



Mosinee Trap Team

powered by the Mosinee Sportsmen's Alliance

The Mosinee Trap Team is a club sport associated with the Mosinee School District and supported by the Mosinee Sportsmen's Alliance. We primarily focus on Trap Shooting but offer some opportunities for Sporting Clays and other disciplines. The team was formed in 2018 by devoted members of the Sportsmen's Alliance dedicated to sharing this unique sport with youth in our community.

We accept students in grades 5 thru 13. Students are held to the same sports eligibility requirements as any other sport in regard to grades and conduct. Like other high school sports, we award Varsity Letters to the high school athletes who meet the criteria. Some of our youth are here to shoot competitively, some to shoot with their friends for fun, and others to ensure success while hunting. We welcome all interests.

What is trap shooting?

In trap shooting, a shotgun is used to hit flying clay targets, also called birds. The targets are thrown from a trap machine inside a trap house which is situated on the ground out in front of you. The targets can be thrown to the left, right, or straight ahead. There are five people on a squad. Each of those five people will start on one of the five stations on the trap line. At each station, a shooter will shoot at five targets. Once every shooter has shot at their five birds, everyone will rotate to the next station until each person has shot at a total of 25 targets. This is considered to be one round of trap. At tournaments, we shoot four rounds back-to-back.



Required Equipment

-Shotgun - 12 or 20 gauge – fitted with a shell catcher

- We start with what fits the athlete best, ultimately moving into a 12G once able to safely mount and shoot without fatigue
- We have 15+ club guns to use if you do not have your own. This gives you an opportunity to ensure you enjoy the sport and gives you exposure to different models and sizes prior to purchasing.
- You may bring your own. We will do a gun check before the season to verify no major/apparent defects.
- Some families have borrowed one from a relative or friend.
- You can purchase a new one. Several terrific stores local to the area support our team and the Sportsmen’s Alliance, such as Charlies Hardware, BOSS (Bad Oscar Shooting Sports), Zingers and Flingers, and Chase Outdoors.
 - Don at Bad Oscar Shooting Sports (BOSS LLC) in Minocqua is highly knowledgeable about guns and fitting them to your child, has coached a competitive youth team, and understands the SCTP program. It’s challenging to overcome a poorly fit gun, so this attention is very valuable.

-Eye Protection – Safety Glasses –Glasses are EXTREMELY critical in this sport - your vision is the dominant skill - various color options are available. Ranger and Pilla are some of the top brands available.

-Hearing Protection - Disposable Foam Plugs or Custom Molded Ear Plugs. We discourage Muffs as they can impact gun mount - especially in younger shooters.

-Shooting Vest* or Shooting Pouch* to hold your ammo when you are on the line shooting (can be borrowed at the range)

-Shooting Bag* or Ammo Box big enough to hold four boxes of ammo for tournaments

-Ammunition – 2 boxes of 25 shells each are needed for each day at the range (March - June). We recommend bringing an additional 2 in case one on one training or drills are needed. Four boxes are needed for 2nd week of May and tournament shooting (Conference, and State)

-Closed Toe Shoes (NO Crocks)

Optional Equipment

Magnetic barrel rest

Hand Towel

Bug spray

Shooting gloves for cold weather

Rain gear

Sunscreen

Practice Info

Preseason - March

The initial practices will only be available to NEW shooters. Athletes should have a minimum of 2 boxes of shells at each practice.

New shooters will learn shooting etiquette and have extensive work/focus on developing a solid, consistent gun mount.

Preseason practice for New and Returning athletes will include work on gun mounts, dry fire, drills, getting into shooting shape, and work on the line.

Season Info

Season - April-June

Athletes shoot one practice round, and one scored round for the Great Northern Trap Conference (GNTC) league on their designated day of the week.

Those shooters committed to participating at Nationals will be squadded for the season based on SCTP categories, averages, and selected dates of participation (Sundays or Thursdays).

Based on the above criteria, additional squads will be formed as the season progresses to prepare for Conference, and State.

Some practices will include games. Shooters should have an extra box of ammo in their shooting bags for these nights.

There may be opportunities to participate in practices for other disciplines at neighboring clubs. Those will be announced during the season.

Please know that unless it is lightning outside. We have practice. This means we shoot in the cold, wind, rain, and snow. Please dress accordingly!!!! This also applies to tournaments. We pretty much shoot no matter what the weather.

What happens if I miss practice?

If you are sick or have a conflict and can't attend practice, it is like any other sport. There are no make-ups; you simply miss practice and miss your score for the league.

Absences must be excused to remain eligible for letters. To be considered excused, athletes must communicate ahead of the missed absence relative to the reason for the miss.

We do NOT miss practice or SWAP days due to WEATHER (unless lightning at the range OR school announces a cancellation, OR MSA announces a cancellation on a Sunday)- this will be considered UNEXCUSED.

What happens if I can't come on my scheduled day?

You are welcome to work out a change in your scheduled day or shoot ahead a single week if you have a conflict. You must communicate AHEAD of the swap and receive approval. You will have to wait until there is an opening on the swapped day to be able to shoot. Obviously, we have no idea how long you will have to wait.

Practice Schedule

Preseason - March

Preseason practice begins in March on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

All athletes must participate in a minimum of 4 practices prior to season kick-off.

Season - April-June

Athletes shoot one practice round, typically before their scored league round each week.

Athletes should arrive 15 minutes before their assigned shooting time to be ready to walk onto the line and shoot at their assigned time. It will take approximately 40 minutes for experienced shooters. It can take a lot longer for new or inexperienced shooters.

Additional practices will be announced for other disciplines as opportunities present.

Post-Season - June-Nationals

Currently, there are no specific scheduled practices from June 1 through State & Nationals; **HOWEVER, all youth are encouraged to continue to shoot Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 pm to Dark, in advance of the State and National Shoots.**

Youth athletes will shoot during regular Mosinee Sportsmen's Alliance Summer League Shooting.

- Youth rounds are \$3.00 to sign up.
- Youth will sign up on a squad sheet as all Summer Shooters do.
- Youths continue to practice with their squad before the State Shoot & Nationals can arrive and sign up together once all squad members are onsite.

Events

Additional events will be announced with Deadlines for Registration Fees as those opportunities present.

The Little Bull Falls Invitational is a 100-target event (as most events are) that is hosted by the Mosinee Sportsmen's Alliance - **TBD in 2024**

The Great Northern Trap Conference ShootOut rotates each year from school to school. **ALL Athletes** are registered and expected to participate. The location and final dates are not determined until the end of February but is typically the first weekend in June. You must be available both days of the Shoot Out because we cannot guarantee which day our team will be scheduled for.

The State Championship Trap Shoot is the third weekend in June. **ALL Athletes** are registered and expected to participate. As above, you must be available both days of the tournament because we cannot guarantee which day our team will be scheduled for. You are welcome to participate in as many events as you want. Each additional event will require an additional payment which includes ammunition.

Invitationals and ALL event sign-ups for our team completed by our team admin are done via the SHOT program on a computer. You can think of it as trying to get front-row seats at a concert. Online registration opens at a specific time and date. Every group who wants to enter their teams into that tournament is on the computer at the same time, trying to get available time slots. One year, for example, the Regional event at Green Bay had four days' worth of time slots filled within 25 minutes of registration being open. **Deadlines are critical.**

Once we have submitted payment and the tournament registration closes, we cannot make any changes to the schedule or refund any money.

Commitment to participate at Nationals will be due mid-April. This will ensure squads can be confirmed and registrations mailed to ensure our preferred time slots at the beginning of May.

All families in the Mosinee Trap Team are **MEMBERS** of the Mosinee Sportsmen's Alliance and are encouraged to participate in the Mosinee Sportsmen's Alliance Summer League from May to August. You are also encouraged to participate in all Alliance events, meetings, and activities as posted.

The Mosinee Sportsmen's Alliance's primary means of income comes from the **Sportsmen's Alliance Banquet** held each August. Donors host a table dedicated to the Youth Team. Youth in attendance participate in the Banquet by running the fundraising table, assisting the MC with the drawings, and visiting with attendees.

Costs

Please note that all of the fees are NON-REFUNDABLE

Our governing body is the SCTP or Scholastic Clay Target Program. All athletes are required to join this organization and the ATA, which is the Amateur Trapshooting Association. There are four weeks of pre-season practice and nine weeks in our regular season. Each athlete will shoot two rounds of trap each week. The cost of the clay targets or birds for practice is included. Our athletes participate in the Great Northern Trap Conference ShootOut and the State SCTP Trap Championship. The cost of the registration is included.

New Athletes – uniform shirt

Additional Costs **NOT** Included

- 6 cases of Ammunition to cover the regular league season
- Fees associated with practices at other facilities (Sporting Clays/Skeet/I/Bunker)
- Registration and Ammunition for extra Tournaments not listed above AND Nationals
- NSCA membership if competing in State Sporting Clays
- New Jersey for returning members (\$65)

Spirit Wear

Spirit wear is available for purchase from [AE Designs](#).

AE Designs

301 Novak St.
Mosinee, WI 54455

Fundraising

This is our primary team fundraiser; we expect everyone to participate by selling 10-\$20 raffle tickets each.

Our team has a 501c(3) MidwayUSA Foundation Endowment account that allows community members to donate to our program. Donations made to this account throughout the year are MATCHED. In 2023, matching will be 1:1. If we have \$1000 added to our account, the Potterfield family adds an additional \$1000. Through this endowment account, we are eligible to draw 5% of the balance annually in the form of a grant.

This money is being used to cover target costs for all youth, in combination with target donations from the Mosinee Sportsmen's Alliance.

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Awards Picnic

We have an end-of-the-year picnic at the Mosinee Sportsmen's Alliance after Nationals. We hope everyone will join us. All athletes should wear their uniforms. We ask families to bring a dish to pass and participate in the Games!

SCTP Athlete Designation

Some people have questioned how or why certain athletes are designated JV vs. Varsity at the high school level. The designation is not based on an athlete's ability or average. According to the SCTP, all first-year shooters at the high school level are considered JV regardless of their year in school. Second-year shooters and beyond are automatically Varsity.

For middle school students, first-year shooters are Intermediate – Entry Level. Second-year shooters are Intermediate – Advanced Level. On the paperwork, you may see Rookie level. The rookie level is for 5th graders and below.

School Varsity Letter

Criteria for letters:

- JV/Varsity with a minimum of 19% Average,
 - Score 24 or 25 at any conference or State meet, or
 - Be a member of a team that wins a State or Conference Championship at any level,
 - or be selected for an All-State or All-Conference Team,
 - or participation in the sport for three or more years.
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- Athlete must not miss any competition weeks during the season. Unless prior approval by coaching staff.
 - Athlete must abide by Mosinee High School and WI Scholastic Clay Target Program requirements.
 - Athlete must adhere to all school district rules, policies, and requirements concerning student activities, including, but not limited to, attendance, conduct, scholastic standing, and other eligibility requirements.

Coaches reserve the right to present letter awards to exceptional students for showing performance and commitment that prove to be above and beyond expectations.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of this organization. All of the below are opportunities to assist the team. You do not need to have **ANY** knowledge of the below items as you will work with someone to learn and understand before being asked to be responsible.

Current needs include

- Statistician/Scorekeeper
 - Awards Picnic
 - Conference, State, Nationals, Extra Events
 - Track 24/25s and Patch distribution
- Team Admin (assist with SHOT system admin - submitting scores, team event registration, etc.)
- Raffle Admin (track tickets/license application)
- Fanwear (review online store/update apparel on a yearly basis/Bob Allen order)
- Pictures/FB Posts
- Coaching - yes you! Don't have a background in shooting sports? We have a place for you and opportunities to learn the sport! Many of our youth simply need a watchful eye on Safety! Classes are available - you will be paired with our existing team to be mentored. We just need you to commit to building the team!

Little Bull Falls Event - Mid May - **TBD in 2024**

- Concessions
- Scorers
- Obtain Raffle Baskets (5-10 max)
- Loading Houses
- Team Check-In/Enter scores

Please email mosineetraptteam@gmail.com to communicate which areas you are interested in.

Team Communication and Website Information:

[Mosinee Sportsmen's Alliance](#) Youth Page

All ongoing communication for the team will go out via the following ways this season:

- Email from mosineetraptteam@gmail.com - PRIMARY method

- Facebook -- Like our page and follow for regularly updated information: [MosineeTrapTeam](#) Facebook Page
- Download the Remind App -- add class mosineetra to join in order to receive text updates.

<https://www.remind.com/join/mosineetra>