

Beaver County Trap League

2025 Rules and Procedures

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Safety

The League will disqualify any contestant for deliberate or careless violation of safety precautions that endanger other contestants, spectators or property. This also applies to any shooter under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Shooters must wear ear and eye protection. All clubs must enforce this rule.

Loading of Guns

A contestant shall load their gun only when at firing points and facing the traps. They may only place one shell at a time in the gun and must remove it before moving from one position to another. Management, puller or scorer may disqualify a contestant for any violation of this rule. A snap cap may be used in a double barrel gun.

Interference

Contestants must have their gun so equipped and so used as to not eject empty shells in a manner to substantially disturb or interfere with other shooters. Empty shells shall be picked up only after the round has completed.

Disqualification

A contestant must be on the firing line within 5 minutes of being duly notified to compete. If they fail to do so then they will be placed on a later squad.

Events

This is a 50-target event that will consist of two 25-rounds of 16 yard targets. The season will consist of 2 halves: the first 10 shoots and the remaining 10 shoots. See shoot-off rules for details on ties etc.

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Targets

The cost of each week's event is \$12 with a reduced cost of \$6 for Juniors and Sub Juniors.

Scoring

The League will use the 5-4-3-2-1 scoring format. The top 5 scores from each club's shooters will determine that club's score for that week.

Registration

Registration (squadding) will be from 4:30 - 7:30 but the hosting club may begin early if they choose to do so and are prepared to shoot. Once a shooter signs up and shoots for a club, they cannot change clubs mid-season for that shooting year. Age to determine categories will be the shooter's age at the first league shoot of the season.

Traps - Scoring - Targets

Hosting clubs must designate 2 traps as the event traps: one round of 16 yard targets for each trap. Three shooters from different clubs will verify the traps before the shoot starts. League Officers and Trap Chairmen are the only individuals who may change a trap during a shoot and may only do so if they feel that a trap is not properly adjusted. Any shooter however may stop a round to have the targets reviewed by a League Officer or Trap Chairman if they feel that the targets are not legal.

Properly set targets will be the following: Range 20-21 degree flight angle with a height of 8-10 feet at a distance of 10 yard from the throwing plate of the machine. Target speed will be 42-44 mph. Target color will consist of the following: New York Style, Dome Style and Solid Orange/Green/Pink. At no time during a shoot will the targets be changed from one color to another unless adverse weather or lighting conditions warrant such change and may only be done with the permission of the League Officers or Trap Chairmen.

The official score is the record kept by the scorer and shall show in detail the score made in the event. Score sheets shall measure at least 8.5"x14". All scores must be recorded clearly and must be easily read. The scorekeeper MUST call all lost targets loud enough so that the shooter is capable of hearing the result of their shot. The scorekeeper is the only individual who may call targets dead or lost and will call out the scores of each individual at the end of each shooting position. Spectators have no decision in scoring. It is the responsibility of each shooter to confirm that their score is correct before they shoot at the next position and/or leaving the field when the round has completed.

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Traps - Scoring – Targets (continued)

A scorekeeper may rely upon the other shooters on the squad to determine a lost or dead target - the scorekeeper however has the final decision. Lastly, all protests concerning shooters' score or scores must be made before or immediately after the closing of the squad to which the score relates. A shooter may only protest their own score, not that of someone else.

ATA Rules

The ATA rules apply in addition to other league rules. Every shooter must do their part to make sure these rules are upheld.

Practice

Practice rounds may only be shot on the event traps after the shooter has completed their event rounds for that day's shoot as well as a bank score if one is shot that day. Event rounds take priority over practice and will be scored as such. If a club offers practice traps in addition to event traps then shooters may shoot practice prior to shooting their event round. If shooting practice with event round shooters the shooter is required to shoot 50 practice targets (not just 25). It is the responsibility of the shooter to declare the round is a practice round when they sign up by writing "PRACTICE" on the scoresheet next to their name and club - large enough to be seen.

Bank Scores

After their event round is completed, a shooter may sign up and shoot again as a "bank" score. This score will count for the next shoot at that club. If a bank score is shot then it must be used. A shooter may only have one bank score at a time per club and may not shoot ahead more than one shoot. It is the responsibility of the shooter to declare the round is a bank when they sign up by writing "BANK" on the scoresheet next to their name and club - large enough to be seen.

Shooter Bumping

This can only be done at the desk and for a legitimate reason. A shooter cannot bump the line.

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Cancellation of a Shoot

In the event of inclement weather or any mechanical failure that would prevent continued shooting, the hosting club, in conversation with one or more league officers, if available, would make a common sense decision to stop shooting. All squaddled shooters could shoot the next week twice. The first 50 birds would count towards the cancelled shoot and the next 50 birds would count towards the present shoot.

In the Event of a Tie

In the event of a first or second half tie, the team with the highest number of birds for that half would win. If the teams are still tied, then the sixth, seventh, etc. highest score from each team will determine the winner, provided that the sixth, seventh etc. shooter has shot for their respective team five times in that half. This only applies to week 10 and/or week 20.

Eligibility

A shooter must participate in 13 shoots to be eligible for awards, trophies and shoot-offs. In addition to this, shooters must participate twice at each club. Properly shot "banked" scores count towards the 13 shoot minimum for awards.

Perfect Attendance

The shooter must participate in all 20 weekly events - NO 'BANKED' SCORES. Highest average will break any ties. This award can be won in conjunction with other awards.

50's

If a shooter has a perfect score (50) they will receive 2 boxes of shells as a prize and will be recognized at the banquet. The shells will however only be given for the first 50 that each shooter has during the season.

Categories

1. All female shooters shall be designated as Ladies. Because of age, they may also be designated in age-based categories.
2. A shooter younger than 15 shall be designated a Sub-Junior.
3. A shooter age 15 - 17 shall be designated a Junior.

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4. A shooter who is 65-69 shall be designated a Veteran.

5. A shooter who is 70 or older shall be designated a Senior Veteran.

Age to determine categories will be the shooter's age at the first league shoot of the season.

Trophies/Awards

Trophies

Team

League High 5 Average

Ladies

Sub-Junior

Junior

Veteran

Senior Veteran

Awards

Perfect Attendance

50 Straight

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2025 Shoot-off Rules

All BCTL rules are in effect with the following as additions to the BCTL rules

Location

The shoot-off will be held at a neutral location to be determined.

Registration

4pm - 7 pm. No early shooting will be allowed.

Targets

Cost of the event will be \$12 per shooter; Sub Jr./Junior will be \$6.

Ties

In the case of a tie - scores of additional shooters (more than the normal 5 shooters) will be added to the team total until the tie is broken.

Eligibility

For a shooter to be eligible for the shoot-off they must meet the requirement for eligibility for awards (13 shoots) and the 2-shoots-per-club rule.

Disputes

Any issues during the shoot are to be brought to the Trap Chairmen and League Officers. They will determine how the issues will be resolved and will have the final say.

Practice

Anyone is welcome to shoot this event as practice as long as it does not interfere with the event.

Standings

Only 1st and 2nd place rankings will be determined by the shoot-off. All others will be determined by points.

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Shoot Schedule

First Half

- Wk 01. May 1 – Beaver Valley
- Wk 02. May 8 – Five Points
- Wk 03. May 15 - Midland
- Wk 04. May 22 - Rochester
- Wk 05. May 29 - Aliquippa
- Wk 06. June 5 – Beaver Valley
- Wk 07. June 12 – Five Points (PA State Shoot)
- Wk 08. June 19 – Midland (Ohio State Shoot)
- Wk 09. June 26 - Rochester
- Wk 10. July 3 - Aliquippa

Second Half

- Wk 11. July 10 – Beaver Valley
- Wk 12. July 17 – Five Points
- Wk 13. July 24 - Midland
- Wk 14. July 31 – Rochester
- Wk 15. August 7 – Aliquippa (The Grand)
- Wk 16. August 14 – Beaver Valley
- Wk. 17. August 21 – Five Points
- Wk 18. August 28 - Midland
- Wk 19. Sept. 4 - Rochester
- Wk 20. Sept. 11 - Aliquippa
- Sept. 18 – Shoot off (if needed)

Banquet date – Sunday, September 28, 2025