

HOPE ROD AND GUN CLUB SUMMER TRAP LEAGUE RULES

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1. League begins on the last Tuesday in April or the first Tuesday in May depending on the year. You must be ready to start shooting 10 minutes before your scheduled time. Each team must start at the scheduled time so that the next team will be able to start on time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If for some reason your team cannot make their scheduled start time, it is up to you to find a team that will switch time slots with you in advance - like the week before. It should not be a problem to find a team to shoot at your time slot.
2. Each half league will consist of 7 regular league nights. The first half consists of 9 nights while the first two nights of shooting will be bank nights. Bank night scores will be used for the first two nights missed in the order they were shot. In the absence of a bank night score the shooter's average minus two birds will be used. When a league night is missed it is lost. The league will consist of four classes: A, B, and C and High Gun. Each shooter's average will be calculated after the second league night of shooting. Team totals will then be established, teams will be classified and scores will be posted.
3. Each night the first 25 birds will be shot from the 16yd line, and the second 25 birds will be shot from the team's average calculated from the first 25 birds shot from the 16yd line. All 50 targets will be shot from the same trap. Teams will shoot from alternate traps weekly. The team's average is the total birds divided by the number of shooters. Any decimals will be rounded up. For example, $106 \div 5 = 21.2$. Round up to the 22-yard line.
4. Team members should verify their scores immediately after shooting and one member must initial the scorecard verifying that all scores are correct. Scorecards will not be changed after they are initialed.

5. At the end of each half, the winning teams of each class as well as high gun will receive individual awards. All ties will be settled by a shoot-off. At the end of the first half all teams will be reclassified.
6. League cost will be recalculated annually. Each team must complete a Team Registration Form and pay in full by the April monthly meeting (last meeting before trap shooting league begins). Initial team times to shoot will be determined on a first come/first serve basis.

The Team Registration Form can be submitted by the options below:

- Online by going to <https://hopegunclub.com/>. select the “LEAGUES” link, then select the ”TRAP” link and scroll down to the League Signup Form. Fill in the League Signup Form and send the completed form by clicking the “Sign Up” button at the bottom of the form.
- Attending a monthly meeting prior to the start of league. Forms will be available at the monthly meetings.

League fees can be paid by the options below:

- Online by going to the to <https://hopegunclub.com/> select the “LEAGUES” link, then select the ”TRAP” link and scroll down to the “Trap League Fees” Section and pay by clicking “Pay League Fees” button. Follow the on-screen instructions for submitting payment.
- Attending a monthly meeting prior to the start of league.
- You must be a *paid member* of the Hope Rod & Gun Club to shoot league. Anyone who is not a paid member will not shoot. Team captains will be responsible that their team members are paid up.

7. Work teams will rotate per the work schedule. If your team number is in parenthesis on the shooting schedule, then you are the work team for that night. If you have not operated the trap machines previously do not try to figure them out on your own. Please ask for assistance at the clubhouse. **See Work Teams Responsibilities Document. (In process of finalizing responsibilities)**
8. **THINK SAFETY.** All Guns must be unloaded, and all actions must be open when not on the shooting line. Close actions only when your turn to shoot. Do not have a shell in the chamber (barrel) when changing stations.

Keep guns pointed down range. Shooters will not be allowed to have alcoholic beverages across the gravel road.

9. Rain night make-up must be shot prior to your next league night. Make-ups can be shot on other league nights or on Sunday during open public shooting. In the event of inclement weather, the work team will have the sole discretion to cancel shooting. Light to moderate rain is not grounds to cancel – when lightning is present shooting will cease immediately.

In addition to make-ups being shot on other league nights or on Sunday, make-ups can be shot ½ hour before leagues begin. All make-ups will take place on the trap house originally designated for that team. If a team decides to shoot ½ hour before league starts, they must open the traps, fill the houses with birds for league and have a work team member score. If multiple teams show up, it will be on a first come, first deserved basis. The team does not have to make-up together, but an objective third party must score the make-up.

10. Should any problems arise relative to league shooting; the shooting committee will rule. ATA rules will apply if not covered by league rule.
11. **No shooting past 10:00 PM**