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The Utah State Trapshooting Association (USTA) Target Year 2011 schedule was finalized during a USTA Board of Director's meeting on 25 September 2010. The schedule is shown on the home page of this website.

The BoD also changed the minimum target requirements for the Open/Men's State Team effective for the 2011 target year. The new requirements are for a minimum of 1,500 targets in each discipline. The club requirement remains the same as before, i.e., at least seven in-state clubs. The requirements for the other teams remain unchanged.

Last month I mentioned that there is a new rule regarding squadding of short yardage shooters. Since it's an important safety rule, and since it's a fundamental change from what many of us are used to, I'm going to repeat it here:

Effective September 1, 2010, the rule regarding squadding of short yardage shooters will be changed to read as follows:

Section IV, G, 2 (second sentence):

*"When squadding 18, **19, & 20** yard shooters, there shall be no more than one yard difference between adjacent shooters in the squad and no more than a total difference of two yards in a squad."*

This change adds 19- and 20-yard shooters to the previous rule. Please be aware of this when squadding shooters or being squadded.

Another aspect of the rules also bears mentioning. This is with regard to the age-based Category requirements. Category shooters and club handicapping personnel need to be attentive to the parameters that determine which age-based category is correct (Section IV, J, sentences 2 – 5):

"A shooter who has not reached his/her 15th birthday may declare as a Sub-Junior.

A shooter who is 15 but has not reached his/her 18th birthday may declare as Junior.

A shooter who is 65 but not reached his/her 70th birthday may declare as a Veteran.

A shooter who is 70 years of age and older may declare as a Senior Veteran. "

Additionally, sentence 7 in Section IV, J also needs to be kept in mind:

"Shooters who become eligible for new age based categories during the target year may elect to continue to compete in the previous category for the remainder of that target year. (For example a shooter reaching age 70 may elect to continue to shoot as a Veteran for the remainder of the current target year.) However, once a shooter has elected to move to the new category that decision is irrevocable and he/she may not again declare eligibility for the previous category. Junior shooters reaching the age of 18 may continue to declare Junior category for the remainder of the current target year."

All shooters are responsible to see that they are classified/handicapped correctly (Section II, C, 2). Failure to do so will, as a minimum, result in forfeiture of any trophies and monies won, so please check and double check your tournament entry sheet.

We have two registered shoots before we enter into a short hiatus in the registered shooting year. At the beginning of October there is a shoot at Cedar City Gun Club. And at the end of October there is a shoot at Purgatory Clay Sports. The next registered shoot after October will be a New Year's shoot at Purgatory Clay sports.

The Webmaster at utahtrap.com and utahtrapshooters.com is compiling a schedule of fun shoots. Please submit your club's fun shoot schedule so that we can get word out to shooters.

Thank You, *Scott Hoover* / Utah ATA Delegate