

# PA State 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.

## Qualifying for the State Shoot

1. The club must be an NSCA and PSCA member in good standing.
2. Club Management must have held a previous State Shoot or other significant shoot at the discretion of the PSCA Board.
3. All clubs wishing to host a State Shoot must have held NSCA registered shoot(s) resulting in at least 20,000 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 State Shoot.

## Awarding the State Shoot

1. The State 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 State Shoot is the third weekend of July. Any other date **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. Club(s) will be provided space at the State Shoot to display information on their facility and proposed events.
5. The hosting club will be selected utilizing the following “points” system:
  - i. One (1) point will be given to a club submitting an application but not awarded the State Shoot.
  - ii. The State Shoot will be awarded to the club submitting an application with a majority of points.
  - iii. Once a club has been awarded a State Shoot, their “points” total resets to zero (0).
  - iv. Once a club has been awarded a State Shoot, that club cannot submit further applications until the year following their last hosted State Shoot.

- v. If there are two (2) or more clubs with equal points submitting applications, the hosting club will be selected by majority vote of the PSCA general membership. Voting shall occur AT MOST two (2) years prior to the earliest year of the State Shoot application year.
  - vi. The State Shoot may be awarded to the selected club for at most two (2) consecutive years. A club may submit a State Shoot application for a single year.
  - vii. If a club does not submit an application for two (2) consecutive years, one (1) point will be deducted from their current “points” total (to a minimum point total of zero-0).
6. Upon being awarded the State Shoot, the hosting club MUST pay their NSCA & PSCA dues up to and including the year(s) they are awarded the State Shoot(s). This will allow for early scheduling and publication of the events with the NSCA.
  7. Upon being awarded a State 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 State Shoot

### Shoot Format

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: 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.
6. Sub-Gauge Events (20, 28, & .410): At least two (2) days and 50 targets per event.
7. The following events are optional, but strongly recommended, with at least 50 targets per event:
  - i. FITASC
  - ii. Sub-Gauge FITASC
  - iii. Pump Gun
  - iv. Side by Side
  - v. Super Sporting
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 and is subject to approval by the PSCA Board.
10. 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.
11. Event Registration – Must be available online via an NSCA approved provider at least three (3) 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.
12. The PSCA will 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.
13. 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).
14. Target Requirements – Registered target requirements and associated penalties as described in the current NSCA rule book.

15. Event Squadding – The Main, 5-Stand, and FITASC events MUST be squadded and scheduled.
16. 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.
17. Leader Board – A leader board will be placed and maintained in a central location.
  - List all shooters
  - 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
18. Shoot-Offs – The following must be addressed for **Shoot-Offs**:
  - **Preliminary Events:** HOA and 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
  - **5-Stand:** HOA and 1<sup>st</sup> in Class will be shot off. All other ties will be broken using 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.
  - Use separate shoot-off areas for M-A and B-E so they can be held at the SAME time.
  - Three (3) pair would be recommended.
  - Try to deal with the Shoot-offs as early as possible (Prelims on Friday).
19. 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.

# Trophies & Awards Schedule

Medal NSCA Pin Trophy	High-Over-All (HOA)					High-All-Around (HAA)				
	200		100	50	50	50	50	50	Highest	
	Main Event		Prelim	5-Stand	FITASC	20 Ga.	28 Ga.	.410	50	50
	Resident	Non-Res							Pump	SxS
HOA	T & P	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
RU	T & P		T							
M-1	T & P	T	T	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
M-2	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
M-3	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
AA-1	T & P	T	T	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
AA-2	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
AA-3	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
A-1	T & P	T	T	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
A-2	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
A-3	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
B-1	T & P	T	T	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
B-2	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
B-3	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
C-1	T & P	T	T	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
C-2	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
C-3	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
D-1	T & P	T	T	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
D-2	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
D-3	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
E-1	T & P	T	T	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
E-2	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
E-3	T		T	M	M	M	M	M		
LDY-1	T & P		T	M	M	M	M	M		
LDY-2	T		T							
LDY-3	T		T							
SJ-1	T & P		T	M	M	M	M	M		
SJ-2	T									
SJ-3	T									
J-1	T & P		T	M	M	M	M	M		
J-2	T									
J-3	T									
VT-1	T & P		T	M	M	M	M	M		
VT-2	T		T							
VT-3	T		T							
SV-1	T & P		T	M	M	M	M	M		
SV-2	T		T							
SV-3	T		T							
SSV-1	T & P		T	M	M	M	M	M		
<b>Trophies</b>	83	<b>HOA – 12 Gauge Events</b>				<b>HAA – Sub-Gauges + Pump/SxS</b>				
<b>Medals</b>	149	MAIN			FITASC*		20 GA		.410 BORE	
<b>NSCA Pins</b>	15	PRELIM			5-STAND		28 GA		PUMP OR SxS	

## **Trophies, Awards, Shoot Results**

- The PSCA will provide ALL trophies. This includes PA Champion, Runner-up, Non-Resident Champion, NSCA Class & Concurrent, one (1) for HOA (4-12 gauge events) & one (1) for HAA (3 Sub-Gauge (20, 28, & .410) events plus Pump/SxS).
- The NSCA will provide the resident Pins.
- When FITASC is not offered, the trophy for HOA will consist of 3 events: Main, Prelim, & 5-Stand.
- HAA trophy will consist of four (4) events: Three (3) sub-gauge events plus the competitor's highest score from the Pump or Side x Side events.
- 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.
- 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").
- 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 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)

## **Considerations – Not rules, just thoughts...**

- Seating – There should be adequate places to sit around the course(s).
- Target Setting – Obtain a known target setter
  - i. The name will draw shooters.
  - ii. It is one less thing to worry about.
  - iii. Gives you a chance to work with them.
  - iv. It gives you different ideas for your course.
  - v. Eliminates complaining about the targets
- Traps – Rent automatic traps for entire event
  - i. They come with setting and maintenance crew (less help needed by host club)
  - ii. It is one less thing to worry about.
  - iii. More flexibility for setting.
- Scoring Software Specialist – Hire a pro to run NSCA approved scoring software for the shoot
  - i. They can make the system do anything.
  - ii. It is one less thing to worry about.
  - iii. They are fast at entry.
  - iv. They can provide results for shoot-offs quickly.
  - v. They can get results on the Web for you – fast.
  - vi. They can report to NSCA – fast.
  - vii. They can get you final results out – fast.
  - viii. Your computer specialist can learn tricks from them.
- Rain – Trap protection, weather resistant score card and water control.
- Hot & Dry – More drinking water, dust control & shade available.
- 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.
- 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. Shooter's golf cars and ATV's are permitted on the course, but they are not allowed to pull trailers.

# Pennsylvania Sporting Clays Association

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## Application to Host 20?? & 20?? PA State 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?			



<b>Club Location</b>			
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?	

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

<b>Events Proposal</b>			
<b>Event</b> (Minimum targets for event)	<b>When</b>	<b>Target Setter</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Main Event (200 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.		
5-Stand Event (50 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thu. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.		
12 Gauge FITASC (50 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thu. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.		
20 Gauge FITASC (50 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thu. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.		
28 Gauge FITASC (50 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thu. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.		
Preliminary Event (100 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thu. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat.		
Sub-Gauge Events (50 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thu. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat.		
Pump & SxS Events (50 targets)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thu. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat.		
List of additional events and/or games:			
Scoring software?	<input type="checkbox"/> iClays <input type="checkbox"/> ScoringPro <input type="checkbox"/> WinScore	Other:	
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:			

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

<b>PSCA Board Acceptance</b>
Shoot Coordinator Signature: _____ Date: _____
PSCA Board Member Designated Contact: _____