

ATA DELEGATE'S NEWS LETTER

The 2009 Grand American has come and gone. I posted from Sparta every day that I was there. If you didn't read those while they were happening, you can still read the thread at UtahTrapshooters.com.

We had 32 shooters attending from Utah, including 14 AIM shooters. AIM is the ATA's youth development program. Three teams from the Golden Spike Trap Club competed in the AIM championships at the Grand this year, and the GSTC Clay Dusters took third place in the Junior B Class division. Congratulations to Jackson Tuckett, Shawn Cahoon (ID), Josh Allen, Taylor Garfield, and Colton Anderson on some fine shooting. More information on AIM is available at the [AIM page](#) on shootata.com.

Six of the adult attendees were shooting at Sparta for the first time. They were: Brad and Sheree Averett, Chad and Clint Sorensen, Bill Skinner, and Joe Bakker. Ask them about their experiences at the Grand the next time you see them. Be sure you have some time because I think you'll be in for a long story about how much fun and good food there was. And they even had time to shoot some good scores, too.

There were four rule changes that came out of the General Meeting at the Grand. They are:

“At all major tournaments where All American points will be awarded, Lady shooters may declare only one category, i.e., Lady, Sub-Junior, Junior, Veteran, Senior Veteran, or none.”

“Any shooter who is tied for event Champion may shoot-off/carry-over for the Championship trophy. If a shooter fails in the championship trophy shoot-off/carry and has declared a Special Category, the shooter will fall back to their declared category. Any shooter who has declared a Special Category at classification and whose score qualifies them for any trophy in their declared category will compete for the category trophy and not for place, class, or yardage group. A category shooter whose score doesn't qualify them for a trophy in their category may compete for place, class, or yardage group.”

Create a new code: “F” (“Floor”) code. This code would be used to specify a yardage below which a shooter cannot be reduced.

Change the “Y” code: “No shooter with a ‘Y’ code in their special codes will be reduced below the 24.0 yard line. This code may be waived for shooters upon special review.” [Previously this was waived for Veterans and Senior Veterans only.] [This is a code that applies to people who have reached the 27-yard line.]

The final wording of these changes may be different than what I've quoted above, but the intent should be the same. These changes are effective starting September 1st. Clubs should probably formulate a policy regarding the first two items just to avoid any possible confusion.



UP COMING EVENTS

Non-Registered	“Fun Shoots”
See USTA website	For Dates

The rule regarding Lady's declarations applies, as stated, to major tournaments where All American points are awarded. Smaller shoots may want to indicate whether that policy will be followed, or whether they will allow Ladies to declare more than one category.

The second item should appear in the Rule Book under the ATA Trophies section. So, again, smaller shoots might want to state their policy regarding this situation.

Keep in mind that the new target year starts on September 1st this year. We have a full schedule of shoots coming up over the next five weeks. Hopefully each of you can make them all. If not, please try to attend as many as possible. September is a great time to shoot and establish your averages for the new target year.

Thank You,

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