

*WESTERN REGIONAL
INDEPENDENT
TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION*

WRITA

2025

TRAP SHOOTING RULES

WRITA General Rules.

1. Legal guns and trap loads as stated. No participant in any WRITA event shall use:
 - a. A gun with a chamber larger than 12 – gauge.
 - b. Loads that contain nickel or copper coated shot or tracer loads.
 - c. Any shells loaded with black powder.
 - d. Any loads with a velocity greater than 1290 feet per second (FPS) with a maximum shot charge of 1 1/8 ounces, or 1325 FPS with a maximum shot charge of 1 ounce, or 1350 FPS with a maximum shot charge of 7/8 ounces as measured in an individual shot shell. In addition, no shell may contain more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot and no shell may contain shot size larger than # 7 1/2.
2. Shot charges are maximum and no charge may exceed the charge amount by more than 3 %.
3. All loads subject to inspection by WRITA officers or the hosting club.
4. On Sunday, a shooter must shoot at all 100 targets to qualify for any monies.
5. Yardage cards will be issued to all shooters.
6. All shooters are welcome. To establish a WRITA yardage a shooter must shoot 250 WRITA handicap targets in a calendar year. New shooters will shoot at the yardage listed below or their established yardage (PITA, ATA, etc...), whichever is greater. Non-established shooters who earn yardage in a WRITA event shall not shoot closer than their new yardage as long as they remain un-established.
 - a. Males will shoot at 22 yards.
 - b. Juniors will shoot at 20 yards.
 - c. Ladies will shoot at 18 yards.
 - d. Sub-juniors will shoot at 18 yards.

Known ability may be used in determining a shooter's yardage.

No adult male shooter closer than 20 yards except some established shooters who start the season as a Juniors.

Once a WRITA yardage is established a shooter always shoots their WRITA yardage.

7. A Junior shooter is any shooter 15 - 17 years old. A Sub-junior is any shooter 14 years and under. Any Junior or Sub-junior who has a birthday in the shooting year will finish the year in the age group he/she started the year in, and may shoot his established handicap for the remainder of the season even if he is closer than 20 yards and turns 18. A High School Shooter is any shooter currently enrolled in school in grade 12 or less. A High School shooter who graduates during the season may participate in the High School Option for the remainder of the season provided he or she has participated in it at least once during the season prior to graduating. A Veteran is any shooter 60-69 years old and a senior veteran is any shooter 70 and older. A Veteran who has a birthday in the shooting year will finish the year in the age group he/she started in.

8. Earned yardage will be determined on the score of each 50 handicap targets.
Saturday: High score and ties for high will receive a one (1) yard punch. Second highest score and all ties for second will receive a half (1/2) yard punch. A score of 47 or higher will automatically receive a half (1/2) yard punch.
Sunday: High score and ties for high will receive a one (1) yard punch. Second highest score and all ties for second will receive a half (1/2) yard punch. A score of 47 or higher will automatically receive a half (1/2) yard punch.
9. Any violation of yardage rules shall result in forfeiture of any and all monies.
10. Yardage Reductions:
A shooter having shot 500 or more handicap targets, since their last yardage punch, with an average of 88 % or less may request a one (1) yard reduction. NO more than TWO REDUCTIONS will be allowed per shoot year. Targets not recorded in the WRITA master database shall not be considered (shot prior to 1995)
All yardage reductions PRIOR to the Grand. NO REDUCTIONS AT THE GRAND.
11. The WRITA officers shall not be required to provide scores, averages, shooter handicaps, or other WRITA information to other shooting organizations.
12. A shooter must shoot in at least six (6) Sunday shoots to qualify for ADDED MONEY at the WRITA GRAND. A shooter must shoot at least six (6) Sunday shoots as a WRITA MEMBER to qualify for season trophies and awards at the WRITA GRAND, scores shot as a non-member will not be used in calculating season awards. A Sunday shoot consists of 100 targets, 50 singles, and 50 handicaps.
13. FAILURE TO FIRE:
A shooter will be allowed two failures to fire per sub-event. Examples include: Flinches, broken gun, unloaded gun, indented primer, dud shell when the wad remains in the barrel, malfunctions of any kind, etc. The scorer will indicate an "F" in the box on the score sheet for each failure to fire and another target will be allowed. After two "F's" per sub-event, all subsequent failure to fire will be declared lost and scored accordingly.
14. NON MEMBER FEE:
Any non-WRITA shooter shall pay a \$5.00 non-WRITA fee on each day they shoot.
15. Any shooter, who misses his /her singles squad on Sunday, is required to re-squad for the entire 100 targets. A re-squadding fee may be charged at the discretion of the host club.
16. There will be two yardage groups for the 60 bird backer. The short yardage shooters will shoot from the 24 yard line, and the long yardage shooters will shoot from the 27 yard line. All earned yardage, including 1/2 yards, will be counted. The short yardage shooters total yardage will be an established WRITA yardage of 48 yards or less. The long yardage shooters total yardage will be an established WRITA yardage of 48 1/2 yards or more. A win is 1st or 2nd place. Any person who has won twice or does not have an established WRITA yardage must shoot from the 27 yard line. The

win list for the backer has been reset for the start of the 2019 season. Shooters are responsible to shoot from the correct yardage - NO MATTER WHAT!! No WRITA event can be shot more than one time for the monies except the 60 bird backer providing that:

- a. shooters who shoot the backer more than once for money must shoot with different partners
- b. Shooters shooting more than once must be able to squad with enough space between squads to prevent delays. A five-minute maximum call shall apply.
- c. No shooter may shoot the backer more than twice for monies

The backer will be shot with legal trap loads only and there will be: NO PULL BANGS. Definition of Pull Bang; if the 1st shooter misses and 2nd man's gun does not go off –LOST TARGET. If 1st man's gun does not go off and 2nd man shoots and misses - LOST TARGET. If wrong person calls for bird - LOST TARGET.

Earned wins and yardage from previous years will be carried forward. (Beginning in 2014 all shooters may start over and shoot from the 24 yard line, same rules as above apply).

17. The Grand location is rotated between clubs according to the sequence listed below. If a club chooses to pass and not host the Grand, that club will be skipped in the rotation and will not be eligible to host the Grand until all other clubs have had their turn in the rotation. All monies received from the raffle will go to WRITA. All other monies from the Grand to be paid to the hosting club.
18. A Club must field a team for six (6) shoots one (1) year prior to their shoot rotation for the Grand and the Grand year. If not, their rotation will be skipped and they will not be eligible to Host the Grand until all other clubs have had their turn in the rotation.
 - Canby (2025)
 - Verboort (2026)
 - Hillsboro (2027)
 - Madras (2028)
 - Tillamook (2029)
 - Prineville (2030)
 - Albany (2031)
 - Vancouver (2032)
 - Newberg (2033)
19. Written Grievances must be taken to the WRITA President, Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer. Any two of the above-mentioned officers and or club representatives are required to hear or review the grievance and make a ruling over said grievance. Once a ruling has been made, that ruling is final and will not be addressed again until the winter meeting, if necessary.
20. The Rules Committee consists of the Team Reps.
21. A trap may be changed after the shoot has started in the event of a break down or weather conditions that cause the trap to throw illegal targets. If this occurs, only the height of the targets

will be changed...the field will not be reset unless there is a mechanical breakdown. The host club will be responsible for setting the targets before each event. Targets will be 48-52 yards, height at 10 yards in front of trap house to 8' to 12' high.

22. No non-backer WRITA event can be shot more than one time for the monies . If a shooter shoots a non-backer WRITA event twice, the first time must be for the monies and the second time for “targets only”.
23. All WRITA events will be shot prior to any club events. WRITA events are (Saturday). Preliminary Handicap and 60 Bird Backer, (Sunday) Singles and Handicap targets.
24. All individual shoot offs will occur as follows: 10 – Singles and 15 Handicap targets repetitively until a winner is determined. No shooter may start on post 1 unless the squad is full. All shoot off’s will be shot on the same trap.
25. Any shooter, who knowingly falsifies their record or deliberately omits scores or falsifies their handicap yardage at any WRITA shoot, may be suspended and barred from participating in WRITA events for a period of one year for such infractions. In cases of flagrant or repeated violations of WRITA rules the Executive Committee may invoke up to a lifetime suspension.

WRITA MONIES AND FEES

1. Membership dues in WRITA shall be as follows:
Regular membership: \$20.00 annually.
Junior Membership (age 17 and under at time of payment): \$5.00 annually.
Membership dues are for the calendar year, may not be prorated, and are non-refundable. Each shooter must have his or her own WRITA membership to receive benefit of membership. WRITA will issue cards as evidence of WRITA Membership.
2. A \$50.00 entry fee from each participating Team is to be paid at the first of each year.
3. Entry fees for WRITA shoots will be set as follows:
\$19.00 for 50 handicap targets on Saturday with \$4.00 minimum to an event purse. Cash Purse recommended being paid 1 in 5 with PITA division.
\$32.00 (per team) for 60 Bird Backer, with \$12.00 minimum to an event purse. Cash Purse recommended being paid 1 in 5 with PITA division.
\$34.00 for total 100 targets on Sunday, with a \$4.00 minimum to create an event purse. Cash Purse recommended being paid 1 in 5 with PITA division.
4. DAILY FEE:
A fee of \$2.00 per shooter per day will be charged. The daily fees will be paid to WRITA by the host club following the Sunday event.

5. WRITA MAGNUM:

Each 50 target handicap shall have a shooter option for "WRITA Magnum". Cost for this option shall be \$1.00 per handicap event. Entry fees for this option shall be paid to WRITA by the hosting club, and WRITA shall account for the Magnum pot separately from regular WRITA monies. Any shooter who breaks a perfect 50 in a WRITA handicap event shall be paid half of the current WRITA Magnum balance. In the event that there is more than one perfect 50 in a WRITA Handicap event; the payout shall be evenly split between the tying scores.

6. An award will be furnished by the host club for High Gun, Lady, Junior, Sub-junior, Veteran and Sr. Veteran at each shoot. In the case where a shooter qualifies for more than 1 award, (High gun / High Veteran / Senior veteran, High Lady / High Gun, High Junior or Sub-Junior / High Gun) that shooter will only be allowed to choose 1 of the awards they qualified for with the other award(s) going to the next highest shooter(s) in that class.

WRITA will furnish medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the High School Option.

7. Beginning in 2015 we will go to a Points System as follows: 1st place team -3 2nd place team -2 and 3rd place team -1 on an accumulative point's base. Team points will be tallied up and deducted from each team's total to determine the Team Pays.

8. Sunday's event purse paid on total 100 targets.

9. The host club is responsible for the cost of "targets only" portion of any WRITA event entries by the WRITA Secretary.

10. Sunday Calcutta to be paid on last 50 handicap targets, with auction held prior to shooting of handicap targets. Host club may keep up to 5% of the total Calcutta money (Both Saturday and Sunday) as an administrative fee to help offset the cost of WRITA Secretary Targets and team purse. The Calcutta on WRITA events shall be paid 1 in 6 70/30%.

11. "TARGETS and TROPHIES ONLY" may be shot for \$15.00 per 50 targets for all or part of an event. Shooters wishing to squad for the singles only on Sunday must choose a squad higher than all squads shooting the complete 100 target Sunday event. Any shooter that squads for singles only may not shoot the handicap that afternoon.

12. Sunday Singles shall include a trophy option for High School Shooters. High School shooters may but are not required to shoot the Sunday handicap targets to be eligible for this option. All other program options will be left to the discretion of the HOST CLUB.

13. Shoot schedule shall be printed on each program and mailed or emailed to each listed person at least 2 weeks prior to the shoot by the hosting club. WRITA will pay up to 50 percent of the postage for the First Club to host a WRITA Shoot for each new season.

14. Event purse will be for three (3) yardage groups: 18-21 yards, 22-24 yards and 25-27 yards.

15. Left over WRITA monies including projected revenues from the WRITA Grand Less Projected Capital needed to start up the following year shall be paid out as added money at the WRITA Grand. These monies will be divided proportionately between all WRITA events. This does not include WRITA Magnum funds, which carry over to the next shoot season.
16. Shooter winnings totaling less than \$5.00 and not picked up at the conclusion of a shoot are not required to be mailed by the host club and may be kept by the host club at the sole discretion of the host club.
17. Participants who have an established Oregon College Savings Plan account may elect to have their winnings deposited directly into their OCSP account for an individual shoot. The participant must make this declaration at the time of registration and present the cashier with an OCSP contribution form that is completed in its entirety with exception of the contribution dollar amount. This designation is not revocable. As of 12/1/2021, the minimum OCSP deposit is \$5.00. Winning totals less than this amount will be payable directly to the participant. Winning totals that meet or exceed the OCSP minimum deposit will be recorded on the contribution form by the cashier and forwarded to the host club for payment. The host club will mail such winnings and corresponding contribution forms directly to OCSP.

WRITA TEAM RULES

1. Any non-profit organization may form a team by paying the \$50.00 entry fee prior to the start of the first WRITA Shoot of the calendar year. Such team shall be classified as an Irregular team without voting rights until both of the following might occur:
 - A. Team scores all 100 Sunday targets for 5 or more shooters at 6 or more shoots during a single shooting year.
 - B. The team is accepted as a Regular Team by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.
2. Only Regular Teams shall be entitled to hold a WRITA shooting event.
3. A Regular Team who is entitled to hold a WRITA shoot may choose the location to host their shoot. A Regular team is not required to host a shoot.
4. WRITA Teams must pay their entry fee prior to the end of the first WRITA shoot of the calendar year.
5. WRITA Members may declare what team they will shoot for at the time of joining or renewing, or they may join as an independent. Each shooter's team affiliation shall be recorded on their annual membership card. Shooters may not change teams for the remainder of the calendar year. Shooters who join WRITA without declaring a team (Independents) may join a team anytime during the shoot season. A shooter must shoot for his or her team a minimum of six (6) times during the current season to be eligible to shoot for his or her team at the WRITA Grand. Shoots shot as an

independent do not count towards the six required team scores.

6. Teams may impose additional requirements for their team such as membership in an Elks Lodge. Such requirements shall be on a team by team basis, and not managed or monitored by WRITA.
7. Team scores shall be the sum total of the five (5) best 100 target scores by members of the team.
8. All Team members shall be current in WRITA dues. WRITA cards (and team affiliation) will be checked at the handicap table prior to squadding at a WRITA shoot. No shooter who is not a current WRITA member may score for a team.
9. Each team must have the team member's names and scores posted PRIOR to the start of the last 50 target event. It is the responsibility of each team to record their shooter's names and scores and total their team score.
10. A shooter must participate as a WRITA member in at least (6) Sunday shoots to qualify for the High Gun, Lady, Junior, Sub-junior, Veteran or Sr. Veteran awards which will be presented at the Grand.
11. There will be an All Star Team made up of the top five (5) High Gun's for the year. A shooter must participate as a WRITA member in at least six (6) Sunday shoots to qualify.
12. There will be an award for the high singles average based on (6) Sunday shoots given at the end of the year.
13. Beginning in 2015 team participation requirements were clarified for the rules. Each team must field a minimum of 5 team members at 6 shoots during the regular season. Teams that fail to do so but wish to continue in WRITA will be placed on probation for one year. Upon a second consecutive year of not meeting this requirement, they will be placed on a second year of probation and voting rights will be suspended. Three consecutive years of not meeting this requirement will result in expulsion from WRITA.
14. Beginning in 2017, host teams are required to submit final shoot scores for WRITA events (not including 60 bird backer) to the WRITA Secretary in standardized electronic format. See Appendix A for acceptable format(s)
15. Beginning in 2025, WRITA is adopting a Season Pre-Squad Program. The program gives WRITA members the opportunity to pay a fee and reserve specific squad(s) and post(s) for WRITA events for the entire WRITA season. Basic details as initially adopted are attached as Appendix B.

Electronic Format Standard for WRITA Scores

Scores for WRITA shoots shall be reported to the WRITA Secretary electronically in an excel spread sheet or comma separated file in the following format:

Column 1: WRITA shooter number - integer (####)

Column 2: Shooter Name- Text (Last, First)

Column 3: Date of Sunday Shoot – Short Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Column 4: Host ID- Text (XX)

Column 5: Preliminary Handicap Yardage- number (##.#)

Column 6: Preliminary Handicap score- integer (##)

Column 7: Singles Score- integer (##)

Column 8: Handicap yardage- number (##.#)

Column 9: Handicap Score- integer (##)

Column 10: Sunday Total- integer (####)

Any events not shot should be left blank (No zeros)

Host ID is the two letter code for the host team. Current codes are as follows:

Albany: AB

Canby: CB

Prineville PR

Madras: MA

Verboort: VB

Vancouver: VA

Newberg: NB

Hillsboro: HI

Grand: GR

Tillamook: TI

Example:

ID NUMBER	NAME	SHOOT DATE	HOST ID	SAT YDG	SAT HCP	SUN SGLS	SUN YDG	SUN HCP	SUNT
48	GRIESENAUER, GARY	7/10/2016	CB	27	46	49	27	40	89
49	MCELLIOTT, RICK	7/10/2016	CB	22	44	42	22	45	87
58	HATFIELD, OSCAR	7/10/2016	CB			45	21	42	87
87	AYRES, BRANDON	7/10/2016	CB	27	46	47	27	48	95

Alternatively, Scores may be submitted in the standard export files from 3S Shooting Sports Software providing the following:

1. All shooters must be reported at the yardage at which they shot for each handicap event.
2. All shooters must be reported under their valid WRITA number, even if they are not a WRITA member. All shooters have a WRITA number which is available in the WRITA Master List. If a shooter has never shot WRITA before, they must be issued a WRITA number before entering a WRITA event.
3. Shooting Sports Software will create a separate report for each 50 target event. This will be acceptable. (There will be three files for each shoot, prelim, singles, and handicap)

Season Pre-Squad Program for WRITA

Summary:

The Season Pre-Squad Program allows regular WRITA shooters to pay a fee and be pre-squadded for the entire season. The program has provisions for providing notice when not attending a shoot, provisions for how the season pre-squadding is allocated, and applicable fees. The fees collected for this program will be combined with added money for the Grand.

1. Fee: \$20.00. There will be no prorating of the fee. Purchasing a Season Pre-Squad part way through the season shall still be \$20.00. Season Pre-Squads are non-transferable and non-refundable.
2. Notice requirements: Any shooter who is pre-squadded for the season and misses a shoot without providing notice to either the WRITA Secretary or the Cashier for that shoot shall lose their season pre-squad for the remainder of the season. Regaining a season pre-squad will require the payment of another \$20.00. Notice must be provided directly by the shooter who is pre-squadded. Notice must be provided to either the Secretary or the Cashier by 8:00 a.m. of the first day of the shoot that the individual is pre-squadded. WRITA officers will have the right to waive any forfeitures when they deem the reasons for failure to provide notice to be substantial enough to provide relief from the provision.
3. Backer Pre-Squadding: Shooters may pre-Squad 1 time in the backer. Both shooters must pay the season pre-squad fee, and both must list each other on their pre-squad application. In the event that a shooter provides notice that they are not attending a shoot, their backer partner will be allowed to keep the spot and add a partner for that shoot.
4. What is covered: The Season Pre-squad only covers WRITA events.
5. How spots are allocated: The season pre-squad will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis. The first opportunity to pre-squad for the season will be by including your fee and pre-squad preferences with your annual renewal membership. Those will be prioritized by the order in which they arrive to the secretary. Season pre-squad requests shall only be made by annual renewal by mail or in person at a shoot. No Season Pre-squad requests can be made by phone, nor will any requests be considered that are not accompanied by payment. There is an option in the renewal to pre-squad multiple shooters on a squad. Shooters who renew and request Season pre-squad as part of a multi person squad shall ALL receive priority of the date in which the first renewal designating this group is received.
6. Changing squads: Any shooter who desires to change posts or squads for the remainder of the season may do so by contacting the WRITA Secretary. Changes, regardless of whether a result of yardage change or simple desire to move, may be done without additional fee.