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ATA Gun Club News Letter

The Amateur Trapshooting Association would first like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. There have been some changes in the ATA Leadership and we would like to take this opportunity to go over some of these changes.

Unfortunately, president Bill Anzaldi has passed away. The ATA expresses its sincerest condolences to Bill's family. Jeff Wagner from the Central Zone will take on the Presidential responsibilities. This year the ATA welcomes Rob Taylor from the Southwestern Zone and Wayne Morris from the Eastern Zone to the ATA Executive Committee as well as Terry Roush from the Southern Zone. Allan Radway will serve for the Western Zone.

2011 Rule Changes

Rule Changes from the 2010 Target Year to the 2011 Target Year are as follows; please note that changes are underlined.

Section IV

ATA Tournaments

G. SQUADDING, SQUAD LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES AND TARGET OBSERVATION

2. In Handicap there shall be no more than two (2) yards difference between adjacent shooters in the squad, and no more than a total difference of three (3) yards in a squad. When squadding 18, 19 & 20 yard shooters, there shall be no more than one yard difference between adjacent shooters in the squad and no more than a total difference of two yards in a squad.

J. SPECIAL CATEGORIES

All Ladies, Sub-Juniors, Junior, Veterans, and Senior-Vets must declare their special category at the time of classification in any registered tournament if they wish to compete as a category shooter. Without such declaration, the contestant will not be allowed to compete for the applicable category trophy for the duration of the tournament (underlined section was deleted) No contestant will be allowed to declare or change a special declaration after firing his/her first shot. The only exception to this rule will be to correct an ATA classification error.

Section X

State and Zone Shoots

D. ATA TROPHIES

1. Only one (1) ATA trophy shall be awarded to any one (1) person in any separate event. This means

a contestant may not win both an ATA special category trophy and an ATA champion, runner-up/ place, class, or trophy. Trophies not provided by the ATA to States/Provinces or Zone are exempt from this rule. Please see Paragraphs E and H of this section.

2. A chair shooter whose score qualifies them for more than one (1) ATA trophy must notify shoot management as to which trophy he/she desires to accept or shoot for. The shooter must make his/her declaration after the scores for each EVENT are posted and before entering in to any shoot-off/ carry over. The maximum time allowed for such declaration shall be made by shoot management, within a range of 15 to 45 minutes, and published in the shoot program. If not published in the program, the time shall be 15 minutes. This declaration should be made at a place specified by shoot management. If the shooter fails to make a declaration within the specified time, shoot management shall assign "Chair" as the choice.

Target Speeds

High-power guns (Decatur, Stalker, most "police radar guns" and similar) are to be used at the 16-yard line. The trap oscillation is stopped, and the target measured is a straightaway. The gun is pointed horizontally. The correct speed for a singles or handicap target is a minimum of 42 MPH, maximum 43 MPH. The correct speed for the right target of a doubles pair must be a minimum of 39 MPH, maximum of 40 MPH.

Low-power guns (Sport Radar, Bushnell, and similar) are to be used at the back of the traphouse and at the level of the top of the traphouse. (Holding the gun higher than that will lead to a target which is too fast.) The trap oscillation is stopped, and the target measured is a straightaway. The gun is pointed horizontally. The correct speed for a singles or handicap target must be a minimum of 42 MPH, maximum of 43 MPH. The correct speed for the right target of a doubles pair must be a minimum of 39 MPH, maximum of 40 MPH. When a radar gun is used from inside the house, the correct speed for a singles or handicap target must be a minimum of 44 MPH, maximum of 45 MPH. The correct speed for the right target of a doubles pair must be a minimum of 41 MPH, maximum of 42 MPH.

A chronograph is to be used as close to the trap as practical and tipped up at approximately the same angle as the flight of the target. The correct speed for a singles or handicap target is 67 ft/sec minimum, maximum of 69 ft/sec. To set doubles with a chronograph set a singles target to 76 ft/sec minimum, maximum 78 ft/sec. and then switch the trap to throw doubles without changing the spring tension.

ALL AMERICAN TEAM QUALIFICATION AND POINT AWARDS

Minimum Requirements For AA Team Consideration:

1. Targets	Singles	Handicap	Doubles
Men	3000	2500	1500
Women, Juniors, Veterans	3000	2000	1000
Sub-Juniors, Senior Veterans	2000	1000	500

2. Shooters must have competed in the Championship events (High All Around) at qualifying tournaments in a minimum of three different State/Provinces.
3. Shooters must be an ATA Member in good standing.

Trophy Point Values:

Shooters earn points for trophy wins/ties at qualifying tournaments. "Championship Events" have a higher point value than "Other Events" as shown in the Tables below. Trophy points are not awarded unless the official shoot program specifies where trophies are to be awarded in each qualifying event. *(The exception is All*

American Points Pins awards at Satellite Grand's and ATA Zone tournaments) Qualifying Events vary depending on the tournament.

Table 1

Championship Events

Champion	10
Runner-up	8
3rd thru 5th	7
6th thru 10th	6
11th thru 15th	5
15th thru 20th	4
Tie	3

Table 2

Other Events

Champion	5
Runner-up	4
3rd thru 5th	3
6th thru 15th	2
Tie	1

Qualifying Tournaments and Events:

GRAND AMERICAN

All events are eligible for points *except* the White Flyer High Over All as follows:

Table 1 Points - All Grand Week Events (Monday through Saturday) including All Around and High Over All.

Placement in the top ten by score in the Grand Week All Around and High Over All.

Table 2 Points -All preliminary events (Wednesday through Sunday) including Preliminary High Over All.

Placement in the top ten by score in the Preliminary High Overall.

SATELLITE GRAND AMERICANS – (Autumn, Dixie, Empire, Great Lakes, Heartland, Northeastern, Southern, Southwestern, Spring and Western Grand)

All events in the final week are eligible for points as follows:

Table 1 Points - Championship Events including All Around and High Over All.

Table 2 Points - All other events included in the last seven days of the tournament.

All American Points Pins awarded per the All American Points Pins Table.

ATA STATE/PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS

Events eligible for points as follows:

Table 1 Points - Championship Events including All Around and High Over All.

In tournaments where resident, open and non-resident trophies are offered in the same event, only two of the classifications will be eligible to receive All-American points.

Table 2 Points - Preliminary Handicap, Singles Class Championship and Doubles Class Championship.

Any single event with 600 or more entries.

Resident and Non resident shooters are considered separately for point awards where there are resident and non resident trophies. Open trophy winners are awarded points based on their placement as compared to other resident or non resident shooters as applicable.

Trophy Point Procedure:

Trophy points are awarded for actual trophy wins/ties as reported to the ATA Office and or Trap & Field Magazine by the tournament host. The report as received will be the official record from which trophy points are awarded. Shooters will only be eligible for trophy points when trophies are listed in the Official Program for the tournament.

Show us your signs Campaign

The ATA is eager to spread the word about Bill and LeeAnn Martin's added monies at the 2011 Grand American in Sparta, Illinois.

The contest will work like this:

1. Print out the Black and White or Color Advertisement from the link found in the Recent News Section of shootata.com. The title of the link is "ATA Gun Clubs Show us your Sign Contest" Both signs print on 8.5x11 (letter) sized paper.
2. Hang up your sign or signs in the most visible and creative place you can think of.
3. Take a picture of your sign and send it by email to Shawn at SSeippel@shootata.com or mail it to:
Amateur Trapshooting Association
Attention: Shawn Seippel
601 W National Road
Vandalia, OH 45377
4. Make sure to include the picture, name of the Gun Club, the contact person for the contest and a contact phone number.
5. The ATA will display all photos on the web site for the contest.
6. On July 10th, 2011 a winner will be determined by a panel of judges.
7. The winner will receive 10 SportEar Head Muffs to give away at his/her club.

Web Site

If your gun club has a website, please also considering adding the following link:

http://www.shootata.com/pdfs/200k_Challenge_Details.pdf

This link will outline the details of the added money and will also help to spread the word.

Things to Remember:

1. Please be sure to include the shooter's yardage when turning in scores to the ATA.
2. The ATA is happy to help you publicize your registered shoots. If you would like to send a shoot program to the office to be put online, please send a pdf, Microsoft Word or Excel Sheet Version to programs@shootata.com
3. If you have results that you would like to be published, please send those, in the same format as described above to results@shootata.com
4. Remind Members to update their address, telephone number, and email address.
5. Please remind members that they can refuse their reductions online by visiting www.shootata.com