

# 50th Annual Official Program



*The Collegiate Clay Target Championships are part of ACUI's CTC Shotgun Bowl Series*

March 26–April 1, 2018  
National Shooting Complex  
San Antonio, Texas

**CONDUCTED BY: Association of College Unions International**  
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Please read the program thoroughly before registering your team. If you have questions after reading this program, please contact Michelle Smith, match director, [msmith@acui.org](mailto:msmith@acui.org)

## 2017 registration statistics:

### International Skeet: Thurs, Fri, Sat

546 students  
100 targets

### American Trap: Sunday, April 2

783 students  
100 targets

### International Trap: Thurs, Fri, Sat

613 students  
100 targets

### 5-Stand: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat

679 students  
50 targets

### American Skeet: Thursday, March 30

759 students  
100 targets

### Sporting Clays: Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat

736 students  
100 targets

**823 students, 84 schools represented**

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## NEW for 2018

Changes in the program highlighted here are explained in this match program in further detail in the following pages.

It is your responsibility as a participant to note them and ask questions before the start of the event. Read the full program for information on the following highlights new to this year's match prior to registering online.

**\*\*AWARDS\*\*** There will be a new team scoring category: American All Around Champion summarized as the team HOA for four American Events. This will recognize 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> place teams with their top students breaking the most targets in the American Trap, American Skeet, Sporting Clays and Super Sporting Clays events.

**\*\*NEW Event: SUPER SPORTING\*\*** ACUI has replaced the five-stand event with a 100 target Super Sporting event. Super Sporting will figure into the team American All Around Champions scoring and team High Overall scoring.

**\*\*REGISTRATION\*\*** Classes will be verified by registrants during the online registration process. Similarly, team divisions will be identified by team captains/coaches during online registration. Both will be confirmed onsite at check-in.

Scholarships and endowment awards are to be determined and based on funding

At the request of USAS and to accommodate our tremendous growth the ACUI International Skeet, USAS rules will be modified as follows. Target speed will be the same as American Skeet and the shooter must shoot the event low gun but not at the ISSF stipe. With American speed targets, there is no longer a need to skip skeet fields for a buffer zone. The International Shootout and all corresponding qualifying conference events will be shot according to ISSF/USAS rules.

Schedule adjustments have been made to allow the event to start a day earlier and end with all awards and a full meal on Saturday evening. Sunday will be held for delayed competition and adjusted awards if necessary. Please don't plan a flight any earlier than your team would have previously. We won't use Sunday for competition unless we have to due to inclement weather.

If a participant wins a firearm at any ACUI event the participant must arrange to have the firearm transferred to their local FFL. Participants are also responsible for all transfer and shipping fees. Any firearms or prizes not claimed in six months from the last day of the event will be recycled into the drawings for the next year's event.

# Special Events

## Flurry for Funds and College Shoot-Out Finals

The National Shooting Complex (NSC) and ACUI are partnering to provide college scholarships to national junior shooting champions who want to attend a college or university that supports the shooting sports industry. The NSC provides targets and staffing for the event at no cost.

Each day of the event, Monday through Friday, the top two team scores from the flurry in the men's and women's division (eight shooters) will have a traditional **5-stand shoot-off** to earn a spot in the Friday evening College Shoot Out. The time and location of the shoot out will be announced each day and will work around the daily events. Each day, the top two men and top two women will advance to the College Shoot Out on Saturday evening with a chance to earn endowment money for their college or university.

On Friday, after the daily winners are selected, there will be another traditional shoot-off between the 20 daily winners to narrow the field to the top four men and top four women. The top four men and top four women will then have a head-to-head shoot-off to determine winners. The shoot order and pairings of the head-to-head event will be determined by the drawing of lots.

Cost of the event is \$20 per shooter and a shooter may enter as many times as they would like. A shooter may not earn more than one spot in the Saturday finals. A shooter may buy their way into the daily Shoot-Off for \$50.

100% of all funds collected are put into the ACUI Scholarship Fund to be awarded to national junior shooting champions.

Each shooter that participates in the Flurry for Funds will also earn 20 tickets per entry that can to be placed in the "College Shoot-Out" bucket raffle. The shooter will have a chance to win guns, ammunition, and other shooting merchandise.

## LONG TARGET CONTEST

On Friday after, the daily events have concluded, there will be a long target contest. The NSC supplies all the targets and the labor for this event so that all funds raised go directly into the ACUI scholarship fund. The long target contest will be shot in four rounds. Entry fee for the first round is \$20. Every shooter that breaks the target in the first round will advance to the second round. Shooters who miss the target in the first round may buy into the second round for \$30. Everyone that breaks the target in the second round will advance to the third round. Shooters who miss the target in the second round may buy into the third round for \$40. This will continue for four rounds. Each round buy-in increases by \$10. The round 4 buy-in is \$50. Round four will continue until there is one shooter remaining.

## OLYMPIC INTERNATIONAL SHOOT OUT (ISO)

ACUI will host the fourth annual R&R Sales and Services International Shootout this year. The course of fire for Olympic-style International Bunker Trap and International Skeet will be a 125 target Preliminary Round plus Final Rounds. The ISSF / USAS rules will be in effect for this event. This match is sanctioned by USA Shooting (USAS).

Competitors for this event were selected as follows: The winning competitors, in the men and women's division, from the ACUI International Conference Championships and Super Shoots, in Tillar, San Antonio, Tucson, Colorado Springs, and Ft. Benning, received an automatic invitation and reduced entry fee. Additional ISO slots will be filled by the top six scores that participated in the Eastern International Conference Championship, Lower Midwest International Conference Championship, Western International Conference Championships, East and West Super Shoots. Finally, if spots are available any athletes that competed in any ACUI conference championships will be invited to participate. All participants that are not the individual winners of an international conference or super shoot event will be required to pay the entry fee.

ACUI and Winchester ammunition are supplying International ammunition for all participants. The ammunition used will be 24 gram or 7/8 oz, #7.5 for International Trap and 24 gram or 7/8 oz, #9 or #8 for International Skeet based on availability. All competitors in the ISO event must be registered for at least one other championship event and cannot shoot any other event on ISO competition days.

The ISO will be auto squadded and posted per the rules of USA Shooting and will be based on registrations received before March 22. Additional registrations will be accepted as space allows and randomly added to existing squads by the match director. Final squadding should be confirmed onsite.

*Any additional scholarship and awards are contingent upon sponsorship.*

### **NRA DAILY SCHOLARSHIP SHOOT-OFF:**

The NRA Education and Training Division has donated \$5,000 (ten \$500 scholarships) in scholarship money to be used at the ACUI Clay Target National Championships. Each day selected shooters will be invited to participate in a miss and out shoot-off. A daily random score will be selected and any shooter that shoots that score will be invited to participate in the shoot-off. In the event there are not a minimum of 20 shooters that qualify for the selected score the next lower scores will be added until the total number of shooters reached is 20. Wednesday will be International Skeet. Participants will shoot two doubles from station 3. High scores advance to station 4, and then station 5. Thursday is Wobble Trap and Sporting Clays. Wobble one target from station 1 single shot. High scores advance, Sporting Clays will be shot on five stand one pair from station one. High scores advance. Friday will be American Skeet. Participants will shoot two doubles from station 3. High scores advance to station 4, and then station 5. Saturday is American Trap one target from station one high scores advance. Every time the post is changed shooters move back two yards. Last two shooters (man and woman) standing each day wins the \$500 NRA scholarship.

### **ACUI SPECIAL SPORTING CLAYS EVENT for Alumni, Coaches, Guests, and Parents**

ACUI Alumni, Coaches, Guests, Parents, and Locals are invited to participate in the Special Sporting Clays event that raises funds for scholarships. Student athletes competing in the ACUI or ISO events are not eligible to participate.

A registration fee of \$150 and information will be alongside the other championship categories through the ACUI website. No eligibility form is required for participants but ACUI code of conduct and rules apply. Event will be for sporting clays only and begin on Friday morning. Top three winning teams will be awarded team hardware as well as top man and top woman. To compete for a college team a shooter must have a direct connection with that college. For example, alumni, parent of a current or past student, brother or sister of a past or current student, coach or assistant coach, or other university employee.

# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **Rules:** Current ATA, NCSA, NSSA, and USA Shooting rules, this program, and any match director's bulletins posted at the range govern this match.
2. **Registration:** All participants must be registered and fully paid before competing. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. All registrations will be done electronically through the ACUI website. All registrants are required to agree to the assumption of risk, code of ethics, and cancellation policy.
3. **Ammunition:** Partial sponsorship from manufacturers provides ammunition for the competition as part of the registration fee. Practice rounds are the responsibility of the participant. Practice ammo at the range may be limited. Replacement ammunition is the responsibility of the participant. Specific ammunition per event is dictated by NGB rules. More information will be shared as it becomes available.
4. **Alcohol, Marijuana, and Controlled Substances:** Alcohol/illegal or individually unprescribed drugs and firearms do not mix. Alcohol and other illegal substances are strictly forbidden from the National Shooting Complex during this event. Further, any participant who is found to be in possession of, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs while using, cleaning, maintaining, inspecting, or otherwise handling their shotgun or other firearm at any time will be immediately disqualified from the entire event and asked to leave without refund.
5. **Protest:** Challenge/Protest forms will be available in the registration office. If a shooter has a protest, they must file the protest in writing within 30 minutes of leaving the field. A \$50 fee must accompany any protest. If the protest is won by athlete, money will be returned. The protest committee will consist of the Match Director, the Chief Referee, the NSC Director, a pre-selected college coach, a pre-selected student shooter, and if available the NGB representative for the protested event. The committee will hear the protest once, deliberate, and make a ruling. The decision of the protest committee is final. If a protest is denied the fee will be placed in the ACUI scholarship fund.
6. **Late Penalty:** The penalty for being late for a squadded event is a three target penalty and will be assessed in International skeet, International (wobble) trap, American skeet, and American trap. Super Sporting and sporting clays will be worked in if there is a conflict but please be diligent about making these times as well. Once the first shot is fired, the squad is set and you have missed your time. Late shooters should join the squad at the beginning of the next round. The missed round will be made up later in the day provided there are openings. The three target penalty will be assessed on the rescheduled round's score sheet.
7. **Safety:** Safe gun handling and appropriate shooting attire are required. Sandals are prohibited. Shirts with sleeves must be worn on the field, including under the vest. Participant numbers must be on the shooters back or ammo pouch and visible for officials from behind the line. An ISSF strip is recommended on your vest if you are shooting in the International events. All coaches and competition officials should deal with safety issues immediately. Safety and dress code violations should be reported to ACUI registration officials. Reprimands will be issued based on violation and could ultimately mean disqualification from the tournament.
8. **Hat shooting is strictly prohibited.** Any competitor who participates in hat shooting will be immediately disqualified and asked to leave the competition without refund. We recognize this is a celebrated tradition but encourage you to do your hat shoot at your next team practice.
9. **Target Protests:** Hits and misses must be protested immediately after the results of the shot is announced. To appeal an individual hit or miss the shooter must raise their hand and announce cease fire. The referee can poll the squad but is not required to do so. The appeal ruling by the referee is final and no further protest is allowed. Once the shooter calls for his next target or the next shooter calls for their target the result of the last target is final. The total results of any round must be protested immediately after the round is completed and announced. Once the next round starts the results of the completed round is considered final subject to addition/math corrections in registration. If the referee is not calling out the results loud enough the squad must request that the referee, please speak up. If the referee still does not call out the results loud enough a line supervisor should be notified. Participants should sign the score sheet (next to the score total) before leaving the line. When the shooter signs the score sheet he or she is verifying the individual hits and misses and totals. Calculations are subject to addition/math corrections in registration. If a participant does not sign the score sheet they forfeit all rights of protest. Any protest should be conducted in a healthy, constructive form of conflict resolution.

**10. Community Code of Conduct:** Negative posts, belittling accomplishments, bullying, posting of denigrating comments, or impersonating others in public or social media that create a hostile environment within our otherwise inclusive community are a violation of the ACUI code of conduct in place for all ACUI student programs, this explicitly states that as a participant it is an obligation to abide by the code of conduct guidelines and violation of them may jeopardize my status as a participant in this program.

Refusal to turn in a scorecard, along with cheating, sweating, and verbal or physical abuse of a shooter, scorer, field judge, shoot official or protest committee is activity deemed to be unsportsmanlike conduct.

**11. Subject to Change:** Please keep in mind that the tournament schedule, squadding, and this program are subject to change. Although we make every attempt to maintain the published schedule, target malfunctions, weather, and other items are out of our control. It is the responsibility of competitors and/or coaches to check the schedule and squadding daily and most importantly in the evening. Updated information will be posted to social, emailed, and posted at the range. ACUI is not responsible for missed flights, airline change fees, missed squads, etc. Please keep this in mind when making your travel arrangements and schedules. If necessary, Sunday will be added as a rain day.

**12. Professional athletes** Students will not be considered a professional shooter/athlete in any shooting sport until such time the sport is able to sustain a participant with a standard living wage net of entry fees and related competition expenses. ACUI allows any shooter that meets the eligibility requirements to participate in ACUI events.

**13. Student Transfers** A student who wishes to consider transferring to another school and participate in their shooting sports program should first obtain written permission in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding from their current coach and other appropriate offices on campus if scholarships are involved. Once a student-athlete makes a written request for permission to contact other schools, the school has seven business days to acknowledge the request. If the school misses the deadline, acknowledgement is automatically assumed. Coaches agree that no contact should be made without presentation of this MOU by the student-athlete, without contacting the current team's head coach or advisor, and never at a competition. Recruiting conversations college-to-college from anyone to an enrolled athlete should never occur while at an ACUI competition.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) will be signed between coaches and a student to express mutual agreement that a student has performed especially well as a shotgun athlete but has the opportunity to transfer to a school that provides a better education opportunity impacting the student's future. This could mean that the institution has more on-campus interviews, networking possibilities, course offerings, and name recognition for the field of study. The MOU should express a convergence of will between the parties, indicating an intended common line of action.

Mark your calendar:  
March 27–April 1, 2019

**SCHEDULE (est.= estimated)**

Sunday, March 25 –

9 a.m. Registration Opens  
9 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Practice for **invited athletes** to the International Shoot Out Trap (bunker) and Skeet

Monday, March 26 –

*International Shoot Out Trap (bunker) and Skeet*  
8 a.m. Registration Opens  
9 a.m. Practice for all events  
Noon Mandatory ISO competitor meeting  
1 p.m. Competition for invited athletes to the International Shoot Out Trap (bunker) and Skeet  
3 p.m. Safety meeting and Team Orientation - Clubhouse

Tuesday, March 27 –

*International Shoot Out Trap (bunker) and Skeet -invite only Sporting Clays and Super Sporting competition opens for registered athletes*  
7:30 a.m. Registration Opens and Morning Announcements – near Stadium Field  
9 a.m. International Shoot Out International Bunker Trap and International Skeet preliminary rounds (by invitation only)  
8 a.m. Competition for Sporting Clays & Super Sporting  
10 a.m. Practice available for all events  
10 a.m. Flurry for Funds  
3 p.m. Safety and MidwayUSA meeting and Team Orientation - Clubhouse  
5 p.m. (est) Flurry for Funds Daily Shoot-offs  
6 p.m. (est) International Shoot Out International Bunker Trap and International Skeet finals and awards

Wednesday, March 28 –

*ALL event competition available*  
7:30 a.m. Registration Opens and Morning Announcements – near Stadium Field  
8 a.m. Competition begins  
9 a.m. Practice available for all events  
9, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Safety meeting and Team Orientation - Clubhouse  
10 a.m. Flurry for Funds  
3 p.m. Safety and MidwayUSA meeting and Team Orientation - Clubhouse  
5:30 p.m. (est) Flurry for Funds Daily Shoot-offs and NRA International Skeet Scholarship Shoot-off

\*All event start and end time are subject to change because of weather or program/range operations. Specific shoot times are squadded by the coach/team representative.

Thursday, March 29 –

*ALL event competition available*  
7:30 a.m. Registration Opens and Morning Announcements – near Stadium Field  
8 a.m. Competition begins  
9 a.m. Practice available for all events  
9, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Safety meeting and Team Orientation - Clubhouse  
10 a.m. Flurry for Funds  
3 p.m. Safety and MidwayUSA meeting and Team Orientation - Clubhouse  
4 p.m. Team Reception for team lead/coach and industry  
5:30 p.m. (est) Flurry for Funds Daily Shoot-offs and NRA International Skeet Scholarship Shoot-off

Friday, March 30 –

*ACUI International Skeet, ACUI International Wobble Trap, and American Skeet, American Trap*  
7:30 a.m. Registration Opens and Morning Announcements  
8 a.m. Competition begins  
9 a.m. Practice available for all events  
9, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Safety meeting & Team Orientation - Clubhouse  
10 a.m. Annual Coaches meeting and State of the Program – NSSA-NSCA Conference Room  
3 p.m. Safety, MidwayUSA meeting, & Team Orientation - Clubhouse  
5:30 p.m. (est) Flurry for Funds Daily Shoot-offs  
6 p.m. (est) NRA American Skeet Scholarship Shoot-off  
6:30 p.m. (est) Participant Dinner, Long Target Contest  
7:30 p.m. (est) Awards for sporting clays and super sporting

Saturday, March 31 –

*ACUI International Skeet, ACUI International Wobble Trap, American Skeet, American Trap, and Alumni Sporting Clays competition available*  
7:30 a.m. Registration Opens and daily announcements – near Stadium Field  
8 a.m. Competition begins  
9 a.m. Safety meeting and Team Orientation - Clubhouse  
1 p.m. (est.) Regular competition rounds end  
1:30 p.m. (est) NRA Scholarship American Trap Shoot-off  
1:30 p.m. (est) Shoot-offs and finals for remaining events  
5 p.m. (est) Closing Ceremonies and Awards  
6:15 p.m. Awards for Special Sporting Clays event  
6:30 p.m. Flurry for Funds Shoot Out (all competitors come from Flurry for Funds Daily Shoot-offs)  
7:30 p.m. HOA Awards

Sunday, April 1

Rain date or travel day

The Annual State of the Program and Coaches Meeting will be held on Friday, March 30 at 10 a.m. at the NSCA-NSSA Conference Room. A coach or team representative should attend this meeting. There will be a mandatory safety meeting and new team orientation every day. All participants are required to attend one of these meetings. A MidwayUSA Foundation fundraising representative will also be available.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Before attempting to register as an individual or a team, please make sure each team member has a profile in the ACUI database. To do so go to [www.acui.org](http://www.acui.org) and follow the prompts starting at the top of the page with "create account." If you are not sure who has a profile already established, please have the coach or student leader contact [acui@acui.org](mailto:acui@acui.org) for that list.

With the registration system and member database, you as a member are allowed to edit registrations. Once you are registered, you can make adjustments to your account or record until event is full or closed for final match production.

For additional computer database assistance please contact the ACUI central office at 812.245.2284 during business hours. The office is in the eastern time zone and is open 8:30-5:30 Monday through Friday.

## ENTRY FEE INFORMATION

The following fees reflect member and nonmember pricing before conference championship participant discounts\*:

### Before Feb. 23, 2018:

Non-member fees:

\$85 per event for American Trap, American Skeet, ACUI International Skeet

\$95 for ACUI International Trap

\$100 ACUI Sporting Clays and Super Sporting (current students)

\$80 International Shoot Out International Skeet (by invitation only)

\$95 International Shoot Out Bunker Trap (by invitation only)

\$150 Special Event for alumni, guests, & coaches

### ACUI member fees are \$10 lower for each event.

ACUI Membership (based on institutional membership meaning that if your school is a member you are a member) can be verified with your login to the ACUI website.

**After Feb. 23, 2018** (including onsite registration additional fees will apply and the supply of ammunition will not be guaranteed from ACUI or the sponsor):

Non-member fees:

\$95 per event for American Trap, American Skeet, ACUI International Skeet

\$105 for ACUI International Trap

\$110 ACUI Sporting Clays (current students) and Super Sporting

\$90 International Shoot Out International Skeet (by invitation only)

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**Online registration will be closed March 16 until onsite registration opens in San Antonio March 25.**

To check to see if your school is a member, [click here](#), login to the system (build a login if you don't have one, It's FREE but DON'T build a duplicate record). Next, type in part of your school name. If it does not appear, they are likely not a current member.

Once you are registered, you can make adjustments to your account or record until event is full or closed for final match production. For assistance, please call registration services at 812.245.ACUI.

1. Payment must be received before the participant will be permitted to participate. Checks or credit cards will be accepted on site. No cash will be accepted for registration fees, but will be accepted for the purchase of practice rounds from the National Shooting Complex.
2. Complete the official entry online complete **WITH YOUR ENTRY FEE**, athlete and coach or advisor sign the **CODE of CONDUCT**, have your school registrar and team fill out your **ELIGIBILITY FORM** and return both the code of conduct (one per athlete) and the Eligibility Form (up to 9 per form) **via US MAIL**.
3. Make checks/travelers checks/money orders payable to **ACUI**. ACUI also accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.
4. Each event will be limited to the number of students that can reasonably be accommodated. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



### **Cancellations / Refunds**

Payment for all fees is due at the time of registration. All fees are listed in U.S. dollars. International currency will be accepted at the exchange rate prevalent at the time of payment. Refunds will be issued only from e-mail requests submitted to [acui@acui.org](mailto:acui@acui.org). Any refund, if applicable, will be processed after the tournament less all fees.

1. Upon written request, credit will be issued for all fees, less a \$50 processing charge, until March 1.
2. A \$100 processing charge will be assessed for registrations canceled in writing March 1- 16.
3. No credits will be issued after March 16.
4. If payment has been received prior to cancellation, refunds will be issued, less fees, after the event.
5. Unpaid cancellation fees and no-shows are billed.
6. Replacements are welcome.

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### **Eligibility and Code of Conduct Forms (registration is not complete without these forms)**

Participants must meet the following academic eligibility requirements:

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- All participants must meet eligibility criteria established by their school.
- All participants are limited to 6 years of eligibility. Students enrolled at 2-year institutions are limited to 3 years of eligibility; if they transfer to a 4-year school, 6 years total.
- All undergraduate participants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 as of the academic term in which they qualified for program; for graduate students, 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- All participants must be enrolled as of the academic term in which they qualified for the program for at least 9 degree-seeking credit hours (6 credits for graduate students) and must complete 6 credit hours between all program appearances.
- All undergraduate and graduate student participants must be enrolled as a student in *good conduct standing* at the institution he or she represents, as determined by the institution in which he or she is currently enrolled.
- For participation in this *international level competitions*, certification of eligibility must be made by an advisor or authorized staff member of the school and are required to provide registrar's seal and signature.
- Players must abide by the ACUI Player Code of Conduct.
- Players must abide by the dress code in effect for their event.

#### **Code of Conduct Expectations**

- Students are expected to review all advanced mailings and material received regarding the program. Information should also be shared with their campus advisor.
- Access to cell phones, pagers, mobile devices, and electronic music devices is subject to the event coordinator's discretion during the competition and strictly prohibited on the firing line.
- Drinking and illegal drugs are not allowed at the range regardless of the students' age.
- Come prepared with a positive attitude, a willingness to take risks, and a desire to have fun.
- Respect and uphold ACUI policies and philosophies of advancing campus community builders through unconditional human worth, joy, learning, caring community, innovation, diversity, and integrity.
- Participants agree to abide by any additional regulations laid-out by the host range.
- ACUI supports the filming of the event, and an athlete's participation or a spectators attendance grants ACUI permission to use their image. That image can be used for reproduction in any media and for promotional purposes of the sport and the ACUI tournament.
- Students are expected to follow the rules of all establishments and the hotel; students are responsible for themselves and will be liable for any behavioral issues
- Community Code of Conduct: Negative posts, belittling accomplishments, bullying, posting of denigrating comments, or impersonating others in public or social media that create a hostile environment within our otherwise inclusive community are a violation of the ACUI code of conduct in place for all ACUI student programs which explicitly states that as a participant, it is an obligation to abide by the code of conduct guidelines and violation of them "may jeopardize my status as a participant in this program.

#### **Additional eligibility requirements for Clay Targets include:**

- Participants are representing their institutions and the Association. All participants should adhere to the dress code for their respective events. The dress code is designed to provide for safety, support an environment conducive to all learning, respects individuality, and preserves the dignity of each student who is able to participate
- Please refer to the 2018 Program regarding specific tournament information and guidelines.
- Adhere to all safety guidelines outlined in the program and reviewed at competitor's meetings.

To support those guides outlined in the ACUI Player Code of Conduct a new award was created at the competition a few years ago to be decided on by the student peer vote. Each school will get one vote for the BEST SPORTSMAN /SPORTSWOMAN award to be presented with a scholarship at the closing awards ceremony. ACUI recognizes student leaders and students who go out of their way to make long days on the field better with friendly words and actions.

### **Registration onsite and squadding**

1. A team representative must check in, verify their entry information, verify payment and paperwork has been received, sign for ammunition tickets and pick up their competitor packets in person. A school representative must check all team registrations, individual classes, team divisions, and squadding information prior to shooting to confirm all registered shooters are squadded.
2. Scheduled Squadding Guidelines:  
One coach or representative per school will be invited to squad members based on the order of their registration for the championships. Only ISO trap and skeet are auto squadded. Additional registrations will be accepted as space allows and randomly added to existing squads by the match director

Pre Squadding (exact dates subject to change)

All students must be registered before they can be squadded. Squadding will be done online and can be reviewed or adjusted by the team representative until squadding is closed. Participants registered by February 1 will have online squadding available first. Final squadding will take place onsite. Additional registrations will be accepted as space allows and randomly added to existing squads by the match director.

- Register before Feb. 1 – Squad starting Feb.14
- Register Feb. 2 –March 2 – Squad after March 5
- Register after March 2 – Squad after March 12
- Registration closed March 16
- March 25 onsite registration and squadding reopens

Participants (or school representative) are ultimately responsible for squad times and prevent overlap of events. A three target penalty applies for any late arrivals to scheduled field.

3. Should the number of entries received exceed range capacity; slots will be awarded based on date of receipt of registration materials.
4. Final rules, awards and other information included here will be distributed at registration

### **CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

To recognize more deserving student athletes at the ACUI National Clay Target Championships, ACUI uses a classification system for competition at the National Championships. The system will be based on a shooters average from participation in any of the 2017-18 academic year American Style Conference Championships or Super Shoots.

1. If an athlete shoots one round of American Skeet or American Trap in an ACUI conference event, they will be ranked by their highest score in either of those events. That score will be used to assign them into a class.
2. If an athlete shoots two rounds of American Skeet or two rounds of American Trap in ACUI conference events, they will be ranked by their average score in trap or their average score in skeet. All percentages are rounded up. The higher average of skeet or trap will be used to assign them into a class.

The breakdown of scores for the classes are in the table below. If the shooter elects to shoot in class, they will shoot in class for all six events. Any shooter can decline shooting in class and elect to compete in open class. The classes are Open, A, B, C. New shooters and shooters with no average are automatically placed in open class. If a shooter elects to shoot in class and their scores are in the top three score of open class, in any one event, they will receive the open class award and everyone in the respective class will move up. Any class changes must be requested before first shot of event.

In case of a tie in open, class ABC competitors who do not win the tiebreaker will return to respective class and not move up into open.

The following shooters are automatically entered in open class: past national champions in any shooting organization, any past or present USA Shooting team member, NSCA Master class, NSSA A class or above, ATA A class or above. Shoot management reserves the right to move classes for athlete based on known ability.

Regardless of class, athletes can be squadded together but do not compete against each other's scores.

Classes are:

Open – Top average score of 95 or above

A – 85-94

B – 75-84

C – 74 or below

## **SCORING**

### **Individual scores for each discipline**

In each event, there will be six divisions: Open class individual men's, Open class individual women's, team/school, Individual Class A, B, and C (combined men and women). Raw scores will be used to determine winners for each event, and will be awarded as described below. In the team division, **a particular institution may only take ONE award for the top three places of any event.** The top three unique institutional teams will take first, second, and third place in each event.

### **Team scores for each discipline**

Team awards will be based on scores calculated for the top five individual team members from a school. Schools are determined at registration and confirmed by your institutional registrar paperwork. The top five scores from qualified shooters are added together to get the top team from a school. The team with the highest target count is the winner, second highest target count is second place, third highest target count is third place.

Institutions with less than the specified number of competitors are not eligible for team awards. Each school would be limited to one medal in each event.

American/Sporting Clays events consist of 5 team members.

International events consist of 3 team members.

### **Divisions for HOA**

Divisions will be used to help recognize talented students from all size programs and identify high overall scoring programs. Schools will compete in their respective divisions:

Division I – Schools with more than 21 representatives

Division II – Schools with 11 – 20 student representatives

Division III – Schools with one to ten student representatives

Division IV – Junior College, Community College, Career College (Technical or Vocational) or any Institution Competing at Nationals for the first time ever.\*

Coaches or student leaders may opt to have their schools participate in the larger school categories (aka "bump up") during registration process but must notify the match director of changes to the original intention no later than March 26 otherwise, school remains in "home" division as noted by number of participants in this year's event. Divisions only apply to team awards and do not affect individual awards.

\*Schools will be classified with official IPEDS data to qualify in this category.

### **American All Around (AAA)**

The institutions awarded American All Around will be determined by adding together total targets broken of the top 5 individual shooters who shoot the four American events (male or female) in American Trap, American Skeet, Sporting Clays and Super Sporting Clays.

First through Third place will be presented in each division. All winning schools will receive trophies.

### **High Overall Award (HOA)**

The institutions awarded National Champions will be determined by adding together total targets broken of the top 5 individual shooters who shoot all six events (male or female) in American Trap, American Skeet, Sporting Clays and Super Sporting Clays, top 3 shooter total targets broken for International Trap (wobble) and International Skeet.

First through Fifth place will be presented in each division. All winning schools will receive trophies.

This is designed to recognize an entire roster of a school attending and encourage all-around shooting.

## **High Overall Award (HOA) and American All Around (AAA)**

All team members must represent the same school (indicated by the registrar's verification through the eligibility form) and must shoot all named events for the award.

Further clarification:

- Each student selected must shoot all named events.
- Targets broken determine placements. A perfect score 2600 per school for HOA and 2000 for AAA.
- In team HOA and AAA all scores, men or women, count toward the team's total score.
- Each division will have the top 5 individual (male or female) targets broken in the discipline will be counted for the American events, top 3 individual targets broken in the discipline will be counted for the International events. Total targets broken added together for a "team" will yield the winning school.
- For example:
  - Top 5 Sporting Clay scores (male or female) + Top 5 Super Sporting Clays scores (male or female) + Top 5 American Trap scores (male or female) + Top 5 American Skeet scores (male or female) + Top 3 International Skeet scores (male or female) + Top 3 International "wobble" trap scores (male or female). All individuals must be registered to shoot from the same school and have shot in all six events in order for their individual event score to count for HOA.

## **TIES**

Ties for individuals in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the six main events will be shot off according to the NGB rules or rules posted in the shoot bulletin. The format of the shoot-off will be determined the day of the event, and will be based on the number of ties to be broken, time available to break the ties, generally accepted tie-breaking formats, and weather. If a tie cannot be broken due to unforeseen circumstances, the top three individuals will be awarded to the top three highest scores (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places, or 2 1<sup>st</sup> places and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place, for instance).

ACUI will follow NGB rules dictated for breaking ties for American Skeet, International Skeet, and International Trap.

Sporting Clay shoot-offs can take place on a 5-Stand field. Sporting clays and Super Sporting Clays shoot-offs will be 3 pairs from 2 stations. If there is still a tie, 3 more pairs from 2 different stations will be thrown. If a tie remains, miss and out from last station will break the tie.

For American Trap, shoot-off will be start at the 16 yard line and will consist of a 15 target round. If there are still ties after the first round it will be a 10 target rounds from the 18 yard line. If a tie still exists after this time, distance will progress to the 21-24-27 yard lines in 10 target rounds.

Ties other than 1-3 places in American and International Trap (wobble), American and International Skeet will be broken by:

1. Maximum long run (front or back)
2. Long run back
3. Long run front
4. High score from the last 25 targets

Ties other than 1-3 in Sporting Clays are broken by shoot management's predetermined three tie breaker stations.

Any ties for special awards will be broken time permitting. If time does not permit, they are broken by raw scores and long runs as described above. If time does permit, the shoot management will determine how the tie is broken.

## **COURSE OF FIRE**

ACUI American Skeet 100 Targets

ACUI International Skeet 100 Targets, no final

ACUI Wobble Trap 100 Targets, no final

ACUI American Trap 100 Targets

ACUI Sporting Clays 100 Targets

ACUI Super Sporting Clays 100 Targets

## **SHOOT-OFFS**

Live scores are fed to screens and on the internet and accessible at any time. Additionally, at the conclusion of the preliminary event scores will be posted on the scoring wall and shoot-offs will take place 15 minutes after the final scores are posted.

It is the responsibility of each shooter to be aware that they are in a shoot-off and to be at the designated shoot-off field at the designated time. In the event of a shoot management error, the error will be corrected and shoot-offs adjusted regardless of any other NGB rules.

Finals will not be held in ACUI International Skeet and ACUI International Wobble Trap. After the 100 target preliminaries, ties for places 1, 2, and 3 will be shot off according to USAS preliminary shoot-off rules. All other ties will be broken by the computer's long run formula.

#### **FILMING**

ACUI supports the filming of the event and ask all shooters for recognition during the registration process. This states that filming and photography will take place during the event and your attendance is permission for ACUI to use your image for reproduction in any media and for promotional purposes of the sport and the ACUI tournament.

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**Preliminary AWARDS Information (not all are confirmed at this time):**

*All International Trap awards below are based on ACUI wobble trap competition.*

1. A plaque will be awarded for individuals in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each event based on raw scores and for International events the finals in these categories:
  - a. Open class individual men's
  - b. Open class individual women's
  - c. Individual Class A (combined men and women)
  - d. Individual Class B (combined men and women)
  - e. Individual Class C (combined men and women)
2. Medals will be awarded to each member of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team for each event based on raw individual scores. Teams will receive a trophy for display at the school.
3. The High Overall National Championship school in each division will receive a trophy. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> places will be recognized.
4. The American All Around Event champion (Trap, Skeet, Sporting clays, Super Sporting Clays) school in each division will receive a trophy. 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be recognized.
5. Plaques will also be awarded to:
  - a. Men's High Overall
  - b. Women's High Overall
  - c. Men's High Overall Combined American Events
  - d. Men's High Overall Combined International Events
  - e. Men's High Overall Combined Trap Events
  - f. Men's High Overall Combined Skeet Events
  - g. Men's High Overall Combined Sporting Clays Events
  - h. Shoot-Out top man
  - i. Shoot- Out top woman
  - j. ISO Men's Bunker Trap
  - k. ISO Men's Skeet
  - l. Women's High Overall Combined American Events
  - m. Women's High Overall Combined International Events
  - n. Women's High Overall Combined Trap Events
  - o. Women's High Overall Combined Skeet Events
  - p. Women's High Overall Combined Sporting Clays Events
  - q. ISO Women's Bunker Trap
  - r. ISO Women's Skeet
6. ACUI scholarships are awarded to the individual as a way to support their academic pursuits. A check will be sent to the school's bursar/business office with an accompanying letter stating that the amount is to be deposited as payment for the individual. This requires the award winner to share their student ID number. Individual Scholarships will be awarded to:
  - a. Men's High Overall Combined Trap Events (\$1000)\*
  - b. Women's High Overall Combined Trap Events (\$1000)\*
  - c. Men's High Overall Combined Skeet Events (\$1000)\*
  - d. Women's High Overall Combined Skeet Events (\$1000)\*
  - e. Men's High Overall Combined Sporting Clays Events (\$1000)\*
  - f. Women's High Overall Combined Sporting Clays Events (\$1000)\*
  - g. Men's High Overall Combined American Events (\$1000)\*
  - h. Men's High Overall Combined International Events (\$1000)\*
  - i. Women's High Overall Combined American Events (\$1000)\*
  - j. Women's High Overall Combined International Events (\$1000)\*
  - k. Men's High Overall (\$1000)\* - all six events
  - l. Women's High Overall (\$1000)\* - all six events
  - m. Men's ISO International Skeet (\$1000)\*
  - n. Men's ISO International Trap (\$1000)\*
  - o. Women's ISO International Skeet (\$1000)\*
  - p. Women's ISO International Trap (\$1000)\*
7. Peer voted BEST SPORTSMAN /SPORTSWOMAN award to be presented with a \$1000 scholarship.
8. A school will be rewarded with a donation to school student activities accounts for NRA Most Improved High Overall School (\$1000)\*

*\*Scholarships are subject to the commitment of the sponsors and are subject to change at any time. These will be updated prior to the first shot of the event.*