



THE EASTERN CONNECTICUT SKEET CLUB

SHOOTING RULES

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This club is an association of individuals from various clubs who have assembled themselves into teams for the purpose of competition in the game of skeet shooting. The purpose of this organization is to provide entertainment and sport for members, to improve the skill of shooters, to enforce the etiquette of gun use and gun safety, and to encourage good sportsmanship, fair play, and team spirit.

These rules have been compiled with a view toward the fair and even competition of skeet teams regardless of club origin. It is intended that no team be allowed to benefit from the superior resources of that parent club to the detriment of teams with fewer resources. We have made these rules as simple and clear as possible to avoid any ambiguity, which could lead to unnecessary debate. Any issue, which arises with regard to the interpretations, will be settled by the Rules Committee. The decision of the Rules Committee will be final.





SECTION I - TEAM COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. A team shall be composed of five (5), six (6), seven (7), or eight (8) individuals, each representing the same shooting club. However, the lowest division teams from any club may maintain a roster of nine (9) individuals. The team shall be considered as representing their parent club. There is no limit to the number of teams that a club may organize, but an individual can shoot for only one team, except as allowed by Section II.G. The team captain does not have to be a shooting member of that team.

B. The composition of the team and eligibility of individuals is the responsibility of team members and the parent club, except as defined in Section I.I

C. Each team shall pay an entry fee (plus any applicable taxes) established by the Board of Directors to the Eastern Connecticut Skeet Club on or before the annual meeting in August. No team roster will be accepted by the League Scorer without the accompanying entry fee.

D. A team shall be identified by some trivial name or number, which includes the name of the parent club. The name shall be chosen by the team members and approved by the league. The team name will be used to identify that team, regardless of the individual composition of that team, in future seasons.

E. Each team shall submit to the League Scorer on or before the annual meeting in August, a complete roster listing each member's full name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and previous season's ECSC or NSSA average. No roster shall be accepted by the League Scorer after the annual meeting in August. Team rosters must be submitted by a delegate or any person such that the roster is received by the League Scorer no later than the annual meeting. Rosters mailed and not received by the annual meeting will not be accepted by the league. Once submitted, no roster changes will be accepted until the official schedule has been issued.

F. Individual averages will be obtained in the following order:

1. Results from the most recent of the previous ECSC seasons in which a minimum of three matches (150 targets) were shot. The most recent season must be within the last three seasons.

2. Results for the most recent summer league scores, which must be based upon a minimum of 150 targets. A copy of the summer league results must be submitted with the roster at the beginning of the year. The copy must be signed by an officer or ECSC Director of the parent club.

3. The current NSSA average which must be the current average on the shooters card at the time of submittal of the League roster. A copy of the NSSA score card (front and back) is to be submitted with the roster at the beginning of the year. The copy must be signed by an officer or ECSC Director of the parent club.

4. If an average is not available by either Paragraph F.1 or F.2 above, then the shooter must shoot 4 rounds for a total of 100 targets and the results of these rounds are to be submitted with the roster at the beginning of the year. The score sheet must be signed by an officer or ECSC Director of the parent club.

5. The Rules Committee will decide all disputed averages.

6. The total of the averages of the five team members will be regarded as the team average. In cases where the team roster is composed of more than five (5) individuals, the total of the five (5) highest individuals will be considered to be the averages for that team. After the official schedule has been issued, a member cannot be added to a team that would cause the team season starting average to increase to an average that would have placed the team in a higher division.





G. All teams submitted to the League Scorer will be listed in descending order of team averages, and will be assigned to a division of the League for the coming season. There will be not fewer than six (6) or more than eight (8) teams in each division. Teams may express a desire to shoot in the next higher division and shall so indicate their intention on the roster submitted to the Official Scorer. However, composition of each division is the sole responsibility of the Official Scorer.

H. League matches will start on the first Sunday in October each year.

I. Any person age twelve (12) or older may participate in ECSC. Any person under eighteen (18) must have approval and consent by a parent or legal guardian and have passed a "hunter safety course", as approved in their state of residence. Any person who has competed in a prior season, beginning with and including 2009-2010, shall not have to have completed a "hunter safety course". The participant and their parent or legal guardian shall complete the ECSC Consent and Waiver Form and return such completed form to the Team Captain. The Team Captain shall submit the ECSC Consent and Waiver Form to the League Scorer in conjunction with the Roster. A new ECSC Consent and Waiver Form must be completed each year. No individual under eighteen (18) shall be permitted to shoot in the League until such form has been received by the League Scorer.

SECTION II - SHOOTING SCHEDULES, SCORES, AND FORFEITURES

A. The schedule for skeet matches will be compiled by the Official Scorer.

B. All matches must be shot on or before the assigned date (after issuance of and established by the Official League Schedule), and scores must be received by the Official Scorer not more than seven (7) days after the assigned date, by postmark. Except any match may be pre-shot by mutual agreement of the two team captains. Both team captains must notify the President or the League Scorer of their intent to pre-shoot a match. If this notification has not been given, any protest involving the time and/or date of a pre-shot match will be not be considered by the rules committee. The first and second half scheduled home fields may be exchanged by mutual consent of both team captains. The Official Scorer should be notified. The first and second half matches must be shot at opposite fields except as allowed by Section II.L.

To constitute a match the members of each team must be present in a body on the same field at the same time, except as allowed by Section III.

To constitute a match the five scores of each team must be determined on the scheduled day, the scheduled time, and the scheduled field.

C. The time for matches will be decided by the individual team captains. The home team captain is responsible for calling the visiting team captain to set the time of a match, no later than the Wednesday, four (4) days prior to the match. If a home team captain is aware that a match must start after 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, he/she should notify the opposing team captain at least one week in advance as a matter of courtesy. If a team fails to present the minimum number of individuals at the time of the match or within a reasonable period, which will not be less than 30 minutes, that team may forfeit the match. However, the period of waiting will be left to the discretion of the opposing captain. If he is prepared to wait more than 30 minutes in order to shoot the match, it is his responsibility.

D. Late shooters arriving after his team has shot will not be allowed to shoot in that round, if his team has shot beyond station #2. However, he will be allowed to shoot in the second round. His score will not count for his individual average. He will be considered as having not shot that day, for all practical purposes (individual trophies, etc.). The first round team score will be the opposing team's low man less two (2) birds. This rule also applies to a shooter who shoots the first round, but is unable to continue due to illness, injury, or other emergency situations. In this case, his first round score will count and





his second round score will be counted as the opposing team's low man second round score less two (2) birds. His score for the day will not count towards individual averages.

E. It shall be the obligation of the winning team to forward match scores to the Official Scorer. Failure to comply will result in forfeit of the match scores for the winning team.

F. In the event of a match where both teams are duly represented by at least three (3) individuals, but where the winning team fails to send the match results to the Official Scorer, the winning team shall forfeit. The scores for individual averages will count if the losing team can provide a signed copy of the match score sheet.

G. Except for shoot offs, teams may draw up an individual shooter from a lower division from a team of the same club. A shooter can be drawn up once per season by each team in the same club that is in a higher division. No more than two shooters can be drawn up for a match. Scores of shooters drawn up will count towards his division average. Non-shooting teams captains cannot be drawn up.

H. In the event of a match where one teams fails to be represented by at least three (3) individuals, that team will forfeit. At least three (3) members of the team claiming a forfeit must shoot 50 targets each for score and forward a score sheet to the Official Scorer. In the event that both teams are not able to comply with these rules, both teams will forfeit. Any member, or members, of the forfeiting teams may shoot for individual averages provided it is on the assigned field. If a field is not available to shoot on, the team may shoot on any league field and turn in a witnessed score sheet to the Scorer.

I. In the event of matches shot before the assigned date, the date and time will be mutually agreed upon by the two (2) participating captains. If a team fails to field a minimum of three (3) individuals on the mutually agreed date, that team will forfeit. In this respect, the rules of forfeiture apply. However, match scores must be received by the Official Scores within seven (7) days after the assigned date. Failure to submit scores to the Official Scorer within seven (7) days of the mutually agreed date will not necessarily result in forfeiture.

J. In the event that both teams shoot the same score, the match will be considered a draw, and the two (2) teams will share points. However, if one team captain wishes to shoot an additional round to break the tie, the additional round or rounds must be shot on the same day. Any team refusing the request for a shoot off will forfeit the match. If after the first additional round is shot the teams remain tied, additional rounds may be shot or both team captains may decide to break the tie by any acceptable method. If both team captains cannot agree on a method, the match will be scored as a tie.

K. Teams that forfeit three (3) matches will be dropped from the league. Appeals from being dropped may be made to the Board of Directors.

L. In the event that a match cannot be completed at the scheduled field for reasons beyond the control of the shooters (i.e., power failure, road washed out, etc.) the match will be completed at an available field. The home team captain shall have the choice in case of disagreement on the new field. Any team, which fails to finish the match, shall forfeit.

M. Actual scores shot shall determine the result of match and individual averages.

N. The only circumstance in which a match may be postponed as if the Governor(s) of the State(s) in which either participating team resides closes the highways. The match must be made up no later than 7 seven days after the originally scheduled date of the match. The home team captain is responsible for notifying the Official Scorer of this circumstance as soon as possible.

O. Each team shall be in compliance with any and all State Laws of both Connecticut and Rhode Island regarding "minors" and shall adhere to the Rules





Committee requirement regarding supervision. Teams with one or more shooters under the age of eighteen (18) shall have a supervising adult over the age of twenty-one (21) present during a match. A supervising adult may be a shooter on the team or other individual present who has been so designated by the Team Captain.

SECTION III - MATCHES BY PROXY

A. In the event that two (2) teams are unable to arrange a mutually suitable time for shooting, then, on or before the assigned date it shall then be the prerogative of the President of the League, after consultation with his officers, to allow the teams in question to shoot their individual scores at different times which he shall approve, on or before the assigned date, but at the scheduled skeet field, except as allowed by Section II.B. In this instance, each team will be responsible for forwarding their own scores to the Official Scorer who will decide the result of the match. The score sheets of such matches by proxy must be witnessed by a member of the opposing team (if possible) or an officer of the host club.

B. It is not the purpose of this rule to encourage matches by proxy, which are not in the best interest of either team, but to enable teams to complete their match schedules with the minimum number of team members. Under no circumstances will a team be permitted to shoot more than one (1) proxy match during the season.

C. For team scores to be counted, the team must shoot shoulder-to-shoulder per NSSA Rule II.D-6-a.

D. In the event that both teams shoot the same score, the match will be considered a draw and the two teams will share points, unless the proxy team has shot a third tie breaker round.

SECTION IV - MATCH RULES

A. All whole birds shall be considered legal match birds as long as they fly to the shooting side of the house; length of flight shall be at least to cross the middle stake. If a bird is fired at that does not meet these specifications, it is considered a legal match bird whether hit or missed.

B. A new member, or a shooter transferring to another team during the season, must sit out one (1) match after being submitted to the Official Scorer. The Rules Committee will pass on all new shooters as to eligibility and averages.

C. At the end of the regular skeet season the teams with the highest point score in each division will be named the division champion.

D. Targets may be adjusted only once (prior to the start of the match) except in the case of mechanical malfunction or by mutual agreement between the team captains.

E. For regularly scheduled matches, the puller and/or scorer must be from the opposing team. The puller is the official referee. The use of voice activated releases is not permitted.

SECTION V - SHOOT OFFS

A. In the event of the total points aggregate of two (2) or more teams within a division being the same at the end of the season, the position for the teams within the division will be determined by a shoot off. The shoot off will be held on a neutral field as specified by the President, on or before the date listed in the League Schedule. The home team will be determined by a coin toss. In shoot offs involving more than two teams, the order of teams shooting shall be determined by lot. In a multi-field layout, the field will be determined by the host club or the league representative. The match will be decided upon the results of two (2) complete rounds, 250 birds per team. If the match is still





tied, additional rounds of skeet will be shot until a decision is reached. The rules relating to forfeiture of matches with respect to minimum team number, assigned and mutually agreed dates, etc. shall apply to all end-of-season shoot offs. All ties for individual honors for which trophies are awarded shall be decided by a shoot off among the tied individuals. There shall be no co-champions.

B. Individual and team scores acquired in the course of end-of-season shoot offs will not be used to calculate the team's season point aggregate or season averages for individual shooters. The purpose of the end-of-season shoot offs shall be solely to determine the ratings of teams with equal point scores within a division.

C. All participants in a shoot off must be on the current official team roster registered with the Official Scorer.

SECTION VI - EASTERN CONNECTICUT SKEET CLUB MATCH RULES

A. The rules for skeet matches will be accepted NSSA rules. The NSSA rules current at the start of the league season shall be used. Except that the following rules shall override the NSSA rules:

1. A team must field at least three (3) shooters, but not more than five (5) shooters for competition. If a team fails to field five (5) shooters that team will accept a four (4) bird penalty. If both teams field the same number of shooters, there will be no penalty applied to either team, but the match results will be decided upon the actual scores shot.

2. The four (4) bird penalty will be computed by taking the opposing team's low man's total match score and deducting four (4) birds. This score will be used as the blind score for the team shooting short-handed. If one team is two (2) men short, the opposing team's two (2) low scores are used to compute the blind scores.

3. For computation of the end of the year team high average, the scorer will compute blind scores in 4 on 4, 4 on 3, 3 on 3, and forfeit matches with less than full squads based upon 250 targets per team using the average score of those present.

4. Shot sizes must be between No. 7-1/2(largest) and No. 9(smallest) unless otherwise restricted by the host club.

5. Defective Ammunition. NSSA Rule 12.d is modified as follows:

A shooter will be allowed only 2 instances of defective ammunition from the first box of shells used in that round. After 2 instances of defective ammunition in a round or shoot off round a shooter may obtain another box of ammunition and is then allowed 2 additional instances per box of another box of shells per round. If shells are not changed in a round after 2 ammo malfunctions have been ruled, the third and subsequent occurrences in that round will be excessive. (Remainder unchanged)

SECTION VII - COST OF SHOOTING

A. The cost of shooting will be determined at the annual meeting.

SECTION VIII - ELIGIBILITY

A. To be eligible for the individual awards (high gun or runner-up) in a division, shooters must participate in at least 3/4 of the scheduled matches.

B. In order to be eligible for the league high gun or runner up award, a shooter





must not miss more than two matches, of which only one of the two may occur during the last three matches shot.

SECTION IX - PROTESTS

A. If a dispute arises during the course of a match and cannot be settled on the field, a protest may be lodged. The match score sheet will be marked to note that the match is being protested. Both team captains will present their sides of the event in question to the President of the League (ECSC) in writing within fourteen (14) days of the date of the match. The President will then, after his examination of the presented facts, turn the letter over to the Rules Committee. The ruling will be presented at the next regular monthly meeting following the receipt of the protest.

B. Any disagreement on the scores should be settled prior to leaving the field. The referee's (man tripping) call of a bird as "lost" is not generally a protestable decision if NSSA rules are adhered to.

C. Any protest registered by a third party must be submitted in writing to the President within 14 days of the date that the match is question was shot.

SECTION X - OPTIONAL METHOD OF DECIDING RESULTS OF A TIE

A. This additional round of skeet will in no way count for team or individual averages.

SECTION XI - DUTIES AND CONDUCT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

A. The purpose of the Rules Committee is to interpret the shooting rules. Setting policy is a function of the Board of Directors.

B. In cases where the Rules Committee is to decide an issue after the fact:

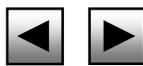
1. The President shall request written statements from both parties.

2. Upon receipt of these statements, the President shall set a date and time for a Rule Committee meeting. The parties involved may attend as witnesses.

3. The Rules Committee shall review the statements of those involved and the applicable sections of the rules. The decision shall address both the questions, and the adequacy of the rules. In cases where the rules are deficient, the committee shall recommend changes.

C. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the Rules Committee meetings. These minutes will be read at the next director's meeting and become part of the minutes of that meeting. In cases where the decision is not unanimous, the dissenting opinion (s) shall be recorded and read as well.

D. After the conclusion of the season, the President shall call the Rules Committee into session. The committee shall review the past season and, if necessary, propose changes in the rules to the body. The committee shall review all changes in the NSSA rules since the start of our season and advise the body on acceptance, rejection, or non-applicability.





ANNOTATION OF RULE CHANGES

Revision - August 2009

Rules change proposed by the Rules and Executive Committee August 19, 2009, established to create 'minor shooter' definition and participation requirements.

General concepts for changes to ECSC Rules:

1. Participants must be twelve (12) years old or older
2. Participants under eighteen (18) years old must have completed a 'hunter safety course' as approved in their resident state, unless they have competed in a prior Winter League Season, beginning with and including 2009-2010. <"Grandfather Clause" for hunter safety course requirement>
3. Participants under eighteen (18) years old must complete a consent/waiver form signed by participant and parent or legal guardian, to be submitted to the ECSC League Scorer along with roster.
4. Teams with one or more shooters under the age of eighteen (18) in an individual match, must have an adult over the age of twenty-one (21) present who is designated as the "supervising adult" for the under eighteen (18) shooters.

Changes to ECSC Rules: changes are shown as underlined.

B. The composition of the team and eligibility of individuals is the responsibility of team members and the parent club, except as defined in Section I.I.

E. Each team shall submit to the League Scorer on or before the annual meeting in August, a complete roster listing each member's full name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and previous season's ECSC or NSSA average. No roster shall be accepted by the League Scorer after the annual meeting in August. Team rosters must be submitted by a delegate or any person such that the roster is received by the League Scorer no later than the annual meeting. Rosters mailed and not received by the annual meeting will not be accepted by the league. Once submitted, no roster changes will be accepted until the official schedule has been issued.

I. Any person age twelve (12) or older may participate in ECSC. Any person under eighteen (18) must have approval and consent by a parent or legal guardian and have passed a "hunter safety course", as approved in their state of residence. Any person who has competed in a prior season, beginning with and including 2009-2010, shall not have to have completed a "hunter safety course". The participant and their parent or legal guardian shall complete the ECSC Consent and Waiver Form and return such completed form to the Team Captain. The Team Captain shall submit the ECSC Consent and Waiver Form to the League Scorer in conjunction with the Roster. A new ECSC Consent and Waiver Form must be completed each year. No individual under eighteen (18) shall be permitted to shoot in the League until such form has been received by the League Scorer.

N. Each team shall be in compliance with any and all State Laws of both Connecticut and Rhode Island regarding "minors" and shall adhere to the Rules Committee requirement regarding supervision. Teams with one or more shooters under the age of eighteen (18) shall have a supervising adult over the age of twenty-one (21) present during a match. A supervising adult may be a shooter on the team or other individual present who has been so designated by the Team Captain.

Revision - August 2006

Rules change proposed by the Rules and Executive Committee August 14, 2006, established to modify the ECSC rules on when a match may be cancelled for weather conditions. New Section II.N.

Section II.N. The only circumstance in which a match may be postponed as if the Governor(s) of the State(s) in which either participating team resides closes the highways. The match must be made up no later than 7 seven days after the





originally scheduled date of the match. The home team captain is responsible for notifying the Official Scorer of this circumstance as soon as possible.

Revision - August 2005

Rules change proposed by the Rules and Executive Committee August 15, 2005, established to modify the NSSA rule that FACTORY ammunition must be obtained after two ammo malfunctions.

Section VI, Match Rules:

Add new subsection 5:

6. Defective Ammunition. NSSA Rule 12.d is modified as follows:

"A shooter will be allowed only 2 instances of defective ammunition from the first box of shells used in that round. After 2 instances of defective ammunition in a round or shoot off round a shooter may obtain another box of ammunition and is then allowed 2 additional instances per box of another box of shells per round. If shells are not changed in a round after 2 ammo malfunctions have been ruled, the third and subsequent occurrences in that round will be excessive." (Remainder unchanged)

Revision - August 2004

Rule change proposed to clarify the 'tie-breaker' rule.

Changes:

Section II. Shooting Schedules, Scores, and Forfeitures. Paragraph J, added at the end: *"If after the first additional round is shot and the teams remain tied, additional rounds may be shot or both team captains may decide to break the tie by any acceptable method. If both team captains cannot agree on a method, the match will be scored as a tie."*

Section III. Matches by Proxy. Paragraph D, added at the end, *"...unless the proxy team has shot a third tie breaker round."*

Section IV. Match Rules. Added new Paragraph E. *"For regularly scheduled matches, the puller and/or scorer must be from the opposing team. The puller is the official referee. The use of voice activated releases is not permitted."*

Revision - August 2002

Changes to Shooting Rules: made to add additional ways to obtain a league average.

Section I - Paragraph F- sub paragraph 1:

Add the following sentence - The most recent season must be within the last three seasons.

Section I - Paragraph F- sub paragraph 2

Change to read:

2. Results for the most recent summer leagues scores which must be based on a minimum of 150 targets. A copy of the summer league results must be submitted with the roster at the beginning of the year. The copy must be signed by an officer or ECSC Director of the parent club.

Add new sub paragraph to read:

3. The current NSSA average which must be the current average on the shooters card at the time of submittal of the League roster. A copy of the NSSA score card (front and back) is to be submitted with the roster at the beginning of the year. The copy must be signed by an officer or ECSC Director of the parent club.

Section I - Paragraph F- sub paragraph 3:

Change to read:

4. If an average is not available by either section 1 or 2 above, then the shooter must shoot 4 rounds for a total of 100 targets and the results of these rounds are to be submitted with the roster at the beginning of the year. The score sheet must be signed by an officer or ECSC Director of the parent club.

Section I - Paragraph F- sub paragraph 4:

Change to number 5

Section I - Paragraph F- sub paragraph 5:

Change to number 6

