

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Sporting Clays

Overview/Description of Discipline

- Shooting at single and double clay targets that come out at surprising angles both in the air and rolling across the ground in heavily wooded cover. Match is shot from 5 stations for a 25 target round. Occasionally a wobble trap is positioned for an extra station or can be shot for a 25 target round. Shooter furnishes ammunition (2-3 boxes) and FWGC furnishes the clays. Beginners are very welcome and lots of help from the regulars is offered.

Equipment Required

Weapon

- One safe shotgun of any gauge. Semi-automatic, pump, or over/under capable of shooting 2 successive rounds for double birds.

Ammunition

- Sporting loads only. No pellets larger than 7 ½ (7 ½, 8, or 9 suggested). No steel shot. No magnum loads.

Target

- Single and double clay targets.

Ear & Eye Protection

- Must be worn at all times when shooting is in progress.

Clothing/Costuming

- No special requirements.

National Affiliate Organization

- NSCA

Rules observed in addition to FWGC

- NRA

Special local rules

- All FWGC Range Rules will be observed.
- The Match Director will appoint a Range Officer for each match. The Match Director may act as the Range Officer if he/she so chooses.

Overall safety rules

- Spectators must wear eye and ear protection and must remain clear of the firing line while the range is “hot”. Children must be supervised at all times.

Firearm handling

- The entire range is a “Cold Range” unless deemed otherwise by the Range Officer assigned for the Match. This means no handling of firearms until a “Hot Range” is called by the Range Officer. Firearms are to remain unloaded with breaches or actions open and muzzles up between stations and while transporting to and from vehicles. While at the shooting station muzzles will be within a 170° cone related to the projected path of the target.

Firearm storage

- Firearms will be stored in the shooter’s vehicle when not in use. In use firearms will be on the vertical racks adjacent to the shooting gates.

Loading areas

- Firearms will be loaded at the shooting station (“Gate”) when the range is “hot”. Under no condition are more than 2 rounds to be loaded at any time.

Unloading areas

- Firearms will be unloaded at the shooting station (“Gate”) when the range is “hot”

“Safe area”

- The Match Director will assign an area where any gun malfunction or repair may be dealt with (this area will normally be at the gate. Firearms handling rules will be observed when transporting to and from the safe area.

Match Information**Prerequisite training required**

- All new shooters will have basic safety rules explained to them before the match begins.

Match Director

- Is in charge and has the final word regarding issues of safety and competition.

Schedule

- 1st Sunday of each month. Wobble trap at 1 PM, Sporting Clays at 2 PM.

Shooting categories

- All shooters shoot in same category.

Shooting commands

- “Cold Range” – Range officer indicates that entire firing line is cold. No guns may be touched and breaches or actions are open.
- “Hot Range” – Range officer indicates that the firing line is “hot” and shooting may begin.
- “Pull” – Shooter is at the gate and has indicated he is ready to have the trap operator release the clay(s) according to the stage sequence.
- “Cease fire” – Can be called by any shooter. All guns will be unloaded with breaches or actions open.

Starting position

- At the gate

Firing position

- At the gate

Scoring procedures

- Total clays hit are tabulated for the match.

Awards

- Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Safety Violations**Major**

- Accidental discharge will result in match disqualification. A FWGC Incident Report will be prepared by the Match Director and submitted to the Chief Range Officer.

Minor

- Handling of firearms while range is “Cold” may result in stage disqualification.
- Spectators are not allowed at the gate when shooting is in progress.
- All FWGC Range Rules must be observed.

Incident reports

- Will be filed on the club provided form for all injuries and all match disqualifications.

Fees and Sign-in

- \$5.00 per round (approximately 25 clay targets).

Emergency procedures

- There is a telephone in the target stand shed at the rifle range which can be used to call 911. There is also a first aid kit in the shed. In the event of an emergency requiring police, fire equipment, or an ambulance the Match Director or assistant will designate someone to tend the gate and direct emergency vehicles. A FWGC Incident Report will be completed and filed for all injuries.

Practice

- Requires a minimum of two persons one of whom must be a FWGC approved trap operator.
- Practice will be accomplished using FWGC Range Rules.