

ACUI Clay Targets

Collegiate Shotgun Bowl Series

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Cardinal Shooting Center
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Please read the program thoroughly before registering your team. If you have questions after reading this program, please contact Taylor Blechschmid (tblechschmid@acui.org) or Terri DeWitt (terri@mysctp.com).

NEW FOR 2023

Changes in the program highlighted here are explained in this match program in further detail in the following pages. **It is your responsibility as a participant to note them and ask questions before the start of the event.** Read the full program for information on the following highlights new to this year's match prior to registering online.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

ACUI & SCTP will host the second annual International National Championships this year. The course of fire for Olympic-style International Bunker Trap and International Skeet will be a 125 target Preliminary Round plus Final Rounds. The ISSF/USAS rules will be in effect for this event. This match is sanctioned by USA Shooting (USAS). Below is the outline of the rules and guidelines of the ACUI & SCTP Collegiate Clay Targets International Championships.

- Rules:** Current ISSF/USA Shooting rules, this program, and any match director’s bulletins posted at the range govern this match.
- Registration:** All participants must be registered and fully paid before competing. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. All registrations will be done electronically through the SCTP Shot System which can be found on SCTP’s website. All registrants are required to agree to the assumption of risk, code of ethics, media release, and cancellation policy.

- Ammunition:** ACUI & SCTP will not be supplying international ammunition for participants. There is no guarantee that ammunition will be available at the range for purchase. The preferred ammunition to be used in the international events is listed below. If an athlete cannot find this ammunition or has questions about what ammunition to use, please contact SCTP at terri@mysctp.com.

International Trap	#7.5 (12 gauge, 24 gram shot, 1335 fps)
International Skeet	#9 (12 gauge, 24 gram shot, 1335 fps)

- Alcohol, Marijuana, and Controlled Substances:** Alcohol/illegal or individually unprescribed drugs and firearms do not mix. Alcohol and other illegal substances are strictly forbidden from the Cardinal Shooting Center during this event. Further, any participant who is found to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or drugs while using, cleaning, maintaining, inspecting, or otherwise handling their shotgun or other firearm at any time will be immediately disqualified from the entire event and asked to leave without refund.
- Protest:** Challenge/protest forms will be available in the registration office. If a participant has a protest, they must file the protest in writing within 30 minutes of leaving the field. A \$50 fee must accompany any protest. If the protest is won by athlete, money will be returned. The protest committee will consist of an ACUI staff member, and SCTP staff member, the chief referee, and a Cardinal Shooting Center staff member. If available, an NGB representative will be conferred for the protested event. The committee will hear the protest once, deliberate, and make a ruling. The decision of the protest committee is final. If a protest is denied, the fee will be placed in the ACUI & SCTP scholarship fund.
- Target Protests:** Hits and misses must be protested immediately after the results of the shot is announced. To appeal, an individual hit or miss the athlete must raise their hand and announce cease fire. The referee can poll the squad but is not required to do so. The appeal ruling by the referee is final and no further protest is allowed. Once the shooter calls for their next target or the next shooter calls for their target the result of the last target is final. The total results of any round must be protested immediately after the round is completed and announced. Once the next round starts the results of the completed round are considered final subject to addition/math corrections in registration. If the referee is not calling out the results loud enough, the squad must request that the referee please speak up. If the referee still does not call out the results loud enough, a line supervisor should be notified. Participants should sign the score sheet (next to the score total) before leaving the line. When the athlete signs the score sheet, they are verifying the individual hits and misses and totals. Calculations are subject to addition/math corrections in registration. If a participant does not sign the score sheet, they forfeit all rights of protest. Any protest should be conducted in a healthy, constructive form of conflict resolution.
- Late Penalty:** The penalty for being late for a squadded event is a three-target penalty and will be assessed in Doubles American Skeet, Doubles American Trap, American Skeet, and American Trap. Super Sporting and Sporting Clays will be worked in if there is a conflict, but please be diligent about making these times as well. Once the first shot is fired, the squad is set and you have missed your time. Late participants should join the squad at the beginning of the next round. The missed round will be made up later in the day provided there are openings. The three-target penalty will be assessed on the rescheduled round’s score sheet.
- Safety:** Safe gun handling and appropriate shooting attire are required. See dress code items addressing safety. All coaches and competition officials should deal with safety issues immediately. Safety and dress code violations should be reported to the match director. Reprimands will be issued based on violation and could ultimately mean disqualification from the tournament.

All participants are required to attend a safety meeting prior to practice or competition. Additionally, participants should review these ACUI Clay Targets & SCTP Safety Guidelines.

- When in doubt, call it out!
- Keep muzzles pointed downrange or in a safe direction always.
- Always wear hearing and eye protection, even when spectating.
- Treat all guns as though they are loaded.
- Breach or chamber must be kept open to show that the shotgun is not loaded until on the range and in use.
- We recommend that athletes do not rest guns on their toes.
- Ensure you are using the appropriate ammunition.
- Prior to use, ensure the barrel is free of obstruction and is clear.
- When a misfire occurs, ensure previous safety and dispose of the round appropriately.
- Be aware of your surroundings, recognize pullers, scorers, and staff—particularly the machine fillers.
- Be familiar with your recreational firearm, its personality, how it closes, how it feels when it is closed. Usually when the firearm doesn't feel or sound the same, something has either worn or broke.
- Eject or place hulls in a safe direction.
- A clean and well cared for shotgun has less risk of malfunctioning.
- Be polite and professional when dealing with everyone on and at the range.
- Always keep your emotions in control. It is extremely hard to take back an action that is unbecoming.
- Never move from station to station with a loaded shotgun in any event.
- Never lean a shotgun where it may be at risk of slipping or falling, causing your firearm or someone else's damage.
- Never leave your firearm unattended or left in an area you cannot observe it. Expect that thieves are everywhere.
- Do not pick up another competitor's shotgun unless requested to do so by the owner.
- Always be courteous of your fellow competitors both on the line and off the line.
- Remember that each person can be a mentor to others on the range.
- Read and know the rule books. It can hurt a good score if you don't know the rules. Even referees make mistakes.

9. **Hat shooting is strictly prohibited.** Any competitor who participates in hat shooting will be immediately disqualified and asked to leave the competition without refund. We recognize this is a celebrated tradition but encourage you to do your hat shoot at your next team practice.
10. **Community Code of Conduct:** Negative posts, belittling accomplishments, bullying, posting of denigrating comments in public or on social media that create a hostile environment within our otherwise inclusive community are a violation of the ACUI & SCTP code of conduct in place for all ACUI & SCTP student programs, this explicitly states that as a participant it is an obligation to abide by the code of conduct guidelines and violation of them may jeopardize my status as a participant in this program.

Refusal to turn in a scorecard, along with cheating, swearing, and verbal or physical abuse of an athlete, scorer, field judge, shoot official, or protest committee member is activity deemed to be unsportsmanlike conduct.

11. **Dress Code:** Participants are representing their institutions and the Association. All participants should adhere to the dress code for their respective events. The dress code is designed to provide safety, be professional, as well as respect individuality, be conducive to learning, and preserve the dignity of each student who participates. For reference, the ACUI Clay Targets & SCTP dress code encompasses most of those items spelled out for U.S. Olympic shooting sports athletes with leniencies as deemed appropriate for our level of competition. The ACUI & SCTP dress code states:
- All persons, spectators, athletes, field judges, and range personnel must wear eye and ear protection on the course. All ear equipment should be disconnected from electronic devices on the firing line to ensure all safety commands can be heard.
 - An athlete may choose competitive gear of their choice with the manufacturer's marks. An ISSF strip is required on your vest if you are shooting International Skeet.
 - Participants are strongly encouraged to wear college/university identification for both the competition and the awards ceremonies.
 - A shooting vest is encouraged but regardless of the top, the current ACUI & SCTP competition number should be displayed prominently either on the back or ammo pouch and visible for officials from behind the line.
 - Appropriate footwear must always be worn in all events; flip-flops or similar sandals are not appropriate. Footwear must have closed toes and heel straps or closed heels.
 - Appropriate attire displays no pictures or graphics of a sexual or offensive nature and no words or phrases that include offensive language or political statements.
 - No sleeveless shirts are permitted.

- The clothing on the leg should be longer than six inches above the center of the knee. Likewise, top clothing should completely cover the abdomen at all times.

- 12. Enforcement, Questions & Complaints:** Athletes may contact the ACUI or SCTP staff with any concerns about the program at any time throughout the year. Misconduct, abuse of any rule, or other concerns—most importantly safety—may be reported by anyone, by any means to the match director. Informal reports should be followed by a formal written report including incident date, time, location, witnesses, and detailed description. It’s likely that the ACUI or SCTP staff will consult with a match protest committee. The concern will be processed once information has been gathered, deliberation had, and a ruling made. Penalties will be determined by the severity of the infraction up to and including disqualification from this event and all future ACUI & SCTP events. This ruling will be final. Any concern should be conducted in a healthy, constructive form of conflict resolution.
- 13. 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 competitors and/or coaches to check the schedule and squadding daily and most importantly in the evening. Updated information will be posted to social media, emailed, and posted at the range. 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.
- 14. Professional athletes:** Students will not be considered a professional athlete in any shooting sport until such time the sport is able to sustain a participant with a standard living wage net of entry fees and related competition expenses.
- 15. Independent athletes:** Individual students attending a school with an established team may “pay their way” and compete only if the coach and/or team leader approves of their participation. If a student does not receive approval to participate by the coach and/or team leader, the individual will not be able to participate. An individual from a school that does not already have a team represented at the International National Championship is welcome to compete and represent their institution with the approval of an institutional advisor, assuming they meet all other eligibility requirements.
- 16. Student Transfers:** While ACUI & SCTP do not condone unsportsmanlike transfers, ACUI & SCTP are not governing bodies nor mandate relationships between students and teams. Recruiting conversations college-to-college from anyone to an enrolled athlete should never occur while at an ACUI competition. We recommend team leaders and coaches consider written agreements with their athletes that address the commitment and transfer process. Sample language can be found [here](#).

COMPETITION & PRACTICE SCHEDULE

**Denotes estimated time*

Tuesday, October 3

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Practice available for International Trap and International Skeet
2 p.m. Check-In Opens for Competitors

Wednesday, October 4

7:30 a.m. Check-In Continues for Competitors
8 a.m. Mandatory International Skeet Competitor Meeting (this will take place between fields 2 & 3)
8:30 a.m.* International Skeet Competition Begins
9 a.m. Practice Available for International Bunker Trap (if schedule allows)
5 p.m.* International Skeet Finals

Thursday, October 5

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

- The ACUI & SCTP staff will be available in the Central Events Building (CEB) during the competition on Wednesday and Thursday. Stop by with questions, comments, concerns, or just to say hello.

7:30 a.m. Check-In Continues for Competitors
8 a.m. Mandatory International Bunker Trap Competitor Meeting (this will take place between fields 2 & 3)
8:30 a.m.* International Trap Competition Begins
5 p.m.* International Bunker Trap Finals
6 p.m.* International Skeet & International Trap Awards

**All event start and end time are subject to change because of weather or program/range operations. The ACUI & SCTP Collegiate Clay Targets International Championships will be randomly squadded and posted per the rules of USA Shooting and will be based on registrations received before September 27, 2023.*

- Mandatory International Skeet and Bunker Trap Competitor Meetings will take place at the times listed in the above schedule.
- Safety talks will be given at mandatory competitor meetings. Team leaders/Coaches will also be required to sign a safety guideline to confirm that they have reviewed the rules and guidelines with their student athletes.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If this is your first time registering for an ACUI & SCTP event and have questions, please reach out to April Carr at april@mysctp.com.

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

- Go to 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. Please do not pay the \$35 coach and \$25 athlete membership fees to SCTP for your participating athletes and coaches; this will be handled for you by ACUI.

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.

For additional computer database assistance, please contact April Carr at 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.

ENTRY FEE INFORMATION

The following fees reflect ACUI's Member Pricing discount & Non-Member Pricing:

Member Pricing Before September 27, 2023 (per event)

- \$83 International Skeet
- \$83 International Bunker Trap

Member Pricing After September 27, 2023 (per event)

- \$100 International Skeet
- \$100 International Bunker Trap

Non-Member Pricing Before September 27, 2023 (per event)

- \$100 International Skeet
- \$100 International Bunker Trap

Non-Member Pricing After September 27, 2023 (per event)

- \$117 International Skeet
- \$117 International Bunker Trap

ACUI membership status is based on institutional membership, meaning that if your school is a member, you are a member. For further clarification or to check to see if your school is a member, please call member services at 812.245.2284.

Online registration will close Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 12:01 AM.

1. Payment via check, credit card, or PO must be received before the athlete will be permitted to participate. Checks or credit cards will be accepted on site. Cash will not be accepted.
2. Complete the official entry online. You can pay by check by mail or onsite, or you can pay by Purchase Order by emailing acui@acui.org. Otherwise, member pricing payments can be made at the time of registration online. All non-member fees must be paid directly through ACUI. If mailing payments, please send them to:

ACUI

Attn: ACUI Clay Targets
520 S Walnut St, Box 2388
Bloomington, IN 47402-2388

Original copies of the eligibility & code of conduct form **MUST** be turned in onsite if they are not mailed directly to the ACUI Central Office or submitted virtually.

3. Make checks/travelers checks/money orders payable to **ACUI**. ACUI & SCTP also accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover & American Express.
4. Each event will be limited to the number of students that can reasonably be accommodated. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

Payment for all fees is due at the time of registration. If the school or club team is unable to pay at the time of registration, payment must be received before the event begins. All fees are listed in U.S. dollars. International currency will be accepted at the exchange rate prevalent at the time of payment. Refunds will be issued only from email requests submitted to both tblechschmid@acui.org & april@mysctp.com. Any refund, if applicable, will be processed after the tournament less all fees.

1. Upon written request, a credit or refund will be issued for all fees until September 27, 2023.
2. Upon written request, a credit or refund will be issued for all fees less a \$50 cancellation fee until Tuesday, October 3, 2023.
3. No credits or refunds will be issued after the start of the event on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Unpaid cancellation fees and no-shows are billed. Lack of payment of these items results in ineligibility for future ACUI & SCTP events until the account has been cleared.

Substitutions are welcome. To initiate a substitution, please ensure there is a record for the new athlete on the online SCTP Shot System, then submit an email to either acuiclays@acui.org or april@mysctp.com with the requested substitution (who is no longer competing, who is the new competitor).

REGISTRATION ONSITE AND SQUADDING

1. A team representative must check in, verify entry information, verify payment and paperwork has been received, and pick up their competitor packets in person. **A team representative must check all team registrations and should confirm all registered participants are squadded.**
2. Scheduled Squadding Guidelines:
International Trap and International Skeet are randomly squadded. Additional registrations will be accepted as space allows and randomly added to existing squads by an ACUI or SCTP staff member.

Squadding

The ACUI & SCTP Collegiate Clay Targets International Championships will be randomly squadded and posted per the rules of USA Shooting and will be based on registrations received before September 27, 2023. Additional registrations will be accepted after this date as space allows and will be randomly added to existing squads. Final squadding for late registrations should be confirmed onsite. Additional registrations will be accepted as space allows and randomly added to existing squads by an ACUI or SCTP staff member.

Participants (or school representative) are ultimately responsible for knowing their squadding schedule. Up to a three-target penalty applies for any late arrivals to scheduled field.

3. Should the number of entries received exceed range capacity, slots will be awarded based on date of receipt of registration materials.
4. Final rules, awards and other information included here will be available on site.

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

- For this event, all collegiate athletes will be in either of the following two classes: Open class individual men's and open class individual women's.

SCORING

Individual Scores for Each Discipline – In each event, there will be two divisions: Open class individual men’s and open class individual women’s. First, second, and third place in each division will be awarded. Raw scores will be used to determine winners for each event and will be awarded as described below.

Team Scores for Each Discipline – Team awards will be based on scores calculated for the top three individual team members from a school. Schools are determined at registration. The top three scores from qualified participants are added together to get the top team from a school. The team with the highest target count is the winner, second highest target count is second place, and the third highest target count is third place. In the team division, **a particular institution may only take one award for the top three places of any event.** The top three unique institutional teams will take first, second, and third place in each event (also known as “Team Scoring” in the SCTP SHOT System).

Institutions with less than the specified number of competitors are not eligible for team awards.

International Skeet and International Trap consist of three team members.

DIVISIONS

For this event, all schools will be competing in the same division.

TEAM EVENT AWARDS

All team members must represent the same school (indicated by registration in the SHOT System) and must shoot all named events for the award.

First through third place teams will be awarded in both International Skeet and International Trap. All winning schools will receive trophies.

Further clarification:

- Each student selected must shoot all named events.
- Targets broken determine placements.
- All scores, men’s and women’s, count toward the team’s total score.
- Teams can only win one placement in each of the international events (team scoring).

TIES

Ties for individuals in first, second, and third place will be shot off prior to the finals match. Ties will be shot off by bib number, with the lowest bib number shooting first per USA Shooting rules and regulations.

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.

The placement on the SCTP International Team will be based on the match finals.

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.

COURSE OF FIRE

International Skeet: 125 targets + match finals

International Trap: 125 targets + match finals

SHOOT-OFFS

At the conclusion of the preliminary event, scores will be posted on the SCTP SHOT System results link and shoot-offs will take place 15 minutes after last shots fired. The most up-to-date scores will be accessible on the SCTP website throughout the competition.

It is the responsibility of each athlete to be aware that they are in a shoot-off and to be at the designated shoot-off field at the designated time. In the event of a shoot management error, the error will be corrected, and shoot-offs adjusted regardless of any other ISSF/USA Shooting rules.

AWARDS INFORMATION

Top three individual men, top three individual women, and top three teams will be awarded in both International Skeet and International Trap, with medals awarded to the top three students in each team award.

Individual

- A trophy will be awarded to individuals in first, second, and third place for each event based on raw scores in these categories:
 - Open Class Individual Men's
 - Open Class Individual Women's
- Medals will be awarded to each member of the first, second, and third place team for each event based on raw individual scores.

Team

- A trophy will be awarded to first, second, and third place in each discipline.

Award List

- Trophies:
 - International Skeet First Place – Men's Division
 - International Trap First Place – Men's Division
 - International Skeet Second Place – Men's Division
 - International Trap Second Place – Men's Division
 - International Skeet Third Place – Men's Division
 - International Trap Third Place – Men's Division
 - International Skeet First Place – Women's Division
 - International Trap First Place – Women's Division
 - International Skeet Second Place – Women's Division
 - International Trap Second Place – Women's Division
 - International Skeet Third Place – Women's Division
 - International Trap Third Place – Women's Division
 - International Skeet Champion Team
 - International Trap Champion Team
 - International Skeet Runner Up Team
 - International Trap Runner Up Team
 - International Skeet Third Place Team
 - International Trap Third Place Team
- Medals:
 - Top three team members for the following awards:
 - International Skeet Champion Team
 - International Trap Champion Team
 - International Skeet Runner Up Team
 - International Trap Runner Up Team
 - International Skeet Third Place Team
 - International Trap Third Place Team

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

1. First place Men's and Women's in International Skeet and International Trap who shoot a 90 or higher in qualifications, who are not already on the SCTP International Team, and who have not already earned a USA Shooting vest of any kind, will receive a spot on the SCTP International Team. If the first place Men's and Women's in International Skeet and International Trap do not meet the above requirements, the next eligible competitor will earn that slot.

**Scholarships are subject to the commitment of the sponsors and are subject to change at any time. These will be updated prior to the first shot of the event.*

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