



Tuscaloosa Shooting Sports Inc.

13401 Lake Harris Road, Tuscaloosa AL 35406

SPECIAL RULES FOR SHOTGUN FIELD

- This area is reserved for shotgun usage only. No solid projectile firearms are permitted to be used.
- No shooting will take place when any person is down range (ie: cold range rules) for any reason.
- The only shotgun shells allowed to be fired on this range are #7 1/2 size shot or smaller. There is no gauge limitation.
- Only club furnished clay targets and club owned throwers are to be used on this range (No personal throwers may be used).
- All rounds are to be fired from inside one of the designated (angle limiting) shooting stands. No rounds will be fired from other firing positions.
- Shooters will fire only at clay birds in the air from these approved firing positions.
- The member using the Shotgun Field is in charge of his or her guests and responsible for proper use of the thrower and facilities, and for securing the thrower and related facilities after use.
- The storage building and the trap thrower box are accessed by combination lock. This combination is provided to the club member upon his or her completion of familiarization class for the shotgun range. The combination shall not be given to non-members or to members who have not completed familiarization training.
- The trap thrower(s) may only be loaded by a club member who has completed familiarization training. However, anyone can operate the trap release control under the supervision of a member who has completed familiarization training.
- Spent hulls must be picked up and removed from the Shotgun Field or placed into the hull collection buckets/barrels.
- All shot is to remain within the designated shot fall zone (see shotfall zone map). Each shooter is responsible for insuring that his or her shot falls into this zone. This is necessary for the safety of others in the area and for compliance with the club's Environmental Stewardship Program.



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Instructions for thrower use

A member's guests shall not load the thrower or be given the lock combination. Also, club members who have not attended familiarization shall not load the thrower or be given the lock combination. These rules are in place to protect the safety of all users of the equipment since serious injury could result from improper use.

The operating instructions for the trap thrower(s) are located on the inside of the storage building door. Maintenance or adjustments to the thrower may only be done by the Chief Range Safety officer. This does not include turning on/off toggle switches for wobble, etc. which may be done by any member who has completed familiarization.

To access the thrower box, the user unlocks the combination lock and lifts the front door and flips it back onto the top of the box. The thrower cart/machine is then rolled out of the box to the end of the track. The down rod is inserted through the cart base and into the hole in the track to hold the cart in place during use. The control actuator for the thrower is stored inside the thrower box and should not be disconnected. The foot controlled actuator is the primary actuator used on the unit. It has a 100-foot cable. After rolling out and pinning the machine in place, the cable and actuator are removed from the thrower box, the cable unrolled and the actuator placed behind the shooting stands.

After finishing all rounds of shooting the member is responsible for rolling up the actuator cable and placing it and the actuator onto the thrower cart.

The down rod on the cart is then removed from the base and the cart/thrower rolled back into the thrower box and the door closed and locked.

When clays need to be loaded into the thrower the directions displayed on the inside of the storage building and on the inside of the trap thrower box door are to be used. Again, only members who have attended familiarization may load the machine. The thrower is to be refilled at the conclusion of your shooting and before you leave the Shotgun Field.

Process for payment for clays

Given the nature of the Shotgun Field, the Club needs to be in a position to buy clays and maintain the thrower. The initial cost to use the Shotgun Field will be \$5.00 per Round of 25 clays/shells. At Shotgun Field orientation, \$25.00 will be due to prepay for 5 Rounds. Members must log their Rounds on the sign in sheet in the storage building (example: if Ron Bolton shoots two boxes of shells, Ron would print on the sign in sheet - Bolton - 2). Members are responsible for Rounds shot by family and guests. Until further notice, Rounds shot over prepaid number will be billed to the Member. At this point, billing is planned to be semi-annual. Prepayment of Rounds is appreciated and can be arranged through the Treasurer (Liz Maggi - 205-861-6454) or President (George Lander - 205-394-0047).



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Goals for the future

Our hope as a club is to expand the Shotgun Field eventually to a total of five shooting stands with as many as six total throwers. As always we hope to continue to expand our sport shooting offering and have the highest quality facilities available for the enjoyment of club members and guests.

