

# ACUI **Clay Targets**

Collegiate Shotgun Bowl Series

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## 2023-24 OFFICAL MATCH PROGRAM

Welcome to the 11th year of the Shotgun Bowl Championship Series! We are pleased that you are considering participating in one of these events. At these events, we'll be offering American Trap, American Skeet, Sporting Clays, and Super Sporting at ranges that have the capacity to allow these events. Doubles Skeet and Doubles Trap will also be offered when available. If you need anything from the ACUI or SCTP Staff members, please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to serve you!

This match program contains information for all season events considered "conference championships".

*\*Wording in **red** reflects language that has been added to the program since its release at the beginning of the season.*

## ACUI & SCTP COLLEGIATE CLAY TARGETS COMMUNITY MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

The ACUI Collegiate Clay Target Program & the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) are nonprofit, student-centered community of student athletes, volunteer and paid coaches, range facilities, sponsors, friends, families and staff. It is only through the diligence of the members of the community that we can maintain a safe and quality organization.

### Community Member Responsibilities

Each member is responsible to follow and uphold all that is contained within this match program guide. We must be self-governing and self-policing. It is each community member's responsibility to:

- **Be Courteous** – We are a student athlete-centered group; we share and collectively benefit from this program. We should model the way for other groups, younger student athletes, and earn the respect of the governing bodies for the sport and all those we encounter. At all times we need to consider other persons and respect their rights and needs as well as expect they should respect ours. Let's keep ACUI & SCTP events a friendly place and help extend our respect and friendliness to everyone we encounter on the field, on campus, and in the world.
- **Be Knowledgeable**
  - o Know the contents of this match program, the ACUI & SCTP code of conduct, and NGB rules.
  - o Know and follow the Rules of Gun Safety
  - o Know your club or team officers, campus and ACUI & SCTP staff, as well as your home and host range personnel.
- **Enforce Safety Rules** – It is each community member's duty to ensure all members and guests obey all safety rules. Remember we are self-policing. Approach those who are not being safe and ask them to do so. Report rule infractions to the match director, range safety officer, and range host.
- **Report Range Damage/Abuse** – We have access to many beautiful and well-maintained ranges. Help us keep it that way. If you observe someone damaging or abusing the range or club property (including littering), ask the person to stop their actions. Report damage or abuse to the match director, range safety officer, and range host.
- **Be a Gun Safety Advocate** – Talk to people about safe shooting, responsible gun ownership, and support of shooting sports.

Get involved with your sport, your campus, and your own community. Let your voice be heard and help make this program even better. For questions, concerns, or suggestions, please reach out to [acuiclays@acui.org](mailto:acuiclays@acui.org) and/or [april@mysctp.com](mailto:april@mysctp.com).

## **2023-24 ACUI & SCTP SHOTGUN BOWL SERIES SCHEDULE**

### **Upper Midwest Conference Championships**

October 6–8, 2023

[Cardinal Shooting Center](#)

616 State Rte 61, Marengo, OH 43334

419.253.0035 | [JakeS@Thecardinalcenter.com](mailto:JakeS@Thecardinalcenter.com)

*Registration opens: September 9, 2023*

*Registration closes: September 29, 2023*

### **Central Midwest Conference Championships (Fall)**

October 13-15, 2023

[World Shooting and Recreational Complex](#)

1 Main Event Lane, Sparta, IL 62286

618.295.2700 | [dnr.wsrc@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.wsrc@illinois.gov)

*Registration opens: September 15, 2023*

*Registration closes: October 6, 2023*

### **Greater Midwest Super Shoot**

October 26-29, 2023

[Heartland Public Shooting Park](#)

6788 W. Husker Highway, Grand Island, NE 68810

308.385.5048 | [hpsp@grand-island.com](mailto:hpsp@grand-island.com)

*Registration opens: September 28, 2023*

*Registration closes: October 19, 2023*

### **Upper East Coast Conference Championships**

November 3-5, 2023

[Prince George's Trap and Skeet Center](#)

10400 Good Luck Rd, Glenn Dale, MD 20769

301.577.7178 | [trapandskeet@pgparks.com](mailto:trapandskeet@pgparks.com)

*Registration opens: October 6, 2023*

*Registration closes: October 27, 2023*

### **West Coast Conference Championships (Fall)**

November 10-12, 2023

[Pikes Peak Gun Club](#)

450 S Franceville Coal Mine Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80929

719.683.4420 | [info@pikespeakgunclub.org](mailto:info@pikespeakgunclub.org)

*Registration opens: October 13, 2023*

*Registration closes: November 3, 2023*

### **West Coast Conference Championships (Spring)**

January 19-21, 2024

[Clark County Shooting Complex](#)

11357 N Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89131  
702.455.2000 | [steve.carmichael@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:steve.carmichael@clarkcountynv.gov)  
*Registration opens: December 15, 2023*  
*Registration closes: January 12, 2024*

**Eastern Conference Championships**

January 26-28, 2024  
[Jefferson Gun Club](#)  
660 Gun Club Rd, Brooks, KY 40109  
502.957.4661 | [jgcbrooksky@gmail.com](mailto:jgcbrooksky@gmail.com)  
*Registration opens: December 15, 2023*  
*Registration deadline: January 19, 2024*

**Lower Midwest Super Shoot**

February 1-4, 2024  
[Hill Country Shooting Sports Center](#)  
1886 Cypress Creek Rd, Kerrville, TX 78028  
830.995.5118 | [jack@hillcountryshooting.com](mailto:jack@hillcountryshooting.com)

[National Shooting Complex](#)

5931 Roft Rd, San Antonio, TX 78253  
210.688.2542 | [nscriv@nssa-nzca.com](mailto:nscriv@nssa-nzca.com)  
*Registration opens: January 5, 2024*  
*Registration deadline: January 26, 2024*

**Lower East Coast Conference Championships**

February 9-11, 2024  
[Forest City Gun Club](#)  
9203 Ferguson Ave, Savannah, GA 31406  
912.354.0210 | [info@forestcitygunclub.com](mailto:info@forestcitygunclub.com)  
*Registration opens: January 12, 2024*  
*Registration deadline: February 2, 2024*

**Central Midwest Conference Championships (Spring)**

March 1-3, 2024  
[Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports](#)  
1420 County Rd 276, Columbia, MO 65202  
573.387.4747 | [shooting@prairiegroveshotgunsports.com](mailto:shooting@prairiegroveshotgunsports.com)  
*Registration opens: February 2, 2024*  
*Registration deadline: February 23, 2024*

*Specific event information, such as ammunition availability, golf cart rental options, pricing, and more can be found on the ACUI website. Information will be released as available.*

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

It is the shooters' and coaches' responsibility to be familiar with all rules and information for each event. Please reference the 2023-24 season's rulebook, as well as ACUI & SCTP's 2023-24 Code of Conduct and Eligibility form for more details.

### **ELIGIBILITY & CODE OF CONDUCT**

By registering for this competition, you agree that you will meet the eligibility rules stated in ACUI & SCTP's rulebook and code of conduct/eligibility form, as well as to abide by the ACUI & SCTP Code of Conduct both on and off the range for the duration of the event. As a participant or coach, you are respecting our sport and organization. Providing an example of good conduct, appearance, and sportsmanship is paramount. Failure to follow the Code of Conduct will result in being deemed not eligible to compete per event management. The Code of Conduct and Eligibility form is available on ACUI's website.

### **REGISTRATION**

Teams and athletes should create an account in SCTP's "SHOT" system prior to registration opening.

- Go to [www.mysctp.com](http://www.mysctp.com)
- Select "coach login" at the top of the page
- On the next screen, choose "Register Team" (orange box)
- Follow the remaining instructions

You will not be able to squad your athletes if this is not done. During registration, individuals are asked to verify special accommodations, t-shirt size, shooting class, and more. If you are registering everyone for the team, it is helpful to register one person, note all the information needed, and then gather that information from the team before finishing your team registrations.

Please be sure to add the team leader, advisor, or coach as a "Coach's Registration" on the SHOT System. This person will have the ability to pre-build squads for their teams, add additional students to their team, and select squad spots.

Once you are registered, you can make adjustments to your record until the event is full or closed for final match production. If you need assistance making adjustments, please reach out to April Carr at [april@mysctp.com](mailto:april@mysctp.com).

There are multiple ways to make payment for event registration fees. Teams with an ACUI membership can pay for these fees with credit card through the SCTP SHOT systems, over the phone, or on site; with check mailed in to ACUI or turned in on site; or by PO. Teams without an ACUI membership can pay for these fees with credit card over the phone or on site; with check mailed in to ACUI or turned in on site; or by PO.

Checks can be mailed to the **ACUI Central Office** at the following address:

520 S Walnut St, Box 2388  
Bloomington In 47402-2388

Do not pay the SCTP \$35 coach and \$25 student athlete membership fees as ACUI will cover them for all **participating** coaches and athletes.

If this is your first time registering for an ACUI & SCTP event and you have questions, or if additional computer database assistance is needed, please contact April Carr at [april@mysctp.com](mailto:april@mysctp.com) during business hours. SCTP is in the central time zone and is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Member and Non-Member pricing for each event will be available on the ACUI website.

### **MIDWAYUSA FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Ramp Up for Nationals! Teams who receive donations to their endowment accounts between Monday, March 4 and Sunday, March 17 will be eligible to receive a 2:1 match on up to \$500 of those MidwayUSA endowment account funds. More information is outlined below.

- ACUI's Ramp Up for Nationals Matching Opportunity will offer up to \$10,000\* in matching.
- Check the MidwayUSA Foundation's calendar to see the matching dollars available each month.
- Teams that do not have a MidwayUSA Foundation endowment account are encouraged to set one up. You can find information on how to do so here. If a team does not have an account, they will not be eligible for matching funds.

*\*If funds exceed the matching limit, matches will be pro-rated.*

### **CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS**

See the ACUI website for cancellation information that you agree to during registration.

### **AMERICAN EVENT SQUADDING**

Squadding will now be available to teams upon registering for an event. We will not be sending out a separate email to teams to squad their students a week prior to the event, and you will instead have the ability to do this when registering for the event through SCTP's SHOT System. You can also pre-build your squads in the SHOT System to make squadding your team easier.

Sporting Clays and Super Sporting will be self-scored and will be a shotgun start at the posted time. Sporting Clays and Super Sporting will have squads of five shooters. There cannot be more than three shooters from the same school on any one squad.

American Skeet and American Trap will be scored by impartial referees, and self-scoring is grounds for disqualification. These events will be shot in squads of five shooters. For American Skeet, a squad is welcome to self-pull if preferred. Per NSSA rules, "At the beginning of a round, with the permission of the chief referee or shoot management, a squad may self-pull

while the assigned field referee continues to officiate and score" (NSSA Rule Book, IV-C-16). This statement is official permission per shoot management for a squad to request to self-pull, so long as the request is made at the beginning of a round.

The following are time allotments per event:

<b>American Skeet</b>   100 targets   1.5 hours	<b>Doubles American Skeet</b>   50 targets   1 hour
<b>American Trap</b>   100 targets   1 hour	<b>Doubles American Trap</b>   50 targets   30 min
<b>Sporting Clays</b>   100 targets   2.5-3 hours	<b>Super Sporting</b>   50 targets   2 hours

If a trap or skeet squad is over the allotted time (providing there is no weather or mechanical delays), the squad will be asked to leave the field to allow the next squadded team to begin their rotation on time. Squads can resume and finish their rounds when/if an alternate field is available.

### **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS SQUADDING**

Please note that squadding for international events will still be done randomly by the ACUI & SCTP staff after the initial registration window closes. Squads for registered shooters will be available on the SCTP SHOT System after the initial registration window closes. International events will be scored by impartial referees.

Shooters are allowed 30 minutes for each round of 25 targets. If a squad is over the allotted time by 10 minutes (providing there is no weather or mechanical delays), the squad can be moved to an alternate field or moved to the end of the day to finish the round.

### **FIREARMS & AMMUNITION STORAGE**

Limited firearm and ammunition storage might be available at the ranges. It is suggested that a team contact the individual ranges directly for availability of storage.

### **PRACTICE**

Practice will be available throughout the duration of the competition wherever possible and during regular business hours at each range prior to the start of the competition. In cases in which all fields/courses will be used for the competition, practice may not be available. Please contact the range directly to inquire about practice.

### **AMMUNITION**

Limited ammunition might be available for purchase at the ranges. It is suggested that a team member contact the individual ranges for availability of ammunition. Cost of practice and competition ammo is at the expense of the competitor. Ammunition up to 1 oz. is allowed for all international events. For American events, please check the appropriate NGB rules or match bulletin for allowable loads.

### **AWARDS**

Individual awards will be presented to the top three individual men and the top three individual women in each discipline. Individual awards will also be presented to the top three individual men and the top three individual women in the Individual HOA and Individual CAA categories.

Team awards will be provided for the High Overall and Classic All Around categories, but not for each discipline (with the exception of International events).

### **Individual Classic All Around (CAA)**

The individual awarded the Classic All Around will be determined by adding together total targets broken of the individual who shoots the three core American events (men's/women's) in American Trap, American Skeet, and Sporting Clays. At events where applicable, only individuals shooting less than the six American disciplines will be eligible to win this award.

### **Individual High Overall (HOA)**

The individual awarded the High Overall will be determined by adding together the total targets broken of the individual who shoots all American events (men's/women's) in American Trap, American Trap Doubles, American Skeet, American Skeet Doubles, Sporting Clays, and Super Sporting.

### **Team High Overall (HOA) and Classic All Around (CAA)**

Team HOA and CAA awards will be presented to the top three teams. The HOA and CAA teams are determined by taking the top five composite scores from individual qualified shooters and adding them together to get the top team in appropriate events. The team with the highest target count is the winner, second highest target count is second place, third highest target count is third place. **To qualify for team HOA or CAA, a team must have a minimum of five shooters (three for International), in each of the disciplines that make up a team award (as described below).**

- Classic All Around: American Skeet, American Trap, Sporting Clays
- High Overall: American Skeet, Doubles American Skeet, American Trap, Doubles American Trap, Sporting Clays, Super Sporting
- International Skeet
- International Trap

At competitions in which the doubles events are not offered, the Classic All Around will act and be recognized as the High Overall. Teams eligible for the team HOA award will not be eligible to receive a team CAA award.

There is a 15-minute review period after the final results are posted and the awards ceremony starts. Any correction to results for first through third place must be done during this review period. Once the award ceremony starts, the results are considered final.

### **TIES & SHOOT-OFFS**

Ties for individuals in first, second, and third place will be shot off according to **the posted rules below**.

In a shoot off with two athletes, if one of the athletes is not present, the athlete present will receive the higher placement, with the athlete not present receiving the lower placement. In a shoot off with more than two athletes, if one of the athletes is not present, the remaining



athletes will continue with the shoot off, with the athlete not present taking the lowest place. If more than one athlete is not present for the shoot off, the athlete present will receive the higher placement and the athletes not present will receive the next lowest placements as determined by long run.

If a tie cannot be broken by shoot off due to unforeseen circumstances, long runs with raw scores will be used to determine the individuals' placements. Any ties for special awards will be broken, time permitting. If time does not permit, they are broken by long runs from raw scores. If time does permit, the ACUI & SCTP shoot management staff will determine how the tie is broken. Individual ties in American Trap, American Skeet, Doubles American Trap, & Doubles American Skeet that are NOT for first, second, or third place will be broken by reverse run. Individual ties in Sporting Clays or Super Sporting that are NOT for first, second, or third place will be broken by randomly selected stations chosen prior to the start of the event.

*International Trap and International Skeet* – Participants will shoot off according to the National Governing Body rules dictated for breaking ties. Please note, a finals round will not be shot for the international events except at the ACUI & SCTP Collegiate Clay Targets International National Championships.

*American Trap* – Participants will first shoot a full round of 25. If there are still ties after the full round, we will shoot two targets per station. If still tied after the two per station, we will go to two per station, miss-and-out.

*Doubles American Trap* – Will be shot off as a ten-pair doubles event with two pairs from each post.

*American Skeet and Doubles American Skeet* – Will be shot off as doubles 3-4-5, miss-and-out.

*Sporting Clays/Super Sporting* – Shoot-offs will be done at the range's 5-stand course. The shoot off will be 3-pair thrown from one station (as selected by event staff). If there is still a tie, 2-pair will be thrown from the next station. If there is still a tie, miss and out pairs will be thrown from the following stations until the tie is broken. If there is no 5-stand course at the range, then tied participants will shoot off from a selected course station, where 3-pair will be thrown, followed by miss and our pairs from the same station if there is still a tie. The shoot-offs will be held on targets or positions not previously shot by any participating competitor. Competitors will be randomly assigned shooting order by event staff.

*Team HOA and CAA Ties* – For Team HOA and CAA ties, shoot offs will be done at the Make-A-Break course when available at event. For team ties, each team will pick 2 athletes who have competed at the event to go head-to-head; the highest total score will determine the winner. If Make-A-Break is not available at the range, the range's 5-stand course will be used; one team-chosen participating athlete from each team will go head-to-head with the highest overall score determining the winner. If either of the above options are not available at the event, shoot management will randomly select Trap, Skeet, or Sporting Clays to be used as the shoot off determinate. This will be shot off according to the **posted rules above**. If more than two teams

are tied for an HOA or CAA award, one team-chosen representative from each team will go head-to-head at the range's 5-stand course; the highest total score will determine the winner. In the event the range does not have a 5-stand course, shoot management will randomly select from Trap, Skeet, or Sporting Clays to be used as the shoot off determinate. This will be shot off according to the **posted rules above**.

*Individual HOA & CAA Ties* – For Individual HOA and CAA award ties, the two individuals tied will go head-to-head at the Make-A-Break course when available at event; the highest total score will determine the winner. If Make-A-Break is not available at the range, the range's 5-stand course will be used. The two individuals tied will go head-to-head; the highest total score will determine the winner. If either of the above options are not available at the event, shoot management will randomly select Trap, Skeet, or Sporting Clays to be used as the shoot off determinate. This will be shot off according to the **posted rules above**. If more than two individuals are tied for an HOA or CAA award, each individual will go head-to-head at the range's 5-stand course; the highest total score will determine the winner. In the event the range does not have a 5-stand course, shoot management will randomly select from Trap, Skeet, or Sporting Clays to be used as the shoot off determinate. This will be shot off according to the **posted rules above**.

**If all parties involved in a tie are in agreement, ties may be broken using long run and/or the randomly selected sporting stations to break a tie in lieu of a shoot off.**

## **BOWL SERIES AWARDS LIST**

Below are the awards that will be available to win at each Bowl Series event.

### Team Awards:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place HOA Team
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place CAA Team
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place International Skeet Team\*
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place International Trap Team\*

### Individual Awards:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place American Skeet (Men's & Women's Division)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place American Trap (Men's & Women's Division)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Doubles American Skeet (Men's & Women's Division)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Doubles American Trap (Men's & Women's Division)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Sporting Clays (Men's & Women's Division)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Super Sporting (Men's & Women's Division)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place HOA Individual (Men's & Women's Division)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place CAA Individual (Men's & Women's Division)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place International Skeet Individual (Men's and Women's Division)\*
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place International Trap Individual (Men's & Women's Division)\*

*\*These awards will only be available at events that offer international disciplines.*

## **2023 INTERNATIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

All students are welcome to compete in the ACUI & SCTP Collegiate Clay Targets National International Championships taking place in Marengo, Ohio, from October 4-5, 2023. Registration for the event will be first come, first serve. More information about registration can be found in the ACUI & SCTP Collegiate Clay Targets National International Championships match program. Students do **not** need to shoot the International disciplines at any of the conference championship events in order to qualify for the Collegiate Clay Targets National International Championships.

## **MEDIA**

ACUI & SCTP Supports the filming of the events, and an athlete's participation or a spectator's attendance grants ACUI & SCTP permission to use their image. That image can be used for reproduction in any media and for promotional purposes of the sport and the ACUI & SCTP program.

## **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Please keep in mind that the tournament schedule, squadding, and this program are subject to change. Although we make every attempt to maintain the published schedule, target malfunctions, weather, and other items are out of our control. It is the responsibility of the competitors and coaches to check the schedule and squadding daily and most importantly in the evening. Updated information will be emailed and posted to social media when able. ACUI & SCTP are not responsible for missed flights, airline change fees, missed squads, etc. Please keep this in mind when making your travel arrangements and schedules. Additionally, ACUI & SCTP are not responsible for travel expenses should an individual or team cancel or be disqualified due to COVID-19 or other health concerns.

Match program updates will be shared as soon as possible. Those already registered for an event that a match program update effects will be notified via email. Those of extreme importance and affecting more than one event, will be shared in the ACUI Clays Newsletter, on the ACUI & SCTP websites, via email, and in social media channels.

## **EVENT MANAGEMENT**

Event management reserves the right to change or alter this match program as necessary with or without notice. Competitors and teams agree to this policy by virtue of their participation.