

Pennsylvania Sporting Clays Association

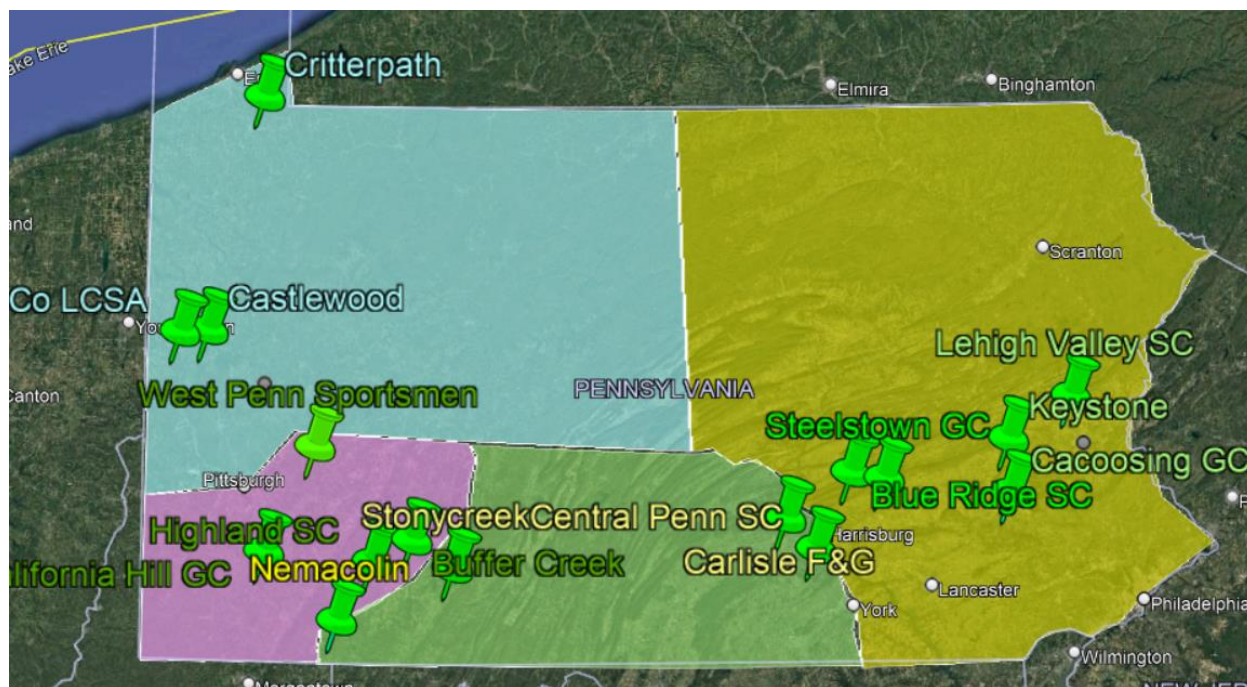
State Shoot Criteria, Guidelines & Application

ADOPTED 02/05/2025

Preamble – These guidelines will help shape the future State Shoot along with providing possibilities for greater clubs to apply and host the “State Championship” .

Divisions – Clubs will be placed in four(4) divisions, and shoots will be awarded geographically based on the divisions. While these divisions may change slightly base on new member clubs or some clubs discontinuing membership.

Divisions (As of 2/5/25)



NW Division -	Castlewood, Critterpath, Lawrence County
SW Division -	Buffer Creek, California Hill, Highlands, West Penn,
South Division -	Carlisle, Central Penn, Stonycreek, Nemacolin
East Division -	Blue Ridge, Steelstown, Cacoosing, Lehigh Valley

Qualifying for State Shoot

1. The club must be an NSCA and PSCA member in good standing.
2. Club Management must have held a previous significant registered shoot, a previous state shoot, or other shoot to bid at the discretion of the PSCA Board.

3. All clubs wishing to host a State Shoot must have held NSCA registered shoot(s) during each of the following years:
 - i. The year prior to submitting their application.
 - ii. The year in which they submit their application.

State Shoot	Geographic Division	Application Due
2025	Northwest	Critterpath Awarded
2026	Northwest	Critterpath Awarded
2027/ 27&28	Southwest	2025
Following SW Event(s)	South	2 yrs prior to event
Following South Event(s)	Northwest	2 yrs prior to event
Following NW Event(s)	East	2 yrs prior to event

Awarding of Shoots – The 2025 & 2026 State shoots have previously been awarded to Critterpath. Critterpath will maintain these two State shoots prior to these new procedures being implemented for the State Championship. All efforts to abide by these updated shoot guidelines is appreciated but not required by Critterpath. Critterpath will be held to the standards set in place in February of 2023.

Applications are due by a date set by the PSCA at least 60 days prior to State Shoot 2 years prior. State Shoot will be awarded, per by-laws. Any member in good standing with 300 previous year targets may vote. The vote will in person at the State Shoot. Ballots will be distributed during registration and must be turned in no later than 1 minute after the start of the LAST Saturday rotation of the main event. Votes will be tallied and the winner will be announced at the annual meeting Saturday evening. If no club puts in for State Shoot in their geographic division for the open years, applications will be accepted by any club in the state for that year up to 30 days prior to the scheduled state shoot. Any club in good standing with the PSCA can apply for and be voted for as many consecutive years as they choice.

No club may hold a State shoot more than once every division rotation, unless otherwise approved by the Board.

State Shoot INFO

1. Rules – All current rules and regulations of the NSCA will be in effect.
2. The State Shoot will be at least three (3) days (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday). Additional days may be added at the discretion of the hosting club and detailed in their shoot application.
3. Main Event: Minimum - Two (2) days - 200 Targets. (100 targets on Saturday & 100 targets on

Sunday)

4. 12 Gauge Prelim Event: At least one (1) day and 100 targets.
5. 5-Stand Event: At least two (2) days and 50 targets minimum.
6. Sub-Gauge Events (20, 28, & .410, Pump, SxS): At least two (2) days and 50 targets per event minimum.
7. The following events are optional, but strongly recommended, with at least 50 targets per event:
 - i. FITASC
 - ii. Sub-Gauge FITASC
 - iii. Super Sporting
 - vi. Reports / Trues
 - vii. AFS
8. Price – All NSCA & PSCA fees MUST be included in the event costs.
9. Price – Due to extenuating circumstances (*target prices, fuel costs, etc.*), a host club may increase their originally proposed event costs. Any projected increase in event costs must be presented to the PSCA Board with justification and is subject to approval by the PSCA Board.
10. BTC - The price of the event shall include the cost of Back to class payouts. 200 bird events minimum \$40. 100 bird events minimum \$15, 50 bird events minimum \$10. This back-to-class is not optional. Lewis, High gun, and combined options may still be available for purchase but kept separate from mandatory back to class winnings.
11. State Shoot Flyer – A shoot flyer must be available online (i.e. hosting club's website, PSCA website, etc.) at least three (3) months in advance of the shoot. The club's physical address, as well as the GPS coordinates if possible, and phone number must be on the flyer.
12. Event Registration – Must be available online via an NSCA approved provider at least four (4) months prior to the State Shoot. Registrations 45 days prior to the State Shoot may be subject to a late fee at the discretion of the hosting club. All NSCA & PSCA fees MUST be included in the event costs.
13. The PSCA may pay for a ½ page ad in one (1) issue of the NSCA magazine in advance of the State Shoot. The hosting club will be responsible for the design of the advertisement and may at their expense increase the size of the ad and/or duration in the NSCA magazine.
14. Shooter Requirements – All PA residents who are members in good standing with the NSCA are members of the PSCA. Any shooter, who desires to shoot the State Shoot and is not a member of NSCA, may join on the day of the event. Hunter or Open Class may be offered, but will be charged the same fees as those paid by NSCA members including target fees (NSCA rule).
15. Target Requirements – Registered target requirements and associated penalties as described in the current NSCA rule book.
16. Event Squadding – The Main, 5-Stand, and FITASC events MUST be squadded and scheduled. It is strongly advised ALL events are squadded including subs, super sporting, trues/report, etc.
17. Scoring Software - Only NSCA approved scoring software may be utilized at the State Shoot. Any other option must be included in the club's proposal and approved by the

PSCA Board prior to the event.

18. Leader Board – A leader board will be placed and maintained in a central location or have a Computer Monitor Scrolling.

- List all shooters
- Classes
- Concurrents
- Option results
- Show scores for all events and games
- Computer printouts or handwritten will be accepted
- Tie-Breaker stations
- Protest committee
- Shooter Notifications
- Shoot-off format, schedule and location

19. All events must have trappers, even side events at the state shoot.

20. Shoot-Offs – The following must be addressed for **Shoot-Offs**:

Preliminary Events (Subgauge & Prelim & 5 Stand): HOA and 1st in Class will be shot-off. All other ties will be broken by either predetermined POSTED tie-breaker stations or long run.

Main Event: HOA, Runner-Up, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Class, as well as 1st in all Concurrents, will be shot off. All other ties will be broken by either predetermined POSTED tie-breaker stations or long run.

FITASC: HOA and 1st in Class will be shot off by the rules governing FITASC.

All other ties will be broken by either predetermined POSTED tie-breaker Parcour pegs or long run.

- Shoot-off format, schedule and locations must be approved by the PSCA Board prior to the start of the event.
- Prominent shoot-off board stating who, when and where.
- Use a pre-determined course of fire.
- Use an area not involved in the next day's shooting.
- Three (3) pair would be recommended.
- Try to deal with the Shoot-offs as early as possible (If Sub Event ends on Friday, shoot-offs Friday for Subs)

21. GAMES – All games such as Long-Bird, Make-A-Break, Flush, etc. will be up to the hosting club. Club rules will be in effect. However, all game rules, including payout structure, shoot-off structure and the final winning of the event must be clearly written down and POSTED at the Leader Board and the place where the shooting is to be done.

State Shoot Trophy & Awards

REFER TO STATE SHOOT AWARD PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY BOARD AT TIME OF STATE SHOOT

Shooting Ground Requirements

1. Insurance – The shooting ground owner or promoter shall be required to furnish

insurance for the EVENT and a certificate of insurance will be on hand at the time of the shoot. The policy must list the PSCA as well as the Shooting Ground, and Shoot promoter. This insurance will be the responsibility of the owner/promoter and not the PSCA.

2. Referees – Referees must be Certified NSCA Referees or must be trained by an NSCA Certified Referee prior to the shoot. The score keepers will be responsible for keeping a master sheet on the course. Each shooters score will be recorded twice, once on the individual score sheet and once on the master sheet. Two (2) Certified NSCA Referees must be available for the shoot.

3. Drinking Water – There MUST be water at LEAST every third station regardless of distance between stations.

4. Rest Rooms – There must be rest rooms (portable facilities) set up at no less than three locations on the course. This is not to preclude the placing of facilities at the 5-Stand location or the FITASC Parcours. These facilities must be maintained during the weekend.

5. Gun Racks – There must be a gun rack at each shooting station.

6. Shooting Cages – Shooting boxes are to be constructed to prevent a chance injury (i.e. boxes that can tip over, have bad flooring, and that are poorly constructed, should not be used).

7. Traps – Strongly recommended that courses use all automatic traps. In the event that manual traps are utilized, it is recommended that they be kept to a minimum (i.e. no more than two (2) on an entire course.)

8. Annual Meeting – Facilities for the Annual Meeting must be provided (seating, public address, and lighting)

Disclaimer

1. The PSCA Board may amend these regulations at any time with a Board vote.
2. The PSCA Board may amend Payout and awards based on Budget with a Board vote.
3. The PSCA Board wished to have the clubs propose “Their” state shoots. We will not dictate all aspects of the State shoot. Propose your State and it will be voted on.

Guidelines – Adopted 2/5/2025 _____