



## *Frequently asked questions about Trap and Skeet 2019*



**Does my student need a Minnesota DNR Firearms Safety Certificate?** Yes.

**How old does my student need to be to participate?** 12, at this age your child can obtain his or her Minnesota DNR Firearms Safety Certificate. The student must be able to handle the shotgun safely. Participation will be at the discretion of the coaches. If the student's ability and development are questionable the coaches may have the shooter mature more before joining the team.

**Does my student need experience?** No, just a desire to participate in the sport and willingness to take direction from the volunteer coaches.

**What does my child need to participate?** A 12 or 20 gauge shotgun in proper working order. A over/under, semi-automatic or a pump action will work fine. For Skeet the gun will need to load and shoot at least 2 shells. There are doubles at 4 stations. Ammunition for the gun is your responsibility as are the payments for practice rounds. Safety glasses (prescription glasses are fine), Hearing protection and an ammo pouch are also required.

**What ammunition and how much is needed?** #7½ and #8 shot target loads are accepted at the trap field and #8 or #9 at the skeet field. Your student will need a minimum of 24 boxes for Spring League (6 weeks of competition 2 boxes per shoot, mandatory once a week practice minimum of 2 boxes). This does not include extra practice rounds which are highly recommended. This sport requires practice just like any other sport, the more the better!! \*\*Fall League requires 12 boxes of shells for the short 5 weeks of competition and one reserve week. Although there is no mandatory practice for Fall League it's highly recommended you practice on your own.

**Where can I buy ammunition?** Cabela's, Dicks, Fleet Farm and Walmart as well as other sporting goods stores sell boxes of shells for trap and skeet shooting.

**Can we use reloads?** No.

**What Choke is needed?** For Trap, the preferred choke is a Modified. For Skeet, you should use Improved Cylinder or a Skeet choke. If you have more choke questions please talk to the coaches.

**Does bad or poor weather stop you from shooting?** No, you will shoot in the rain, snow, sleet, and sunshine. The only exception is lightning seen and heard from the Club your shooting at and then called by the coaches.

**What is needed for clothing/uniform?** *Spring league requires you to wear a Blaine jersey provided through the Booster Club; a hat is recommended but not required (helps keep the sun out of your eyes). Fall league, there are no requirements for Fall League- team shirts are not provided because of the short season. But we ask that you wear Blaine Bengal Wear to help represent Blaine High School. You also need to exercise common sense, this activity is outdoors dress accordingly. No open toe shoes or flip flop's allowed.*

**My student participates in other school activities can they still shoot?** *Yes, as long as they are able to make time for competition nights and their grades meet the required GPA.*

**How does my student get to the field?** *Your student is required to provide their own transportation to and from the range. When you attend the mandatory safety meeting you will be given the opportunity to ask for ride help from the students that drive and are willing to help. \*\*Just a reminder you cannot bring a gun or ammunition to school or its grounds including the parking lot.*

**Where do the students shoot?** *The Skeet Team shoots at Metro Gun Club- 10601 Naples St NE Blaine, MN 55449. The Trap Team shoots at Beaverbrook- 20500 Palisade St. NE East Bethel, Minnesota 55011.*

**Can the student earn a letter for shooting?** *Yes, but only in the spring league with an average of 19 or better. Due to the short fall season lettering is not possible.*

**Can I attend a Booster Club meeting and volunteer to help?** *Yes. We need parents and students to voice their opinion on how we work with the team and coaches. A typical meeting is once a month and lasts for about 2 hours.*

**Do you have any helpful links I can reference?** *Yes!*

1. [www.mnclaytarget.com](http://www.mnclaytarget.com) go here to find out where your student ranks during the Spring League.
2. [www.claytargetscoring.com](http://www.claytargetscoring.com) this site will give you your students shooting statistics.
3. [www.blainetrapskeet.com](http://www.blainetrapskeet.com) Blaine High School official website- Calendar is very helpful!
4. [www.metrogunclub.com](http://www.metrogunclub.com) this is where the Skeet Team shoots.
5. [www.shootata.com](http://www.shootata.com) this will be important to Spring League shooters.
6. [www.midwayusa.com](http://www.midwayusa.com) Team sponsor, please patronize.
7. [www.beaverbrook.us](http://www.beaverbrook.us) this is where the Trap Team Shoots.
8. [www.mnskeet.org](http://www.mnskeet.org) Minnesota Skeet Shooting Association information.