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Ankeny Izaak Walton League

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Trap Range and Five Stand Safety Rules

Rules as outlined here are intended as guidelines and are subject to change. Any questions or concerns should be addressed with the trap committee or the acting board president.

ATA rules are generally followed and can be found here:

https://shootata.com/portals/0/pdf/2021_Rulebook_web.pdf

Rules are subject to change at *any time* at the discretion of the Trap Committee Chair, Board or President of the Ankeny Izaak Walton League. Any decision by the board will supersede any written rules.

- Always keep firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Never use alcohol or other drugs that can impair judgment before or while shooting.
- Know your target and what is beyond it.
- Firearms not in use should be made safe.
- Unsupervised Minors Are Not Allowed.
 - Any guest or family member under the age of 18 years old must be supervised at all times by a parent, guardian or an adult designated by the parent or guardian.
 - On Tuesday nights youth supervisors will be supervised by Range Safety officers, Trap Committee Members and Authorized Coaching Staff.
- **Eye and ear protection are required while on the firing line, no exceptions.**
- All shotgun actions must remain open when being handled until just before calling for the bird.
- Break action shotguns may be closed while on the gun racks. All other action types should remain open.
- Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- All shotguns must be unloaded and left unloaded whenever someone is forward of the firing line OR if the orange cone on the trap house is displayed.
- No more than one shell (two in the case of doubles) should be in the gun at a time.
- Target loads should be used at all times (#7.5 or #8 shot is typical, basically nothing larger than #7.5). Reloads are permitted if they are loaded with target loads.
- Empty shells dropped during a round are to be left until the end of a round and gun placed in rack. If a live round is dropped, raise your hand for assistance.
- Never track targets behind other shooters.
- Never walk in front of the trap house when the thrower is on.
- **Safety officers and scorekeepers have the authority to require anyone to leave the firing line for any reason.**
- Guns, ammo and shooting bags should be left outside of the club house except in inclement weather.
- This is a volunteer club, help when you can!

Trap Procedures

- If you are new to the sport, ask for help and you will be partnered with an experienced shooter who can assist you.
 - Safety briefings and orientation are available on request.
- Firearms not in use are required to have the action always open.

Round Start

- Listen for the commands of the person in the lead position. The shooter starting at post one is the squad leader.
- **Do not close the action of your shotgun until it is your turn.**

Moving Positions

- The shotgun must be unloaded and the action open while moving positions.

- When moving from position 5 to position 1, walk behind all other shooters making sure that your muzzle does not sweep in front of any participant, official or spectator.
- Do not collect spent hulls while changing positions. Shells are to remain on the ground until the conclusion of the match and gun in rack.

Finishing a Round

- Ensure that your gun is unloaded, and the action is open.
- Pick up any hulls that you may have dropped after all guns are returned to the rack..
- Keep your muzzle from sweeping other shooters and spectators as you carry your shotgun back to the gun rack or gun case.

Recommended But Not Required

These rules are at the discretion of the scorekeeper and trap committee.

- A shell pouch and/or vest should be used to collect spent shells.
- Shell catchers should be used with automatic shotguns.

Conduct Policy

- Members and Guests must be responsible and safe!
- **Scorekeeper, Committee Member, Squad Leader, Safety Officers all have the authority to ask anyone to leave the firing line for conduct which could be considered distracting, unsafe or abnormal.**
- Members may be required to appear before the trap committee or board if conduct concerns are raised by any member.

Use Policy

- The trap houses and/or five-stand equipment may not be opened or used without the permission of the Trap Committee Chair or President.
- A properly trained member familiar with the operation of the trap machine must be present while the trap house(s) is/are open, require maintenance and/or closed.
- Manual throwers may be used at any time the range is not being utilized for organized activities on the trap field.

Weather Policy

- Shooting will cease immediately if lightning is detected. Shooting will only resume after all lightning activity ceases.
- The range can be closed for any reason at the discretion of the Trap Committee chair and/or Acting Board Member.
- Safety of our members is a paramount concern.