Holy Spirit Clays Team



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Introduction – Purpose

- Learn good sportsmanship, commitment, and safe gun handling while having fun
- Participate in a varsity sport





Introduction – The Sports

- Clay shooting is composed of skeet, trap and sporting clays
 - Skeet is game of repetition; teaches relationship between inputs and outputs
 - Trap is less structured, teaches reflexive response to various targets
 - Sporting clays presents targets in a wide variety of ways; 'golf with guns'

Who Can Join

- 7th grade and up
- Academically proficient
- Clean disciplinary record
- Must complete Hunter Safety Course online (~20 hours, and very good)
- Limit is 6 students per coach
- Right now, we have three coaches



Benefits

- Learn how to safely handle shotguns in particular and firearms in general
- Varsity sport on academic transcript
- Learn about the shooting sports through contact with other shooters
- Become proficient with shotguns in a safe and structured environment
- Fun without electronics
- Get outside
- Meet personal goals preparation for life's contingencies



Costs

- Dollars:
 - Purchase a shotgun
 - Rent one first (~\$20/day)
 - Decide what you like (~\$900-\$3000)
 - Ammunition
 - State provided (free 12 gauge, until supplies run out)
 - Parent purchase (~\$11/box * 4 boxes a week)
 - Clays (~\$8/round * 4 rounds a week)
 - Holy Spirit sports fee (~\$450 for the year)
 - Vest ~\$100 (one-time, new shooters only)
 - Travel (competitions near Macon, trip to Savanah)
 - Lessons (team coach will provide, and recommend private lessons ~\$80 each)
 - Misc: eye and hearing protection, range bag, etc.
- Time
 - Practice or competition every Saturday morning 930 am – noon (at Tom Lowe Shooting Grounds near Atlanta Airport) from early August to State Championships third week in November (in Savannah, Ga)



How It Works

- Need shotgun (rent, own, borrow), ammo (some issued, some purchased), buy targets (day of practice or match)
- Need hearing protection and eye protection
- Hearing protection: very cheap foam ear plugs to custom made (~\$60)
- Eye protection: cheap safety classes to custom prescription glasses (can be ~\$200)
- Bring water and a lunch
- Show up to practice at 9:30 am 1:00 pm at Tom Lowe; near Atlanta Airport (bring above plus cash for targets)
- Get lessons from instructors at various shooting facilities (Tom Lowe, Governor's club, Garland Mountain, etc.)

Dot is lead, pellets, wad, clay target moving right to left



Target being broken, wad veering off



Gauge of Shotguns: 12 vs 20 Gauge

- 12-gauge shells are provided by state (limited supply though)
- 12-gauge can throw a denser pattern than a 20-gauge, increasing the probability of hit
- 20-gauge are used by scouts because they generally have lower recoil



Types of Shotguns: Semi-automatic

- Price ~900-\$3000
- Pro less felt recoil
- Con must be kept clean to function, can be picky about ammunition





Types of Shotguns: over/under

- Price ~1,000 -\$4,500
- Pro simpler mechanism; very reliable; will shoot any ammo of its caliber (gauge)
- Con felt recoil is higher, all other things being equal; can be heavier



What We Need From Parents

- Transportation, or carpool to practice
- If attending practice, help with pulling or scoring
- Commitment for your child to attend
- Your contact information
- Info about anything regarding your child we need to know



If You Want To Coach

- SSSF Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation
- https://sssfonline.org/
- Take the online course (~10 hours, and very good)
- Go to a range day
- Cost is time and about \$100

SSSF BASIC SHOTGUN SHOOTING SPORTS COACH TRAINING

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) understands the vital role that volunteer coaches play in the success of youth shotgun shooting sports teams. With new teams being activated through programs such as the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) every day, the need for a simple, efficient and comprehensive path to shotgun coach certification is realized as the SSSF Basic Shotgun Coach Certification Program.



The Basic Shotgun Coach Certification Program is designed for prospective coaches wishing to start or join a youth clay target or action shooting sports team as a coach or an adult volunteer. The intuitive, primarily online-based curriculum certifies coaches to work with beginning and novice athletes involved in the shotgun sports of American Trap, American Skeet, and Sporting Clays.

BEGIN THE ONLINE COURSE FIND A RANGE DAY

Safety Record of the Sport

SPORTS INJURY STUDY

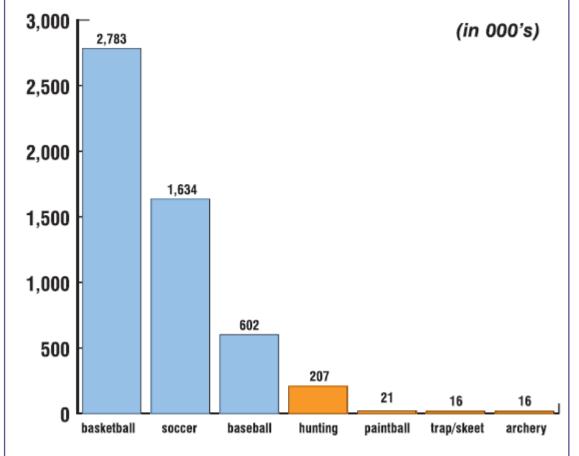
Total Injuries Ranked by Sport

	Numbers are in thousands (000)					
Sport Total	Total	Injured	% of	Injuries Per		
	Sport Participants	Participants	Total Injuries	100 Participants		
TOTAL INJURIES	211,202	20,145	100.0	9.5		
Basketball	36,584	2,783	13.8	7.6		
Running/Jogging	35,866	1,654	8.2	4.6		
Soccer	17,641	1,634	8.1	9.3		
Football (tackle)	5,783	1,084	5.4	18.8		
Baseball	10,402	602	3.0	5.8		
Bicycling (recreational)	53,524	445	2.2	0.8		
Tennis	16,353	415	2.1	2.5		
Ice Hockey	2,612	415	2.1	15.9		
Skateboarding	12,997	399	2.0	3.1		
Walking (recreational)	84,986	384	1.9	0.5		
Golf	27,812	291	1.4	1.0		
Hunting	16,471	207	1.0	1.3		
Gymnastics	5,149	149	0.7	2.9		
Ice Skating	14,530	105	0.5	0.7		
Swimming (recreational)	92,667	73	0.4	0.1		
Bowling	53,160	50	0.2	0.1		
Paintball	8,679	21	0.1	0.2		
Shooting (trap & skeet)	3,696	16	0.1	0.4		
Archery	6,650	16	0.1	0.2		
Canoeing	10,933	11	0.1	0.1		

Source: American Sports Data, Inc. - A Comprehensive Study of Sports Injuries in the U.S.

More Safety Numbers

Compared to other popular forms of recreation, the shooting sports have some of the lowest occurrences of injury.

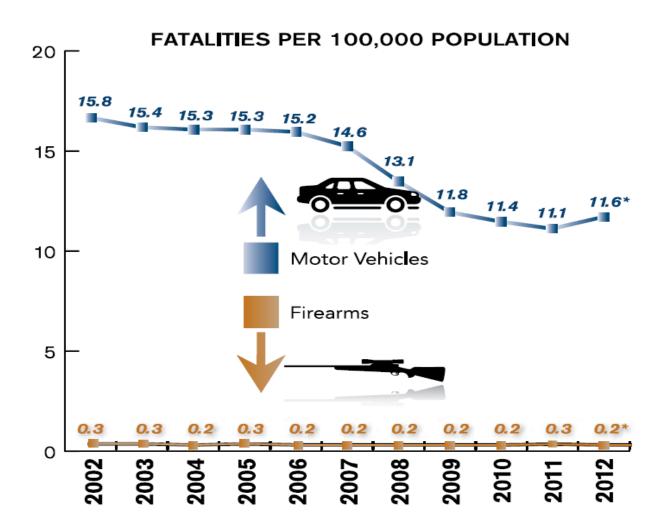


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More Safety Numbers

Unintentional Fatality Rates: Firearms vs Motor Vehicles

- Unintentional fatality rates involving firearms remain at their lowest levels in history — 0.2 per 100,000 population.
- Over the past 10 years, the unintentional firearm fatality rate per 100,000 population has declined by 33 percent; since the beginning of record-keeping in 1903, this rate has declined by 94 percent!
- The rate of unintentional firearm fatalities is substantially lower than the rate of motor vehicle fatalities.
- A person is 58 times more likely to be involved in an unintentional fatality with a motor vehicle than with a firearm.



Questions?

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