

# Alexandria Area High School Clay Target League

## **Team Handbook**

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## Summary of Changes—AAHS Clay Target League Team Handbook

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Update: Academic Eligibility Policy	Academic Eligibility	5
As of March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 AAHS Clay Target League Policy will reflect		
District 206 and MN State High School League eligibility policy.		
Update: Varsity Practice changed to Coach's Practice	Team Schedule and	7
As of March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 proposed Varsity practice will now be Coach's	Procedures	
practice and open to all students.		
Update: Coach's Practice	Team Schedule and	7
As of March 21st, 2019, Coach's practice dates have not been	Procedures	
determined		
Update: Team Uniform	Uniforms and	7
As of February 3, 2020, Team Uniforms will include a T-Shirt and	Equipment	
Shooting Vest.		
Update: Removed COVID related information	Lettering	8
Removed Lettering exceptions for modified season.	Requirements	
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#### Welcome to the Alexandria Area High School Clay Target Team

The Alexandria Area High School (AAHS) Clay Target Team was developed in 2012 and is a recognized activity club within the Alexandria School District. The team is led by Head Coach Tom Townsend and supported by the coaching staff, parent, and student volunteers. All students in grades 7—12, who have successfully completed a DNR firearm safety course, are in good academic standing and live in or attend school in ISD #206 are eligible for the team. We encourage boys and girls at all experience levels to participate on the team.

We compete as a team in the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League (MSHSCTL) and operate under their policies and procedures. We participate in both the Spring and Fall seasons.

#### Mission Statement

The team believes in and follows the MSHSCTL's Mission Statement:

- Safe and responsible handling and storage of firearms and ammunition is the first priority.
- Everyone should have fun.
- Participation is a privilege and not a right
- Sportsmanship needs to have a constant presence.
- Students should have an equal opportunity to participate.
- Ethical behavior, dignity and respect are expected.
- Participants will be chemically free.
- Collaborative relationships with schools and students create a positive experience.
- Academic priorities must come before participation.
- Adults must serve as a positive role model for students.
- The success of the team is more important than individual honors.
- Shooting ranges are critical to the success of the League and are positive business leaders in their community.
- Compliance with school, community, shooting range and League rules are mandatory for all participants.
- Shooting sports strengthens connections within families and communities for life.

#### **Team Overview**

- The AAHS Clay Target Team participates in both the Spring and Fall leagues of the MSHSCTL
- All experience levels are welcome on the team.
- All members are registered with the MN High School Clay Target League and scores are reported weekly.
- Athletes on this team should have a desire to compete.
- Athletes are required to attend **EVERY** scheduled practice or competition. If a competition week is missed, the athlete is not eligible for post season awards, including lettering.
- Athletes are required to wear uniforms at all times when representing the team—practices, competitions, fundraising events, school events, volunteer events, etc.
- Athletes are expected to represent their team at fundraising and volunteer events.
- Athletes are expected to show pride in their team and a desire to see the program succeed.
- All athletes are encouraged to find practice time in addition to scheduled shooting days.
- Extra or Advanced training is available for interested team members.
- Athletes are strongly encouraged to represent AAHS at the MN Clay Target League Championship Tournament.

#### **Fall League**

The fall season is focused on developing the athlete's skills no matter what level of experience. The fall season is perfect for new athletes just starting in the sport.

- All members are registered with the MN High School Clay Target League and scores are reported weekly.
- Coaches focus on teaching and refreshing the fundamentals of shooting.
- Athletes are motivated to improve their skills.
- There is no lettering opportunity during the fall season.
- There is no school activity fee for the fall season.

#### **District 206 School Weapons Policy**

All members of the AAHS Clay Target Team must strictly adhere to the District 206 Weapons Policy (Policy 501). The District's Weapons Policy is as follows:

No student or nonstudent, including adults and visitors, shall possess, use or distribute a weapon when in a school location except as provided in this policy. The school district will act to enforce this policy and to discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, school employee, volunteer, or member of the public who violates this policy.

#### **Student Behavior / Code of Conduct**

All students fortunate to be members of the AAHS Clay Target Team understand being a good trapshooting athlete and reliable teammate demands tremendous commitment and dedication to shooting and their team. Likewise, parents make great commitments and sacrifices for their students to shoot with the team. Shooting for the AAHS Clay Target Team is a privilege, not a right. As AAHS Clay Target Team athletes and parents, we understand and agree to follow these policies:

#### **Personal Code of Conduct**

- 1. Shoot to win. Practice to break every target.
- 2. Respect opponents, teammates, coaches, parents, volunteers and spectators.
- 3. Accept subpar shooting with dignity. Accept high scores with modesty and give credit to yourself, coaches, parents and teammates.
- 4. Always promote the best interest of the AAHS Clay Target Team and the Alexandria School District.
- 5. Play fair.
- 6. Reject corruption, drugs, alcohol, racism, bullying and violence.

#### **Teammate Responsibilities**

- 1. All athletes should treat all coaches, parents, officials and opponents with dignity and respect.
- 2. <u>All</u> athletes, regardless of ability, are equal members of the team. Each and every athlete should treat all teammates with acceptance, respect and friendship.
- All athletes should provide maximum effort in meetings, practices and competitions.
- 4. Athletes are expected to directly seek understanding and resolution when questions or problems arise with coaches, teammates and/or parents. Speak to an adult when problems surface.
- 5. Athletes should conduct their personal lives in a manner that brings honor to themselves and the team. This includes school academic and social performances, self-respect, health behaviors

- and social responsibility.
- 6. Athletes MUST maintain passing grades in ALL classes throughout the season.

#### **Parent Responsibilities**

- 1. Parents should treat athletes, coaches, opponents, volunteers and other parents with dignity and respect.
- 2. All comments by parents and their guests from the sidelines should be encouraging and/or complimentary. Parents and guests should refrain from making comments about an athlete's mistakes or misses during practice and competition.
- 3. Parents should refrain from making derogatory comments to coaches and athletes at any time.
- 4. Coaching trap is to be done only by coaches at practices and competitions. Parents agree to refrain from coaching or directing their athlete or other athletes during all practices and competitions.
- 5. Parents should discuss athlete and/or team concerns directly with the head coach or assistant coaches
- 6. Parents should make sure their athlete attends all meetings, practices and competitions and will be on time.
- 7. Parents should support all coaches and encourage their athlete to do the same.
- 8. Parents should make an effort to volunteer their time, when possible, to support the needs of the team.
- 9. Parents should participate in the fundraising of monies needed to sustain the needs of the team.
- 10. Parents should act as a community and report all problems to a coach or administrator.

#### **Coaching Responsibilities**

- 1. The coaching staff's main goal is to teach each athlete to shoot better while also acquiring necessary life skills. It's not all about breaking targets.
- 2. Coaches should balance individual growth, social development and the acquisition of shooting skills in working with individual athletes and the team as a whole.
- 3. Coaches should train athletes to participate with good sportsmanship and to abide by the rules of trapshooting.
- 4. Coaches should promote a positive atmosphere during all meetings, practices and competitions.
- 5. Coaches should devote the time and skill necessary for the good of the team.
- 6. Coaches should push and challenge each athlete in the program to be the best they can be.
- 7. Coaches should treat all athletes, parents, officials and opponents with dignity and respect.
- 8. Coaches are required to abide by the rules of conduct embodied in the spirit of this document.

#### **Team Safety Rules**

- NO CELL PHONE usage during your shooting time. Please leave them in your vehicle.
- **DO NOT** bring your gun or ammunition to school. You are to transport your firearm directly from home and back to home after practice and competition.
- Drive to the range with respect for others. Don't speed and don't rush.
- Once on Alexandria Shooting Park property, drive slowly and watch carefully.
- Alexandria Shooting Park parking lots are gravel or dirt. Do not spin out or throw gravel. Stay off grass areas with your vehicle during wet/muddy conditions.
- Respect the vehicles, Alexandria Shooting Park property, and other personal equipment.
   Immediately report any damage.
- Keep a positive attitude when arriving and leaving from practice and competition events.

- Athletes may not begin shooting until a Coach is present on their designated field.
- Parents and spectators must remain behind the sidewalk while Athletes are shooting.
- Students are required to pick up empty hulls after rounds to keep the line clear of tripping hazards.

#### **Gun Safety Rules**

- Maintain proper muzzle control. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
  - Pump or Semi-Auto: the preferred gun control is muzzle positioned straight up and chamber open. DO NOT carry over the shoulder or cradled in your arm.
  - Over/Under or Single Barrel Break Action: the preferred gun control is barrel open and muzzle positioned down in front of you.
- Always keep the action open. Pump and semi-auto must be open when placed in the rack. Break
  action guns must be carried open and then closed to place on the rack. When at the shooting
  line, the action must be open until it is your turn to shoot.
- Always keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
- Always wear authorized eye protection.
- Always wear authorized hearing protection.
- Use a vest or shell pouch to manage your ammunition.
- Athletes may not use a sling on any firearms.
- Respect Range Safety Officers (RSOs). Immediately respond to cease fire or other commands.
  - Any persons on the range should call a 'Cease Fire' when they see a safety violation
    and immediately get the attention of the RSO. This includes athletes, coaches, score
    keepers, volunteers and spectators.
- Each person is responsible for personal equipment and items. Please label your guns and equipment with your first and last name.
- No resting the barrel of your firearm on your foot or any other solid surface. Only approved gun rests may be used.
- Mechanical Safety must be on when not on the line.
- Never load ammunition in your gun until you are on the shooting line and it is your turn to shoot.
- Firearms must remain unloaded until it's your turn to shoot.
- Firearm Stoppages and Malfunctions (Includes: shotgun malfunctions, shotgun or ammo misfires, etc.)
  - Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction and wait 30+ seconds
  - o Raise your non-shooting hand to signal a Coach or Range Safety Officer for assistance.

#### **Alexandria Shooting Park (ASP) Safety Rules**

- Be observant when entering ASP property. You must cross an active railroad crossing. Make complete stops and look both ways before crossing.
- All shotguns must be uncased at your vehicle.
- NO ALCHOHOLIC BEVERAGE consumption will be allowed before or during shooting on the shooting park grounds. If Employees and/or Management become aware of this action, you will be asked to leave the premises.
- Eye and Ear Protection are required at all times while on the shooting line.
- Always keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
  - Pump or Semi-Auto: the preferred gun control is muzzle positioned straight up and chamber open. DO NOT carry over the shoulder or cradled in your arm.

- Over/Under or Single Barrel Break Action: the preferred gun control is barrel open and muzzle positioned down in front of you.
- When you change from post 5 to post 1, <u>turn to your right</u>, and walk behind the shooters. Typically, the scorers stand is far enough back so the moving shooter will walk between the shooters and the stand.
- Only one shell is allowed in the shotgun at any time.
- Action on guns must stay open at all times. You may put a shell in the shotgun and close the action ONLY when you are on the proper station and it is your turn to shoot.
- NEVER walk from station to station with the action closed or with a shell in your shotgun.
- Shotguns must have full stocks, and no barrels shorter than 21" are allowed to be used.
- 7 1/2, 8 and 9 shot are the only size allowed on the range or patterning board.
- Maximum ammunition velocity, in feet per second (FPS)
  - o 1290 FPS for 1 1/8 oz. shot load
  - o 1325 FPS for 1 oz. shot load
  - o 1350 FPS for 7/8 oz. shot load
- When shooting trap, everyone on the squad must have a shotgun, no sharing allowed.
- No one is allowed to pick up empty hulls on the ground during their shooting round.
- According to Minnesota Law, Alexandria Shooting Park, may only sell ammunition to people 18 years of age and older. You will need to show proof of age to purchase ammunition.
- Management reserves the right to refuse shooting to any person deemed irresponsible or uncontrollable.

#### **Weather Safety**

Trapshooting is an outdoor sport—*Dress Accordingly!!!* It will be colder and windier at the Alexandria Shooting Park than it is at your home. We shoot in the wind, cold, rain or snow.

We do not shoot during Thunderstorms/Lightning. In the event of thunderstorms/lightning shooting will cease and may resume after ½ hour has passed since the last lightning strike in the area.

Only the Head Coach will determine if a scheduled practice or competition is cancelled due to weather. In the event of a cancellation, due to weather, the Team's designated make-up night is Wednesday. If this is not feasible the reserve week scores will be used for the **entire Team**. In the event of a cancellation students and parents will be notified through: TeamSnap, Facebook and by email.

#### **Athlete Eligibility**

Any student is eligible to participate if they:

- Are in grades 7—12 within the ISD 206 school district, and
- Have completed a State Approved DNR Firearm Safety Course, and
- Meet all school activity eligibility requirements, and
- Comply with the League's Policies & Procedures.

#### **Academic Eligibility**

The AAHS Clay Target League participants are subject to District 206 and MN State High School League Athletic Eligibility requirements.

AAHS Clay Target League Coaching staff receives weekly ineligibility reports from the District's Activities

Office. Any students who are deemed academically ineligible will be permitted to participate during practice weeks but **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in competition weeks or tournaments. **Students who are ineligible during competition weeks will be required to attend Monday nights, but will not be permitted to shoot**. Student scores will be reported to the MN Clay Target League as zeros for weeks they are ineligible. Target fees for weeks that students are ineligible will not be refunded.

#### **Lettering Requirements (Spring Season Only)**

AAHS, in conjunction with the State High School Clay Target League, has developed an Independent Provider Extracurricular Letter Program for shooting sports. The requirements set forth in this policy are meant to be an equivalent to other varsity lettering requirements for AAHS sports.

#### **Objectives of the Program:**

- 1. To offer high school athletic status to shooting sports student athletes
- To recognize the accomplishments and time commitment of shooting sports student athletes
  with a varsity letter award to those who meet the requirements as defined by AAHS. Official
  high school varsity athletic recognition is important to college applicants.

#### **Qualifications and Requirements for Lettering**

To be eligible for the Independent Provider Extra Curricular Lettering Program, the shooting sports student athlete must meet the following criteria:

#### 1. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Athlete must be a student of AAHS and ISD #206 in grades 9-12
- b. Homeschooled athletes in ISD #206, in grades 9-12, are also eligible
- c. Athlete must abide by AAHS, ISD #206, MN State High School Clay Target League and MN State High School League activity requirements.
- d. Athlete must adhere to all school district rules, policies and requirements concerning student activities. Including, but not limited to, attendance, conduct, scholastic standing, and other eligibility requirements.
- e. Athletes must submit all necessary documentation and associated fees to the school's Lettering Coordinator by June 20, 202

#### 2. PERFORMANCE

- a. Athlete must average 20 points or more per round in competition at the end of the season. The reserve week, competition weeks 1-5 and Championship scores will contribute to the athlete's average.
- b. Athlete must not miss any weeks of scheduled practice and competition.
- c. Athlete must participate in the MN Clay Target State Championship

#### 3. ACADEMIC

a. Athlete must be in good academic standing

If a student fails to adhere to the qualifications and requirements for Lettering, the athlete forfeits the right to letter for the season.

#### **Presentation of Awards**

AAHS Letters, shooting sports patch, bars and certificate will be awarded to the qualifying recipients at the Awards Banquet.

#### **Team Schedule and Procedures**

Coaching staff will determine the shooting times prior to the beginning of each season. Students will be assigned to each shooting time prior to the first practice night.

- Students are expected to participate for 2 hours each Monday night, during their designated shooting time.
- You are expected to arrive at Alexandria Shooting Park 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.
- Students will be expected to help set up and take down trap fields each evening and help load target boxes in trap houses. Students 16 years of age or older may be expected to help fill traps machines when needed.
- Practice and competition consist of shooting two rounds of 25 shots each. Bring enough ammunition each night to cover your rounds, plus extras in case of malfunctions.
- Safety procedures must be followed at all times. Properly carry and store guns when not on the shooting line.
- Scores are submitted weekly to the MNClay Target League. Standings are available at 9:30PM on Saturdays.
- If you are unable to attend, please notify the Coaching Staff prior to your absence.

#### **Additional Practice (Spring Season)**

Students will be able to 'opt-in' to an additional practice program during registration. This is an opportunity for students to gain more practice and improve their trapshooting.

Additional practice will run from the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup> to the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Students will choose their additional practice night, either Wednesday or Thursday evenings.

#### **Attendance / Communication**

#### Attendance

- Designated shooting night: Monday at ASP
- Attendance is mandatory for every scheduled competition and practice.
- Students are **NOT ALLOWED** to make-up missed rounds, per MSHSCTL policies. The only exception to this is for illness. If rounds are not able to be made up the same week, the student's reserve score will be used for that week's scores.
- Missed rounds will be submitted as zeros to the MN Clay Target League. SCORES OF ZERO WILL
  AFFECT THE ENTIRE TEAM'S WEEKLY SCORE.

#### **Absences/Scheduling Conflicts**

- Students who will be absent need to communicate their absence to the Coaching Staff <u>as soon</u> <u>as possible.</u> (Failure to communicate absences may affect your eligibility to Letter in the Spring Season)
- Students are allowed to shoot at a different scheduled time on Monday night, if they encounter a scheduling conflict.
- Adjustments to the schedule may be made to accommodate School activities such as Band/Orchestra/Choir concerts, State meets for activities such as FFA, DECA, etc. Adjustments will not be made for other athletic events.

<sup>\*\*</sup>See Appendix Page 1 for 2024 Spring League Schedule

#### **Communications**

• Students who will be absent or encounter a scheduling conflict will need to notify Coaching Staff as soon as possible with one of the following methods:

Email: <a href="mailto:ahstrap@gmail.com">ahstrap@gmail.com</a>
 Send message via TeamSnap
 CALL or TEXT: 320-304-1271

#### **League Fees and Refund Policy**

Fees to participate with the AAHS Clay Target League Team must be submitted during sign up. Fees must be paid before the athlete is allowed to shoot.

#### \*\*See Appendix Page 2 for 2024 Spring Season Fees

MN Clay Target League Registration and Alexandria Area HS Activity Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

HALF of the Target Fees will be paid for by the AAHS Clay Target League for each participating student in the Spring League. Fall League Target Fees will be paid by each family.

Team Uniforms will be subject to any return or refund policy set by Cowing Robards.

#### **Uniforms and Equipment**

An official team uniform, official Team T-Shirt and Team Shooting Vest, is required for every student. Additional Team gear is available for purchase and is optional. Official Team Uniform and additional items are available for purchase from Cowing Robards.

#### **Required Uniform**

- Official Team Uniform T-Shirt (students required to purchase)
- Official Team Shooting Vest (provided to each student)

#### **Optional Attire**

Optional team attire will be offered each season.

#### **Required Equipment**

- Shotgun
  - We prefer 12 gauge, but 20 gauge is acceptable
  - ASP does have Club Guns available for use, free of charge
  - Talk to a Coach before purchasing a gun for a new athlete
- Shell Catcher (Semi-Automatic Shotguns)
  - If you have a semi-automatic shotgun, <u>your gun must be equipped with a shell catcher.</u> If you do not have one talk to a coach about purchasing the correct catcher for your gun model.
  - o Rubber bands may be use as a temporary shell catcher.
- Ear Protection
- Eye Protection
- Shell Pouch (optional)
- Appropriate clothing for the weather
- Shooting Bag to hold equipment (optional)

#### **Ammunition Requirements**

Ammunition may be purchased anywhere. The Alexandria Shooting Park does stock 12 and 20 gauge ammunition.

#### **Ammunition Requirements**

- NO RELOADED SHELLS ALLOWED
- Must be lead shot
- Cannot have velocity greater than:
  - o 1290 Feet per second (FPS) for 1 1/8 oz. shot load
  - o 1325 FPS for 1 oz. shot load
  - o 1350 FPS for 7/8 oz. shot load
- Cannot be more than 3 dram powder load (2 ¾ dram recommended)
- Cannot contain more than 1 1/8 oz. shot
- Shot size must be 7.5 or 8

#### **Equipment Handling**

The AAHS Clay Target Team, Coaches, Team Parents, Team Members, or any Team Volunteers are in no way responsible for your gun or your equipment. **Your** equipment is **your** responsibility.

Upon arrival at the range, safely uncase your gun at your vehicle. Place your gun in the gun rack immediately.

Before leaving the field, make sure you have your gun, your equipment bag, and anything else you brought. DO NO ASK SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE YOUR GUN FOR YOU.

We highly recommend that you add a name label to you gun for identification. Your equipment should also be labeled.

#### **Equipment Inspections**

Any member of the Coaching Staff or Range Safety Officer has the right to examine any item of the athlete's equipment including guns, ammunition and other equipment.

#### **Penalties**

Any violation of the MNHSCTL policies and procedures or the AAHS Clay Target Team policies and procedures laid out in this handbook will result in the following Two Strike Penalty Rule:

#### THE TWO STRIKE PENALTY RULE:

Strike 1—Upon a first violation, the student will be sent home immediately and the athlete's parent will be contacted by the Head Coach to address the concerns before the athlete can return to the team.

Strike 2—If a second violation occurs, the student will be removed from the team with no refund and will not be able to return for the remainder of the season.

#### **Coaching Staff**

The AAHS Clay Target League Coaching Staff is made up of strictly volunteers with a wide range of experience in Shooting Sports. All coaches have gone through training and are subject to a background check. The AAHS Clay Target League Team is committed to the protection of all persons who are associated with the team including athletes, volunteers and guests.

#### **Current Coaching Staff:**

#### **Head Coach**

Tom Townsend, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer

#### Coaches

Scott Green, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer

Katie Kalina, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer

Cindy Townsend, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer

Jeff Parkin, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer, DNR Firearm Safety Inst.

Mark Nohre, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer

Luke Kalina, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer

**Troy Schlosser**, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer, 4H SS & W Shotgun Cert. Inst.

Vicky Townsend, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer

Larry Ledum, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer

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Dave Matheson, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach, NRA Range Safety Officer

CJ Schlosser, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach

Jordon Trenne, NRA Level I Shotgun Coach

#### **Contact Information / Notifications**

Team Email: ahstrap@gmail.com

Notifications sent through:

- TeamSnap
- Facebook

#### **Social Media / Photographs**

Facebook and other social media accounts are for the purpose of promoting the athletes and the team to local and national communities. Photographs and video recordings will be taken during all practices, competitions and events. No special compensation will be provided for use of images.

#### **Our Social Media Presence**

- Team email: ahstrap@gmail.com
- Facebook: Alexandria Area High School Trapshooting Team

#### **Fundraising / Sponsorships**

We try hard to keep participation fees minimal. Therefore, fundraising and sponsorships are a vital part of supporting the team. Fundraising and sponsorships allow us to provide training and shooting opportunities beyond the league's standard season. Because of the importance to the team, fundraising is not an option—<u>ALL</u> families are required to participate. Students and families are also encouraged to approach local businesses for sponsorships.

#### \*\*See Appendix Page 3 for Fundraising form

Fundraising and sponsorships allow us to purchase snacks/beverages for team events, host our Awards Banquet, hold fun shoots, help cover cost of extra practices, pay for entry fees for Clay Target League Championship, etc.

#### **Adult & Student Volunteers**

The success of this team depends completely on the enthusiasm, effort, and expertise of our volunteers. We are an organization run solely by volunteers, and every volunteer matters. All positions including the Head Coach, Coaching Staff, as well as all necessary tasks are organized, directed, and completed by volunteers to whom the team is deeply indebted.

Each family is expected to contribute a reasonable amount of volunteer time to help contribute to this effort. Each family will be assigned weekly tasks as outlined below. Volunteer training will be provided for each task described. Without parent/student volunteers to assist with these tasks, this program will not be successful.

#### **Volunteer Duties to be Assigned**

- Score Keeping:
  - Score keepers will be assigned on a weekly basis, alphabetically by the athlete's last name.
  - Any member of the athlete's family will be required to score on their assigned night.
  - If unable to keep score on their assigned night, they will need to find a substitute.
- Trap Filling:
  - Anyone entering the trap house must be 16 or older, by State Law.
  - Trap houses need to be filled after each squad has completed their 2 rounds.
  - o All squad members must work together to make sure the house if full.
  - o If there is NOT a squad member 16 or older, parents are expected to assist.
- Trap Setup/Teardown:
  - Setup: Students will be expected to help setup traps at the beginning of the evening.
     Includes opening houses, making sure the traps are loaded and setting up voice release systems.
  - <u>Teardown:</u> The last squad on each trap will need to take down the trap. Includes rolling up and putting away voice release system, making sure the trap is full, trap machine turned off and the trap door closed.

#### **Other Volunteer Needs**

 Awards Banquet: Organized by Parents of Senior students and Parents of Team Captains along with these students



# AAHS Clay Target League 2024 Spring Schedule

Event	Attendance Mandatory	Additional Practice
Student/Parent Meeting	March 7, 6PM at AAHS Room 182/183	
Registration Deadline	March 24 at 5PM	
Student Orientation/Gun Fit	March 25, 5:30PM at ASP	
Practice Week 1	April 1	
Practice Week 2	April 8	
Reserve Week	April 15	
Competition Week 1	April 22	April 24 or April 25
Competition Week 2	April 29	May 1 or May 2
ANVIL Foundation Tournament		May 4 in St. Cloud
Competition Week 3	May 6	May 8 or May 9
Competition Week 4	May 13	May 15 or May 16
Lumberjack Invitational		May 18 in Bemidji
Competition Week 5	May 20	May 22 or May 23
Championship Practice	May 27	May 29 or May 30
Championship Practice	June 3	June 5 or June 6
Championship Clean-up Day	June 6 (Thursday) at ASP	
Championship Practice		June 13 (Thursday)
Championship	June 10-18 (Competition date TBD)	
State HS Tournament		June 21 in Minneapolis
Awards Banquet		June 24 at ASP
National Championship		July 10-14 in Michigan



## AAHS Clay Target League Spring 2024 Program Cost & Registration Steps

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 24, 2024 AT 5PM

#### Open to students in grades 7-12 Must have Firearms Safety Certificate

## **Program Cost & Registration Steps**

1.	<ul> <li>AAHS Clay Target League &amp; TeamSnap Registration</li> <li>All Students must register with TeamSnap.</li> <li>Registration link:</li> </ul>
2.	MN Clay Target League Registration\$40.00  • Online Registration & Payment  • Accessed through AMS: <a href="https://www.claytargetscoring.com/ams/">https://www.claytargetscoring.com/ams/</a>
3.	<ul> <li>AAHS Clay Target League Round Fee</li> <li>AAHS Clay Target League will be covering HALF the cost of rounds.</li> <li>1 Night per week (22 rounds at \$7.50 = \$165.00 - Student cost: \$82.50)</li> <li>2 Nights per week (38 rounds at \$7.50 = \$285.00 - Student cost: \$142.50)</li> </ul>
4.	Alexandria Area HS Activity Fee
5.	Team Uniform (Shirt)\$25.00 • Purchase through Cowing Robards Online Store
6.	<ul> <li>Approximate Shell</li> <li>Please DO NOT WAIT to purchase ammo until the season starts.</li> <li>1 Night per week estimated cost (22 rounds at \$9.00 = \$198.00)</li> <li>2 Nights per week estimated cost (38 rounds at \$9.00 = \$342.00)</li> </ul>
	1 Night per week Estimated Total\$375.50
	2 Nights per week Estimated Total\$579.50



## ALEXANDRIA AREA HIGH SCHOOL Clay Target League

The Alexandria Area High School Clay Target Team is heading into our 13<sup>th</sup> season. The Clay Target League has become a highly competitive high school sport. With over three hundred high school teams throughout the state with this year's estimate of over 13,000 athletes participating. The Clay Target League offers a unique opportunity as a co-ed sport for students of all abilities to participate. Our team has grown from six shooters our first season, to an average of 60 athletes each year.

We would like to help defray some of the cost of shooting for the athletes by seeking financial support from the community. The athletes incur costs for shells, targets, safety equipment, and registration fees. The average season cost per athlete is \$452.75. Please consider supporting a Cardinal tradition here in Alexandria by making a donation to support the team. Any size donation is greatly appreciated!

Please make checks out to: AAHS Trap League

Mail to: AAHS Trap League C/O Kathy Schlosser 13300 County Road 17 SE Alexandria, MN 56308



#### Thank you!

Alexandria Area High School Clay Target Team

Donation By:	Business Contact:
Address:	Phone:
City, State, Zip:	_
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:	
\$1,000	Legacy Sponsor
\$750	Gold
\$500	Silver
\$250	Bronze
\$1-250	Friends of the High School Trap Team!

Sponsors who give at the Bronze level or above are invited to attend our Annual Banquet and Sponsor Appreciation night in June as our guest and will receive a small token of appreciation!

We appreciate your support!