



**HORICON YOUTH
TRAP TEAM**

2024 Handbook

Mission

To provide the youth of Horicon and area communities the opportunity to safely and responsibly participate in a competitive trapshooting environment.

Goals

1. To educate each Team member in the safe and responsible handling of firearms.
2. To guide each Team member as they develop a proficiency in a sport that can be shared and enjoyed with family, friends and the community for a lifetime.
3. To assist each Team member in reaching his/her full potential both inside and outside the sport.
4. To provide all Team members with adult leaders who are productive role models and mentors that teach each member character while they teach these competitors the proper use and respect of firearms as well as respect for their Team mates and competitors.
5. To provide High School students the opportunity to letter in this sport of choice, Trapshooting.
6. To strengthen connections within families and communities through lifelong trapshooting activities.

Club Profile

We are an official Horicon Club Sport. Team members may receive a letter in trapshooting from the school they attend, if they earn the lettering requirements listed on page 4 of this booklet. The Team will primarily shoot at Horicon Rod & Gun Club, W5612 Prospect Rd., Horicon. There will be other travel to neighboring cities and clubs within the Youth program for Competitions, which the Athlete must find their own transportation to. Conference Season is from March through May. State and National competitions occur June through July.

Equipment

* All athletes must have the appropriate firearm in accordance with the Horicon Youth Trap Team and Horicon Rod & Gun Club rules and bylaws.

* Required Safety Equipment. **All athletes and coaches must wear eye and ear protection during all competitive and non-competitive events within the confines of a trap field.**

* Firearm Transportation: All firearms must be transported in accordance with State and Federal transportation laws. **Firearms & ammunition on any School District campus is strictly prohibited.**

Any athlete in violation of these laws would be subject to local, State and Federal penalties.

Eligibility

- * Each Team member must reside or attend school in the Horicon Schools, Home Schools or area School Districts.
- * Team members must be in grades 5-12 and possess a current Hunter's Safety Certificate

(participants competing for their first year are not required to have this certificate, but are required to have a certificate by the next Season).

* Team members **must** have satisfactory academic performance/attendance and be deemed eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities as determined by their school officials. This eligibility is based on the **WIAA** rules. If an Athlete has an "F" in any classes at **mid-term** grade check, they will be ineligible to compete for the next 5 school days. If an Athlete has an "F" in any classes at the **end of a quarter/semester**, they will be ineligible to compete for the next 15 school days. **Athletes will be expected to participate in practices, assigned work days and volunteering events even if they are in eligible to compete due to failing grades.

* Team members must provide their own transportation to the Horicon Rod and Gun Club for practice and "home" meets. Their own transportation will also be required for competitions at "away" meets.

* Team members must have access to a 12 or 20 gauge shotgun.

* All Team members must complete and submit a consent and waiver form, medical consent and sportsman contract electronically using a valid email address.

*All Athletes and Parents/Guardians must read and sign the Horicon Youth Trap Team Handbook's Athlete and Parent Agreement page and return it to the HYTT Secretary prior to the first scheduled practice. This affirms that every Athlete, Parent/Guardian has read, understood and agrees to all the requirements and expectations written within the HYTT Handbook.

Code of Conduct

All members of the Horicon Youth Trapshooting Team represent not only the Team, themselves, but their school and their communities also. Our Athletes' attitudes and actions must reflect positive interaction with each other, their opponents, coaches and families. Every Athlete of the HYTT is required to follow the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct/Health and Safety requirements of the HYTT and the school they attend.

Respect, courtesy, manners and good sportsmanship are an essential basis for all behavior.

The following examples are considered behavior unacceptable for Athletes competing with the HYTT (this is not intended as a complete list):

- * Unsafe handling/use of a firearm
- * Arguing with a referee/coach/score keeper/other athletes
- *Distracting other competitors, whether an opponent or fellow teammate
- * Cheating, bullying, physical altercations, discrimination, harassment or inappropriate hand gestures
- * The use of alcohol or drugs

If an Athlete is found to have violated any Code of Conduct stipulations from the Horicon Youth Trap Team or the School they attend, they are subject to the following levels of accountability, which will be decided by the Horicon Youth Trap team Board.

- Suspension of participation in for any events but allowed to practice for a designated number of days/weeks
- Suspension of participation for any practices and events for a designated number of days/weeks
- Expulsion from the Team

*** The Athlete, Parent/Guardian and school will be notified of any disciplinary actions.**

Cost

There is no cost to the School Districts or Taxpayers. This program is self-sustained with the support of the Horicon Rod & Gun Club, Pheasants Forever, corporate sponsors, fund raisers by Team members, and Team members' activity fees.

There **IS** an annual activity fee of \$200.00 **per** Athlete that will be used for Registration fees, clay target and apparel costs, which must be paid at registration.

Each athlete will receive 1 (one) case of ammunition at the beginning of the Season.

Each athlete is responsible for purchasing any further needed ammunition.

Each athlete will also receive a Team trapshooting bag, vest and shirt.

Parent/Athlete Participation

Meetings: All parents and/or Guardians are expected to attend the **Mandatory Parents** meeting with their athlete scheduled prior to the first practice. This meeting entails discussion of upcoming events, schedules of Competitions, fundraising and other important information. This also provides an opportunity for Parents and Athletes to clarify any questions they may have before the Season begins.

Athletes: Meetings and practices are required for your participation with the Team. We encourage parents to attend weekly meetings and practices also. The meetings are in general, scheduled with practices. It is essential for all the Athletes, Parents/Guardians to check their email/Team Reach app. Regularly for information on Team meetings and events, as annual calendars are subject to change.

FUNDRAISING:

ALL proceeds are used towards Athletes' registration fees and costs of clays in competitions.

Annual Invite: We host this event at our "home" Club, our athletes are expected to compete and work alongside their teammates while this event is being hosted in April.

Annual Brat Fry: This event is hosted at Leroy Meats, Horicon in July.

Annual Raffle: 30 Tickets will be assigned to each family to sell or purchase themselves. (Additional tickets will be noted and available to sell). All ticket stubs and money must be handed in the 3rd (third) Wednesday of June. The Raffle event is in July.

Practice

Practice are on Thursday evenings beginning at 4:00 PM (if a change is made, you will be notified via email or Team Reach). EVERY athlete is expected to participate in all practices and arrive on time. Athletes will be shooting at a minimum of 25 targets during each practice. Each practice will provide teaching in shooting technique, fundamentals and etiquette. This is the time for Coaches to help athletes improve their skills. If an Athlete has a conflict, and is unable to attend, notification is required. Coaches and Board Members are listed on page 7 of this Handbook.

Each practice will have Athletes assigned to work. There will be a schedule for Set-Up, Tear Down and scoring at practices. Athletes are required to work the day and time they are scheduled. Schedules are handed out at the first full practice of the Season.

Athletes that are scheduled to work must sign in at the beginning of practice and upon completion, sign out with a designated Team Representative. Athletes can change work days with another team member, but they must be approved in advance by a Coach or Team Representative.

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Work Duties Include:

- Setting up microphones
- Scoring during practice
- Loading trap houses with birds
- Keeping the Grounds and Club House clean

High School Lettering Criteria

The SCTP and Kettle Moraine Conference designation of Varsity has no bearing on the Varsity Letter school award that the athlete may receive at the end of the Season. For Athletes in grades 9 - 12, Varsity Letters must be earned based on the following criteria.

Requirements to earn a Varsity Letter:

1. Athletes will participate in 80% of scheduled practices. This includes, but is not limited to: setting up and storing equipment, shooting at practice, score keeping, filling trap houses, disposal of trash and cleaning the Club's grounds and building. If unable to attend, please reference page 3 of the Handbook.
2. Athletes must compete in the **full** Conference Season, including the Conference Competition (typically held in Rome, WI). (Prior to any absence the athlete must notify the Head Coach or Team Representative.)
3. Athletes must compete in a minimum of 3 (three) Tournament/Invitational Competitions. The HYTT Invitational is a MANDATORY competition. This competition is also a MANDATORY work event. A minimum number of hours/shifts will be published to work by the HYTT Board prior to the competition. If the Athlete has a schedule conflict, they must notify the Head Coach or Team Representative prior to the event.
4. Athletes are required to work their assigned practice schedule/work days and home competition schedules — Reference page 3 for details.
5. Athletes are required to participate in a minimum of 3 (three) additional Volunteer (without pay) Opportunities.

These opportunities are:

- Spring Clean-up at the Horicon Rod & Gun Club
- Grounds Clean-up at the Horicon Rod & Gun Club
- Pheasants Forever Fundraisers
- Horicon Rod & Gun Club's June Shoot
- Dog Trials
- Annual Brat Fry (This will be acknowledged towards lettering in the following Season)
- Horicon Rod & Gun Club's Rock N' Gun Shoot (This will be acknowledged towards lettering in the following Season)

(The Horicon Youth Trap Team Invitational is a **mandatory** event that participation is scheduled and will be noted.)

****Not excluding any other volunteer opportunities connected with the Horicon Rod & Gun Club or other HYTT Events.**

(These days are noted in blue on the calendar)

****Letters will be awarded at the HYTT Board's discretion****

Dress Code

All Athletes are required to participate in practices and competitions, no matter the weather condition. It is expected that Athletes dress appropriately for all inclement weather types. Beyond the HYTT providing uniform shirts and vests, Athletes are required to provide their own clothing and outerwear.

Athletes are required to wear their provided Uniform at ALL Home and Away Competitions.

The following is a list of clothing that is strictly prohibited:

Bluetooth Earbuds or other non-compliant noise reducing earbuds are not allowed, per SCTP regulations.

Tops:

Items of clothing that expose any part of the torso are prohibited. These include, but are not limited to, cutoff t-shirts, halter tops, tank tops, etc.

Bottoms:

Short shorts and low riding shorts or pants revealing undergarments or buttocks are prohibited.

Shoes:

Open toed shoes or crocs are NOT allowed during competition or practices.

Other:

Shirts, hats, pants—any clothing— and any other associated items carried, worn, etc., with pictures, caricatures, messages, writings, or other embellishments with direct or indirect references to alcohol, tobacco, sex, or sexual connotations, drugs, gambling, or profanities.

Safety First

Safety rules include:

1. Always treat EVERY firearm as if it is loaded.
2. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.
4. Always keep the action open until you're ready to fire.
5. Always keep your firearm unloaded until it's your turn.
6. Always wear eye and ear protection.
7. No cell phones are allowed on the line, at the scoring stand, or behind the line.
8. Always wear a shooting vest, shell pouch, shooting jacket, or some device to carry ammunition while practicing and competing. Setting them on the ground and picking them up each time WILL NOT be an option.
9. **NEVER bring a firearm or ammunition to school or onto school grounds.**

HONOR the GAME, TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT AND FOLLOW THE RULES!

Coaches

Head Coach - The Head Coach will be at least 21 years old and have passed a background check. The Head Coach must be Hunter Safety Certified. The first and foremost responsibility of the Head Coach is to ensure the safety of all participants, the Head Coach must emphasize the safe handling and use of firearms in every facet of the program. The Head Coach must be willing to conduct required practices.

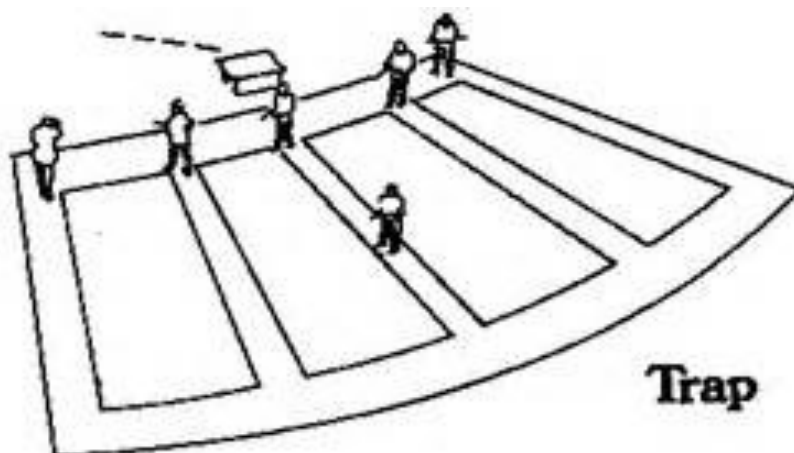
Assistant Coaches - Assistant Coaches or Adult Volunteers must be 18 years of age and are to be supervised by the Head Coach. All Coaches and Volunteers MUST complete and pass a background check. All coaches must be Hunter Safety Certified.

What is Trapshooting?

Trapshooting is a specific form of clay target shooting. Trapshooting is a game of movement, action and split-second timing. It requires the accuracy and skill to repeatedly aim, fire and break the 4 1/4" clay disc which is hurled through the air at a speed of 42 mph. The 1st shooter is the squad leader and leads off at each of 5 stations located 16 yards from the center of the trap house. Each shooter takes 5 shots from each of the 5 stations (rotating stations from left to right), for a total of 25 targets. Each squad is scored as a team and everyone is scored individually.

The shooter is required to shoot at a clay disc after he/she calls "pull". It does not matter in scoring if the shooter hits only a small piece of the disc or whether the shooter shatters the disc. The disc is considered a "dead" or "lost" bird. It is the shooter's responsibility to check their own score.

Trapshooting's continual growth and expanding popularity is due to the fact that people of all ages, incomes and abilities can compete. Nine year olds can shoot alongside 90 year olds. Many 70 year olds have been in the sport 55 years and others have just begun two years ago. Trapshooting's participants include millionaires and hourly wage earners, inventors, business workers, former sport figures in other fields, professionals, farmers, truck drivers, musicians, actors, students, mothers and fathers.



Equipment Needed for Trapshooting

Firearms — The typical firearm for trapshooting is a 12 gauge shotgun, with a full or improved/modified choke and a long (30-32”) vented rib barrel. Although many trap shooters favor over-under shotguns, the use of a single barrel, pumps and auto-loading shotguns are also common.

Ammunition — The shells used in trapshooting may vary slightly with a shooter’s preference and wind conditions. The shells most shooters use for trapshooting are typically labeled “target loads” and use #7 1/2 to 8 1/2 size shot. Lighter loads (with slightly less shot and powder) are also popular. If you’re going out to shoot for fun, just ask your sporting goods or ammunition retailer for “target loads”.

Contacts/ Coaches:

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NRA Level One Shotgun Certified Instructors and SSSF Instruction

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These are the Organizations that make The Horicon Youth Trap Team possible...



facebook.com/Horicon-Youth-Trap-Team

You can follow all of the upcoming events and what is currently happening with the HYTT on our Facebook page as well as correspond with us.

The SSSF page will show you our calendar and results of Invitational Competi-



Horicongunclub.com

(We work hand-in-hand with the HR&GC to have every practice, every “home” Conference Competition, and also host the Annual HYTT Invitational here)



Sssfonline.com

(This website will allow you to follow scores at Invitational Competitions, and it is also the Organization that makes this program available to Athletes Nationally)



Kettlemorainetraps shooting/member-teams/south-division

(This is the Conference that we compete in)



<https://www.hunter-ed.com/wisconsin>

(This link will allow you to earn your Hunter’s Safety certificate that is required to



PF.DodgeCountyWI

(Dodge County Pheasants Forever works hand-in-hand with the HYTT to defray costs



Athlete and Parent Agreement

I have read the Horicon Youth Trap Team Member Handbook.

I agree to comply with all Team rules and requirements.

I agree that I will make academics a priority and ensure that I remain academically eligible to the best of my ability.

I agree to fulfill my work requirements and raffle ticket sales.

Athlete Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

(Please Print)

Athlete's:

Birthdate: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Graduation Year:** _____ **Shirt Size:** _____

Gauge of Firearm that will be used: _____ **Will Compete Right or Left Handed:** _____

(20 or 12 Gauge)

Attending School: _____

Photos: CAN BE USED: _____ CANNOT BE USED: _____

(You allow photo/s of your child to be used electronically or paper copy to recognize his/her accomplishment/s or used to promote the Horicon Youth Trap Team for advertisements. Please mark what you prefer.)

Parent Name/s: _____ **Signature/s:** _____ **Date:** _____

_____ **Date:** _____

(Please Print)

Email Address/s: _____

Cell Phone/s: _____

Retain this copy for your records



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_____ Date: _____

(Please Print)

Email Address/s: _____

Cell Phone/s: _____

Sign and return *this* copy and the Annual Athletic Fee, on Registration Day/s:

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 : 5:00-7:00 PM

Saturday, January 27, 2024: 10:00-Noon

*(This page and Annual Athletic fee of \$200.00 is required for **each** Athlete)*