

# 2017 Benson Clay Target Team

Athlete Registration is now open for the upcoming Spring 2017 Season of the MN State High School Clay Target League. The League's new technology partner, SportsEngine, will manage the online Athlete Registration this year. You may have used SportsEngine for other youth sports registration activities. If you already have a SportsEngine account, you can use it for this registration. If not, you will be asked to create a new SportsEngine account before registering.

To register a student athlete, simply follow the steps below:

**Step 1:** Go to the Student Athlete Registration page or copy and paste the following website address into your browser: <https://usaclaytarget.sportinge.com/register/form/934375125> The registrant must be the legal parent or guardian of the student athlete, OR the registrant is the student athlete and is 18 years of age or older.

**Step 2:** Login using an existing SportsEngine account, or create a new account. If creating a new account, you will first complete the account profile information, submit the information and, receive an email requiring you to activate your new account.

**Step 3:** Complete the registration form.

When prompted for the Athlete Registration Password, enter MN52873.

You will be required to choose one of the League-approved firearm safety certificate options that will require certification verification before the Reserve Week begins. A state-approved hunter education certification -The League's Student Athlete Firearm Education (SAFE) Certification -League registration fees will be coordinated through our team. Watch for a separate email containing information about paying these fees.

When you have completed the registration process, you will receive a receipt via email.

Within 24 hours, you will receive a confirmation email with further details and information from the League.

**Registration must be completed by Midnight on March 10, 2017 or you will not be allowed to participate in the Spring 2017 Season.** There are no exceptions to this rule.

**IMPORTANT:** This email is intended for your use only. Do not share this email or the link above with anyone else.

If you have questions during the registration process, please contact me.

Thank you!

## Background Information

- 4th Year for the Benson School
- 60 Athletes Last Year
- Sponsorship from many local groups and organizations and individuals.
- Over 20 people have Volunteered to help
- 2016 season had 319 teams & 10,361 athletes
- Estimated 12K + to compete from 350 schools

# League believes that....

- Safe & Responsible handling of firearms and ammunition is the first priority!!!
- Everyone should have fun!
- Participation is a **PRIVILEGE** – Not a right!
- Sportsmanship will have a constant presence
- All students will have an equal opportunity to participate!

# League believes that...

- Ethical behavior, dignity & respect expected
- Collaborative relationship with school and students to create a positive experience
- Academic priorities will come first – If not eligible you will participate in shooting but scoring rounds will be submitted as “0” score. Until your academic issues have been resolved.
- All adults will serve as positive role models
- Compliance with school, community, club and league rules are mandatory for all

# League believes that...

- The success of the team is more important than individual honors
- Shooting sports strengthens the connections within families, friends, & community
- Will be considered a lettering sport. We will be lettering the top 5 Male and top 5 Female shooters.
- Everyone is welcome to shoot at the state shoot in Alex. (June 12<sup>th</sup> – 20th)

## Cost...

All cost will be covered by athlete & parents

- Some cost are yet to be determined. This is due to the fact that I have been receiving many donations. So I would like to wait to see what the final expense will be.

- Known Cost....
  - BHS Activity Fees:  
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- MN League fee:  
Everyone = \$35.

# Schedule for Spring 2016...

- April – June (April 1st is the first practice week)
  - First two weeks are practice
  - One reserve week
  - Five competition weeks
  - One Fun week
  - State Tournament - MSHSCTL (June 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>)
- **Shooting times:**
  - Saturdays (Times TBD)
  - Sundays (Times TBD)

# General Policies...

- The leagues priorities, in order of importance are  
**SAFETY, Fun & marksmanship**
- Conduct – Any acts of using abusive or profane language, unsportsmanlike conduct (includes but not limited to: arguing with referees or coach; unsafe handling/use of firearm; disrupting behavior; cheating, etc.) Actions will not be tolerated, and are grounds of suspension and or expulsion from team.
- Athletes expected to be respectful of coaches, volunteers, gun club, and team mates.

# Penalties...

- ANY violations of policies & procedures will result in the following Two Strike Penalty Rule:
  - Strike 1. - Student will be sent home immediately and coaches will contact parents and school to address the concerns before athlete can return.
  - Strike 2. - Student will be removed from the team with no refund and will not be allowed to compete for the remainder of season.
- A coach may remove a athlete at anytime if they believe this athlete to be a danger to others.

# Safe Gun Handling...

- All shotguns must have the action open and contain NO live or empty shells at anytime, except when shooter is on the station. A break open gun action may be closed when on gun rack but it shall not contain a live or empty shell.
- All shotguns will be carried with the action open and must be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- Athletes will always place their shotguns on a designated gun rack.
- Immediately after shooting all guns must be returned to designated gun racks.

# Safety & Courtesy...

- Test shots not permitted
- The practice of tracking behind other shooters is not permitted
- Always have gun pointed out over field or at ground when at firing line.(loaded or not)
- Always keep your finger OUT of trigger guard until gun is shouldered and set.
- DO NOT handle another person's shotgun without the owner's consent and coach's permission.
- No Heckling – Be respectful and do not distract others

## Safety & Courtesy...

- Empty shells should not be picked up until you are instructed by a coach.
- Do not leave your station or pivot recklessly
- Only coaches will be allowed to instruct or help a athlete while at shooting station.
- Athletes are not allowed to rest muzzles on their feet or use foot pads.
- Each athlete is responsible for personal equipment and items. (not your mom)

## Shotguns...

- Must be a smooth-bore shotgun, 12gauge or smaller
- Must be equipped, fitted and utilized so shell ejection does not disturb others
- Cannot use:
  - Shotgun with any release trigger actions
  - Use slings or straps
  - Change out gun or parts in same round
  - Devices fitted to have magnifying, light emitting, or any visual enhancement

# Ammunition...

- Athletes must use factory ammunition
- You may NOT use:
  - Reload cartridges
  - Any load other than lead shot
  - Tracers, copper and nickel coated shot
  - Any load heavier than 3 dram equivalent of powder
  - Any load containing more than 1-1/8 oz of shot
  - Any load containing shot larger than 7-1/2
  - Any load with a velocity greater than 1200 FPS

## Eye & Ear Protection...

- Athletes must wear proper eye and ear protection while on range or on deck to shoot
- Athletes will NOT be allowed to shoot without these proper safety items
- We will have shell bags, ear protection and glasses available to use. Athletes are more than welcome to bring their own.

## Equipment Inspection...

- Each gun will be inspected every time it is brought to the range. Any coach or Range Safety Officer has the right to examine any item of a shooters equipment at any time.
- Including:
  - Guns
  - Ammunition
  - Clothing (no flip flops or sandals please)
  - Any other Equipment

# Shooting...

- A practice or competition event will consist of two 25 target rounds for a total of 50 targets from a 16 yard station.
- Up to 5 shooter will occupy the stations on range
- Station 1 will be assigned as the team captain
  - Team captain will be responsible for making sure all member are ready and on deck to shoot.

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