

Ogdensburg City School District Trap Team

I, David Doyle, would like to create a Trap Shooting club for the students of the Ogdensburg City School district.

Providing a trap shooting club to the students of Ogdensburg will allow students to create a connectivity to the school, which in turn, may change a students attitude towards their school. What do you remember about high school? Chances are you, like most people, don't remember the day-to-day classroom activities of your high school experience. Instead, you remember the interactions you had with teammates, bandmates, and friends. Those experiences are what helped form you, and what gave you the life skills necessary to succeed in life. Countless studies have shown that students who participate in school activities gain a wealth of benefits to their academics, self-esteem, and future careers, but not everyone can play a musical instrument, not everyone is built to play high school sports, and not everyone is interested in the typical activities schools provide. The USA Clay Target League helps young students by providing a unique participation opportunity. For thousands of students—nearly 40 percent of League athletes—the League is the **one and only school-based** extracurricular activity they participate in. The League gives them a chance to interact with other students, develop life-long friendships, and learn the value of teamwork, cooperation and dedication.

The impact of clay target teams also extends beyond the students involved. Few things bring communities together like high school sports, and the same is true for clay target teams that participate in the League. The pride that local communities have in their students is always a force for good, and the importance of a sense of community belonging cannot be understated. From coverage in the local paper to participating in summer parades, high school clay target teams are embraced by their local communities.

The clay target league is the safest sport in high school with more than 125,000 student athlete participants, 75 million shots fired since the league's inception and not a reported injury.

Trap shooting cost(10 Shooters)

Shells: 10 shooters x 16.68(2 boxes) =\$166.80 per shoot

Clays:10 shooters x 5= \$50 per shoot

Per shoot: \$216.80(Ammunition, Range fee)

Per participant: \$21.68 per day

Spring: 9 shoots (2 practice, 1 reserve, 5 competitions + Range fee) = \$2401

Fun Shoot: 5 cases- \$417

State Competition: \$45-Participant pays, 50 boxes of ammunition:\$417

Fall: 6 shoots (1 practice, 5 competitions + range fee) = 1300.80

Bundle #1 – 120 cases of shotshells, 18 REM Oil 10 oz

cans, 18 REM Oil Wipe packs, 6 REM Sportsman Cleaning

Kits, 6 REM Oil 1 oz bottles

\$9999.90

Bundle #2 – 60 cases of shotshells, 6 REM Oil 10 oz cans,

6 REM Oil Wipe packs, 6 REM Sportsman Cleaning Kits.

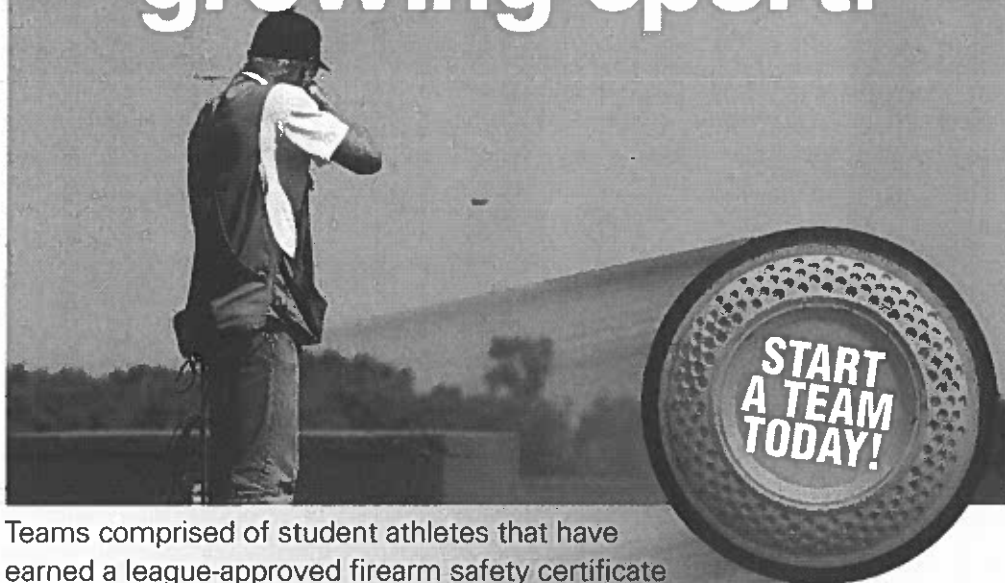
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Bundle #3 – 30 cases of shotshells, 6 REM Oil 10 oz cans,

6 REM Oil Wipe packs, 6 REM Oil 1 oz bottles.

\$2501.28

School's fastest growing sport!



Teams comprised of student athletes that have earned a league-approved firearm safety certificate practice and compete weekly in "virtual" clay target competitions against other school teams. Shooting practices and competition are conducted at a shooting range near the school's location and individual and team scores are submitted and compared online against other teams within their conference. The League provides all the assistance students, coaches, schools and shooting ranges need to get a team started at their school. It's fun, easy and everyone can participate!



Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, 5-Stand	SPORTS	Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, 5-Stand
6-12 Grade	ATHLETES	College-Enrolled
High School State	COMPETITION GEOGRAPHY	Nationwide
Spring: 9 Weeks + Tournaments Fall: 6 Weeks (No Tournament)	SEASONS	Spring: 6 Weeks (No Tournament) Fall: 6 Weeks + Tournament
High School	SCHOOL TEAMS	Colleges, Universities, Community Colleges, Junior Colleges, Career Schools, Technical Schools, Vocational Schools

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Why schools, coaches, and students LOVE the clay target league!

- Safest school sport**
- Co-ed and adaptive team**
- Four clay target sport options**
- Minimal travel**
- Affordable for athletes**
- Team-focused**
- Fun is the second top priority**
- Sportsmanship required**
- No cost to school**
- No school facility needed**
- No school maintenance required**
- No school administration required**
- High school lettering program**
- High school yearbook inclusion**
- Outdoor recreation**
- Adults are encouraged to get involved**
- No benchwarmers - everyone shoots each week**
- Most team member scores are used for the team**
- No limit on team size**
- Online performance tracking tools**
- High participation**
- Fair competition**
- Title IX compliant**
- Flexible competition schedule**
- Lifetime sport**
- Student athletes and coaches are insured**
- School-approved activity**
- College scholarships for high school students are available**
- Tournament invites everyone to participate**



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CLAY TARGET LEAGUE

FAQ

Students & Parents

What student is eligible to participate?

Students must be in grades six through twelve (or per school team requirements) and have a league-approved firearm safety certificate.

How long is the spring season?

The spring league is nine weeks starting in early-April. Season-ending tournaments occur in late-May or June. The National Trap Shooting Championship is in July.

Is there a fall season?

Yes. The fall league is six weeks with no season-ending event. This league provides an alternative season for athletes that have spring sport/activity conflicts or students that are new to the school or sport.

Can a physically disabled student participate?

Yes. Many shooting ranges are handicap accessible.

Do I need to possess a shotgun to participate?

Yes. Some shooting ranges or teams may have shotguns to borrow or rent with parent/guardian permission required.

Can boys and girls participate?

Yes. This is the only high school sport that can host co-ed and adaptive student athletes.

Can a parent or student start a team?

Yes. Ask school administrators to provide the process and requirements to add an activity to the school. Then visit the League's website and select the "Start A Team" page and follow the instructions to acquire the interactive presentation to learn more. Make sure you understand the school's approval schedule and requirements so you can receive the approval and setup the team prior to the student athlete registration deadline. The League requires an approval letter from the school identifying the adult Head Coach and stating that the team can use the school's name for the team.

If my school does not have a clay target team, can I join another team?

Yes. The League requires a cooperative agreement with the Athletic/Activities Director at each school. It is strongly encouraged to attempt to start a team for the student's school that they are enrolled at.

How much does it cost to join the team?

About \$350. The fee varies slightly for each team depending on ammunition and target costs from the local shooting range. Some teams may also include uniforms. \$35 of the fee is paid to the League for administration costs associated with operations, awards and insurance. A subscription to the League's PullUSA Magazine is also included for all registered student athletes. Some school teams are sponsored by local businesses and organizations to help pay for costs. The season-ending tournament participation fee is not included in the team cost.

How do I register to be a member on a team?

Through the team. Contact the school or the Head Coach of the clay target team to learn more about the requirements to become a member. The team needs to add the student to the team's roster to invite the student to register for the League through the online registration process. Check the League's website for important registration information and deadlines.

How do I manage a student athlete's activity?

The League provides each student athlete and family secured access to ClayTargetGo! – the League's exclusive online application suite designed specifically for League coaches and families. ClayTargetGo! helps users manage operations, online registration, communications, scoring, statistics, and more.

What kind of firearm safety training is required for students to participate in the League?

All student athletes participating in the League are required to complete and submit certificates for either one of two League-approved firearm safety certification programs – a state-approved hunter education certificate OR the League's SAFE certificate. Teams should verify the firearm safety training certification requirements with the shooting range where they will be conducting League events. For complete information visit the League's website and find firearm safety certification under the rules tab.

How do I obtain a hunter education certificate?

Hunter education certificates are obtained by visiting your state's Department of Natural Resources website to access online and field certification options.

What is SAFE Certification?

The Student Athlete Firearm Education (SAFE) Certification program offered by the USA High School Clay Target League provides an in-depth, interactive and fun learning environment for firearm safety and clay target shooting procedures. The SAFE Certification requires the successful completion of the online AND shooting range certification programs to earn the SAFE Certificate. Visit www.usaclubtargetSAFE.com to learn more.

Can I use the League's SAFE Certification to hunt?

No. The state requires a state-issued hunter education certificate for hunting.

Can all student athletes participate in the season-ending tournament?

Yes. The season-ending tournament occurs in late-May or June and every League participant is invited to attend. Participants compete against student athletes in classifications based on similar shooting abilities determined by their season average score. The participation fee for the tournament is \$45 and it includes targets and an official tournament t-shirt. Participants are responsible for providing their own ammunition.

Do I or my school team have to join any other organizations to participate in the League?

No. No school or any student in a school shall be required to join an outside organization in order to participate in a school event.

Can a team not associated with the school participate?

No. All teams must be approved by the high school and use the high school name.

Can homeschooled students participate?

Yes, if the school, team, or state regulations allows it. The student must join the team within the same school district as the student's home address.

Can a homeschool association or educational institution start a team?

Yes, if the association has a business license and tax identification number issued by the state.

If state laws do not allow homeschool student to participate on a team, is there an alternative?

Yes. Visit usahomeschoolclaytarget.com to learn more.

How safe is clay target shooting?

The League is the safest sport in high school. With more than 125,000 student athlete participants and 75 million shots fired since the League's inception, there has been no reported injuries.

How is competition scored?

The League uses a True Team® scoring method which emphasizes the top overall team performance, rather than top individuals. This type of scoring is similar to high school swimming and track. Check the League's website for more details about True Team® scoring.

Is competition focused on the individual or team?

Team. Individual performance contributes to the team's performance. Upon completion of the League, high round averages for the top males and females in each conference are recognized. Otherwise all scores contribute to the team's overall performance and team conference champions are recognized at the end of the League's season.

Do I have to travel to other shooting ranges to compete in weekly events?

No. Athletes are responsible to travel to a local shooting range to conduct the clay target shooting event. Scores are submitted by the coaches through the League's website and then they are compared against other team scores within the team's conference.

Can I participate in other high school activities?

Yes. The League allows teams to complete their events at any time during a week (including weekends). This allows most participants the flexibility to work around practices and games of other sports and/or activities.

Can a student athlete complete a weekly event on a different day that their team is scheduled to shoot?

No. They are required to shoot when the team is scheduled to shoot.

Is there a student college scholarship available?

Yes. Senior student athletes who are pursuing postsecondary education in environmental sciences or natural resources can apply in May for a scholarship available from the League.

How do athletes and families track performance?

Athletes log into their Athlete Management System through ClayTargetGo.com to monitor their scores and rankings through the Shooter Performance Tracker®.

Schools

How do I start a team?

Visit the League's website and go to the "Start A Team" page and

follow the instructions to acquire the interactive presentation to learn more. Talk to your local shooting range about available shooting days and time, costs, and volunteer assistance. Host a meeting at the school and invite students and parents to learn more about the opportunity and sign up for the team.

How many students make up a team?

Two students is the minimum number for a team. There is no maximum number of students that can be on a team. There may be some limitations to team size because of coaching resources and/or shooting range capacity or availability.

How do we find a Head Coach?

The local shooting range or local outdoor conservation groups are the best resources to find a Head Coach. In many cases, there are teachers at the school who are shooting sport enthusiasts. All coaches on a team will strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative, fine judgment, and good citizenship. The school is responsible for approval of the Head Coach and the school may require background screening for all coaches and volunteers.

What type of clay target shooting sports are offered?

Trap shooting, skeet shooting, sporting clays and 5-stand. Visit the League's website to learn more about each sport.

Is the League a sport or an activity?

Both. Clay target shooting is an Olympic sport that is identified as an "activity" or "club" at the high school. In most cases, a school identifies their "sports" as a varsity sport official recognized by their own state high school athletic/activities association.

Is this League sanctioned by the state high school athletic/activities association?

No. Although the League follows similar beliefs and operations as the state high school athletic/activities association, this is not a sanctioned sport as defined by adhering to all bylaws and regulations of the state high school athletic/activity association. That's why many teams are designated an activity or club.

Is this activity Title IX compliant?

Yes. All students have an equal opportunity to participate and must adhere to the same rules.

How are conferences determined?

By team size - not geography or school size. Typically a team will double the number of members following the first couple of years. By using team size, competition is fair using the League's True Team® scoring method since all teams in a conference are similar sizes.

Do teams conduct tryouts for athletes?

Rarely. The League encourages equal opportunity to offer this activity to as many athletes as the team can allow safely and efficiently.

What factors limit a team size?

Typical items include shooting facility capacity (available days and number of shooting fields) and coaches (1/10 coach/athlete ratio).

After cutting many student services, how does a school justify adding this new activity?

This is the only activity that compliments the school district's mission, provides equal opportunity to all students, is safe, affordable for families, and there is no funding, facilities or maintenance required for the school.

Do schools offer a lettering program or yearbook inclusion for this sport?

Yes. Although it is not required, the League recommends the student athletes be recognized similar to other athletes in other sports. Schools are responsible for determining the lettering criteria. Recommendations are available on the League's website.

Can we combine schools to make one team?

Yes. A cooperative agreement between schools is required if there is no current cooperative agreement with other sports in use.

How much does it cost the school to participate?

\$0. All costs are paid for by the student athletes.

Are students or schools at risk of violating our gun-free zone policy?

No. Student athletes must follow the same state law as all other students. Students either go home after school and get their firearm and ammunition or have a parent or someone else bring the items to the shooting range for them. Some shooting ranges offer on-site firearm safes to store the firearms for the student athletes.

How do schools across the state compete?

Virtually. The League groups schools by team member size in conferences. Each team competes against all teams within their own conference. School teams shoot at their local shooting range and submit their scores online to the League. Weekly scores, results, top performers and overall standings are posted on the website after Saturday night each week so everyone can see how their school fares with others across the state.

How much staff time, transportation, or facilities are required by the school to support the team?

None. No administration assistance is required because coaches manage the entire team and the League provides online resources and guidance to manage the team. Transportation to the shooting ranges is arranged by student, families and coaches.

Is clay target shooting sports an Olympic sport?

Yes. Shooting sports have been an Olympic event since 1896. The USA Shooting Team offers Olympic and Paralympic events.

Do colleges have clay target shooting sports teams?

Yes. Many colleges offer clay target shooting sports as a Registered Student Organization. Some teams travel to compete with other teams at weekend events. The USA College Clay Target League offers spring and fall virtual competition leagues for trap shooting, skeet shooting, sporting clays, and 5-stand club teams. Learn more at usacollegeclaytarget.com.

Are athletes expected to adhere to all school policies?

Yes. The League fully supports all school and activity policies regarding participation, academic, and ethical requirements.

Are all participants insured?

Yes. Registered student athletes receive accident insurance and each registered coach and volunteer receives liability insurance policy from the League. There is no additional cost for the insurance coverage.

What is the most popular way to setup a team?

As a club activity. The League provides the tools and resources so the team can be self-sustaining and school involvement can be as much, or as little, as they prefer.

What is the number one priority in the League?

Safety.

What is the best way to measure the level of interest of our students before we approve the formation of the team?

Promote and host an informational meeting at the school. Coaches, League officials and shooting range members can help define and present the concept for a new team. The school can then measure the level of interest based on attendance and preliminary sign-up of students.

What is required for a school to join the League?

The League requires a letter from a school official (AD, Principal, Superintendent or School Board) notifying the League that a clay target team has been approved to use the school's name and identifies the Head Coach. It is recommended, but not required, to offer the athletes a lettering program and recognition in the school's yearbook.

How many teams return each year.

The League has an annual team retention rate of 99.9%.

Coaches

Can a student be the Head Coach?

No. The Head Coach must be 21 years of age or older.

If I agree to be the team coach, will the shooting range help me with the athletes?

Yes. Shooting range members are terrific volunteers and community support ambassadors. They have many years of experience in shooting sports and the safe handling of firearms and ammunition.

Can the students shoot more practice rounds on their own?

Yes. It's no different than a member of the golf team going to the driving range and hitting a bucket of balls or a member of the baseball team visiting the batting cage. The more a student athlete puts into honing their skills, the more they'll get out of it.

How many coaches do I need?

The League requires one coach/staff member for every 10 student athletes. It is required that a coach and a Range Safety Officer (RSO) be present every time a student athlete participates in a League event (practice or competition).

Do coaches get paid?

Approximately 99% of League coaches are volunteers. Some schools have coaching compensation policies for education-based activities.

How do student athletes register on the team?

A coach adds a student's name and parent's email to the team's roster in the League's Team Management System. The family registers the student on the team before the registration deadline through ClayTargetGo!. All students are required to register each year.

If we start a team do I need to be a certified instructor to be the Head Coach?

Yes. The League provides the Coach Leadership And Safety Support Certification (CLASS) program to all new head coaches for free. The CLASS Certification program is specifically designed to train coaches participating in the state high school clay target league and focuses on three critical areas of training: Leadership, Range Safety Officer, and Student Athlete Firearm Education (SAFE). The online training provides an in-depth and interactive learning environment for coaches that will help them create and manage a safe, fun and effective high school clay target team. Other coaches are provided the opportunity to complete the certification for a nominal fee. Visit www.usaclaytargetCLASS.com for more information.

Can other shooting sport certification credentials be used for the Head Coach instead of CLASS Certification?

No. CLASS Certification was designed specifically for the League, it's participants, and clay target shooting. 100% of the training content is relevant to the League to ensure that all policy and procedure expectations are understood.

Are there additional resources to help coaches?

Yes. The League provides marketing materials, presentations, references, and knowledge to any and all coaches to assist with any team. The League provides each coach secured access to ClayTargetGo! – the League's exclusive online application suite designed specifically for clay target league coaches and families. ClayTargetGo! helps users manage operations, online registration, communications, scoring, statistics, and more. A dedicated Coach Education and Support Manager is available to help with any questions. Coaching support is ALWAYS available.

Learn more at usaclaytarget.com!



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