

TOWNSVILLE GUN CLUB INC.

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An introduction to clay target shooting at
Townsville Gun Club Inc.



Trap & Skeet



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INTRODUCTION

There are many books and videos about shooting, but it is rare to find a one publication that answers the majority of questions. In particular, inexperienced shooters can be discouraged from trying a new discipline by unfamiliarity and the fear of embarrassment if they get it wrong.

Experienced shooters are usually very friendly and helpful, but often don't appreciate that it would be helpful to explain procedures before, rather than after a mistake has been made. Not knowing the difference between a double barrel event and points score event will cause confusion!

This booklet has been produced to give you an introduction to the Townsville Gun Club and the sport of clay target shooting. It's not easy starting something new and not knowing that is required of a new starter.

Hopefully by the time you have gone through this booklet, you will have a clear understanding of how our club works, what is required of you in terms of conduct, safety and assistance. We have accredited coaches in most disciplines who are available to assist and answer your questions. If in doubt, ask a committee member for assistance.

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A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Townsville Gun Club Inc. at its grounds in Townsville provides the major facility in North Queensland for clay target shooting and has hosted National, State and Northern Zone competitions.

The Club is progressive and welcomes visitors and people keen to experience the sport of clay target shooting. The current mantra is "Bring your mates!"

The activities of the Club provide a substantial benefit to the community of Townsville and its neighbouring areas and significant recent infrastructure enables people in wheelchairs to use the Club's facilities.

As an incorporated association, the Club is a community sporting body, and the objects of the Club are:

- to promote, control and manage Clay Target shooting within the area of the City of Townsville and surrounding areas.
- to actively support the safe handling and use of firearms; and
- to promote a feeling of fellowship among shooting sportsmen and sportswomen.

The committee strives to improve facilities and programs so that members enjoy their shooting more. The Club celebrated its centenary in 2014.

If you're in the market for a new or used vehicle, please pay our club sponsor, Mike Carney Toyota a visit, mention the gun club, and ask for a deal.

CLUB LOCATION

The Club grounds are located off the Bruce Highway approximately 25 minutes driving time south of Townsville City.

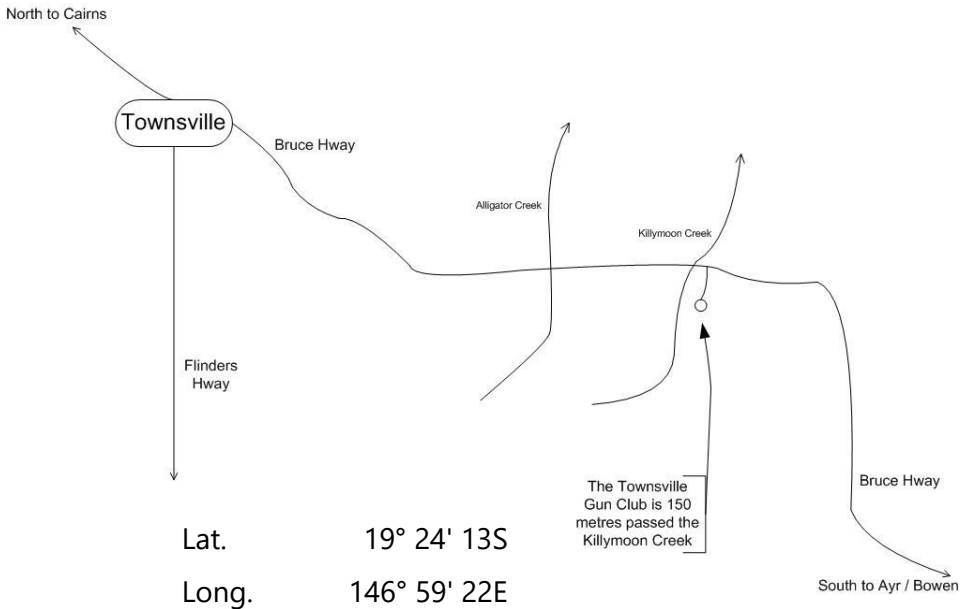
Travelling South:

On the Bruce Highway 7.3km south of the Alligator Creek Roadhouse (approx. 150 metres after crossing the Killymoon Creek Bridge) turn right and follow the graded access road to the Clubhouse.

Travelling North:

On the Bruce Highway 2.8km North of the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) road intersection (Cape Cleveland area), but before reaching the Killymoon Creek bridge, turn left and follow the graded access road to the Clubhouse.

See this simplified diagram of the club's location



CLUB FACILITIES

As a direct consequence of substantial contributions by current and previous members, Townsville Gun Club enjoys the benefits of the following facilities:

- Licensed Range facilities located in a well maintained and beautiful rustic bush setting
- A modern Clubhouse with office and kitchen facilities
- 10 Trap (DTL) Layouts
- 6 Skeet Layouts
- Two ISSF Trench Layouts
- A Tower Layout
- Multiple 5 Stand Layouts
- Sporting Clays facilities
- Day and Night shooting
- Disability friendly range and support facilities
- Live-in caretaker accommodation
- EFTPOS for nominations and membership (All card transactions will incur a 1.6% surcharge – Cash Out Available)

Camping and Caravans are welcome. Please check with management if wishing to prolong your stay. Camping charges may apply during major shoots (i.e. State Carnivals, Annual Shoots or Long Stays).

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Just a few basic pointers to help you settle into our club

- 1.** Most Sundays you can attend monthly shoots at clubs in our region, including Townsville, Bowen, Burdekin, Ingham and Charters Towers.
- 2.** When walking into the clubhouse it is a standard rule that no guns are to be put together inside. We do have young children in the clubhouse so this is implemented to keep the busy area safe.
- 3.** Guns must be opened at all times at the club other than on the layouts ready to shoot. It is advised that the correct procedure for carrying a gun over your shoulder, is that the gun be opened and barrels facing forwards so as not to engage with anyone from behind.
- 4.** Toilets are located immediately behind the main club house with Males on the right end; Females are two thirds of the building to the left and the disabled one on the left end. The clubhouse has a licenced bar at each event and food will be available at most events from the kitchen.
- 5.** As we all know a club is run on voluntary efforts of both committee members and club members. Make yourself known at the office – contrary to popular belief they don't bite. Emails are sent out on a regular basis advising when working bees are to be held and it would be good to see your smiling face from time to time.
- 6** Practice is run on a regular basis and is run using a target card system (available from the office for a small fee). You purchase rounds of clays which get loaded on your card to use on the practice days. It is also expected that shooters will assist in setting up the layouts and also packing them up when finished. Ask at the office for practice dates.
- 7.** When competing in events for the first time it feels a little daunting that each shooter has to take a turn to referee or score a round during the day. This can be easy to do once you know how. If unsure or for the first time ask as everyone is keen to help.

8. You will probably also soon realise that if you are a new shooter you will be bombarded with other more experienced shooters trying to point you in the right direction. However, they are only trying to help but it can get confusing. Find a mentor, registered club coach, that you are comfortable with or even ask at the office to recommend someone to help you.

9. You can purchase ammunition from the club at reduced rates, although we don't always have what you may require.

10. As a new member you will be expected to participate in competitions and assist at working bees, or at other times if requested, from time to time, by the committee. Getting involved helps you to meet and form friendships with other members quicker.

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB

Enjoy the beautiful location and your shooting



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FIRST AID & FIRE

A first aid kit is located on the wall closest to the kitchen servery area. Also located here is the "Automated External Defibrillator". If you have a current First Aid Certificate, please advise the committee.



Fire extinguishers are located inside the club house, near the bar and the kitchen. Signage will indicate the type and usage for the fire extinguishers.

SAFETY

Key safety points for clay target shooters

1. Respect

Treat all guns as though they are loaded – an accident could be fatal.

2. Safe and Sound

All guns must be in good order. Do not use a faulty or doubtful gun.

3. Red Flag

If the red flag at the front of the trap house is displayed, you are not permitted to close your gun.

4. Open and Empty

Carry guns open and empty, semi – autos action open. Never rely on a safety catch.

5. Correct Cartridges

Only carry the correct cartridges for the gauge and chamber of the gun you are using. **Never mix gauges in your pockets or bag.**

6. Barrels Clear

Check the barrels are free from obstructions at the start of the day and before each event.

7. Point Down Range

Keep barrels pointing down the range at all times when loaded! Open and remove empty cartridges immediately after firing

8. Only Shoot Clays

Only point or shoot at whole targets thrown for you on your command – not other objects, live or inanimate.

9. Misfires

Keep gun closed for at least 20 seconds, barrels pointing down the range until referee declares a misfire. Check the barrels are clear after a soft or unusual discharge.

10. Do Not Mix

Alcohol, drugs and horseplay – with guns.

11. Closing Guns/Storage of Guns

Guns should **NEVER** be closed or stored in the clubhouse. Only ever close a gun while out on the firing range. When guns are not being used they should be **LOCKED** in your vehicle.

12. Remember

When shooting, you are responsible for the safe handling of your gun(s) and the behaviour and safety of your guests, family and animals.

13. Range Use Register (As per QLD WEAPONS BRANCH)

It is a condition of shooting club permit that the club must keep a Range use Register and ensure it is available at all times the club is conducting shooting at a range.

Before a person may discharge a weapon on the range, they must enter the following details in the Range use Register

- if licensed produce their licence to the Range officer and enter their name, licence number, club details (if a member) and category of weapon discharged
- or if an unlicensed adult or minor using Category C or H weapons produce photographic identification and complete a Declaration by unauthorised persons for use of a weapon at an approved range and then complete their name, club membership (if any) and category of weapon to be used.
- If an unlicensed minor using Category A or B weapons their name, club details (if any) and category of weapon being used.
- All persons that are going to discharge a gun on the range are required to fill in the register. Do **NOT** fill it in if you are not going to discharge a gun.
- Failure to fill in the Range Use Register and discharging a firearm on the range will result in an instant suspension and investigation from the QCTA and possibly the Weapons Registry Office. Period of suspension will be a minimum of 1 month. The Range officer is required to inspect the entry and endorse its correctness in the Register and on the Declaration by unauthorised persons for use of a weapon at an approved range.

Safety is your responsibility

SHOOTING ETIQUETTE

Etiquette Points

1. Club Presidents and committee members are honorary; they respect your constructive criticisms and expect your assistance and cooperation.
2. It is your responsibility to ascertain your squad number, position and layout number and be on time for an event. This information will be available on the digital scoreboard (TV) on the wall at the bar end of the clubhouse.
3. While on the tracks, respect the other shooters rights to perform without interference – no mobile phones, no talking loudly etc.
4. In trap disciplines do not move off your track until the shooter to your immediate right has shot – you are permitted to move backwards on your own track
5. In skeet, unload before leaving the shooting station
6. At the completion of the event, remain on your track until the last shooter has finished
7. Dress in clean, neat and tidy manner with closed in footwear. Camouflaged clothing is NOT allowed to be worn on club grounds.
8. Respect the referee's decisions and do not obstruct their vision

SMOKING MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines our procedures for tobacco and e-cigarette use at the Townsville Gun Club Inc. and at club competitions, practice, special events, functions and other club-related activities.

It represents our club's commitment to its members, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

This policy will help to ensure our club meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend club competitions, special events, functions and other activities.

2. RATIONALE

Townsville Gun Club Inc. recognises that:

Environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it.

Role modelling can have a significant impact on the junior members of our club.

Smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less acceptable and contribute to reduced uptake of smoking among young people.

Smoke free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.

Outdoor smoke free areas help to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter reducing clean-up costs, fire risk and children's health risk due to swallowing discarded butts.

Smoke free environments can help attract new members and positively promote our club in the community.

3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Smoking restrictions for sporting clubs differ from state to state and are strengthened regularly. Our club will comply with all relevant state and local government smoking restrictions.

Our club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly shooters, of the benefits of implementing a smoking management policy and will provide information to assist this process.

The following policy shall apply to all club members, volunteers and visitors:

Smoking in this policy includes the use of any form of e-cigarette device.

Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and any other tobacco products will not be sold at any time by our club.

Many young people hold parents, teammates and coaches in high esteem and smoking around them sends the message that smoking is okay.

Therefore, we expect that coaches, members, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the grounds.

To foster our club's reputation as a healthy environment, no images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at club-related activities will be placed on social media.

4. SMOKE FREE AREAS

Our club requires the following areas of the club's facilities/grounds to be smoke free:

All indoor areas

All outdoor shooting areas (Layouts)

All spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered)

All eating and drinking areas.

All green shaded areas on Figure 1 below.

Smoke free areas will be signed (where possible) and promoted in club materials.

5. PROMOTING THIS POLICY

Our club will promote this policy regularly by:

Placing a copy of the policy on the bulletin board near office.

Promoting positive smoke free messages through the club's social media.

Displaying a copy of the policy in the clubhouse near bar and kitchen areas.

Periodic announcements to members at competitions and functions.

Placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and outdoors

6. NON-COMPLIANCE

All club committee members will uphold this policy, and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

Club members and/or guests should notify the committee of any breaches of this policy.

A friendly approach will be made to the person smoking, explaining our club policy, and directing them to any areas where smoking is permitted.

Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/people to leave the club facilities or function.

7. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed from time to time to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.



Figure 1: Green Shaded Areas are NON SMOKING

DOWN THE LINE SHOOTING (DTL) - DEFINITION

Since its introduction into Australia in 1924 and the eventual inauguration of the present governing body known as The Australian Clay Target Association Inc. (ACTA), the sport has grown to approximately 300 clubs and around 13000 members.

The rules and regulations governing the sport are drawn up by the ACTA with which every shooter must be registered before entering competitive shooting. With this regulation comes the advantage of insurance while on registered grounds, a digital monthly magazine and My Clubs My Scores phone app which enables you to find any registered shoot and grounds in Australia and even overseas.

All competition rounds, except for Double Rise and Deauville Doubles, which are shot in brackets of 25 targets. "Down The Line" is the most popular discipline shot in Australia.

A squad consists of five or six shooters. Targets are thrown from a single trap 15m in front of the centre lane

Shooting DTL

- a.** Each of five shooters is allocated a lane in the order that their names appear on the scoresheet.
- b.** The referee will announce the event, and on this command, guns may be loaded.
- c.** When all shooters are ready, the shooter on lane one calls for one target for the squad to view, before he takes his first shot. All shooters may have an eye-opener on their first target of the day at any ACTA sanctioned event.
- d.** Each shooter has ten seconds to call for a target after the last person has finished shooting, and the referee has declared the result.
- e.** Starting with shooter number one, they each shoot one target in turn. This is repeated five times until every shooter has shot five targets on each lane.
- f.** In order to prevent premature movement and balking of other shooters, no one should move off their lane until the shooter to your immediate right has shot
- g.** The shooter on lane five unloads, turns right and walks to lane one. The shooter should walk in front of referee being careful not to obstruct their view
- h.** The procedures from “e” to “g” above are repeated four more times, starting each time with shooter number one, until each shooter has shot all of the targets for the event (10, 15, 20 or 25 etc.)

Hints to assist in DTL shooting

1. Always use the central distance marker to set your basic feet position. This will enable your body to move equally left and right, thereby covering any angle at which a target may exit.
2. Your feet should never be spread wider than your shoulders.
3. Depending on the lane, position your gun point of aim at the rear of the trap house by dividing the roof line into five equal parts (a coach will explain further). This way you are always pointing at where the centre of the trap machine is and where the target will generally appear from.
4. A firm cheek pressure to the stock of your gun is all that is required.
5. Your forward hand should be approximately halfway along the forend, with a firm but comfortable grip applied.
6. Allow your eyes to relax and look forward to see the target leaving the trap.
7. Wait until the target appears before moving – don't anticipate.
8. Wear eye and hearing protection, comfortable clothing and closed in footwear.
9. Give a sharp clear command of "Pull" for target release.
10. Experienced shooters are usually very friendly and helpful, if you need assistance don't hesitate to ask for help.

Main Types of DTL Shooting

1. Double Barrel

Double barrel shall be shot with two barrels permitted and a score on either barrel to be scored as "one" or "lost".

2. Single Barrel

Single barrel shall be shot with only one cartridge loaded in either barrel and to be scored as "one" or "lost".

3. Point Score

Three points are scored for each "hit" with the first barrel and two points for a "hit" with a second. A missed target results in no score and will be declared "lost". When scoring, a hit with first barrel shall be scored as a "1", second barrel as a "2" and a lost as "0". At the completion of the event all "1"s will be added up as "3" and added to the "2"s to give a final total for the event.

4. Continental

Continental can be shot as double barrel, single barrel, and points score. The main difference is that the targets can be thrown at differing heights between three metres and one metre, measured at a distance of ten metres from the centre lane.

5. Handicap

Handicap is usually shot as double barrel from the shooters ACTA designated handicap mark.

6. Double Rise

Double Rise is two targets thrown from the centre of the trap. This is to be shot as per double barrel with one shot at each target. The results to be scored as 1 – 1, lost – 1, 1 – lost or lost – lost, whichever the case may be. Two shots cannot be fired at the same target.

There are other DTL events which we will not go into here and can be found in the ACTA rule book.

SKEET SHOOTING - DEFINITION

“Skeet shooting” was developed as a compact method of practicing game shooting in the offseason. The modern name “Skeet” comes from the Scandinavian “to shoot”.

All modern versions of Skeet are shot from shooting stations set in a semi-circle. Skeet can be shot reasonably successfully with a Sporting shotgun fitted with open (Skeet or Cylinder) chokes and No 9 shot.

Skeet employs two trap houses; one throws a high target, the other a low target. Standing on station four looking towards the centre stake, the high house is on your left.

The centre stake marks the crossing point of the high and low targets. There are two main forms of Skeet shooting in Australia; ISSF (Olympic) and NSSA (American), which is similar to ISSF.

American skeet is shot at Townsville Gun Club and is by far the most popular form shot in Australia.

The main difference between them is the number of stations and the order of shooting on each station.

American Skeet has eight stations set in a semi-circle. A round consists of 25 targets, 24 of which are distributed between the stations, with the 25th shot as an “optional” or “repeat” target.

If the shooter completes 24 targets without a miss, he will shoot an extra low house target from station eight to complete 25 targets.

Alternatively, if the shooter misses a target he must use the spare and repeat the first target that he misses.

Shooting Skeet

- a. The recommended squad size is five.
- b. The squad shoots in the same order on each station.
- c. A round consists of 25 targets.
- d. When the squad is ready, the referee shall indicate that it is ok to start.
- e. At the beginning of each round the squad may observe two legal targets - one from each house or a pair.
- f. The gun may be pre-mounted.
- g. Starting with the first shooter on station one, they each shoot a high single, then a low single and then a double (i.e. a high/low simultaneous pair), shooting the high first.
- h. If at any time a shooter misses a target, the first missed target only must be taken again and in effect becomes the 25th target, known as the "repeat".
- i. When all the shooters have completed station one, they move to station two where they shoot a high single then a low single then a double, shooting the high first.
- j. On station three, a high single then a low single. (No double on this station).
- k. On station four, a high single then a low single. (No double on this station).
- l. On station five, a high single then a low single. (No double on this station).
- m. On station six, a high single, then a low single, and then a double, shooting at the low first.

- n. On station seven, a high single, then a low single, and then a double, shooting at the low first.
- o. On station eight, each shooter shall shoot at a high target before any member of the squad shoots at a low target (Single cartridge load only).
- p. The squad shall then shoot at a target from the low house in squad order.
- q. Any shooter that has shot a clear round now shoots the 25th (known as the "option"), from the low house, loading only one cartridge. A point is scored for every target broken. The score will be out of 25.

Note: Only one shot may be taken at each target; second barrel hits are not permitted and will not be counted. Multiple occurrences will incur a warning followed by disqualification from the event.

TRAP MACHINES

Townsville Gun Club utilises electric automatic trap machines in all their trap houses. Only suitable qualified people are allowed to work on these machines.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL TRAPS

1. Never approach the trap house without first turning off the voice release. Then for additional safety turn off the '**pwr**' button on the speaker stand pod. It is wise to take the button with you to the trap.
2. Never walk in front of or enter the trap house without using the remote safety release switch to switch off the machine and release the blade. Then proceed to put up the RED flag to warn others that someone is in the trap house.
3. Whenever any person wishes to enter the trap house to load, service or maintain the trap or for any reason whatsoever, he must use the remote safety release to switch off the machine and release the blade. The remote safety must then remain inside the trap house under that person's control.
4. If, for any reason, a person is inside the trap house and the blade is in the cocked position, it can be manually released by pulling the rod at the rear of the machine. However, before releasing the blade using this manual release, ensure that the remote safety is turned off and that the control box is off also. Ensure that all persons are clear from the front of the trap house before release.
5. Please be aware when releasing cracked or broken targets while you are in the trap house, they may shatter into many pieces. Safety glasses must be worn by all persons in the trap house whenever targets are being released.

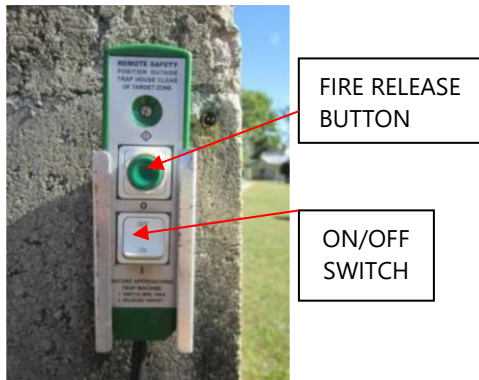
- 6.** The arm guide rail is NOT a safety device. It purely indicates the outside radius of the throwing arm. At ALL TIMES, any person, part of a person or their clothing, or any object whatsoever, MUST be kept outside of this guide rail.
- 7.** Whenever the trap is being serviced or having routine maintenance, the trap must be isolated on the main control box by having the POWER switch turned 'off' and the arm must be in the fully released position.
- 8.** The trap has many moving parts and pinch points, use extreme caution at all times. Any person, part of a person or their clothing, or any object whatsoever, MUST be kept clear at all time.
- 9.** If there is a problem in releasing the trap via the remote release, e.g. an electrical fault, then turn the remote safety switch to 'off'.
- 10.** Carefully enter the trap house (we recommend one person only enter the trap house and not to walk in front of the trap house) and switch the trap off at the control box. Then manually release the blade by pulling the manual release rod at the rear of the trap.

HOW TO RELOAD THE CANTERBURY TRAPS

- Approach trap house from the left hand side



- Turn off power using the ON/OFF switch



- Stand well to the left of the trap house, away from the path of the target and press the fire release button

- Observe that the throwing arm is in the safe uncocked position



UNCOCKED ARM

- Extend red flag on right hand side of trap house
- Enter trap house from the left hand side of the actual machine



RAISED RED FLAG

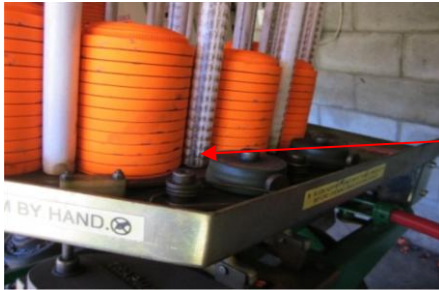
UNCOCKED ARM

ON/OFF
SWITCH
& FIRE
BUTTON

ENTER TRAP
HOUSE HERE

- To rotate hopper, close chute and then fill hoppers ensuring clay targets are not stuck together

- Open chute ensuring that the green rollers and the PVC pipes are aligned



GREEN ROLLERS
ALIGNED WITH PVC PIPE

- Exit the trap house from the right hand side
- Lower the red flag
- Switch on the trap power switch

SHOOTING METHODS

The shotgun was designed, as distinct from a rifle, to be a smooth bore pointing weapon for moving targets. This shotgun was to fire a cartridge which contained a quantity of lead shot (shot string) against a rifle which fires one projectile. Because of the time factor taken from the pulling of the trigger, primer detonation, powder ignition, time in the barrel and to the moving target, a different style of shooting is required. This style become known as lead swing or forward allowance. The following are four methods that can be used.

Swing Through

This methods once practiced, possibly gives the best results. The gun muzzle starts from behind the target and is swung through the target. The trigger is pulled the moment the muzzle reaches the target, with the momentum carrying the muzzle through to obtain the forward lead. Care must be taken not to stop the muzzle as the trigger is pulled

Pointing Out

Here the shooter passes the muzzle through the target, and when the required lead is obtained the trigger is pulled while maintaining that lead. Again the muzzle must not stop as the trigger is pulled.

Sustained Lead

The shooter positions the muzzle in front of the target, obtains the correct lead and pulls the trigger. Basically the same as pointing out and often used in Skeet

Spot Shooting

With this style the shooter estimates the required lead and pulls the trigger while the muzzle is stationary. This method is extremely difficult to master and is the least used.

All four methods can be used as the occasion demands, but as experience is gained the swing through style offers more consistant results

Remember never stop the muzzle when pulling the trigger and let the forward movement make use of the cartridges shot string.

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT - GUNS

Under and Over Shotgun

Generally is a 12 gauge which has a 76cm length barrel in under and over configuration.

The stock of a trap gun is set at a high level so that when the cheek is placed on the stock, the eye is positioned to look down onto the rib. Thereby the shooter is able to see the target yet have the shot pattern over the target.

These guns are single trigger, which after firing one barrel selects the second so the trigger can be re-pulled. Generally, the guns are equipped with ejectors to remove the fired cartridge cases from the chamber.

Weight of an average under and over trap gun is approximately 3kg. Barrels and generally choked modified or full.

Some guns have screw in chokes which enable the gun to be used in various disciplines of shooting



Semi-Automatic Shotgun

A single barrel, semi- automatic, self loading shotgun with a capacity of not more than two cartridges (one in the breech and one in the magazine) can be held on a Queensland Gun licence with special requirements.

Semi- automatics are relatively light and have less recoil as this is used to load the next cartridge. Skeet shooters use semi-automatics for their light responsive handling.



Skeet Shotgun

Generally is a 12 gauge which has a 71cm length barrel in under and over configuration. The stock of a skeet gun is set at a lower level so that when the cheek is placed on the stock, the eye is positioned to look flat along or slightly above the rib.

This allows the target to be seen above the muzzle but permits a closer gun target relationship on a crossing target. These guns are single trigger and equipped with ejectors as with the trap guns. Weight of an average under and over skeet gun is approximately 3kg. Barrels and generally choked skeet and skeet.



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT – SAFETY GEAR

Eyewear

Safety eyewear is essential for clay target shooting, protecting your eyes from potential hazards such as flying debris, shattered clay targets, and accidental powder residue. Designed with shatterproof lenses, these glasses provide a clear, unobstructed view while ensuring maximum protection. They often feature tinted options to enhance contrast and visibility under varying light conditions, helping you track targets effectively. Prioritizing safety eyewear not only safeguards your vision but also enhances your shooting performance and overall experience.



Hearing Protection

Hearing protection is vital for clay target shooting to safeguard your ears from the damaging effects of repeated gunfire. Prolonged exposure to high-decibel sounds can lead to permanent hearing loss, making earplugs or earmuffs a crucial part of your gear. Modern hearing protection options often include electronic devices that amplify ambient sounds while suppressing gunshot noise, ensuring clear communication and situational awareness. Prioritizing hearing protection not only preserves your hearing but also enhances comfort and focus during shooting activities.



Shooting Vest

A shooting vest is a practical and essential piece of gear for clay target shooting, designed to enhance comfort and functionality. It typically features padded shoulders to absorb recoil, large pockets for easy access to ammunition, and mesh panels for breathability during extended sessions. Many vests also include adjustable fittings to ensure a secure, customized fit. Beyond its utility, a shooting vest helps keep your gear organized, improves mobility, and adds a professional touch to your shooting attire.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Legal Cartridge Sizes

Down The Line	12g	28g (1oz)
Handicap	12g	32g (1¼oz)
Skeet	12g	28g (1oz)
Universal Trench	12g	28g (1oz)
ISSF Trap (Trench)	12g	24g (7/8oz)
ISSF Skeet	12g	24g (7/8oz)

Choke Markings

Multi choke marking system					
More Open ↓	English	American	Letter	Notch	Beretta Colours
	Full	Full	F	I	White
	¾	Improved/Modified	IM	II	Black
	½	Modified	M	III	Green
	¼	Improved Cylinder	IC	IIII	Yellow
	Skeet	Skeet	SK	None	Red
	Cylinder	Cylinder	CL	IIII	Blue

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