

PA Open Shoot Criteria, Guidelines & Application

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Goals

1. Promote a consistent and high quality shoot for the shooters.
2. Make it easier for a range manager to put on the shoot by defining the shoot structure.
3. Promote the host club through statewide exposure to the shooters.
4. Prepare the host club for larger shoots, including the PA State Shoot.

Qualifying for the PA Open Shoot

1. The club must be an NSCA and PSCA member in good standing.
2. All clubs wishing to host a PA Open Shoot must have held NSCA registered shoot(s) resulting in at least 15,000 targets being thrown during each of the following years:
 - i. The year prior to submitting their application.
 - ii. The year in which they submit their application.
 - iii. The year prior to hosting the PA Open Shoot.

Awarding the PA Open Shoot

1. The PA Open Shoot Application must be completed by the club and submitted to the PSCA Shoot Coordinator at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting held during the application submission year. This will allow the PSCA Board time to review the application and raise any questions or concerns at the monthly PSCA Board meeting prior to the State Shoot.
2. The targeted date for the PA Open Shoot is the 1st weekend of June if hosted by a club in the eastern part of the state, or the 2nd weekend of June if hosted by a club in the western part of the state. Any other dates MUST be included as part of the club's proposal with an explanation and is subject to PSCA Board approval.
3. Club representative(s) will be provided time at the Annual Meeting, held during the State Shoot, to make a presentation of their shoot proposal to the general membership.
4. Each club will be provided space at the State Shoot to display information on their facility and proposed events.
5. If there are multiple applications the hosting club will be selected by popular vote at the State Shoot.
6. Upon being awarded a PA Open Shoot, the host club MUST prepay their NSCA & PSCA dues for the year(s) up to and including the year they will be hosting the PA Open Shoot.
7. Upon being awarded a PA Open Shoot, a representative from the host club must attend a minimum of two (2) monthly PSCA Board meetings. This will allow the host club to give updates on their preparation for the event and will allow the PSCA Board to make recommendations or answer any questions from the host club.

How to setup and run the PA Open Shoot

Shoot Format

1. Rules – All current rules and regulations of the NSCA will be in effect.
2. Main Event: 1 day – 100 targets. Additional days may be added at the discretion of the hosting club and detailed in their shoot application.
3. All other events (Prelim, Sub-Gauges, 5-Stand, etc.) are optional.
4. Price – All NSCA & PSCA fees MUST be included in the event costs.
5. 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 and is subject to approval by the PSCA Board.
6. PA Open Shoot Flyer – A shoot flyer must be available online (i.e. hosting club's website, PSCA website, etc.) at least one (1) month 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.
7. Event Registration – All event(s) MUST offer pre-registration.
8. 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 PA Open 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).
9. Event Squadding – All events may use European rotation, at the discretion of the hosting club.
10. Scoring Software – Only NSCA approved scoring software may be utilized at the PA Open Shoot. Any other option must be included in the club's proposal and approved by the PSCA Board prior to the event.
11. Leader Board – A leader board will be placed and maintained in a central location.
 - List all shooters
 - Indicate resident status
 - Classes
 - Concurrents
 - Option results
 - Show scores for all events and games
 - Computer printouts or hand written will be accepted
 - Tie-Breaker stations
 - Protest committee
 - Shooter notifications
 - Shoot-off format, schedule and location
12. Shoot-Offs – The following should be addressed for **Shoot-Offs**:
 - **Preliminary Events:**

- HOA in the 12 gauge Prelim Event will be shot-off. All other ties will be broken by either predetermined POSTED tie-breaker stations or long run.
 - **Main Event:**
 - 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.
 - 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 Main Event shooting.
 - Three (3) pair would be recommended.
 - Try to deal with the shoot-offs as early as possible (prelims on Saturday)
13. 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.
14. A club CANNOT apply to host a PA Open Shoot and the State Shoot within the same year without PSCA Board approval.

Trophies, Awards, Shoot Results

1. Award Schedule - All awards shall be provided by the host club. The following are the required minimum:
 - **Main Event**
 - HOA (1)
 - Runner-Up (1)
 - 1st NSCA Class (7 total)
 - 1st NSCA Concurrents (6 total)
2. The PSCA may contribute \$1,500.00 for the Main Event and \$500.00 for the 12 gauge Prelim Event to be distributed in a Lewis Class to **ALL NSCA MEMBERS** in good standing.
3. Options – All monies paid for options will be paid back to the appropriate shooter. (100% of all money paid in is paid out) - NSCA Rule.
4. Concurrent – Concurrents are eligible for both class and concurrent prizes. (Example: Shooter X wins class "C" and is also a “Junior”. He/she is entitled to 1st in "C" class as well as placement in “Juniors”).
5. Results – Complete official results **MUST** be available online (i.e. host club’s website, PSCA website, NSCA approved scoring provider, etc.) within one (1) week of the shoot (Sunday).

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 shooter's score will be recorded twice; once on the individual score sheet and once on the master sheet. One (1) Certified NSCA Referee 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).

Considerations – Not rules, just thoughts...

- Seating – There should be adequate places to sit around the course(s).
- Rain – Trap & scorekeeper protection, weather resistant score card and control.
- Hot & Dry – More water, dust control, shade.
- Medical Support – Have First Aid kits available, inquire about skills on hand & alert EMS of event.
- Food – Money to be made from a kitchen - also keeps shooters happy.
- Traps – Rent automatic traps for entire event
 - i. They come with setting and maintenance crew (less help needed by the host club)
 - ii. It is one less thing to worry about.
 - iii. More flexibility for setting.
- Course Trail – Carts have become a standard, it would be nice to:
 - i. Have a 2 groove path.
 - ii. Not have to back-up.
 - iii. Have the trail be safe at all times.
 - iv. Not have the shooters waiting on the path.
 - v. Have traffic flow in 1 direction.
 - vi. Not allow shooters to pull trailers, etc. behind their shooting carts and ATV's.

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Application to Host 20 PA Open Shoot

This application must be completed by the club and submitted to the PSCA Shoot Coordinator at least 45 days prior to the State Shoot in order to be presented at the Annual Meeting held during the State Shoot.

Club Name:			
Location:		Website:	
Club Contact:			
Email:			
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	

(Please provide pictures of your facility if possible)

Club Information			
Years In Operation:		Acreage:	
		Handicap Accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Describe your parking situation:			
Do you have room for vehicle w/trailers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How many?	
Do you have camper/RV hookups?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How many?	

Sporting Clays Information			
Years In Operation:		Acreage:	
		# of Stations:	
# of Manual Traps:		# of Automatic Traps:	
Do you have a 5-Stand?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Covered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Describe your course & trails:			
Unique features of your facility:			
How many NSCA registered events do you host per year?			

Club Location			
Physical Address:			
What is the closest town?		City?	
Distance from Harrisburg?		Travel Time?	
Distance from Philadelphia?		Travel Time?	
Distance from Pittsburg?		Travel Time?	
Distance from Erie?		Travel Time?	
Distance from Scranton?		Travel Time?	

Local Facilities		
Hotels/Motels	Distance/Travel Time	Room Rate
Campgrounds / Restaurants		Distance
Other nearby Sporting Clays ranges:		
Other nearby points-of-interest:		

Events Proposal			
Event (Minimum targets for event)	When	Target Setter	Cost
Main Event (100 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.		
5-Stand Event (50 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.		
Preliminary Event (100 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat.		
Sub-Gauge Events (50 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat.		
Pump & SxS Events (50 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat.		
List of additional events and/or games:			
Are you hiring a scoring software specialist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Who?	
Will you be acquiring additional automatic traps?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
How many?		From Who?	
Other Miscellaneous Items:			

Acceptance
I agree to adhere to the proposal and criteria listed above.
Signature: _____ Date: _____

PSCA Board Acceptance
Shoot Coordinator Signature: _____ Date: _____
PSCA Board Member Designated Contact: _____