

ACUI **Clay Targets**

Collegiate Shotgun Bowl Series

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OFFICIAL MATCH PROGRAM

The Collegiate Championship is part of ACUI's & SCTP's CTC Shotgun Bowl Series

2026 Collegiate Clay Targets Championship
March 15-21, 2026
National Shooting Complex
San Antonio, Texas

Leaderboard link coming soon!

Classification & Division Scores will be posted at:
Leaderboard links coming soon!

CONDUCTED BY:

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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 Wayne Rasmussen (wayne@mysctp.com).

NEW FOR 2026

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.

- NO GUNS ON TOES! This is now considered a safety violation that athletes are required to abide by.
- All teams who have participated in an ACUI & SCTP event throughout the 2025-26 season will be eligible to sign up for a tabling spot at SCTP's College Day during their 2026 SCTP National Team Championship program in July.
- If we reach 1100 or more registered athletes, door prizes will be raffled off each day to student athletes!
- Make-A-Break will be offered as a side event this year. Tournament sign up information will be available soon!
- Additional sponsor activity will be confirmed later including demo fields, sponsorships, etc. and added to the match program and communicated via newsletter and social media.
- The classes for the Sporting Clays events have been updated to the following:
 - AA – Top average score of 85 or above
 - A – 70-84
 - B – 55-69
 - C – 54 or below

The classes for Skeet and Trap events will remain the same as they have been in recent years:

- AA – Top average score of 95 or above
 - A – 85-94
 - B – 75-84
 - C – 74 or below
- Plaques will no longer be awarded to winners of the AA Classification awards. Only medals will be awarded to these winners.
 - Additional Special Event awards have been added to the program for the following events:
 - Men's High American Trap
 - Men's High American Skeet
 - Men's High American Doubles Trap
 - Men's High American Doubles Skeet
 - Men's High Sporting Clays
 - Men's High Super Sporting
 - Women's High American Trap
 - Women's High American Skeet
 - Women's High American Doubles Trap
 - Women's High American Doubles Skeet
 - Women's High Sporting Clays
 - Women's High Super Sporting

Please see the awards section of the program for more details.

Reminders from recent years:

- There is updated language regarding communication on the Sporting Clays courses. Communication between athletes once a shooter is at the sporting station and/or in the shooting stand is allowed. Communication between athletes and coaches once a shooter is at the sporting station and/or in the shooting stand is prohibited.
- Students who begin the season as an eligible student athlete, but graduate prior to the end of the season, will maintain their eligibility status through the National Championships of that same season. Following the nationals event, their eligibility will expire.
- Shooters cannot participate in an ACUI & SCTP collegiate event if they are more than 25 years old. If a student turns 26 during a season, they will be allowed to finish the season, however they will not be eligible for the next. Student veterans will be eligible to receive an age extension to compete between 26-29 years old. If they turn 30 during a season, they may finish competing in that season's event.

- Classifications for Nationals will utilize a class system (AA, A, B, & C) based on scores gathered at ACUI & SCTP events throughout the season. We still do not require that teams compete in our bowl series events to attend Nationals. If a student does not agree with the class they are placed in for a discipline, either based off seasonal score averages or having no scores from the season, they can submit registered targets from the NGBs or from another event hosted through the SHOT system, to be taken into consideration through the following form: <https://forms.gle/9rUhbeymh7ggv54A>. Please see the "Classification" section of this Match Program for more information.
- The Open category will now be separate from the Class system, instead of acting as the top class like in past years. Athletes will either shoot entirely in the Open category or entirely in class. If an athlete cannot be classed in all disciplines they have registered to shoot according to the classification requirements above, they will be placed in the open category. Athletes will no longer bump into high classes if their scores are within the top three of a higher class.

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

Competitors should review all the additional documentation for this event to understand rules and procedures that will need to be followed. All documents are available on the website at <https://acuiclays.org/resources/document-library/>. These documents include the following:

- ACUI & SCTP 2026 Academic Eligibility Form (team or individual submits, registrar signs off)
- ACUI & SCTP 2025-26 Code of Conduct Form (individually signed) - all athletes must submit a new form, even if one has been signed for a 2025-26 Bowl Series event.
- ACUI & SCTP Safety Guidelines (team signed) - all teams must submit a new form, even if one has been signed for a 2025-26 Bowl Series event.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ACUI & SCTP SPORTING CLAYS SCHOLARSHIP SHOOT -

The ACUI Sporting Clays Scholarship Shoot, open to the public, will help to raise funds for scholarships that are distributed to athletes in the ACUI & SCTP collegiate shooting programs.

The **ACUI & SCTP Sporting Clays Scholarship Championship** is European Rotation/Self-Pulling and Scoring. Participants can shoot the course Monday through Friday, starting at 8am each day with an end time of 6pm Tuesday through Thursday and 2pm Friday.

For a registration fee of \$150, participants will receive 100 sporting clay targets and a small gift. Four-person teams will need to be determined at the time scorecards are picked up. Teams do not need to represent an institution and will be formed by participants. Score cards are picked up and returned to the NSC Pro Shop. No eligibility form is required for participants, but ACUI code of conduct and rules apply. The event will be for sporting clays only. Top three winning teams will be awarded team hardware as well as top man and top woman.

MAKE-A-BREAK TOURNAMENT -

This year, Make-A-Break will be back hosting a side tournament for all collegiate athletes to compete in. Signups will be available through the National's event in the SHOT system.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **Rules:** This program, current ATA, NCSA, NSSA, and USA Shooting rules, and staff bulletins posted at the range govern this match.
2. **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 SCTP's SHOT system. All registrants are required to agree to the assumption of risk, code of ethics, media release, and cancellation policy.
3. **Ammunition:** ACUI & SCTP will not be providing ammunition for any event. All teams are required to provide their own ammunition. NGB rules and regulations covering shot size and speed per second will be enforced.
4. **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 National Shooting Complex 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.
5. **Protest:** Challenge/protest 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 members will be posted here once they are selected. To apply for a spot on the protest committee, please fill out this form no later than Monday, February 16, 2026: <https://forms.gle/BNxkVkhBEieP8c4i8>.

ACUI or SCTP staff members may provide additional input if needed. 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. If a protest involves an athlete from their team, they are exempt from making the decision.

6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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 ACUI & SCTP staff. Reprimands will be issued based on violation and could ultimately mean disqualification from the tournament. All teams are required to review and sign off on the ACUI Clay Targets & SCTP Safety Guidelines. Additionally, participants should review the following 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- NO GUNS ON TOES!
- Read and know the rulebooks. It can hurt a good score if you don't know the rules. Even referees make mistakes.

9. **Self-Pull, 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.

10. **Sporting Clays Coaching:** Communication between athletes once a shooter is at the sporting station and/or in the shooting stand is allowed. Communication between athletes and coaches once a shooter is at the sporting station and/or in the shooting stand is prohibited.

11. **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.

12. **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 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 is activity deemed to be unsportsmanlike conduct.

13. **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.
- 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, crocs 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.

- 14. Enforcement, Questions & Complaints:** Athletes may contact ACUI & 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 ACUI & SCTP staff. 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 & SCTP staff will consult with a match protest committee. The concern will be processed once, information 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.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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. That athlete will still be required to represent their team and institution at Nationals, and they must be squadded through their team in the SHOT system portal. 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 Nationals is welcome to compete and represent their institution, assuming they meet all other eligibility requirements and their school signs off on their participation through completion of the 2026 Academic Eligibility Form.
- 18. Student 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 & SCTP 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

Sunday, March 15

Starting at 8 a.m. – Check-In Opens

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Practice Fields Available for American Skeet, American Doubles Skeet, American Trap, American Doubles Trap, & Sporting Clays

Monday, March 16

Starting at 7 a.m. – Registration Desk & Check-In Opens

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Competition Begins, All Events

7 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Practice Fields Available for American Skeet, American Doubles Skeet, American Trap, American Doubles Trap, & Sporting Clays

Tuesday, March 17

Starting at 7 a.m. – Registration Desk & Check-In Opens

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Competition Begins, All Events

7 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Practice Fields Available for American Skeet, American Doubles Skeet, American Trap, American Doubles Trap, & Sporting Clays

Wednesday, March 18

Starting at 7 a.m. – Registration Desk & Check-In Opens

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Competition Begins, All Events

7 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Practice Fields Available for American Skeet, American Doubles Skeet, American Trap, American Doubles Trap, & Sporting Clays

Thursday, March 19

Starting at 7 a.m. – Registration Desk & Check-In Opens

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Competition Begins, All Events

7 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Practice Fields Available for American Skeet, American Doubles Skeet, American Trap, American Doubles Trap, & Sporting Clays

Friday, March 20

Starting at 7 a.m. – Registration Desk & Check-In Opens

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Competition Begins, All Events

7 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Practice Fields Available for American Skeet, American Doubles Skeet, American Trap, American Doubles Trap, & Sporting Clays

Saturday, March 21

Starting at 7 a.m. – Registration Desk Opens

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.* Competition Shoot-Offs Begin, All Events (specific shoot-off schedule will be released at a later date). If needed, half a day of competition shooting will be opened Saturday morning and shoot-offs will be moved to the afternoon, only if capacity requires it.

4 p.m.* - Award Ceremony Begins (approximate time – this is subject to change based on status of shoot-offs)

Sunday, March 22

Travel/Rain Day

**All event start and end time are subject to change because of weather or program/range operations. Specific shoot times are squadded by the coach/team representative. Also, a half day of competition shooting may be added on Sunday, March 15, in specific events should capacities be hit. More information will be released to teams should this take place.*

REGISTRATION & SQUADDING INFORMATION

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.

During athlete 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 ensure you select "Collegiate" in the SCTP-A section of the individual information, and please ensure your school is selected under the "School" tab. If your school does not populate under this tab, please email April Carr at april@mysctp.com for assistance.

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 athlete profiles are created and the event registration has opened, you can squad and register your athletes. This is done on a first-come-first-serve basis. Participants (or school representative) are ultimately responsible for squad times and prevent overlap of events. A three-target penalty applies for late arrivals to a scheduled field.

You are not allowed to hold squad spots for athletes if you are unsure of their attendance! If you are caught holding squad spots, your placeholders will be removed, and the squad spots will be open for other athletes to fill.

Once you are registered, you can make adjustments to your record until the event is full or closed for final match production. Online squadding will be open from **Monday, January 5** to **Monday, February 2** – all registrations following Monday, February 2, will need to be made through an ACUI or SCTP staff member. If you need assistance making adjustments, please reach out to Taylor Blechschmid at tblechschmid@acui.org or to April Carr at april@mysctp.com.

Do not pay the SCTP \$45 coach and \$35 student athlete membership fees as ACUI will be covering these for all athletes and coaches participating in a collegiate 2025-26 bowl series event and/or in the 2026 nationals event. Fees for athletes and coaches NOT participating in a 2025-26 season competition will not be covered. Athletes and coaches participating in practices and local shoots but not participating in a collegiate 2025-26 bowl series and/or national events, must contact SCTP directly for insurance coverage and membership payment.

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 during business hours. SCTP is in the central time zone and is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Event	American Doubles Trap American Trap	American Skeet American Skeet Doubles	Sporting Clays	Super Sporting
Time allowance to complete event	1 hour 1 hour	1.5 hours 1.5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours

ENTRY FEE INFORMATION

Member Pricing Before February 2, 2026 (per event)

\$72 American Trap, American Skeet,
American Trap Doubles, American Skeet Doubles
\$89 ACUI Sporting Clays and Super Sporting

Member Pricing After February 2, 2026* (per event)

\$88 American Trap, American Skeet,
American Trap Doubles, American Skeet Doubles
\$105 ACUI Sporting Clays and Super Sporting

Non-Member Pricing Before February 2, 2026 (per event)

\$88 American Trap, American Skeet,
American Trap Doubles, American Skeet Doubles
\$105 ACUI Sporting Clays and Super Sporting

Non-Member Pricing After February 2, 2026* (per event)

\$104 American Trap, American Skeet,
American Trap Doubles, American Skeet Doubles
\$120 ACUI Sporting Clays and Super Sporting

**Registration after Feb. 2 will only be offered for one week to ensure the collection of all necessary team and participant information.*

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 or email acui@acui.org.

PAYMENT & FORMS

1. Payment via check or credit card must be received before the athlete will be permitted to participate. Checks or credit cards will be accepted on site. Cash will be accepted for purchase of practice rounds from the National Shooting Complex. **Only ACUI member institutions can pay via card through the SHOT system** – non-members institutions or late registrations will need to go through an ACUI or SCTP staff member.
2. Complete the official registration entry online. To pay by check or onsite, please do not pay through the SHOT system. Payment can be made at the time of registration through the SHOT system by ACUI members only! Non-members or late registrations will need to be paid either over the phone or on site through an ACUI or SCTP staff member.
3. Next, please have the athlete and coach or advisor sign the **Safety Guidelines**, have all your participating athletes sign an **Eligibility & Code of Conduct** form, and have your school registrar and team fill out your **Academic Eligibility Form** and send everything via email to Taylor Blechschmid at tblechschmid@acui.org or via mail to:

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

Please note: If your school requires an updated W9 form to submit payments to ACUI, please email acuiclays@acui.org.

Original copies of the academic eligibility form **MUST** be turned in onsite if they are not mailed directly to the ACUI Central Office.

4. Make checks/travelers checks/money orders payable to **ACUI**. ACUI & SCTP also accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. Cash is not accepted.
5. 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. Failure to pay these fees results in ineligibility for future ACUI events until the account has been cleared. 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 acui@acui.org. Any refund, if applicable, will be processed after the tournament less all fees.

1. Upon written request, credit or refund will be issued for all fees, until March 2.
2. After March 2, upon written request, only credit will be issued for all fees, less a \$50 processing charge, until March 9.
3. No credits or refunds will be issued after March 9.
4. Unpaid cancellation fees and no-shows are billed. Lack of payment of these items results in ineligibility for future ACUI events until the account has been cleared.

Substitutions are welcome. To initiate a substitution, please ensure that the new athlete has a profile created in the SHOT system, then submit an email to acuiclays@acui.org and april@mysctp.com with the requested substitution (who is no longer competing, who is the new competitor).

REGISTRATION ONSITE

A team representative must check in, verify their 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, individual classes, team divisions, and should confirm all registered participants are squadded.**

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

To recognize student athletes at the ACUI & SCTP Collegiate Clay Target Championships, ACUI & SCTP uses a classification system for competition. The system will be based on an athlete's average from participation in any of the 2025-26 academic year Bowl Series events or other events hosted through the SCTP's SHOT System.

Classes will be determined as follows*:

- Performance in American Skeet will determine class for American Skeet and Doubles American Skeet at Nationals.
- Performance in American Trap will determine class for American Trap and Doubles American Trap at Nationals.
- Performance in Sporting Clays will determine class for Sporting Clays and Super Sporting at Nationals.
- If more than one conference championships event is attended, athletes will be classified by their average score in each event. All percentages are rounded up.

**Please note: If an athlete cannot be classed in all disciplines they are registered for, they will be placed in the Open Category for all events.*

If the athlete shoots in class, they will shoot in class for all six events. If an athlete is placed in the Open Category, they will shoot in the Open Category for all events. Any athlete shooting in class can request to compete in a higher class than assigned by the above requirements (aka, "bump up" classes) in any discipline. Please note that if an athlete bumps up for Skeet or Doubles Skeet, they must bump up for both Doubles Skeet and Skeet; if they bump up for Trap or Doubles Trap, they must bump up for both Doubles Trap and Trap; if an athlete bumps up for Sporting Clays or Super Sporting, they must bump up for both Super Sporting and Sporting Clays. Any class changes must be received through the following **Change Request Form** prior to the first shot fired in that event: <https://forms.gle/fcPh5ByczcBRnD3A7>.

Participants with no scores from 2025-26 Bowl Series events, or other events hosted through the SCTP's SHOT System, are automatically placed in the Open Category. If a student does not believe they have been classed correctly based on scores, or if they did not compete in a bowl series this year and do not want to be placed in the Open Category, they can submit registered targets through National Governing Bodies or from other events hosted through the SHOT system to be used in consideration of their classification.

Shoot management reserves the right to move classes for athletes based on known ability. Regardless of class or category, athletes can be squadded together but do not compete against each other's scores.

Classes for Skeet & Trap events are:

- AA – Top average score of 95 or above
- A – 85-94
- B – 75-84
- C – 74 or below

Classes for Sporting events are:

- AA – Top average score of 85 or above
- A – 70-84
- B – 55-69
- C – 54 or below

Open Category:

- Any athlete who cannot be classed in all the events they have registered for based on the requirements outlined above will be placed in the open class.

SCORING

Individual Scores for Each Discipline – In each event, there will be open category individual men’s, open category individual women’s, team/school divisions, and individual classes (men’s and women’s). Raw scores will be used to determine winners for each event and will be awarded as described below. 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.

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. Only individuals shooting the three core events, but less than the six main disciplines, will be eligible to win this award.

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

Team Scores for Each Discipline – Team awards will be based on scores calculated for the top five individual team members from a school. Schools are determined at registration and confirmed by your institutional registrar paperwork. The top five 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, third highest target count is third place. This will be awarded by division (I, II, III, & IV).

Institutions with less than the specified number of competitors are not eligible for team awards. Each school would be limited to one award in each event for team discipline awards.

For all offered events, a team consists of five student athlete team members.

DIVISIONS FOR HOA

Divisions will be used to help recognize talented students from all size programs and identify high overall scoring programs. Schools will compete in their respective divisions:

- Division I – Schools with more than 21 representatives
- Division II – Schools with 11–20 student representatives
- Division III – Schools with 1–10 student representatives
- Division IV – Junior college, community college, or career college (technical or vocational)

Teams competing for the first time will be placed in a division based on the above criteria.

Coaches or student leaders may opt to have their schools participate in the larger school categories (aka “bump up”) during the registration process but must notify the ACUI & SCTP staff of changes to the original intention at or before onsite check-in. A school remains in “home” division as noted by number of participants in this year’s event. Schools may not opt to participate in a smaller school category (aka “bump down”). Divisions only apply to team awards and do not affect individual awards.

TEAM HIGH OVERALL AWARD (HOA) AND TEAM CLASSIC ALL AROUND (CAA)

All team members must represent the same school (indicated by the registrar’s verification through the eligibility form). Only schools with five athletes shooting the three core events (American Trap, American Skeet, Sporting Clays), but less than the six main disciplines, will be eligible to win the team CAA award. Teams with five athletes shooting in all six main events (American Trap, American Trap Doubles, American Skeet, American Skeet Doubles, Sporting Clays, Super Sporting) will be eligible to win the team HOA award. Students do not need to shoot all named events for an HOA or CAA award for

their scores to count toward a team's top five event scores. The following events make up each of the team HOA and CAA awards:

- **HOA** – American Trap, American Trap Doubles, American Skeet, American Skeet Doubles, Sporting Clays, and Super Sporting.
- **CAA** – American Trap, American Skeet, and Sporting Clays

First through third place will be presented in each division. All winning schools will receive trophies. This is designed to recognize an entire roster of a school attending and encourage all-around shooting.

Further clarification:

- Targets broken determine placements. A perfect score is 3,000 per school for HOA and 1,500 for CAA.
- In team HOA and CAA, all scores, men's and women's, count toward the team's total score.
- Teams eligible to win team HOA are not eligible to win team CAA.
- In each division, the top five totals of targets broken in the individual discipline (men's or women's) will be counted. Total targets broken added together will yield the winning school. For example:
 - Top 5 Sporting Clay scores (men's or women's) + Top 5 Super Sporting Clays scores (men's or women's) + Top 5 American Trap scores (men's or women's) + Top 5 American Skeet scores (men's or women's) + Top 5 American Trap Doubles scores (men's or women's) + Top 5 American Skeet Doubles scores (men's or women's). All individuals must be registered to shoot from the same school.

TIES

Ties for individuals in first, second, and third place in the six main events will be shot off according to the NGB rules. The format of the shoot-off will be determined the day of the shoot off and will be based on the number of ties to be broken, time available to break the ties, generally accepted tie-breaking formats, and weather.

Ties for teams in first, second, and third place in the six main events will be shot off, and the format of the shoot-off will be determined the day of the shoot off. They will be based on the number of ties to be broken, time available to break the ties, generally accepted tie-breaking formats, and weather.

Team and Individual ties for HOA and CAA awards may be shot off by a round of Make-A-Break. The format of the shoot-off will be confirmed and announced the day of the shoot off. They will be based on the number of ties to be broken, time available to break the ties, generally accepted tie-breaking formats, and weather.

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 back run.

If a tie cannot be broken by shoot off due to unforeseen circumstances, back 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 back 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.

Any ties for special awards will be broken, time permitting. If time does not permit, they are broken by raw scores and back runs. If time does permit, the shoot management will determine how the tie is broken.

COURSE OF FIRE

American Skeet: 100 targets

American Skeet Doubles: 100 targets

American Trap: 100 targets

American Trap Doubles: 100 targets

Sporting Clays: 100 targets

Super Sporting: 100 targets

SHOOT-OFFS

Live scores are on the internet and accessible at any time. 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 NGB rules.

AWARDS INFORMATION

1. Medals will be awarded to individuals in first, second and third place for each event based on raw scores in AA, A, B, & C classifications in men's and women's categories.
2. Medals will be awarded to individuals in first, second, and third place for each event based on raw scores in the open men's and women's categories.
3. Medals will be awarded to each member of the first, second, and third place team for each event based on raw individual scores. Teams in first, second, or third place in events in each division will receive a plaque as well.
4. The High Overall National Championship school in each division will receive a trophy. First through third places will be recognized.
5. The Classic All Around champion (Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays) school in each division will receive a trophy. Only teams that shoot the core three events listed above, but do not shoot all six main events, will be eligible for this award. First through third places will be recognized.
6. All American Team Awards will recognize the top 10 HOA scores as "First Team All-American", the next 10 HOA Scores as "Second Team All-American", and the next 5 HOA scores as "All-American Honorable Mentions". This recognition can be awarded to competing men or women.
7. All American Women Awards will recognize the top 10 HOA scores by female athletes.
8. Students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will receive an Academic Achievement Award. GPAs must be verified by an institution's registrar's office on the team's Academic Eligibility Form. If the form is received by March 1, students who receive an academic achievement award will be listed in the printed program.
9. Trophies will also be awarded to:
 - Men's High Overall
 - Women's High Overall
 - Men's Classic All Around
 - Women's Classic All Around
10. Medals will also be awarded to:
 - Men's High Overall Runner Up
 - Women's High Overall Runner Up
 - Men's Classic All Around Runner Up
 - Women's Classic All Around Runner Up
 - Men's High Overall Third Place
 - Women's High Overall Third Place
 - Men's Classic All Around Third Place
 - Women's Classic All Around Third Place
11. Plaques will also be awarded to:
 - Men's High Combined Singles Events
 - Men's High Combined Doubles Events
 - Men's High Combined Trap Events
 - Men's High Combined Skeet Events
 - Men's High Combined Sporting Clays Events
 - Women's High Combined Singles Events
 - Women's High Combined Doubles Events
 - Women's High Combined Trap Events
 - Women's High Combined Skeet Events
 - Women's High Combined Sporting Clays Events
 - Men's High American Trap
 - Men's High American Skeet
 - Men's High American Doubles Trap
 - Men's High American Doubles Skeet
 - Men's High Sporting Clays
 - Men's High Super Sporting

- Women's High American Trap
- Women's High American Skeet
- Women's High American Doubles Trap
- Women's High American Doubles Skeet
- Women's High Sporting Clays
- Women's High Super Sporting



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