

Plymouth Rod and Gun Club Trap Committee Rules

1. It is both the shooter's responsibility and Plymouth Rod and Gun Club Trap Committee's responsibility to conduct all shoots in a reasonable and safe manner.
2. It is Plymouth Rod and Gun Club Trap Committee's responsibility to remove any participant who is conducting themselves in an unsafe manner. Repeat violators will be reported to the Club's Executive Committee for further action via an Incident Report Form.
3. It is responsibility of the Plymouth Rod and Gun Club Trap Committee to provide instruction to Trap Committee personnel on the proper and safe performance of their respective duties.
4. All trap personnel must have a flag or other warning device to warn of any person(s) exiting from the trap house.
5. Trap personnel should be thoroughly instructed of the potential danger of the trap machines (particularly the target throwing arm).
6. Trap machines shall be installed and utilized in such a manner as to minimize exposure to throwing-arm movement on adjacent traps by personnel.
7. The practice of tracking targets behind a shooting squad is unsafe, disconcerting to the shooters, and is not generally permitted. This practice may only be employed by Trap Committee Members and only in structured coaching rounds.
8. Alcohol and drugs impair judgment and the ATA Rules pertaining to the usage of alcohol and/or drugs must be enforced by club Trap Committee Members. This Rule shall be strictly complied with and shall apply to practice shooting as well as registered and tournament events.
9. A shooter, holding a gun, which for which any reason fails to fire as intended, must keep the muzzle pointed downrange for 30 seconds to avoid a hang fire. The gun should then be opened without any subsequent determination by the referee/scorer of the cause of the Failure to Fire.
10. All guns must have the action opened and contain no live or empty shells at any time, except while the shooter is on the firing line. A break open gun's action may be closed when it is in a gun rack but it shall not contain a live or empty shell.
11. As a safety precaution, test shots will not be permitted under any circumstances.
12. A Participant shall place a live shell in his/her gun only when on a post facing the traps. In Singles and Handicap shooting he/she may place only one (1) live shell in his/her gun at a time and must remove it or the empty shell(s) before moving from one post to another. In Doubles shooting he/she may place two (2) live shells in his/her gun at a time and must remove both live or empty shells before moving from one (1) post to another. In changing from one (1) post to another, the shooter shall not walk in front of the other competitors.

13. Snap caps or recoil reduction devices may be excluded from the above only if safety colored i.e.

red, or orange; as to permanently identify them as not being a live or empty shell.

14. A Participant may hold his/her gun in any position when it is his/her turn to shoot. The Participant

must in no manner interfere with the preceding shooter by raising his/her gun to point or otherwise create an observable distraction.

15. All guns used by Participants must be equipped, fitted and utilized so as not to eject empty shells in

a manner that substantially disturbs or interferes with other Participants.

16. All persons including competitors, referee/scorers, and trap personnel must wear appropriate eye

and hearing protection while on the trap field. Failure to comply may result in suspension of shooting privileges.

17. No shooter shall be permitted to participate in any ATA event while seated in or otherwise using a

golf cart on the firing line. Single passenger conveyances are the appropriate means for participating should one require assistance due to permanent or temporary disability.

18. While not prohibited, the practice of resting the muzzle of a shotgun on a shooter's toe is ill advised

and is discouraged.

The **Plymouth Rod and Gun Club Trap Committee** may disqualify a participant for violation of these rules, and violations may also result in further disciplinary action.

Repeat offender(s) of these Official Rules will be given a 30 day suspension upon a second violation of these Rules; a third violation of these Rules will result in a 90 day suspension; and further violations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee for further disciplinary action.