



WILMOT

SHOOTING TEAM



PARENT / ATHLETE

HANDBOOK



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PRACTICE LOCATIONS (subject to change)

Discipline	Coach	Address	Practice Days
Trap & Shotgun DryFire (16-yard trap, handicap trap & doubles)	Adam Kerkman	Powers Lake Sportsmans Club 38700 87th Street, Powers Lake, WI	Tuesday & Saturday
Sporting Clays	Matt Dedeo	Northbrook Sportsman Club 160 Sports Club Dr, Hainesville, IL 60030 (There may be weeks where practice is at other venues)	Thursday
Skeet	Pat Barton	Northbrook Sportsman Club 160 Sports Clb Dr, Hainesville, IL 60030	Thursday
Bunker	Mike Keisler	Winchester Gun Club 3109 S 27th St, Franksville, WI	TBD
Pistol/Rifle	Erik Osterman	Bristol CCKC 21001 85th St, Bristol, WI	Tuesday & Thursdays



VISION

We are a shooting team that hosts and promotes shooting sports for 4th through 12th graders and full-time college students in the Southeastern, Wisconsin area. The team participates in a variety of shooting disciplines including: Trap, Handicap, Doubles, Sporting Clays, Skeet, Bunker, Pistol, and Rifle.

The team strives to instill a set of personal values and character traits that teach fair play, compassionate understanding, individual responsibility, sportsmanship, integrity, safety, respect, self-discipline, personal commitment, and teamwork. These are all important assets and qualities that are necessary to become a successful and contributing member of society.

The Wilmot Shooting Team always creates a safe and fun environment to promote shooting sports. The safe handling of firearms is always first and foremost. Our coaches are certified and background checked and willing to work with anyone that wants to learn about shooting sports. Athletes learn the fundamentals of gun safety and shooting etiquette.

SCHOLASTIC SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION (SSSF)

Shotgun Team - SCTP (Scholastic Clay Target Program)

The SCTP is the largest national youth shotgun shooting organization and is under the SSSF umbrella. The SCTP's mission is to help kids reach their highest potential in becoming the best athlete and young adults they can be. The SCTP is a youth development program, first and foremost and we do this through the shooting sports and competitive shooting.

- **American Trap:** 16 yard; Round of 25 targets; 5 targets from each station.
- **Doubles Trap:** Round of 50 targets; 5 double targets thrown from each station.
- **Handicap:** Yardage; Round of 25; Five targets from each of the five stations
 - Rookies/Intermediate: 21 yards
 - JV/Varsity: 25 yards
- **Skeet & Doubles Skeet:** Round of 25 targets, singles and doubles are thrown depending on the station.
- **Sporting Clays:** Multiple presentations of targets, shooting repeating patterns at each station; simulates bird shooting in terms of target presentations.
- **International Trap/Bunker Trap:** Olympic trap is a 5 shooting station discipline - with 6 total stations; during competition rounds you will have 2 shots at each target and in final matches you have one shot at each target.

****Squadding for competition is determined by multiple factors and at the discretion of the Head Coach of each discipline.****



PISTOL/RIFLE TEAM - SASP (Scholastic Action Shooting Program)

SASP is the largest national youth rifle/pistol organization and is under the SSSF umbrella.

SASP is designed to instill in young people a set of personal values and character traits for fair play, compassionate understanding, individual responsibility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and personal commitment. As the sport itself, these qualities will stay with them throughout their lifetimes, helping each young athlete reach his or her full potential.

- Athletes may participate using .22 rifles, .22 handguns, pistol caliber carbines (PCC), and/or centerfire handguns.
- Targets are steel circles or rectangular plates.
- All courses of fire are timed events.

COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS

We use the Team Stack App. This is both an app for your phone and a website that you can log into to find all communications. Coaches for each discipline will utilize this app for communicating to athletes and parents.

1. Go to: www.teamapp.com
2. Sign up to Stack Team App and log in to your account.
3. Search for WILMOT SHOOTING TEAM and request to join!

The app will be used to communicate practice updates, shoot sign ups, squadding, etc. ALL THE DETAIL INFORMATION SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED HERE.

It's important to set your app to a notification setting that works for you. App push notifications, email notices, all are available within your own personal settings. It is your responsibility to be sure all who assist your athlete in this sport have access to this app and receive notifications.

The Wilmot Shooting Team now has a public Facebook page that will be used to communicate athlete accolades, sponsor information, and fundraising opportunities. All coaching, practice, and details during the season will be communicated via the team stack app. Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/wilmotshootingteam>



SAFETY

The safety of the shooters, assistant and any other participants, spectators is the highest priority!

SHOTGUN TEAM

- Always keep guns pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the action of the gun open until ready to shoot.
- Always use safety glasses and hearing protection when on or near the shooting line.
- **No cell phone use is ever allowed on the shooting line.**
- Always wear a vest or shell pouch and appropriate clothing and footwear (as indicated in the below dress code) while on the shooting line.
- Never bring a gun or ammunition (live or otherwise) to school or on school grounds or left in vehicles parked on school property.
- Resting the muzzle on your toe / shoe or covering the muzzle with your hand or “leaning” on the muzzle - it is a violation of SCTP rules and this may result in disqualification.
- Shooting in flip-flops, open toed shoes or “Crocs” is prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- While on the shooting line, muzzle control MUST be maintained for safety. The athlete’s muzzle must NEVER cross any part of the athlete’s anatomy or that of another person.

These are consistently the rules you will see at any competition or practice for any discipline

PISTOL/RIFLE TEAM

- All guns in a gun case/pistol case at all times and they are never uncased unless when asked by the **Range Safety Officer (RSO)** to do so.
- Magazines with ammo are always handled separately from the pistol/gun cases - do not put your magazine in your cases.
Once you hear the command the shooter is asked to open the gun case - remove any chamber flag and show the RSO that the gun/rifle is clear - once that is done follow the next steps.
- The RSO will call the range hot (live fire) or cold (no firing allowed) and follow the SASP commands. The RSO will direct all the actions.
 - T = Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
 - A = Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
 - B = Be certain of your target and what's beyond it.
 - K = Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.



- Make sure that the gun muzzle does not point over the berm - otherwise you violate rule A and B from above.
- If you hear “STOP” the RSO or coaches have identified a dangerous situation. DO NOT MOVE, the shooter must stop any further shooting and the RSO will remedy the issue before the shooting can continue!
- The safety includes the eye and ear protection of all the shooters, coaches, assistant and bystanders - please ensure that eye and ear protection is worn during the times at range.

DRESS (UNIFORM) CODE

We expect our athletes to present themselves in a professional manner with what they wear. Each registered SSSF participant represents not only the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation, but also the Wilmot Shooting Team. Promoting a positive image is in the best interest of the SSSF/WST and everyone involved with it. Appropriate dress for everyone associated with SSSF/WST goes a very long way in making a positive impression.

- **Hats/Visors:** At a Tournament if the athlete chooses to wear a hat or visor it MUST be a team-issued Wilmot shooting Team hat or visor.
- **Tops:** Wilmot Shooting Team uniform shirt must be worn when shooting in a tournament. Team shirts meet the uniform requirement for tournaments. At practice, shirts must have sleeves. Items of clothing that expose any part of the torso are prohibited. These include, but are not limited to, cutoff T-shirts, halter tops, tank tops, etc.
- **Team shooting vests:** High school athletes on the shotgun team are expected to wear their team vest when shooting in a tournament.
- **Bottoms:** Short shorts and low riding shorts or pants revealing undergarments or buttocks are prohibited. Shorts must be no higher than the athlete’s fingertips when arms are naturally down to the side.
- **Shoes:** Closed toe and closed back shoes are required at both tournaments and practice. Shooting in flip-flops, crocs or opened-toed shoes/sandals is prohibited.
- **Ear & Eye Safety protection:** Must be at all times while on the field or range.

Clothing Adornments: Shirts, hats, pants, towels – any clothing– and any other associated items (including flags and banners) carried, worn, etc. with pictures, caricatures, designs, messages, writings, or other embellishments with direct or indirect references to alcohol, tobacco, sex or sexual connotations, drugs, gambling or profanities are prohibited.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO NOT FOLLOW THESE RULES YOU MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO TO THE LINE AND SHOOT AT AN EVENT OR PRACTICE.



PHOTO RELEASE

Wilmot Shooting Team and its agents may publish and release the photographs/ film/ video tapes/ electronic representations and or sound recordings of athletes. If you or your athlete wish to not be represented in any photos, it is your responsibility to not partake in group photos.

TEAM GUN USAGE FEE POLICY:

To support the maintenance and operation of team firearms, the following usage fees apply:

- Shotgun: a flat fee of \$50 per year
- Pistol and Rifle: a fee of \$5 per gun, per match

These fees contribute to equipment upkeep and related team costs. All team members are responsible for timely payment of applicable fees as determined by the head coaches and/or treasurer.

TOURNAMENTS

There are many opportunities for athletes to participate in tournaments. Wilmot Shooting Team participates in team events every year where every athlete is expected to attend. Team shoots will be communicated at the beginning of the season. If your athlete is UNABLE to attend it is your responsibility to notify the head coach of that discipline right away when dates are communicated via email or normal team communication process. Other tournaments are optional. The cost for participating in any tournament varies per discipline. When you sign up for a tournament keep an eye out for an email that will be sent out to participants regarding exact addresses and shooting days and times. The deadline for paying for tournaments will be communicated.

Notice for each shoot will be sent with squadding and coach on-site contact information prior to the event

You will be responsible for signing your athlete up and paying registration fees for optional tournaments.

There are few things to consider when participating in tournaments.

1. Most shotgun tournaments are one discipline only; however, there are a few during the year that your athlete can participate in more than one discipline at the same tournament. Make sure to sign up for the appropriate disciplines your athlete wants to compete in.
2. Pistol/Rifle tournaments are multi-discipline. Based on several factors including the tournament schedule, number of athletes attending, and number of disciplines offered, the team may place a limit on the number of disciplines an athlete can register for. More information will be provided prior to tournament registration.
3. Some tournaments fall on the same day/weekend and you will have to choose which one your



athlete will participate in. PLEASE CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK DATES BEFORE SIGNING UP.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM ALL SHOOTS, INCLUDING PRACTICE AND TOURNAMENTS, IS THE ATHLETE'S RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE DISCUSS ADDITIONAL OPTIONS WITH OTHER PARENTS AND/OR COACHES.

MISSING AN EVENT

As a team we go to great lengths to make sure every athlete that wants to participate in a tournament can do so. We try to get information out about upcoming tournaments as soon as we have it available to give athletes plenty of time to plan and check their calendars. When an athlete makes a commitment to participate in a tournament it is expected that the athlete will show up and be on time. We squad teams based on the athletes that have signed up, when an athlete doesn't show, they hurt the other athletes they are squadded with.

PLEASE check your calendars carefully BEFORE signing up for a tournament. If something does come up, please let us know ASAP. We all know there are unavoidable events (car accidents, funerals, etc.). We are talking about athletes that have just chosen to not come to an event they signed up for with no call or prior notification.

If you are unable to attend an event that you signed up for, notice of at least 7 days is appreciated.

Last minute cancellations will be excused for the following reasons: illness with a doctor's note or death of a family member.

NATIONALS (OPTIONAL)

Nationals is a 12-day event held at Cardinal Camping & Shooting Center in Marengo, OH. In the past there have been over 5000 athletes from 40 different states competing. The shotgun disciplines available to compete in are the following: Trap, Doubles Trap, Handicap Trap, Super Sporting, Sporting Clays, 5-stand, Bunker, Skeet, International Skeet and Doubles Skeet. Most disciplines are shot over two days at 100 targets a day. The Pistol/Rifle disciplines available to compete in are the following: Centerfire Pistol, Rimfire Pistol, .22 Rifle Optics, .22 Rifle Irons, PCC, and 1911. Most are shot over the course of 2-3 days.

- 1) Participating in at least one State event.

Head coaches will review all Nationals registration requests to ensure these qualifications are met for



each discipline requested. If the head coach determines the athlete does not meet the above qualifications for one or more of the discipline registrations requested, the head coach may reject that registration request at their discretion.

Watch for sign up information to sign up. This is an amazing experience for the athletes to show off all their hard work all year.

We do ask that if an athlete is planning on attending Nationals and competing in different disciplines that they practice those disciplines well before leaving for Nationals. We want everyone to be able to put their best foot forward.

FACILITIES

Athletes and patrons are expected to use the practice and shooting event facilities and any equipment (owned or borrowed) in an appropriate manner. Inherently, many recreational sports activities present the possibility of injury. Participation in the shooting program is voluntary; individuals assume responsibility for their own safety and health. Medical insurance, which would cover expenses incurred by an injury, is strongly recommended.

All minor participants and their parent(s) and/or guardian(s) are required to read, complete and sign all registration paperwork which will include a release.

It is required to use any and all safety equipment recommended for participation in activities.

There may be first aid supplies for minor injuries. When an injury does occur, it should be reported immediately to a coach where the injury occurred. Any accident/injury/incident should be reported in a timely fashion and should be followed by completion/submission of the [appropriate incident/accident report form](#).

Athletes and patrons are expected to be courteous to other practice and event facility users and to follow facility rules and instructions. Facility users who engage in behavior or actions that might damage equipment or facilities may lose their privileges. Vulgar, obscene, abusive, derogatory or demeaning comments and gestures are not consistent with a positive environment.

The team appreciates your cooperation in making practice and event facilities a friendly and positive environment for recreational and social opportunities.

For liability and insurance reasons, during tournaments & invitationals, only coaches, and completed SSSF registered volunteers and athletes are allowed in shooting areas. Spectators are to be in designated areas. During practice if you are not actively participating in the assistance of pulling and scoring for the squad, please do not congregate in the shooting area and keep to the spectator designated areas.



WEATHER

We try to avoid canceling any practices due to bad weather. We shoot in the rain and snow. But for the safety of the athletes there will be no shooting when lightning is present. In the event of lightning we will pull athletes off the field for 30 min after the last seen lightning strike. In the event we have to cancel practice, please watch the Team app for communication from your coach.

In the event of a tornado or tornado warning, athletes and patrons are to immediately proceed to designated shelter areas.

In the event of a fire, athletes and patrons are to immediately proceed to the nearest Exit sign and proceed outside and away from the building.

The team is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

PRACTICE NIGHT VOLUNTEERING

We welcome the help and support from the parents. We always need help with the setup/tear down at the practice and we need help during competition to make those events as fast as possible and get the best results from the shooters. Adult volunteer participation is crucial to a successful event. Please be respectful and support all athletes and parents. Be vigilant to areas you can help when requested or asked. .

Please allow the coaches to do what they do best and coach your athlete while at the field and range.

Among the ways you can help on practice nights are:

Shotgun Team

Pulling & Scoring – With the number of athletes we have and the rounds available for each shotgun practice we should be averaging hundreds rounds of trap. Volunteers are needed to help pull and score so the coaches can spend their time with the athletes COACHING. This is a very easy job and there will always be a coach on the line as well to help with any questions.

PULLING - The coach will provide the button used to activate the thrower. At the beginning of each round the first shooter will ask if the squad is ready and then ask if the puller/scorer is ready. They will then ask to “see one.” This means all shooters get to mount their gun to “see a clay target.” When the first shooter calls “PULL,” press the button. The first shooter will then load their gun and they are ready to start. Each athlete will yell “PULL” when asking for the target. Do your best to push the button immediately and be consistent in doing so for every shooter. If you are unable to hear an athlete call for the target, feel free to ask them to yell louder. If you push the button and the target does not come out of the trap house or it is broken, the shooter should not shoot, and they will ask for the target again.



SCORING - When the round starts, and the first shooter calls for the target – watch the target. If it breaks, or even the smallest chip is seen coming off the target, this is considered a “hit” and you don’t say anything. Mark a “/” or “X” in the first box next to the athlete’s name. If the athlete misses the target, yell “LOSS” and mark a “0” in the appropriate box. You’ll do this for all five athletes, five targets per athlete at each of the five stations. If an athlete or coach sees a chip come off the target that you may have missed, they will let you know (they should yell “CHIP”). You will then change the score from a loss to a hit. As soon as the first athlete has shot at the fifth target at their station, yell “READY.” This let’s everyone know that is the last target at that station and they should be prepared to move. Once the last shooter has shot at the target, yell “MOVE,” and then yell out each athlete’s score at that station. The athletes then move to the next station. The first shooter is ALWAYS the first shooter. So, for the second round, they will be at station 2, but will shoot first, and so-on and so-on. Once the first athlete has shot his 25th target, yell “READY & OUT.” This let’s everyone know that’s the last target of the round. Once the last shooter has shot at the last target, yell “SQUAD OUT” and their scores for that station followed by their scores for the entire round. (A quick tip – sometimes it’s quicker to count the misses and subtract that from 25, instead of counting all the hits for more experienced shooters).

The coaches will help guide you through any “issues” that come up and PLEASE ask questions!!

Pistol/Rifle Team

At practices, parent assistance is always needed and welcome with setup and teardown, and general organization of the athletes to keep the practice flowing smoothly. At tournaments, parent volunteers are needed to help paint the targets between shooters and ensure the next athletes up are ready and on-deck to shoot. Clean up of brass adjacent to and behind the shooting line is to take place at the end of practice or when the range is called cold and when it is not disruptive to other athletes preparation and participation. Clean up of brass in front of the shooting line can only take place after the stages are taken down and the range is cleared for the day.

VOLUNTEER POLICY

Effective Date: November 1, 2024

Purpose: To foster community involvement and support for the Wilmot Shooting Team while ensuring the program’s sustainability through volunteer efforts.

Policy Overview: All families of athletes participating in the Wilmot Shooting Team are required to contribute a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer service to support the team during any hosted team shoot.



Additionally, the Wilmot Shooting Team is 100% volunteer run from practices, to coaching certification, to scorekeeping/average tracking, to squadding, to fundraising, to athlete recognition and organization of competitions near and far. Your help is needed throughout the season. The required hours are geared toward the support needed during our hosted shoots as there is a lot of work that goes into making those events run for athletes and area teams.

This policy aims to encourage teamwork among not only the athletes but the families as well and build community relationships. Volunteering helps ensure the operational needs of the team are met. Hosting shoots are a great way for the team to fundraise and allow scholarships year after year to offset expenses for families.

Requirements:

1. Volunteer Hours:

- 4 hours of volunteer service are required at all team hosted shoots (Example: The Shotgun Classic and any SASP shoot hosted by Wilmot Shooting Team).
- An athlete or athlete's family can complete this requirement.
- Approved volunteer activities may include, selling raffle tickets, pulling, scoring, tracking times, registration, parking cars, selling food items, etc.
- Pulling, scoring or tracking times at practices are not included in volunteer activities. These activities are needed for practices to run smoothly, but do not count toward the required volunteer hours.

2. Tracking Hours:

- Volunteer hours must be logged, submitted and approved to the designated team coordinator by May 31st.
- Athletes are responsible for tracking their own hours and ensuring they are submitted in a timely manner.

3. Penalty for Non-Compliance:

- If an athlete/family does not fulfill the 4-hour volunteer requirement, or wish to buy-out any requirement to do so, a fee of **\$25 per unfulfilled hour** will be assessed (\$100 for 4 hours).
- This fee must be paid by May 31st.

4. Communication:

- The Wilmot Shooting Team will provide information regarding available volunteer opportunities for the hosted shoot and any updates to the policy through the team app which can be enabled for push notifications and email notifications. In addition, opportunities will be discussed at team practices.
- Team hosted shoot dates will be communicated once available.

Conclusion: This policy is designed to enhance the Wilmot Shooting Team's community involvement while promoting responsibility among its athletes. Compliance with this policy is essential for the continued success and growth of the team.



FUNDRAISING

Anyone with athletes on the team has a responsibility to fundraise for the team as everyone benefits from it. We have several different fundraising opportunities for you to participate in. As a fully volunteer run club sport, our team receives no funding from the school district. All our operating expenses are supported by our athlete fees and our team fundraising efforts. One of our goals is to reduce the financial burden on our athletes as best we can, but we need your help as this is a high-cost sport. Your sponsorship will help with uniforms, meet participation, shooting protection, ammunition, facility rentals and so much more to help offset our per athlete cost. A variety of sponsorship levels are available. Please contact our Fundraising committee chair for more information and watch for communication on other opportunities to support the Wilmot Shooting Team.

Any and all fundraising efforts that benefit the Wilmot Shooting Team must be approved, documented and organized under the direction of the Wilmot Shooting Team Board of Directors.

Additional fundraising opportunities are:

- **Annual Team Raffle** - The Annual Raffle Drawing will take place at the Powers Lake Sportsman's Club. The specific date and time of the drawing will be printed on the official raffle ticket.
 - As part of the annual team fundraising program, each athlete's registration includes **eight (8) raffle tickets**. Tickets are sold for **\$20 each**.
 - To remain eligible for any **scholarship Athlete Give-Back** opportunities, each athlete is required to sell a total of **sixteen (16) raffle tickets**.
 - Additional packets of raffle tickets will be available at team practices. These extra packets do not need to be presold; however, once a packet is issued, athletes are responsible for returning the full amount of money collected from those sales to the team.
 - Details regarding ticket distribution and collection will be shared through the **Team App**. Please check regularly for updates and instructions.
- **Restaurant nights!** This is easy and saves you time in the kitchen! Support the team by attending any of the restaurant events that earn a percentage of sales back to the team!
- **Spirit Wear** – This is easy...who doesn't want to support their team with some cool clothing items you can wear? Spirit wear will be available for purchase. Online Information will be communicated along with deadlines to order each season.
- **Fall League** - Optional participation in the fall league gives athletes, families and friends the opportunity to practice during the off season. The cost to participate in the fall league varies



each year and is not included in the registration fees of the regular season. This is coordinated through Powers Lake Sportsmans Club.

THERE WILL BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP AS WELL. PLEASE WATCH FOR COMMUNICATION FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES.

VARSITY & JV LETTER GUIDELINES

Requirements to earn a JV or Varsity Letter with the team for clay target shooting and pistol/rifle shooting are as follows:

- You must be a student attending Wilmot High School
- If you are a first-year shooter in high school (no matter what the grade) - you will be considered Junior Varsity.
- You must be a minimum of a second-year shooter (high school) to be on the Varsity squad.
- You must participate in two (2) designated TEAM tournaments and the state shoot. If you participate in the National Tournament - you are automatically eligible (due to the fact you must participate in other tournaments to shoot that event)
- Athlete cannot be ineligible to compete or practice at any point throughout the season.
- Letters are offered on a points system. A minimum of 30 points is required to be eligible for a letter. Points awarded as follows:

SHOTGUN TEAM	PISTOL/RIFLE TEAM
Practices - 1 point	Practices - 1 point
Conference Shoots - 3 points	Regionals - 5 points
Team/Optional Shoots - 5 points	Optional Travel Matches - 5 points
State Shoots - 10 points	State - 10 points
Nationals - 25 points	Nationals - 20 points

As always, even if all requirements are met - if there are disciplinary measures or information - the school can refuse a letter. Once all above requirements are met other things that may be considered are participation and assistance offered by the athlete throughout the season.



ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to compete with the Wilmot Shooting Team an athlete is required to be considered a 4th through 12th grade student in a local School District, a local school that does not have a team or homeschooled student living in the area. If you attend a local school that has a shooting team, you need to participate on that team.

In order to participate in the Wilmot Shooting Team athletes must maintain at least a 1.667 (C-) GPA with no failing grades or if the athlete has no more than one failing grade he/she must maintain at least a 2.0 (C) GPA. Incomplete grades are considered failures until made up. An athlete who is enrolled in any state-approved EEN program and who receives no usual grades for such courses may be eligible if he/she is making satisfactory progress in his/her total school program as indicated by his/her IEP.

If academically ineligible, The Wilmot Shooting Team athletes may not participate in a competition during the ineligibility period. The athlete may not dress in uniform for competition, participate in competition or attend competition during the period of suspension. "Uniform" consists of any team shirts, uniforms, etc. The student must continue to practice.

High school athletes will be monitored by the Wilmot High School Athletic Director for athletes in attendance at that school. The Athletic Director will report any academically ineligible individuals to the head coach. Team reserves the right to request athletes from 4th-8th grade or homeschooled students to bring in the printed grade report, signed by a parent/guardian and show it to the head coach or designated board member.

CODE OF CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Behavior of all athletes on and off school premises (and in particular while attending competition and practice shooting events) must reflect conduct becoming an athlete of the Wilmot Shooting Team. Specific behaviors that will not be tolerated in competition or practice include but are not limited to:

- The use of foul or abusive language.
- Taunting or bullying other athletes, team members, family or spectators.
- Throwing shells, stomping feet, kicking or other overt displays of anger or frustration.
- Forcefully breaking open the action of a firearm
- Arguing with or displaying disrespectful behavior toward pullers, scorers, shoot officials, coaches, other athletes, spectators.

Specific Wilmot Shooting Team / SCTP / SASP safety rules / expectations to follow include:

- Always keep guns pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the action of the gun open until ready to shoot.



- Always use safety glasses and hearing protection when on or near the shooting line.
- **No cell phones are ever allowed on the shooting line.**
- Always wear appropriate clothing and footwear (as indicated in the dress code section) while on the shooting line.
- Never bring a gun or ammunition (live or otherwise) to school or on school grounds or left in vehicles parked on school property.
- Resting the muzzle on your toe / shoe or covering the muzzle with your hand or “leaning” on the muzzle - it is a violation of SCTP rules and this may result in disqualification.
- Shooting in flip-flops, open toed shoes or “Crocs” is prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- While on the shooting line, muzzle control MUST be maintained for safety. The athlete’s muzzle must NEVER cross any part of the athlete’s anatomy or that of another person.

All SSSF/Wilmot Shooting Team activities incorporate two indispensable elements – SAFETY AND FUN. Safety is incorporated into every aspect of ALL activities. The learning environment at team practices and at competitive shoots is designed to include the element of FUN for all participants. Participants learn the safe and responsible handling and use of firearms. They discover the joy of contributing to a shared team goal and the commitment that goes along with it. During this self-discovery process, team members develop proficiency in a sport that can be shared and enjoyed with family and friends for a lifetime.

HONORING THE GAME Competition is clearly a part of the SSSF/Wilmot Shooting Team, an indispensable part; but it is not the underlying principle. The “win-at-all-cost” philosophy has no place in the SSSF/Wilmot Shooting Team. Striving to win while playing by the rules does. Honoring the game, exhibiting good sportsmanship, and being a responsible Team Member, are the bedrock values the SSSF/Wilmot Shooting Team strives to instill. It is the DUTY of everyone involved in the SSSF/Wilmot Shooting Team – Coaches, Parents, and Athletes - to set good examples for Team Members. Volunteers are expected to emulate and uphold high moral and ethical standards of personal conduct.

Conduct Applies to coaches and athletes. Acts of using abusive or profane language or displaying unsportsmanlike conduct during competition will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to:

- Being respectful of others by keeping cell phone use to a minimum, if calls MUST be made/answered it should be done in a way not to disturb others
- Arguing with referees and national staff
- Unsafe handling/use of firearms
- Disrupting a competitor
- Cheating
- Consuming alcohol/tobacco products (including any form of e-cigarettes or “vapor” products), or using non-prescribed drugs before or during any SSSF/Wilmot Shooting Team activity are prohibited. This will not be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification, suspension, and expulsion from the organization.

