



# Team Handbook

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# THE WILDCAT SHOOTING CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The Wildcat Shooting Club is a part of the already established Kansas State High School Clay Target League.

The Club will follow the league's mission as follows:

We believe that...

- 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 to students.
- The success of the team is more important than individual honors.
- Gun clubs are critical to the success of the League and are positive business leaders in their community.
- Compliance with school, community, gun club and League rules are essential for all participants.
- Shooting sports strengthens connections within families and communities for life.
- Everything the League does will always be in the best interest of the students.

## LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Wildcat Shooting Club, while endorsed by the Louisburg School District USD# 416, does not have any affiliation with Louisburg School District USD# 416. Wildcat Shooting Club is an independent organization created by volunteer members and will operate under its own rules and regulations. The club did receive permission from Louisburg School District USD# 416 to use the name Louisburg High School, which is how we will be presented through the Kansas State High School Clay Target League. While the Louisburg School District USD# 416 supports our clubs' efforts to promote safe and responsible gun handling, it is not responsible for any activities or events hosted by the Wildcat Shooting Club.

# WEAPONS IN SCHOOL & THE GUN-FREE SCHOOLS ACT

As a student and parent of the Louisburg School District, you should be aware of the school's Weapon Policy. No student, parent or guest shall have in his or her possession on school premises (i.e., throughout the buildings and grounds of any facility, vehicle owned, leased or used by the district), any rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver, or other firearm (including a starter gun), knife, dangerous chemical, explosive, or any object which is not necessary for school activities and which could be used as a weapon or could be reasonably suspected of being a weapon. A weapon is defined as any instrument capable of firing a projectile, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a firearm muffler or silencer, any explosive device, or any other instrument capable of inflicting bodily harm.

Except for those students who receive prior written permission from the Board of Education or its designee, no student may bring in or possess any "firearm" or "weapon" on school property, on a school bus or District vehicle, in school buildings, or at school sponsored activities or settings under the control or supervision of the district regardless of location. Any student who has been found guilty of bringing in or possessing a firearm or weapon in violation of this policy will be disciplined in a manner consistent with State and Federal law and the District's Code of Conduct. Such discipline may include a mandatory suspension for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year for a student who is determined to have violated the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act, provided that the Superintendent may modify the suspension requirement on a case-by-case basis.

As a member of the Wildcat Shooting Club, the District Weapon Policy still applies to you. For definition purposes, equipment is defined as a shotgun, gun case, and/ or ammunition (full or empty boxes or shell casings).

- Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should a student athlete, coach, parent, or volunteer bring their equipment to school in their vehicle, or plan to leave directly from school to go to the gun club. This would be a strict violation of the District's Weapons Policy, for which you should expect to be punished to the full extent.
- In a situation where the student accidentally leaves equipment in their vehicle, when realized, they must self-report and immediately inform School Administration and the appropriate steps will be taken.
- As a member of the Wildcat Shooting Club, our position is not to debate policy. We must strictly adhere to this policy, as there are no exceptions nor is there any protection guaranteed. If you have any questions on this issue, please feel free to speak to one of the coaching staff.

# STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR/CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the Wildcat Shooting Club, you must understand that you have been given a unique PRIVILEGE to participate in the sport.

- You will promise to follow all the “Rules” & “Conduct” outlined in the Kansas State High School Target League Policies & Procedures and those that the gun club & school have adopted.
- You will be always respectful of all your fellow team members and coaching staff and represent the school with pride and integrity whenever you are participating in a High School Trap Team League event or activity.

Athletes and Parents:

- Will respect their coaches and follow the directions of the coaches. Athletes and parents understand that they need to always follow this direction, especially during our League events for Safety reasons to protect all Athletes, Coaches, Volunteers and Spectators.
- Promise to make Safety the Number One Priority whenever I am handling a firearm.
- Will not bring firearms or ammunition on school property.
- Courtesy & Sportsmanship go hand in hand with safety to create a safe and fun environment. They also portray our sport in the best possible light within our school and the greater community. There will be a strong emphasis on the value of team unity, sportsmanship, & hard work. Every player will have an important role to play. A critical part of being a good team is everyone knowing their role and performing it to the best of their ability. Trap Shooting is a fun sporting competition that is a once-in-a- lifetime experience which we hope you enjoy and take with you well into your future as adults.

## TWO STRIKE POLICY

Two Strike Safety Rule:

- *Along with the safety rules, the following conduct and sportsmanship rules will be strictly enforced for players, parents, and coaches:* Safety is no joke and is taken seriously, especially in shooting sports. A Two Strike Rule will be applied for any student who is found to be in violation of the rules above.  
*Strike One.* Upon a first safety violation, the student will be sent home immediately, and it will be the coach's responsibility to contact the parent(s) of the athlete and address the concerns before the athlete can return to the team.  
*Strike Two.* If there is a second safety violation, the student will be removed from the team and will not be able to appeal a return. No refund of any type will be provided to a student removed from the team based on a second safety violation.

- The League will be informed immediately of any roster changes. The Kansas State High School Clay Target League has specific rules regarding appropriate attire and conduct as well. You are expected to abide by the League's Policies and Procedures. Any misuse or violation of these rules could result in suspension of your shooting privileges with the team and possible permanent removal from the team's roster.

More information can be found at the league's website at [www.ksclaytarget.com](http://www.ksclaytarget.com).

# COMPLAINT POLICY

If at any time you feel a complaint needs to be made, please contact the Head Coach. We want to ensure that the needs and safety of the athletes are met.

## TEAM SAFETY RULES

### Traveling to and From the Range

- Reminder – you are not to bring your equipment to school; you are to go home after school to pick up your equipment and transport your firearms directly from home and back to home after competing.
- Drive to the range with respect for others. Don't speed and don't rush.
- Once in the range road or parking lot, drive slowly and watch carefully.
- Respect the vehicles and other personal equipment. Immediately report any damage.
- Keep a positive attitude when arriving and leaving from practices or competition events.
- Range shooting hours are posted and must be followed to the minute. Area homeowners and ranges have an agreement on time. Be aware of the time, you may not be allowed to finish your round if range hours expire.

### Proper Range Behavior

- *No Cell Phone usage* is allowed on the firing line.
- Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited before, during shooting or on the grounds.
- Do not eat, drink, or have food when on the firing line.
- This is an adult activity; act accordingly as we have trusted you to do so.

### Firearm Safety

- Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction. Never at another person or building.
- Always keep your finger out of the trigger guard area until your firearm is shouldered and set.
- Respect Range Safety Officers. Immediately respond to ceasefire or other commands.
- Do not handle, play with, or aim another person's firearm without the safety officer's consent.
- It is highly suggested that you clean your firearm after every day of shooting. A clean firearm is one that will work as expected every time you need it. Dirty or clogged firearms are dangerous.
- Each person is responsible for personnel equipment and items. All your equipment should be within reach or visible when you are on the range. Keep unused items in your locked vehicle.

# SAFE GUN HANDLING - RANGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Be sure the firearm is safe to always operate. Never load or fire an unsafe firearm.
- Know how to use your firearm safely. Remember your firearm training classes.
- Upon arriving at the club athletes should place their guns on a designated gun rack.
- All guns are to remain on the rack until it is the athlete's time to shoot or unless directed specifically by the coach.
- All muzzle direction rules apply when moving from the gun storage rack to a specific trap or from post to post.
- Know your target and what is beyond it.
- Immediately after shooting a round, an athlete's gun should either be placed back onto the gun rack or cased and returned to the athlete's vehicle. If this info is unclear for any reason, then follow this clear message – If you are not shooting, your gun should be on the rack...**NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- No resting the barrel of your firearm on your foot.
- All firearms must have an open action when walking around the range.
- Range safety starts with you. If you see a safety concern, bring it to the Range Safety Officer (RSO) or coach.
- All range-specific rules are posted at each range; make sure you have read them. You can be banned from any range for violating their posted rules.
- If you think there may be a range safety issue but are not sure, always bring it up to the Range Safety Officer or a coach as soon as possible. They care and want to know.
- Do not touch others or their firearm when on the shooting line.
- Be respectful and quiet. Do not distract others on the shooting line.
- Only coaches will be allowed to instruct students on the shooting line.
- *Anyone on the range can Call for a "Cease Fire" if a safety issue is discovered. If you need to call for a cease fire yell loudly and raise your hand*
- The Range Safety Officer looks for hazards and will make random spot checks. You must comply.
- The first shooter on the shooting line can shoot only with official permission. (Official permissions is given from the Scorer, Range Safety Officer, or Coach)
- Shooters must not have a shell chambered when moving to the next station. (If a mistake is made, stop, point the firearm down range and take out the shot shell)
- Only chamber a shell when you are at the proper station and close when time to shoot.
- Do not shoot when anyone else is shooting on the shooting line. Only during your turn.
- Once you pull the trigger, you cannot stop the shot – take your time and be sure of your target.

## WEATHER SAFETY

- Shooting is an outdoor sport. We will be occasionally shooting in the wind, rain, or snow. We will stop for lightning and thunder, hail or any other condition deemed unsafe. Dress accordingly for the weather.
- Every shot is an opportunity to focus, apply your coaching, learn, and execute well. Don't focus on the weather, only on your current shot when on the shooting line. Be aware and adjust to how wind and other weather aspects can affect your performance. Be safe and stay accurate.

## PROPER HYGIENE

- Be presentable with a clean uniform and proper attire.
- Don't put food or drink into your shooting vest or shell bag.
- Wash your hands after shooting.
- Wash your hands after handling any ammunition.
- Washing your clothes directly after shooting is highly recommended.
- Remember that lead is present in this sport, and it is a known health hazard.

## SAFETY TIPS

Here is a simple list of tips and ideas to help the student athletes consider safety as a foundation of shooting sports. We would like each student to remember to **ALWAYS, ALWAYS...**

1. Keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
2. Keep your finger OFF the trigger guard area until ready to shoot.
3. Keep your firearm unloaded until ready to use.
4. Keep the action of the gun open until you are ready to shoot.
5. Use eye and ear protection.
6. Use a vest or shell bag.
7. Be sure your firearm is clean and safe to operate.
8. Be familiar with your firearm and know how to use it safely.
9. Know the range rules and range shooting hours.

**NEVER BRING A GUN OR AMMUNITION TO SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

# TERMINOLOGY

The following terms will be used during the competitions. Please learn and familiarize yourself with these terms.

- **Coach:** Trained and experienced person who can help you learn the game and develop skills.
- **Range Safety Officer:** Supervises shooting activities as prescribed by the range Standard Operating Procedures. RSO may also be a coach.
- **Spectator Area:** The area on or behind the sidewalk in the shooting areas of trap ranges designated for observers of shooting sports. The Spectator Area or other safe areas are where all students not on the shooting line are to remain.
- **Ready Area:** A table and firearm rack may be available to get shells and safety gear prepared.
- **Trap House:** The structure from which clay targets are launched for trap.
- **A Cone** may be placed on top to signal refill in progress. Back away from the ready area while the trap machine is being refilled every 2 or 3 rounds.
- **Cease Fire:** Stop shooting immediately upon the command. There will be many more clays to shoot, so just stop.
- **Firing Line:** A concrete pad on which the shooter stands during their turn. Do not step ahead of the 16-yard concrete pad. The skeet range may be in use at the adjoining field. This is a safe practice with others on the firing line.
- **Hang Fire:** When a shell does not fire after pulling the trigger. Keep firearms pointed down range. Be prepared, the shell may fire anytime in the next few seconds. Call for help immediately. Don't turn around and keep the firearm under control; it may still fire. If this happens to you, **stay calm and have your barrel inspected by a Coach or Range Safety Officer.**
- **Squib Load:** When there is less than normal pressure after ignition. The shot and the shot cup may not have exited the barrel. You may notice an off or odd sound and a lesser recoil against your shoulder. If this happens to you, **stay calm, stop firing and have your barrel inspected by a Coach or Range Safety Officer.**
- **Pull:** A command you say to have the clay launched, either by a voice activated unit or a person pushing a button. Don't be shy when calling for the pull. You may use other words as well like "Bird" etc...
- **Clean Range Grounds:** The Wildcat Shooting Club will pick up empties when firearms are placed on the rack and range cleared. Wait for OK by the Coach and/or the Range Safety Officer.

# COMPETITION PROCEDURES

Upon arrival at the shooting range:

- Greet the staff and check in for an assignment. Coaches will attempt to squad shooters by experience level; however, this may not always be possible, especially early in the season when daylight is limited. It is important we don't waste time by shooting short squads so everyone can get their rounds in with good light.
- The Coaches will indicate how soon your squad will be called to the trap line
- If your squad is on deck, make sure you and your squad mates are ready to take the field as soon as the previous squad finishes the round and make their firearm safe.
- A squad will consist of up to 5 shooters, shooting positions 1 – 5. The Shooter on post 1 is designated as squad leader. The Head Coach will determine when the squad, scorer and coaches are ready to begin.
- After all shooters have shot 5 times at their first station, the scorer will call for a station change and read the scores for the post just completed. Shooters will then move one station to the right. The position 5 shooter assumes position 1. When doing this he/she will walk parallel to the trap line behind the other squad members.

## STATION SAFETY RULES

- The shooter in the #1 field position will indicate to Squad Leader he/she is ready to proceed.
- The squad leader (now on post 2) will check the rest of the squad and if all are ready will resume the round.
- The squad leader always starts the next set. The shooting order (1 – 5) remains the same throughout the round. At the end of the round the scorer will release the squad from the trap line. The shooters will either get another box of shells for red the next round or case their guns with action open. At the end of the round, shooters will case their guns with the action open and in the Coaches direction, pick up the empty hulls for disposal.
- As time allows team members may be able to shoot additional practice after team league rounds are completed. See a coach for details.
- If you don't understand a rule or procedure, ask a coach!!

# UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

The Kansas State High School Clay Target League rules prohibit the following:

- Clothing that exposes any part of the torso such as cut-off t-shirts, halter tops, tank tops.
- Short shorts, low riding shorts or pants revealing undergarments or buttocks.
- Proper footwear must be always worn and have a closed toe. No sandals, crocs, open toed shoes.
- Any clothing with any type of designs, messages, etc.... that have direct or indirect references to alcohol, tobacco, sex or sexual connotations, drugs, gambling, or profanities.
- It is **MANDATORY** the Athlete's equipment must be worn at all team competitions and other Club & League events unless otherwise directed by the coaching staff or you will not be allowed to compete.
- If possible, uniforms will be worn over extra shirts when needed to stay warm. Jackets as needed will be permissible. Please consider purchasing extra team clothing.
- All student athletes must use factory ammunition. Ammunition load, shot size, and velocity (feet per second) specifications must meet the use requirements of the shooting range during the event. A student athlete cannot use: Reloaded cartridges. tracers, copper, and nickel coated shot
- Eye and ear protection are required (eyes and ears).
- Anyone not appropriately dressed while competing will be sent home and you will receive a zero for your score.

  

- **Safety Glasses (Shooting Glasses):** Shell casings fly during shooting sports. Protect your eyes but not just your favorite sunglasses. Don't use common glasses. Wrap around for full coverage is a plus. Must be shatter resistant. These will be provided by the club.
- **Ear Protection:** Foam plugs are the cheapest and work very well. Earmuffs or headphone style can sometimes get in the way but work extremely well to protect your hearing. Hearing protection is required, but the exact type is optional. Hearing protection will be provided by the club.
- **Shooting Vest (or hip shell bag):** – You will be firing at least 25 shells every round. Accessing your shells safely and without thought is important while on the firing line. These will be provided by the club.
- **Shotgun:** A clean, well maintained working shotgun with a case to keep it in or for transport. Your firearm is not a toy. 12 gauge or 20 gauge are the only two types of shotguns we will use.
- **Ammunition (shells):** Proper ammunition is a must. Only size 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 8 shot shells are allowed. Ammunition will be provided by the club.
- **Positive Attitude:** The first safe thing you can do is bring your positive attitude while shooting.

**Always ask a Coach or Range Safety Officer before using different or unexpected equipment on the range.**

# COACHES & STAFF

## Head Coach / Club Director

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## Assistant Coaches

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## **Wildcat Shooting Club Website**

[www.wildcatshootingclub.com](http://www.wildcatshootingclub.com)

## **Facebook Group**

@Wildcat Shooting Club

## **Instagram Group**

@Wildcat Shooting Club

## **Kansas State High School Clay Target League**

[www.ksclaytarget.com](http://www.ksclaytarget.com)

*Social media should be used to promote the team & sport of shooting. Any misuse of social media may result in disciplinary measures being taken.*

# REGISTRATION

- Registrant must be:
  - The student's parent/legal guardian, OR
  - A student that is 18 years of age or older as of the registration date.
- Go to [www.claytargetgo.com](http://www.claytargetgo.com) and click on Athlete Management System.



- Enter our **Team ID: log441** and create a new Athlete Management System (AMS) account.
- Complete the student athlete registration by completing and accepting:
  - Consent Waiver, Sportsmanship, Medical Information, Medical Consent, Privacy Policy, and Survey.
  - Pay the \$50 League registration fee.
- Athlete will then be added to the teams “waiting” list in the coach’s roster management.
- Head coach will receive each registration and add students to the “invited” list to authorize and activate their registration.
- An email notification (check SPAM folder if not found) is then sent to the student/guardian, and registration is then activated in AMS.
- Athlete will then be able to access their AMS account. **Remember, we will be listed as Louisburg High School.**

**TEAM ID: log441**

# FIREARM SAFETY CERTIFICATION

All student athletes are required to complete and submit certificates for either one of two League-approved firearm safety certification programs – a state-approved hunter education certificate or the League’s SAFE Certification. Either option requires the firearm safety certification information to be documented in Athlete Management System (AMS) before the athlete can participate in any shooting activities with the team.

## **LEAGUE-APPROVED FIREARM SAFETY CERTIFICATES**

League-approved firearm safety certificates include:

1. **State-approved hunter education certification.** Kansas requires that hunters complete a certified hunter education course. The hunter education certificate is proof that students have successfully completed a state’s official and approved hunting safety course. A student is allowed to use a different state’s hunter education certificate than their residing state. A team coach will verify the certificate’s authenticity. If the hunter education certificate cannot be obtained by the deadline, then the League’s SAFE Certification is recommended.
2. **Student Athlete Firearm Education (SAFE) Certification.** The League’s SAFE Certification provides an in-depth firearm safety and procedures training program designed specifically for League participants. The cost per student of the SAFE Certificate is \$25 and is payable at the beginning of the online course. Refunds are not allowed. The SAFE Certificate is valid only for League participation and cannot be used for obtaining a hunting license. The SAFE Certificate is designed specifically for student athletes participating in the League.

## **SAFE CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS**

The SAFE Certification requires the completion of the online AND shooting range certification programs to earn the SAFE Certificate.

**Step 1: Complete the SAFE Online Certification program.** To access the SAFE Online Certification, go to [www.usaclaytargetsafe.com](http://www.usaclaytargetsafe.com) and create an account. The SAFE course costs \$25. Upon completion of the online course, the student athlete will receive a confirmation email and PDF certificate.

**Step 2: Complete the SAFE Range Day Certification.** The SAFE Range Day Certification is conducted at the shooting range and coordinated by our team. Students will participate in a training session conducted by a CLASS Certified coach on the team. The 1–2-hour shooting range training will include firearm safety, shooting sport procedures, shooting at clay targets, and range safety requirements.

**Step 3: Update SAFE Online and SAFE Range Day completion dates in ClayTargetGo!** AMS users can update and save the SAFE completion date in the student athlete’s profile in AMS. Head Coaches and team staff can view and update a student athlete’s completion dates. All student athletes that complete the SAFE Certification receive an official iron-on certificate patch from the USA High School Clay Target League.

***Student athletes cannot participate in any shooting activities with a team without a League-approved firearm safety certificate.***