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## **Shooting The Game Of Trap**

### **How The Game is Played**

In modern competitive trap, all clay targets are thrown from a “house” or “bunker” set in the ground at the center front of the Trap Field. The clays fly up and away from the shooters (from beneath and in front of them), who are positioned behind the trap house on the “shooting line.” The clays are thrown from a machine that oscillates from left to right, and because the machine is out of sight from the shooters, the shooters don’t know which way the clay bird is going to travel until they call for it. This unpredictability in target flight is one of the elements that makes Trap Shooting differ greatly from the sport of Skeet Shooting.

### **Setup**

Traditional trap course shooting lines have five shooting stations. During a round of trap, up to five shooters will take their places, one on each of the five shooting pads arranged in a slight semi-circle toward the front of the field but behind the bunker. The first shooter, positioned at the far-left station (when viewed from behind), calls for their first bird by saying, “Pull.” After their shot, that shooter will show their gun empty, and then it’s the second shooter’s turn to call for a clay target and so on all the way down the line. This rotation repeats until each shooter has fired five shots at their first shooting location. Once every shooter has completed five shots, then the shooters themselves rotates, with the shooters in position one through

four moving one shooting pad over to their right (with actions open and guns unloaded), and the shooter in position five moving to the first position. When everyone has shot five times from each station, the round is over, with a total of 25 shots per shooter, which equals the number of shotgun shells in a box of sporting shotgun ammunition.

### **Details**

The maximum allowable shot size on our Trap Field is #7.5. Shells of shot size #8 may also be used but going smaller than this is *NOT* recommended. Recommended chokes are either Full or Modified. As mentioned, a round of Trap consists of 25 clay targets sold at a cost of \$5 per 25. Safety glasses and hearing protection is mandatory on all courses of fire even if you are just spectating. Shotguns can be of the pump, hinge action or semi-auto variety. A lot of our members prefer to use Over-Under configurations with interchangeable chokes making them a great choice on every shotgun course of fire.

**We look forward to introducing you to the sport of Trap Shooting.**

**Please come by, try it out and enjoy the fun!**

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