

# **2025/2026 Southside Shooters Trap Team Rules Agreement**

We have been provided with a copy of the **2025/2026 Southside Shooters Trap Team Rules**.

We have read the **2025/2026 Southside Shooters Trap Team Rules** and we understand these rules and agree to follow these rules.

Team Member Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 2025/2026 Southside Shooters Trap Club Release and Consent Form

(Participant's Name) \_\_\_\_\_ has our permission to participate in the Southside Shooters Trap Club practice and competition activities. In addition, those activities required to move cases of targets to the trap houses, load the individual trap machines, and grounds keeping duties.

I approve of the leaders who will be in charge of this program. Realizing that the leaders are serving to the best of their ability and in consideration of the benefits to be derived by the participant concerned, I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against the Southside Shooters Trap Club, Pius X High School, Lincoln Lutheran High School, Lincoln Christian, the Lincoln Izaak Walton League, their agents, leaders, employees, administrators, members, and other officers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, and executions which the undersigned or their child (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ ever had, or now has, or may have, or which the undersigned's heirs, executors, administrator, personal representatives, or assigns may have, or claim to have, against the Southside Shooters Trap Club, Pius X High School, Lincoln Lutheran High School, the Lincoln Izaak Walton League or any of them or their successors or assigns for all injuries, personal or otherwise, known or unknown and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by or arising out of the above described activities.

I understand that trap shooting can be a dangerous activity and I am knowingly granting my son/daughter permission to participate in and be a member of the Southside Shooters Trap Club.

I understand that at NO time can a firearm or any shooting related items be brought onto school property for any reason.

I certify that the participant has full medical insurance. I also certify to the best of my knowledge that the participant named herein is physically and mentally fit to engage in the activities described above.

I understand that should the above-named child require medical attention for any reason while participating in the above-described activities, any doctor, emergency personnel, or hospital selected has the authority to provide any treatment deemed necessary.

I understand that my son/daughter's grades from the previous two semesters will be accessed and released to the Eastern Cornhusker Trapshooting Conference and Southside Shooters 4-H for consideration of its Academic Excellence Award.

The undersigned have read this release and consent form, understand all its terms, and execute it with full knowledge of its significance.

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Shooter/Participant Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

School my child currently attends: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ (Check One)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of January 1, 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter ID # (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

# 2025/2026 Southside Shooters Trap Team Rules

**THERE IS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR GUNS OR AMMUNITION AT OR NEAR ANY SCHOOL OR SCHOOL PROPERTY.**

You can leave your guns and ammunition at home, then pick them up after school on your way to practice; or you can store them in our Trap-Team gun safe at the Ikes Clubhouse.

These rules are provided to ensure the safety of all people involved with your trap team. Please follow all rules and keep in mind, you are a guest at this range. Practice with a purpose and have fun.

## Southside Shooters Trap Team Rules

- As a member of the Southside Shooters Trap Team, you are expected to conduct yourself in a responsible manner both on and off the line.
- Any disruptive or disrespectful behavior at practice or at a meet will result in either suspension or immediate dismissal from the team. Any disruptive activity, as determined by the shoot director or trap team coaches will result in expulsion from that meet for all individuals involved and those individuals' score will go to zero for that meet. Parents will be informed of all action.
- Members may not consume alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs or smoke or chew tobacco (including but not limited to any cigarette-like devices, tobacco product that is not lit, vaping devices or any device used to inhale a substance such as aerosol or aromatherapy oils) at any time while representing the Southside Shooters Trap Team. This includes before or during live firing or while on the premises for meetings, practices, or meets/events. Anyone in violation of this rule will be subject to removal from the team immediately.
- Eye and ear protection are required to be worn by shooters while shooting. Any shooter observed not wearing eye and/or ear protection will be informed to get this protection or be removed from competition until eye and/or ear protection is secured. This would include those scoring and pulling as well as anyone else inside the fenced area.
- The use of toe tabs for resting of muzzles is not permitted by the ECTC. Participants shall not rest muzzles on the top of their foot or any other part of their body.
- Possession of any unapproved firearm or item that can release a projectile object (i.e. slingshot, paintball gun, air pistol, BB gun, etc.) at practice or a meet/event will result in an immediate dismissal from the team.
- Shooters will not be allowed to leave a meet/event prior to its conclusion unless approved by a coach. It is important that shooters be present at the end of meets for potential shoot offs and to receive their awards.

## Southside Shooters Trap Team Ranges Rules

*Violation of range rules could result in suspension or dismissal from the team.*

- Only shotguns used for trap shooting will be allowed on the ranges. All guns will be unloaded, checked for safety and the actions open when brought on to the property.
- Prior to any shooter practicing, one of their parents/guardians is required to attend a parent meeting.
- All guns will be stored in cases or on the gun racks provided when not in use, not in the clubhouse.
- Gun muzzles will be pointed in a safe direction at ALL times. When transporting firearms to and from the line, muzzles shall point in a safe direction at the ground.
- Guns will **NOT** be loaded until the shooter is on the firing line and all other shooters are in the ready position.

- Fingers must be off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until the gun is mounted to the shoulder and ready to fire.
- The action of the shotgun must be open and the firearm unloaded until ready to use. On the trap range, this means that the shooter is on the line and the squad is ready to shoot.
- It is the shooter's responsibility to clear any gun malfunctions. In the event of a misfire, the shooter will keep the gun pointed in a safe direction and not open the action for a minimum of 10 seconds. This will allow time for a "slow burn" shell to ignite. This will ensure the safety of all people in the area. If the shooter cannot clear the weapon, he/she will keep the weapon pointed in a safe direction while raising a hand and request assistance from a Coach or Range Officer(s).
- Shooters can never load their gun prior to changing positions. When shooters are rotating from Post 5 to Post 1, they must turn to the right to avoid bumping guns with the shooter coming from Post 4. When moving from Post 5 to Post 1, shooters must always walk behind the other shooters with their action open and the muzzle pointed at the ground.
- Shells will be loaded one at a time.
- Shoulder carry with the muzzle pointing behind is not allowed at any time on the line or around the shooting facility.
- Eye and ear protection are required for ALL people inside of the fence separating the shooting area from the viewing area.
- All spectators and non-participants will remain behind the fence separating the shooting area from the viewing area.
- When a cease fire command is given, all shooters will immediately stop shooting, unload their weapons, leave the actions open and keep the gun muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- No one will go forward of the firing line unless authorized by the Coach or Range Officer(s).
- Any safety violation or Range Rule infraction will result in the shooter being removed from the firing line and possibly result in not being allowed to participate in further shooting.
- All shooters will assist in cleaning up the range area. This includes: shell casings, shell boxes, target boxes and other refuse found on the range.
- All shooters will assist in restocking trap houses before and after shooting sessions.
- Shooting anything other than approved targets is prohibited.
- Horseplay, distracting other shooters, or any form of disruptive behavior will result in immediate removal from the firing line or range and could result in dismissal from the team.
- Only shot shells designed for target shooting with shot size no larger than #7 1/2 will be used.
- Any firearm or ammunition brought onto the property will be available for inspection by the Range Officer.
- A shooter will not be allowed to practice or participate in a meet if there is a negative balance in their account.

## Trapshooting Etiquette and Rules

- Shooters must be ready to shoot when their squad is called, and when it's their turn to shoot in the squad.
- The shooter assigned to Post 1 shall be considered the squad leader and shall visually and verbally ensure all shooters and scorers are ready prior to commencing shooting and the beginning of shooting as well as after each position rotation. The squad leader has the right to request a target be thrown prior to commencement of shooting. The gun cannot be shouldered at this time, nor any target tracked while in the air unless you are the one shooting at the target.
- All shooters are required to have either a shell pouch or shooting vest for empty shells. All empty shells go into the trash after your round if you don't want to keep them.
- Do not allow shells to be ejected from your gun onto the ground or to hit and annoy other shooters. Team members shooting semi-automatics must use a shell catcher.
- Shooters must not raise their gun until the shooter ahead of them has fired.
- All members of a quad shall remain on their post, standing facing the trap quietly, until the fifth person has fired their fifth shot, prior to moving to the next post. At the end of the round, shooters must remain still on their post facing in trap until the last person has fired the last shot.

- All shooters should not unnecessarily talk on the line; voices should be kept down while you are around other squads who are shooting.
- Targets should be called for in a clear voice; do not call in such a loud voice so as to trip the voice release on the adjacent fields. Likewise, do not call too quiet so that the release does not trip.
- If you encounter a gun or ammo malfunction on the line, stop and raise your hand for a coach or range personnel to help you. Keep the muzzle pointed down range at all times until help arrives.
- Keep the benches clear for people to sit on. They aren't tables for your 'stuff'.
- Observe all safety rules. Ear and eye protection are mandatory. Do not point your gun at another person, even if you think it's unloaded. Always keep your gun pointed toward the ground or trap house. Off the firing line, keep your action open at all times.
- All shooters will practice good sportsmanship, IE no throwing shells on ground, no physical outbursts of frustration that distract other squad members. Failure to practice good shortsmanhip will result in the shooter being removed from the practice squad, and will have to sign up for the next practice squad. Any unused practice rocks will be forfeited.

## Meet Sign-ups

- Squads will be posted on our website and not sent by email. Check squads the night before each meet to note any changes.
- It is up to the shooter or their parents to inform coaches if there is a change in plans **by Tuesday prior to the trap meet**. Otherwise the shooter will be squadded for that meet and charged.
- Failure to show up for a meet at which they are squadded causes their team to not be able to compete for team awards. In case of an emergency or illness, please call Jeff D or Steve D prior to the meet and the shooter will be removed from the squad and not charged.
- Those shooters not squadded by Thursday's practice, but still want to shoot at the meet, will be squadded as an individual the day of the meet.