

# De Smet High School Clay Target Team

## **Athlete registration is open now and will close March 24th!**

Any student is eligible to participate if he/she:

- Is in grades 6 through 12, AND
- Possesses HuntSAFE Certification from SD or other state, AND
- Meets all school curricular activity eligibility requirements, AND
- If the team has room to accommodate the student athlete. (1 Coach per 10 Student Athletes)

This is a Title IX, Coed and adaptive sport. The only expense is either a 12A or 20GA approved shotgun and the League Registration fee of \$40 per student athlete per season. Due to team fundraising and generous donations from Prairie Lakes Pheasant Club(PLPC) Lake Preston, all other fees, personal protection equipment, ammunition and clay target costs are covered for the team.

## **2025 Spring Season Schedule**

**Mar 24:** Team and student athlete registration closes Noon CT. Last day for athlete and/or team withdrawal for registration fee refund.

**Mar 30:** Practice Week 1 begins.

**Apr 6:** Practice Week 2 begins.

**Apr 13:** Reserve Week begins.

**Apr 20:** Competition Week 1 begins.

**Apr 27:** Competition Week 2 begins.

**May 4:** Competition Week 3 begins.

**May 11:** Competition Week 4 begins.

**May 18:** Competition Week 5 begins.

**Jun 7-8:** South Dakota Trap Shooting State Tournament, Aberdeen, SD (our teams compete Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>)

**Jul 9:** USAHSCTL National Championship – Mason, MI.

**RANGE LOCATION & TRAVEL:** All team members will practice and compete at Stump Field, 20097 425<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bancroft, SD(Northwest corner of intersection 425<sup>th</sup> AVE and 201<sup>st</sup> ST). Two routes are available on paved roads. From US HWY 14 at Manchester take Kingsbury County HWY 14 (425<sup>th</sup> AVE) North to 201<sup>st</sup> AVE. From SD HWY 25 take 200<sup>th</sup> ST East towards Bancroft then turn South on 425<sup>th</sup> AVE to 201<sup>st</sup> AVE. Transportation is the responsibility of the student athlete and parents. Coach and staff can assist with transport of shotguns to ensure they are not in violation of federal law prohibiting such items from being within 1,000 feet of any school.

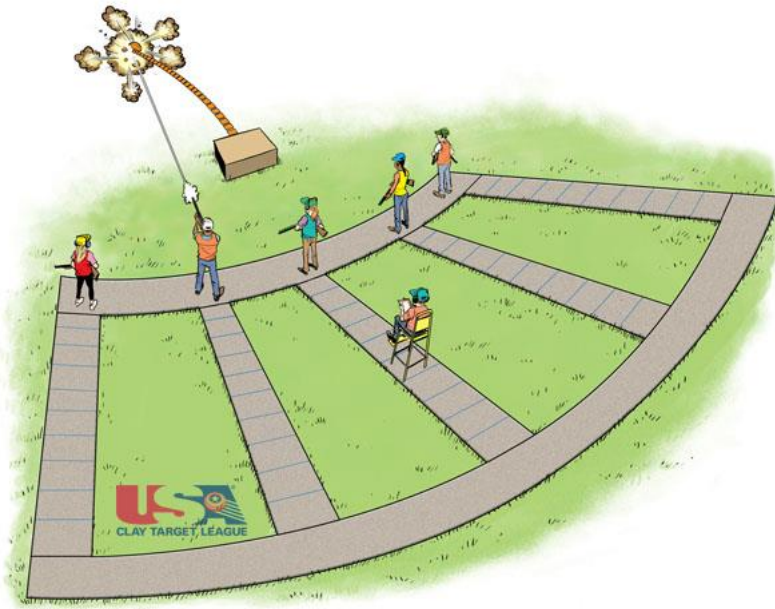
**TEAM PRACTICE & COMPETITION:** The 3 weekly Range days are Monday, Tuesday (alternates Thursday and Friday) and Saturday. Weekday range begins as early as 4:00PM until as late as 7 - 8PM and Saturday may start as early as 1:00PM and go as late as 7 - 8PM. Squadding schedules are on Google Docs that I will add team members to for access. This is new so please let me know suggestions for improvement. All team members are required to attend and participate a minimum of 1 (one) range day per week. If prior arrangements are made with the Head Coach, student athletes may be excused and banked score used. League policy does allow student athletes to shoot competitive sessions ahead of a week they are unable to attend. Each session is usually 45 minutes or less. Student athletes that do not attend the weekly range day and are unexcused may be denied registration for a season. Students are required to read and comply with the League Policy & Procedure booklet. Failure to comply with range safety is a 2-strike system. 1<sup>st</sup> safety violation is suspension and removal from range for that day. 2<sup>nd</sup> safety violation will result in removal from the team for the season with no refund. SDHSAA and School policy must also be always adhered to.

**TEAM MEMBERS:** All team members participate in fundraising events and annual Prairie Lakes Pheasant Club(PLPC) events. The team annual fundraising consists of 1 to 2 raffles a year, and the occasional pancake feed. PLPC has a fundraising banquet every October in Lake Preston that team members work.

**INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:** All league information is available at [www.sd.usaclaytarget.com](http://www.sd.usaclaytarget.com). To register go to [www.claytargetgo.com](http://www.claytargetgo.com) use AMS (Athlete Management System) to either login or create new

account using De Smet **Team ID: det677** once approved to become a team member final registration is done. Call, text or email Coach Jay Slater @ (605)860-0090 or [jaybkslater@live.com](mailto:jaybkslater@live.com) for questions or concerns.

## About Trap Shooting



### Trap Shooting

A practice or competition event will consist of shooting two 25 target rounds for a total of 50 targets from the 16-yard station. Up to five athletes (squad) will occupy the stations on a trap field. Station one is assigned the "squad leader". Only the squad on the trap field is allowed to handle shotguns, all others are safed in a gun rack. Only one shotgun at any time has a loaded shell, other 4 squad athletes may have a shell in chamber with action open and safe on.

### Trap Field

The trap field is the specific area where trap shooting occurs. Each field contains 5 shooting stations and a trap house. The trap house, is in front of the stations, launches the clay targets. Only supervised personnel shall enter and maintain the trap house. A cone or flag will be displayed when the trap house requires maintenance and shooters are required to exit their shooting station and make firearms safe until the trap house maintenance is completed and the cone or flag is removed.

### Ammunition Recommendation

Ammunition specifications must meet the use requirements of the shooting range. Typical ammunition used for trap shooting:

Gauge	Shot	Shot Size
12	1 oz. or 1-1/8 oz.	#8
20	7/8 oz.	#8

### Targets At Each Station

Five shots are taken at each of the five stations. After the first five shots are completed by the entire squad, each shooter will move to a new station by:

- Verifying the gun is unloaded.
- With the chamber open and the shotgun safed and pointed in a safe direction, rotate in a clockwise manner to the next station.
- Station one will move to station two, two to three, three to four, four to five, and five to one.
- Station five will rotate to their right moving away from the station four shooter who is moving to station five and continue to walk behind the other shooters to station one.
- Await the "START" command from the scorekeeper.
- The assigned squad leader is the first to shoot in each round.
- Repeat process until all shooters have each shot 25 targets.
- No shooter will move to the next station until the last target in a round is completed.

Again, just to ensure everyone understands the required weekly 45 minute session, for record score, can be done prior to a competition week. If a student athlete knows they will be gone all of the 3 range days on Competition Week 2 and Competition Week 3 due to personal or school obligations they can bank scores. Student athletes can be at Competition Week 1, request to bank 2 scores for next 2 weeks and shoot 3 sessions for records scores Weeks 1, 2 and 3. This allows team members to participate in other activities such as track or golf while still actively participating in Trap. Also, if a student athlete wants to attend all 3 range days every week and even shoot multiple sessions each day, they can do so. We have team members shoot as many as 28 sessions a season and as few as 6 sessions a season.