



SHOTGUN SPORTS – TRAP, SKEET, SPORTING CLAYS

I. SECTION A: GENERAL PROCEDURES

a. Sport Leadership

- i. The Shotgun Sports Committee will include the Sport Chair, Sport Vice-Chair, the BOG Liaison(s), and the Conference Office Administrator. The Chair, Vice-Chair, BOG Liaison and Conference Office Administrator will serve as the tournament directors and may appoint an additional director if necessary, provided that person is not a coach at a member institution.

b. Sport Specific Rules

- i. All competitions shall follow the rules established by the **Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA)**, **National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA)**, and **National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA)** as applicable.
- ii. Safety protocols, including mandatory eye and ear protection, must be enforced for all participants and spectators near shooting areas. Any unapproved electronic devices, including music is prohibited for individual participants in competition. Violation of this rule would lead to forfeiting targets in that specific discipline.
- iii. Coaching during competition must be non-disruptive and may not occur during active firing.
- iv. Teams must provide their own ammunition, which must meet host site guidelines and legal standards.

II. SECTION B: CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

a. Tournament Committee

- i. The conference championship host will be selected via the bidding process. The Conference Office Administrator will consult with the Shotgun Sports Committee to review and award the bid.

b. Championship Format

- i. The Heart Shotgun Sports Championship will be held annually in the spring.
- ii. The Championship will consist of **Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays**, with team and individual titles awarded in each discipline.
- iii. Each student-athlete must compete in all three events to be eligible for the **All-Around** title.

- iv. Team scores will be calculated using the top 5 individual scores in each event per institution, each school can submit 7 student-athletes per discipline.
- v. There will be 100 targets per discipline.
- vi. Individual ties will be settled by a sudden death shoot off in each discipline.
- vii. Ties would be settled by each discipline.
 - 1. Skeet would have alternating shooters from opposing teams on station 4, total number of 10 per team score. One pair would be shot by each shooter.
 - 2. Sporting would be settled by a predetermined shoot off station from opposing teams, total number of 10 per team score. One pair would be shot by each shooter.
 - 3. Trap would be settled by starting on station one, alternating shooting two targets from opposing teams, total number of 10 per team score.

c. Entry Fee

- i. Entry fees will be established annually by the Conference Office.

d. Weather Contingency

- i. In the event of inclement weather, the championship schedule may be modified.

e. Conduct

- i. Unsportsmanlike conduct, unsafe handling of firearms, or violation of range rules will result in penalties up to disqualification. The site director, in consultation with the tournament committee, has authority over enforcement.

f. SECTION C: AWARDS

i. Team Awards

- 1. Tournament Champion: Heart banner and team trophy
- 2. Runner-Up Trophy

ii. Individual Awards

- 1. **All-Conference First and Second Teams**
- 2. **Shooter of the Year (Male and Female)**
- 3. **Freshman of the Year (Male and Female)**
- 4. **Coach of the Year**
- 5. **Sket Champion (Male and Female)**
- 6. **Sporting Clays Champion (Male and Female)**
- 7. **Trap Champion (Male and Female)**
- 8. **High Overall Champion (All-Around Score) (Male and Female)**

- iii. **Coach Voting Process:** Awards will be determined by a post-tournament vote of head coaches. Coaches cannot vote for themselves or their own student-athletes.

III. SECTION D: LEADERSHIP

a. Board of Governors (BOG) Liaison

- i. Appointed by the Commissioner, the BOG Liaison will serve as the voice of the conference governance body in the sport.
- b. Conference Office Administrator**
 - i. Oversees operations, ensures policy adherence, coordinates championship logistics, and supports governance processes and coach communication.
- c. Chair and Vice Chair**
 - i. Elected by head coaches for two-year terms. Responsible for agenda development, rule change submissions, and sport leadership in collaboration with the conference office.
- d. SID Liaison**
 - i. Supports communications and All-Conference awards selection. May assist with coverage at the championship and is responsible for media coordination.
- e. Conference Rater**
 - i. Appointed by head coaches to serve as the NAIA Conference Rater. Serves a two-year term and must be a head coach in the conference.