

## *SPORTING CLAYS ETIQUETTE*

Sporting Clays Etiquette has been evolved to provide the shooter the best possible chance for success and also to facilitate moving squads through the shooting stages with efficiency so that there are not squads backed up waiting to shoot the same station.

It is suggested that you ORGANIZE your squad as follows: Each shooter should know their place in the shooting order. For each active shooter there are four positions that need to be filled: 1) the score keeper, 2) the puller, 3) the shooter and 4) the next person in the shooting order on-deck. The on-deck shooter should be standing behind the active shooter with their shotgun and enough shells to finish the station, considering the possibility of machine malfunctions, broken targets and the like. The on-deck shooter should use this opportunity to carefully observe the flight of the targets and pre-determine hold points and break points consistent with their shooting style.

Upon completion of the course of fire by the active shooter, the shooter on deck is ready to enter the shooting position. The score keeper and puller must hand off their responsibility to another squad member in a timely way so that they can rotate into the on-deck position for their turn.

Please follow these general rules as circumstances allows:

1. Keep dialog at the shooting station to a minimum to allow the shooter the ability to concentrate on shooting performance.
2. Once finished shooting, a squad should clear out of the shooting station as rapidly as possible. Scores can be added up later once clear of the station.
3. If another squad is still shooting as you approach the next station, hang back as a group and avoid loud conversation in a courteous effort to reduce distraction to the shooter. It is disruptive for you to enter the shooting station to take a seat or place your shotgun while the other squad is actively shooting.
4. Allow the squad ahead to clear a station before you move in. The exception is for the first shooter in your squad to quietly walk up behind the active squad to observe the targets being thrown for the purpose of selecting chokes and loads to be used for the upcoming station.
5. Be patient with beginners, as they are the future of the sport.

Thank you for your observance of these courtesies to your fellow shooters.