant to any insurance of the type referred to in

Section 3, of this Article, purchased and maintained by the Corporation; (ii) in respect of remuneration paid to such Trustee, Director or Officer if it shall be determined by a final decision of a court having jurisdiction in the matter that such remuneration was in violation of law; (iii) on account of such Trustee's, Director's or Officer's conduct which is finally adjudged by a court having jurisdiction in the matter to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct; or (iv) if a final decision by a court having jurisdiction in the matter shall determine that such indemnification is not lawful.

**Section 6:** All agreements and obligations of the Corporation contained in this Article shall continue during the period the Trustee, Director or Officer is a Trustee, Director or Officer of the Corporation (or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a Trustee, Director, Officer, Employee or Agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise) and shall continue thereafter so long as the Trustee, Director or Officer shall be subject to any possible claim or threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she was a Trustee, Director or Officer of the Corporation or was serving in any other capacity referred to in this Article.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

(1) That I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of The Amateur Trapshooting Association, an Illinois Domestic Corporation; and

(2) That the foregoing By-Laws constitute the By-Laws of said Corporation as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof duly held August 14, 2008, and as amended to date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Corporation this 13th day of August, 2009.



G. Mike Seitz  
Secretary



## 2010 MAJOR SHOOT DATES

### **Autumn Grand**

Tucson Trap & Skeet  
Tucson, AZ  
November 2010 (Dates TBD)

### **Dixie Grand**

Silver Dollar  
Odessa, FL  
January 11-17, 2010

### **Spring Grand**

Tucson Trap & Skeet  
Tucson, AZ  
February 22-28, 2010

### **Southern Grand**

Silver Dollar  
Odessa, FL  
March 15-21, 2010

### **Southwestern Grand**

National Shooting Complex  
San Antonio, TX  
April 10-18, 2010

### **Empire Grand**

NYSATA Homegrounds  
Cicero, NY  
May 19-23, 2010

### **Great Lakes Grand**

MTA Homegrounds  
Mason, MI  
May 2010 (Dates TBD)

### **Northeastern Grand**

NYSATA Homegrounds  
Cicero, NY  
September 14-19, 2010

### **Heartland Grand**

Stockdale Gun Club  
Ackley, IA  
August 31-September 6, 2010

### **Western Grand**

Spokane Gun Club  
Spokane, WA  
September, 2010 (Dates TBD)

### **Grand American World Trapshooting Championships**

World Shooting & Recreational Complex  
Sparta, IL  
Grand American August 4-14, 2010

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

## **YARDAGE ASSIGNMENT**

Due to the time needed to receive and process incoming shoot reports, any average card you receive may have the incorrect yardage marked. If so, please have your card punched to reflect your correct earned yardage. Please contact the ATA office to correct any discrepancy before participating in registered competition as penalties or disqualification may result. Example: If you earned yardage while a 1000 target handicap review was in progress or at a recent shoot your new average card may not reflect this increase.

## **REVIEW REDUCTIONS**

All 1000 target review yardage reduction average cards are so indicated by the word review preceding the shooter's identification number. Please review Section VI. Rules G. and H.

## **JUNIOR & SUB-JUNIOR BIRTHDATES**

Male Sub-Juniors and Male Juniors should pay particular attention to Section VI. Rule C. 2.

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