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The ATA provides trophies, financial assistance and event management to support state and provincial associations. In addition to the many services and perks the ATA offers to its members such as scores published in the Official Magazine of the ATA, Trap & Field, and online tracking of scores via *shootata.com*; the ATA hosts the largest shooting event of its kind, the Grand American World Trapshooting Championships. The Grand American takes place at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex, a state-of-the-art facility in Sparta, IL. The facility consists of one hundred twenty (120) trap fields that stretch three and a half (3.5) miles in length.

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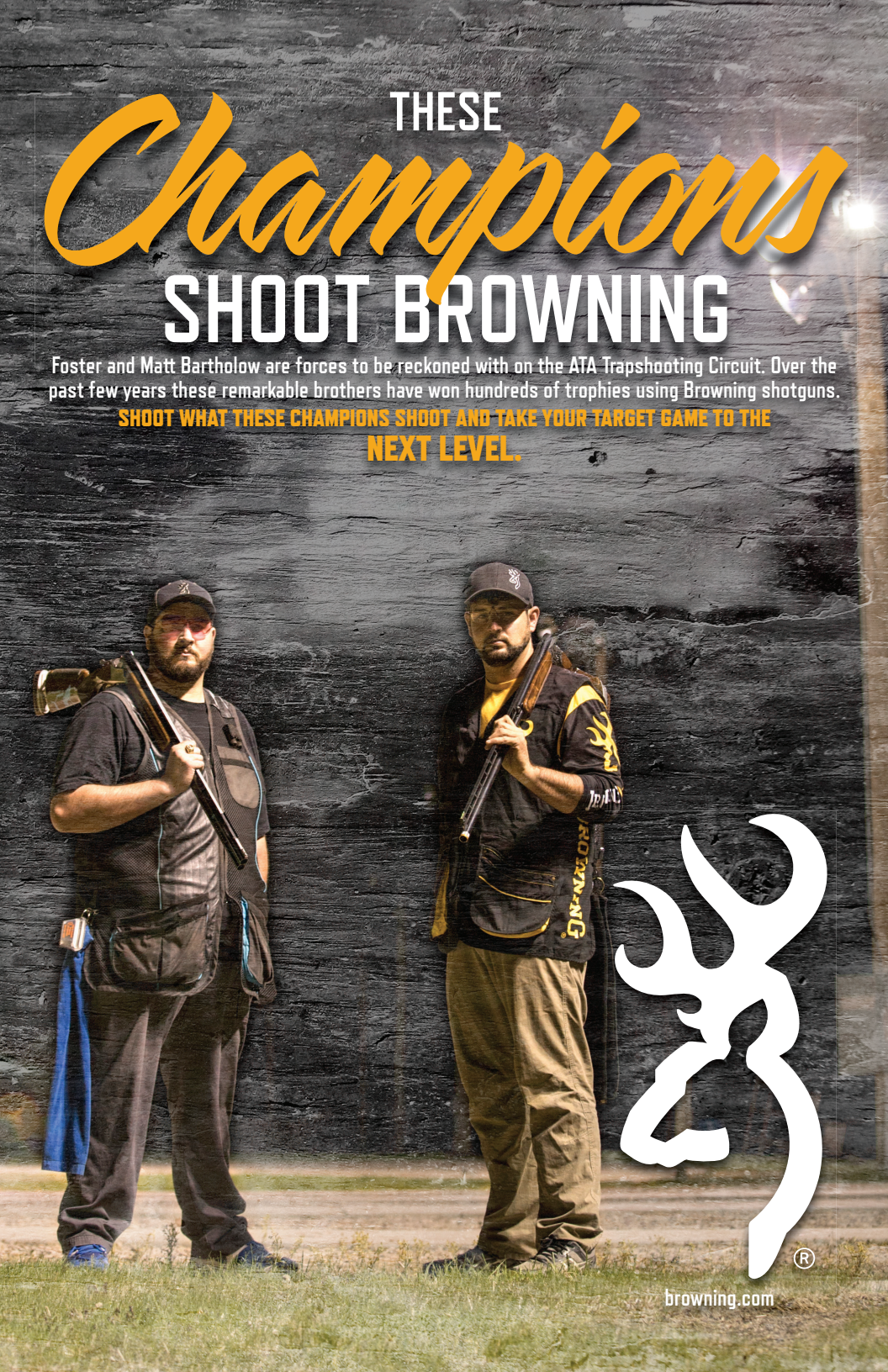

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OFFICIAL RULES

ATA Rules will govern the AIM Program unless otherwise noted. If rule changes or conditions warrant, changes to AIM rules and policies may be necessary. It is the responsibility of coaches and participants alike to be familiar with all aspects of the ATA Rule Book. All teams are encouraged to be comprised of local shooters from the same club, school, organization, or group. A qualified coach or adult must be present while athletes are on the field during practice or competition. According to the ATA Rulebook Section IV: J, 19, only competitors competing on a field at that time, referee/scorers or other shoot officials may be on an active trap field during a registered shoot, unless a safety or emergency concern arises. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all applicable laws are complied with, within their jurisdiction. The ATA Rule Book can be found on shootata.com.

SETTLING TIES

For most AIM events, ties for all individual and team events will first be resolved by reverse sub event. If a tie still exists, it will be resolved by long run. If shooters are still tied, shoot management will make final determinations. Shoot management of AIM State Shoots can determine ties by means of shootoffs if they'd like.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Parents and coaches should encourage their athletes to be good students. Coaches should ask parents to ensure their children are academically eligible.

SAFETY

AIM safety guidelines follow those of the ATA Rulebook. The safety guidelines for the ATA are listed in Section IV: J of the Rulebook. A copy of the current ATA Rulebook can be found at www.shootata.com.

INSURANCE STATEMENT

The ATA provides General Liability Insurance for AIM Participants, Non-Compensated Volunteer Coaches, and Non-Compensated Volunteer Directors while involved in AIM activities. General Liability Insurance coverage applies to bodily injury and property damage where the insured is determined to be liable for injury or damage. For a breakdown of coverage, please visit www.aim4ata.com, or contact Sportsman's Insurance at (800) 925-7767 for more details.

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ATA DISCIPLINES

Monthly Shooting Events (MSE's), the AIM Online Zone Championships, and the AIM State Shoots will all be Singles Events contested from 16 yards. The AIM State Shoots could also offer Handicap and Doubles Events. The AIM Online Handicap Championship will be from the shooters' yardage at the time of the event. The 2025 AIM Grand Championship tournament will include: Sporting Clays Championship, Skeet Championship, Individual & Team Singles Championship, Individual Handicap Championship, Individual Doubles Championship, & Individual High-All-Around Championship.

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New members in ATA & AIM will receive a new member packet after payment is received. This packet will include: two (2) orange AIM membership cards (one for the coach/parent and one for the shooter), an average card, and other general information.

Renewing members, who have not signed up for the online average card, will receive a new average card annually. Those that have signed up for the online average card can print off their updated card as often as they would like from their online account. Should a new membership or replacement card for either ATA or AIM, or an average card, be needed, please contact the ATA office: memberships@shootata.com / 618-449-2224.

CATEGORIES
(Based on Renewing Members):

Category	Age	Category	Age
Pre-Sub	11 and Under	Junior	15-17
Sub-Junior	12-14	Junior Gold	18-22

TARGET YEAR: September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025

New Members - Age category is based on your age the day you join the ATA.
Renewing Members - Age category is based on your age as of 9-1-2024.

Shooters who become eligible for new age based categories during the target year may elect to continue to compete in the previous category for the remainder of that target year. (For example, a shooter reaching age 18 may elect to continue to shoot as a Junior for the remainder of the current target year.) However, once a shooter has elected to move to the new category, that decision is irrevocable and he/she may not again declare eligibility for the previous category. **ALL** mid-year category changes must be submitted to the ATA office within 7 business days of the shooter's birthday by calling 618-449-2224 or emailing aim@shootata.com.

AVERAGE CARDS

When making entry at any registered shoot, shooters should provide their plastic identification card and average card so that names, addresses, and membership numbers are properly noted and errors in record keeping are prevented. Average cards must be filled out to provide classification personnel at registered shoots with current data on a member's shooting ability. It is the shooter's responsibility to keep their average cards filled out and up-to-date. Average cards can be printed off of *www.shootata.com* at any time.

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TARGET/EVENT REQUIREMENTS

There are target and event requirements to be eligible for the AIM All-Star/Zone/State Teams. Also, target requirements are required for many major ATA events or penalty class/yardage may apply. Keeping an up-to-date Average Card may help shooters to avoid a penalty at major ATA events, such as the AIM Grand Nationals. See page 9 for more information on Average Cards.

To facilitate reaching the minimum number of registered targets, clubs, even those with one or two trap fields, are encouraged to work with their state association to host an ATA registered tournament which could be limited to AIM participants only. Teams are also encouraged to get their club to participate in the AIM Online Zone Championship Shoot in May and the Monthly Shooting Events (MSE). Hosting clubs must comply with state/provincial associations and ATA Rules governing registered tournaments. If shooters currently practice at non ATA affiliated clubs, the ATA would be glad to work with those clubs to facilitate membership status.



CLASSIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION FOR INDIVIDUALS

SINGLES

Classes within each category will be used for the Online Zone Championship and the AIM Grand Championships. Singles classes for each age category are as follows:

CLASS	PRE-SUB	SUB-JUNIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR GOLD
AAA	N/A	92% - 100%	98% - 100%	98% - 100%
AA	N/A	88.5% - 91.99%	96.25% - 97.99%	96.25% - 97.99%
A	82% - 100%	84.5% - 88.49%	94.75% - 96.24%	94.75% - 96.24%
B	72% - 81.99%	80.5% - 84.49%	93% - 94.74%	93% - 94.74%
C	61% - 71.99%	72.5% - 80.49%	90% - 92.99%	90% - 92.99%
D	Under 61%	Under 72.5%	Under 90%	Under 90%

DOUBLES

Doubles classification will be used for the AIM Grand Championships. Doubles classes for all age categories are as follows:

Class A 90% - 100% **Class B** 85% - 89.99% **Class C** 78% - 84.99% **Class D** Under 78%

AIM ONLINE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS PENALTY

SINGLES: Class B or higher if less than 200 registered Singles targets in current target year.

AIM GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS PENALTIES

SINGLES: Class B or higher if less than 400 registered Singles targets in the current target year.

DOUBLES: Class B or higher if less than 200 registered Doubles targets in the current target year.

HANDICAP: 21 yards minimum if less than 300 registered Handicap targets in the current target year.

NEW FOR 2025:
Update to AIM Singles & Doubles Classes

Singles class determinations for the Junior Gold and Junior AIM categories will be as per the suggested classification in the ATA rulebook using six classes for each of these two categories. Singles class determination for Pre-Sub and Sub Junior AIM categories is determined by review of the national averages of all ATA members in those age groups and will distribute the number of shooters in each class as evenly as possible. This results in a level playing field. It is a fair, yet competitive system and ensures that these young and often novice shooters are competing against shooters of similar ability and experience.

Doubles classes for all categories will be in accordance with the suggested classification in the ATA rulebook using four classes.

CLASSIFICATION FOR SQUADS - SINGLES EVENTS ONLY

SQUAD CATEGORY

Shooters may shoot on a squad composed of members of other categories. However, the squad will be shooting in the highest category represented in the squad. Example: If a squad is comprised of 1 Pre-Sub, 2 Sub-Juniors and 2 Juniors, the squad will be competing in the Junior category. Moving up in age group is for squad purposes only and does not affect a shooters individual category with AIM.

Squads are defined as five (5) shooters competing on the same squad, at the same registered shoot, at the same gun club, and on the same trap field. There are no exceptions to this rule.

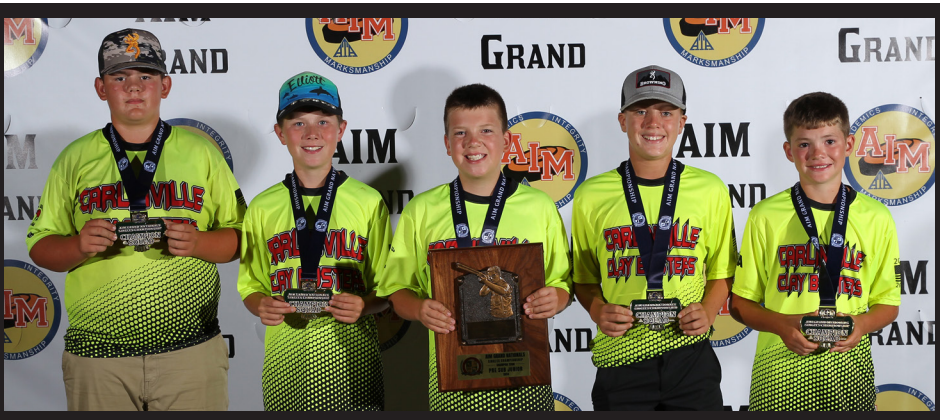
SQUAD/TEAM CLASS (Online Zone Championship & AIM Grand Championships Only)

Using the individual classification table found on the previous page, Singles squad classification will be based upon the composite average of the five shooters on the squad. The following classes will be used for penalty classified shooters:

	PENALTY CLASS (MINIMUM)	PENALTY AVERAGE (MINIMUM)
Pre-Sub	B	77%
Sub Junior	B	88%
Junior & Jr Gold	B	94%

PLEASE NOTE

- IT IS THE SHOOTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THEIR INDIVIDUAL CORRECT YARDAGE PRIOR TO SHOOTING, OR THEIR SCORE COULD BE DISQUALIFIED.
- CLASSIFICATION IN BOTH SINGLES & DOUBLES AT THE AIM GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE BASED ON THE TOTAL AVERAGE FOR THE CURRENT TARGET YEAR **OR** THE LAST 400 TARGETS, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER.



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AIM EVENTS:
Awards provided by the ATA

Monthly Shooting Events (MSE's)

MSE's will be held January through July of 2025. Each month's MSE will be open for participation for the full calendar month. Shooters can compete as many times as they would like within that month by shooting 100 Singles targets in a Singles events at an ATA registered shoots. For individuals, the high score shot for each month will be chosen for each AIM member as the competition score for that MSE, which will be compiled from shoot reports at the end of the month. Individual scores for MSE's do not need to be submitted. Scores are pulled automatically from shoot reports as long as shooter's AIM payment is current and they competed at a registered event. MSE scores will be applied to the day of the month the high score was shot. ***Example:*** *If a shooter attends a shoot on the dates 5/29-6/2 and shoots an event(s) on a day for the month of May the scores will be eligible for May. If the shooter shoots an event(s) on a day in the month of June the scores will be eligible for June.*

Example for the month of April:

Shoot Date	Shot At	Broke	
4/4	100	88	
4/12	100	91	** High Score (used for MSE by ATA office)*
4/25	100	90	

When an ATA Singles event consists of more than 100 targets, the total score for this event will be averaged for the use of MSE's. Scores that are not whole numbers will be rounded up. Example: A score of 197 out of 200 targets = 98.5 | MSE score rounded up= 99

MSE Squads

Squads competing for team awards can also use their high monthly score for each MSE. For MSE's, squads must:

- Consist of five shooters who live in the same state.
- Shoot on the same squad, same trap field at the same time, and at the same registered shoot.
- Be current paid member of AIM

SCORES FOR SQUADS MUST BE SUBMITTED USING THE COACH LOGIN ON WWW.AIM4ATA.COM. SCORES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH. ***EXAMPLE: MAY TEAM MSEs MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 15TH.***

PLEASE NOTE: SHOOTERS ARE ONLY ABLE TO PARTICIPATE ON ONE SQUAD PER MONTH FOR SQUAD TEAM AWARDS.

It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all team members are paid for both ATA & AIM. If a team member is unpaid, the team's scores will be disqualified.

NOTE: Shooters participating at multiple ATA registered events per month and competing on a squad for a squad team award may result in two different scores being used for the same month; one score for an individual award (that calender months high score) and another for the squad team award (must be shot with squad).

Per the ATA Rulebook (Section III: D, 1, G), a gun club must submit their shoot report to the ATA office within 8 calendar days following the last day of the registered shoot. Due to the nature of the reporting process, the ATA office must allow a minimum of two weeks after the calendar month has ended to post preliminary results. Scores will be posted to the SHOOTS page on aim4ata.com. **Once scores are posted, please send any omissions/corrections to aim@shootata.com by the posted deadline. Scores will not be changed once finalized. It is the shooter's responsbility to make sure their information is correct.**

Awards

For each state, awards will be given by the following breakdown.

Shooters	Individual Awards
4 *per category*	Champion
8 *per category*	Champion & Runner-Up
12 *per category*	Champion, Runner-Up & Third

One more place will be awarded for every four (4) additional shooters to a maximum of 15 places.

Overall Trophy to Champion High Lady each Category (not by each state).

Teams	Team Awards
2 *per category*	Champion
4 *per category*	Champion & Runner-Up
6 *per category*	Champion, Runner-Up & Third

One more place will be awarded for every two (2) additional teams.

Ties will not be broken for MSE's. If a tie occurs, awards will be given as co-winners for that place/award.



Zone Championship

May 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 2025

Each year in May, AIM members all over the nation will compete in the National Online Zone Championship. For this event, AIM members will post one 16-yard 100 target Singles registered score AT ANY GUN CLUB HOSTING AN ATA REGISTERED SHOOT on any of the weekends in May. To find registered shoots in your area, please visit *www.aim4ata.com*.

Shooters can compete as many times as they would like on the designated dates of the event, by shooting Singles events at ATA Registered Shoots. For individuals, the high score shot during these designated days will be chosen for each AIM member as the competition score, which will be compiled from shoot reports. Individual scores for the AIM Online Zone Championship do not need to be submitted. Scores are pulled automatically from shoot reports as long as the shooter's AIM payment is current and they competed at a registered event. When an ATA Singles event consists of more than 100 targets, the total score for this event will be averaged. Scores that are not whole numbers will be rounded up.

For the AIM Online Zone Championship, shooters may shoot outside of their home zone, but awards will only be given from their home zone, not from the zone where they shot. In order to avoid **minimum** Singles Class B penalty, AIM competitors must have shot at least 200 Registered Singles targets in the current target year prior to the AIM Online Zone Championship.

FOR THIS EVENT, ALL CURRENT AIM MEMBERS WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS OF MAY 1, 2025. CLASSIFICATION FOR ANY AIM MEMBERS JOINING AFTER THAT DATE WILL BE BASED ON AVERAGES AND/OR KNOWN ABILITY AS OF THE DAY SCORES ARE ACCUMULATED FOR TROPHY DETERMINATION.

Online Zone Squads

Squads competing for team awards must:

- Consist of five shooters who live in the zone. Mixed zone squads are not eligible for team trophies.
- Shoot on the same squad, same trap field at the same time, and at the same registered shoot.
- Be current paid member of AIM

It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all team members are paid for both ATA & AIM. If a team member is unpaid, the team's scores will be disqualified.

SCORES FOR SQUADS MUST BE SUBMITTED USING THE COACH LOGIN ON *WWW.AIM4ATA.COM* BY JUNE 15, 2025.

PARTICIPATION IN THE AIM ONLINE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP IS **REQUIRED** IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OF THE AIM ANNUAL TEAMS.

Per the ATA Rulebook (Section III: D, 1, G), a gun club must submit their shoot report to the ATA office within 8 calendar days following the last day of the registered shoot. Due to the nature of the reporting process, the ATA office must allow a minimum of two weeks after the calendar month has ended to post preliminary results. Scores will be posted to the SHOOTS page on aim4ata.com. **Once scores are posted, please send any omissions/ corrections to aim@shootata.com by the posted deadline. Scores will not be changed once finalized. It is the shooter's responsbility to make sure their information is correct.**

Awards

For each zone, awards will be given based on the breakdown below:

INDIVIDUALS

Overall Champion, Runner-up & Third each of 4 age categories.
Pre-Sub: Champion & Runner-up each class (A, B, C, & D)
Sub-Junior: Champion through Third place each class (AAA, AA, A, B, C & D)
Junior: Champion through Third place each class (AAA, AA, A, B, C & D)
Junior Gold: Champion & Runner-up each class (AA, A, B, C, & D)
Overall Trophy to Champion High Lady each Category (not by each zone).

TEAMS

Overall Champion, Runner-up & Third each of 4 age categories.
Pre-Sub: Champion & Runner-up each class (A, B, C, & D)
Sub-Junior: Champion through Third place each class (AAA, AA, A, B, C & D)
Junior: Champion through Third place each class (AAA, AA, A, B, C & D)
Junior Gold: Champion & Runner-up each class (AA, A, B, C, & D)

Ties will not be broken for the Zone Championship. If a tie occurs, awards will be given as co-winners for that place/award.



NOTE: The AIM Online Zone is different from the ATA Zone shoots, which are in July.

AIM State Shoots

All states are encouraged to offer their AIM members the opportunity to compete in a dedicated AIM State Championship event. This event may or may not be held at the same location or same time as the ATA State Championship Tournament. The registered Singles event will either be 100 or 200 targets. If more than 200 targets are shot at the event, it must be declared beforehand by the AIM Director/Volunteer. Prior to the event, the AIM Director/Volunteer is also required to distinguished which events contribute to the AIM State Shoot. For the 2025 target year, we are again giving the option for State Shoots to include registered Handicap & Doubles events (see next page for awards provided with these events).

AIM State Shoots can be anytime between January through July. AIM Directors/Volunteers must select their State Shoot date and return the State Shoot Details form by March 1, 2025. State Shoot Detail Forms can be found on the SHOOTS page on aim4ata.com. AIM Directors will receive an award package prior to their event.

AIM must receive the State Shoot Detail form in order to register the event in the AIM Department and to ensure qualification for the AIM Annual Teams. The official AIM State Shoot list will be posted on aim4ata.com/SHOOTS . If your state is not on our list, we do not have it registered as an AIM State Shoot.

Upon completion of the AIM State Shoot, it is a requirement for AIM Directors/Volunteers to complete & send in the AIM State Shoot Scores Sheet. This can also be found on the SHOOTS page on aim4ata.com. The AIM Department must have your score sheet no later than the end of the target year, August 31, 2025. It is also a requirement to turn in the AIM participation list with your score sheet.

If a state doesn't have an AIM State Director, the AIM office will use the ATA State Shoot for competition. Any AIM members who compete there will be eligible for awards, upon written request from shoot management. This applies to individuals only, and no team awards will be given out.

For State Shoots, only shooters who live in the state where the shoot is taking place will be eligible for that state's trophies. Squads must include five shooters who live in the state where the shoot is taking place, and they must all shoot together on the same squad. Mixed state squads will not be eligible for team trophies at any State Shoots. For example, a squad that has two Illinois residents and three Missouri residents will not be eligible for team trophies in either state. Please refer to page 11 for reference of squad categories.

Awards should only be awarded to shooters that are current AIM members. It is the responsibility of the AIM State Director to ensure all participants are current AIM members.



This button can be found on the SHOOTS page on aim4ata.com. Clicking this button will take you to the official AIM State Shoots list. List will be finalized after March 1, 2025.

PARTICIPATION AT THE AIM STATE SHOOT OF YOUR HOME STATE IS **REQUIRED** IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OF THE AIM ANNUAL TEAMS.

Awards

Trophies for each age category will be awarded as follows:

Singles Event: (80 Awards)

Individual Awards

Pre-Sub & Junior Gold Categories
Champion, Runner-Up, & Third

Sub-Junior & Junior Categories
Champion through Fifth

Trophy to Champion High Lady each Category.

Team Awards
Champion, Runner-Up & Third each Category

Handicap Event: (16 Awards)

Individual Awards

Pre-Sub & Junior Gold Categories
Champion, Runner-Up, & Third

Sub-Junior & Junior Categories
Champion through Fifth

Doubles Event: (10 Awards)

Individual Awards

Pre-Sub & Junior Gold Categories
Champion & Runner-Up

Sub-Junior & Junior Categories
Champion, Runner-Up, & Third



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Handicap Championship

October 4-5 & 11-12, 2025

For the AIM Online Handicap Championship, participants will compete in a 100 registered target Handicap event AT ANY GUN CLUB HOSTING AN ATA REGISTERED SHOOT. This event will be very similar to the MSE's format. Shooters can compete in Handicap Events as many times as they would like on those 4 days. The high score shot for each AIM member will be used as their competition round. The Handicap Championship is a national event, so AIM Shooters from all over the country will be competing with one another within their AIM Categories and by yardage group.

To find registered shoots in your area, please visit the Clubs & Shoots page on *www.shootata.com*.

Shooters need to check their correct yardage before competing in this event. Yardages can be found in the Shooter Information Center found on www.shootatata.com. All shooters must shoot from their current ATA yardage to be eligible for trophies.

No submission of scores will be necessary. Any shooter that shoots 100 Handicap targets on any of the four (4) days, and has a current (paid) AIM membership in the current target year, will automatically be eligible. Be sure to check preliminary score postings at the end of the month to make sure everything is correct. Scores will be posted to the SHOOTS page on aim4ata.com.

PARTICIPATION IN THE AIM ONLINE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP IS **NOT** REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE AIM ANNUAL TEAMS.

PLEASE NOTE: The ATA Rules and By Laws state: In Handicap there shall be no more than two (2) yards difference between adjacent shooters in the squad, and no more than a total difference of three (3) yards in a squad.

Per the ATA Rulebook (Section III: D, 1, G), a gun club must submit their shoot report to the ATA office within 8 calendar days following the last day of the registered shoot. Due to the nature of the reporting process, the ATA office must allow a minimum of two weeks after the calendar month has ended to post preliminary results. Scores will be posted to the SHOOTS page on aim4ata.com. **Once scores are posted, please send any omissions/ corrections to aim@shootata.com by the posted deadline. Scores will not be changed once finalized. Scores will not be changed once finalized. It is the shooter's responsbility to make sure their information is correct.**

Awards

The following places are awarded by State:

	Yardage						
Category	**19 – 19.5**	**20 – 20.5**	**21 – 22.5**	**23 – 24.5**	**25 – 25.5**	**26 – 27**	**Total**
Pre-Sub	5	1	1	1	1	1	**10**
Sub-Junior	5	3	3	3	1	1	**16**
Junior	5	5	3	5	3	5	**26**
Junior Gold	3	3	3	3	3	5	**20**
Total	**18**	**12**	**10**	**12**	**8**	**12**	**72**

Ties will not be broken for the Handicap Championship. If a tie occurs, awards will be given as co-winners for that place/award.



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A list of Zone Shoots can be found on the ATA website, shootata.com.

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The AIM Individual and Team Singles Championship will be held on Sunday and Monday (100 Singles each day). High-All-Around will be determined by individual Singles classification. Squads competing in the AIM Grand Championships for team trophies are encouraged to be comprised of local shooters from the same club, school, organization, or group. Details for the AIM Grand National Championships, will be available in the printed program prior to the event.

Please see page 11 for minimum target requirements for each event.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ALL-STAR & ALL-ZONE AIM ANNUAL TEAMS, MEMBERS MUST COMPETE IN THE AIM GRAND NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

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The ATA recognizes the integral role that gunsmiths play in our sport and we wish to encourage development of a career in gunsmithing by offering a one-time scholarship for a prospective gunsmith entering an accredited gunsmithing course at an accredited educational institution.

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Application may be found under Recent News on shootata.com.

Application must be postmarked by July 1, 2025.

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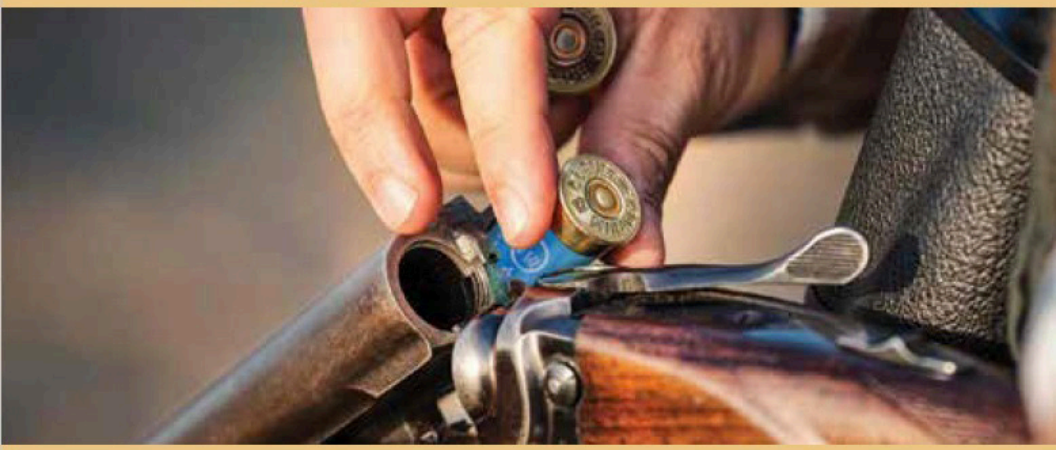
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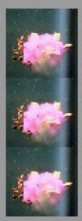
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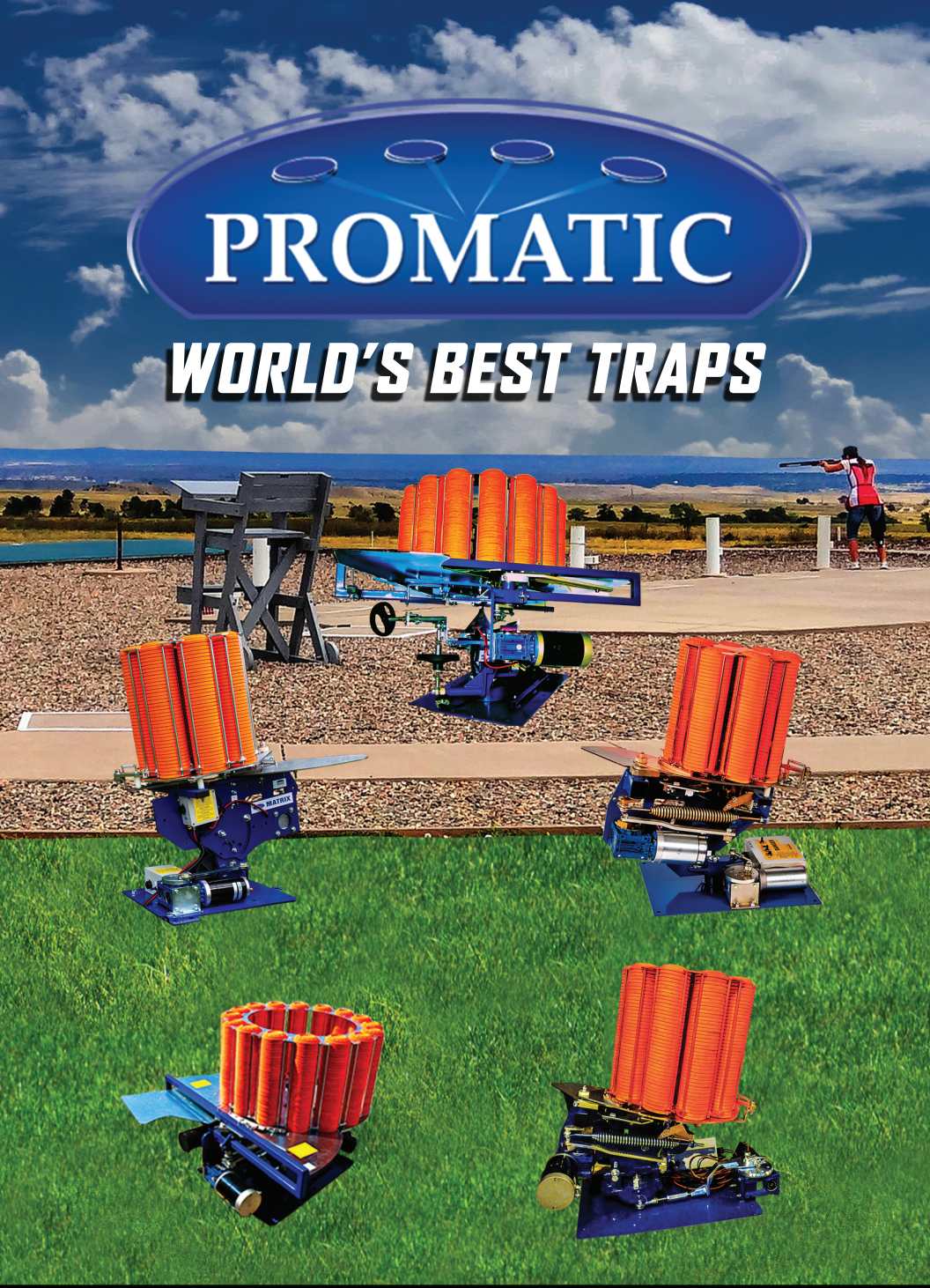


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AIM ANNUAL TEAMS

All AIM Annual Teams will be based on AIM membership and the total number of members in the category/zone/state. AIM All-Stars are the highest level of shooting recognition, followed by All-Zone, then All-State. Qualifications for the 2026 AIM Annual Teams are listed below.

AIM ALL-STAR TEAM

All-Star team members will be chosen from shooters who have participated in at least:

- 1 Monthly state/provincial event
- AIM State Championship (Shooter's home state shoot)
- AIM Online Zone Championship
- AIM Grand National Singles Championships
- 1,000 Registered Singles Targets
- 300 Registered Handicap Targets
- 300 Registered Doubles Targets

up to 20 eligible All-Star members in each category will be chosen



AIM ALL-ZONE TEAM

All-Zone team members will be chosen from shooters in each zone who have participated in at least:

- 1 Monthly state/provincial event
- AIM State Championship (Shooter's home state shoot)
- AIM Online Zone Championship
- AIM Grand National Singles Championships
- 800 Registered Singles Targets
- 200 Registered Handicap Targets
- 200 Registered Doubles Targets

from each zone, up to 10 eligible All-Zone members in each category will be chosen



AIM ALL-STATE TEAM

All-State team members will be chosen from shooters who have participated in at least:

- 1 Monthly state/provincial event
- AIM State Championship (Shooter's home state shoot)
- AIM Online Zone Championship
- 500 Registered Singles Targets

from each state, up to 5 eligible All-State members in each category will be chosen



Qualifications must be met between September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025*

Important things to note about AIM Annual Teams

- AIM members named ATA All-Americans of the same target year will not be eligible for AIM Annual Teams.
- Eligible shooters will only make one team. If you make All-Star, you are not eligible for All-Zone or All-State. If you make All-Zone, you are not eligible for All-State.
- Composite Average is used when determining AIM All-Star & All-Zone Teams. Composite Average is the average of your Singles, Handicap & Doubles averages.
- League scores are included in averages

**Please see the ATA Rulebook (Section II:B) regarding shoot dates during the target year*



2025 AIM ALL-STAR TEAM



Based on 2024 Target Year Preformance

Junior Gold

	First Name	Last Name	State	Composite Avg
C	KADEN	WESTFALL	CO	94.66%
	COLTON	COZZA	MO	94.62%
	BENJAMIN	WARWICK	IL	94.47%
	JAYCE	WELLEN	IL	94.39%
	ABRAM	LORENCE	IA	94.29%
	JACOB	FOURNIE	IL	93.87%
	BRADY	COX	IL	93.76%
	WYATT	BAINE	IL	93.70%
	NOLAN	HARDESTY	KY	93.20%
	MASON	BURRIS	AR	93.17%
	HEATH	WHITNEY	TN	92.67%
	NATHANIEL	SUMMITT	IN	92.49%
	MASON	TUCKER	OK	92.45%
	HUNTER	MCCOY	TN	92.41%
	BRENNEN	ROSS	KY	92.19%
	LAYTON	FREAS	OK	92.14%
	GAVIN	RYNDERS	IL	92.13%
	CAROLINE	HARDESTY	KY	91.90%
	ETHAN	RILEY	KY	91.64%
	DAKOTA	SROGUS	IL	91.14%

Sub-Junior

	First Name	Last Name	State	Composite Avg
C	TYLER	BURTON	MO	95.03%
	DRAKE	LAWLER	IL	92.79%
	ALEXANDER	GANNON	TN	92.71%
	JACOB	WESSEL	OH	92.15%
	JOHN	LAY	TN	91.45%
	NOAH	GOEDDEL	IL	91.45%
	MYLES	ARROWSMITH	IL	91.40%
	COLE	WRIGHT	OK	91.01%
	TRIP	HUTSON	IL	90.64%
	CHRISTOPHER	SCROGIN	AR	90.60%
	KEEGAN	HAYS	TN	90.44%
	BRADY	RUSSOM	AR	90.40%
	LEVI	BOWLING	KY	90.25%
	TAYLOR	SIMS	TN	90.17%
	JACKSON	WILLIAMS	TN	90.07%
	BRYSON	MURRAY	AR	89.98%
	OLIVER	MEADOR	TX	89.90%
	COLTON	MCKINNEY	MO	89.88%
	ELI	PENCE	IL	89.74%
	LILY	JENNINGS	IA	89.71%

Junior

	First Name	Last Name	State	Composite Avg
C	THOMAS	BURTON	MO	95.53%
	DAUSEN	HEMKER	IL	94.33%
	AIDEN	NACE	KY	94.07%
	KOHEN	BURDA	NE	93.78%
	KELSEY	TURNER	KY	93.74%
	HALLIE	JACOBS	TN	93.61%
	HUNTER	ALVER	MO	93.59%
	WILL	ESFELD	KS	93.48%
	WYATT	HAPPLE	NE	93.37%
	BOONE	POLLARD	TN	93.23%
	AUSTIN	BRATCHER	KY	93.19%
	EVAN	MAPLE	IL	93.12%
	SETH	SMITH	AR	92.71%
	PAYTON	WOTTOWA	IL	92.54%
	CLAY	CARNAHAN	IN	92.53%
	AIDAN	RICE	AR	92.49%
	MARTIN	STIKA	KS	92.41%
	CLINT	PARSON	TN	92.41%
	CHARLES	CASTLE	KY	92.32%
	JOSHUA	ATHMER	IL	92.23%

Pre-Sub

	First Name	Last Name	State	Composite Avg
C	LINDEN	RYNDERS	IL	89.99%
	MAVERICK	MCCLURE	KY	87.55%
	CLAYTON	BAUER	IL	86.20%
	GAVIN	KUENSTLER	IL	85.02%
	HEIDI	THOMASON	AL	84.70%
	MARSHALL	PRYOR	OK	84.55%
	JOEL	MILLS	KY	82.72%
	HARRISON	MCKINNEY	MO	82.05%
	ELLIOTT	TURPIN	IL	81.26%
	PARKER	BRAY	AR	80.28%
	PARKER	ROBINSON	MO	80.22%
	PARKER	LOHBERGER	OK	80.19%
	FOXX	THOMPSON	AR	80.07%
	SAM	MANUEL	VA	79.39%
	BRECK	ROHLFING	IL	78.73%
	BROOKS	BARNETT	LA	78.21%
	JOEL	PETERSEN	NE	76.03%
	WYATT	KELLER	KY	75.86%
	BRENSON	CLIFFORD	IL	75.44%
	CASH	MOORE	OK	74.31%

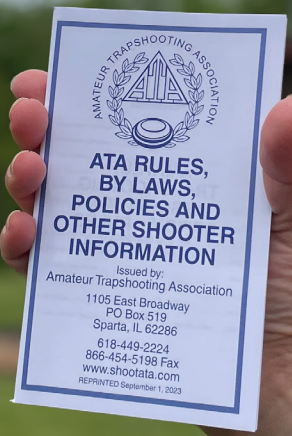


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COACH REQUIREMENTS

CREDENTIALED COACHES

Above all else, coaches are responsible for ensuring the safe and responsible use of firearms. Having coaches who have completed a comprehensive coach education program adds an extra dimension to starting the next generation of trapshooters on the correct road to a lifetime of enjoyment of our sport.

To become a Credentialed Coach, a person must successfully complete a comprehensive coach education program. Such programs can be completed through the NRA, 4-H, or similar organizations. Once you have completed this course, please fill out and submit the "Coach Credential Request" form found on *www.aim4ata.com*. Once this form is received at the ATA Office, it will be processed and an ATA Coaching Card will be sent to you.

Junior Coaches are those that have successfully completed an educational program, but are ages 15-17. Upon reaching age 18, you may apply for Level 1 status by contacting the organization you completed the program through. Once you have done this, please contact aim@shootata.com to receive a new ATA Coaching Card.

AIM COACHES

AIM Coaches are defined as those that are actively instructing at least one AIM shooter for the current target year. To become an AIM Coach, please register your team in the AIM Coaches Area found on the homepage of *www.aim4ata.com*. Detailed instructions on how to use this area can also be found on the homepage under "Recent News". AIM Coaches must be 18 years of age or older.

All coaches involved with AIM participants are required to display the highest level of sportsmanship, integrity and conduct, both on and off the field. If necessary, coaching and participation in any aspect of the AIM program may be revoked at any time by the Executive Committee of the ATA.

Coaches are to give all new participants and their parents, brief introduction to the sport of trapshooting so the entire family understands the sport. Parents may want to take up the sport too!

The youth trapshooters of today are the future of our sport. Our member clubs that go through the effort to sponsor a youth trapshooting program need to be thanked. Coaches are urged to instill in their shooters and parents the desire to "give back" to their host club by volunteering service hours to the benefit of the club.

STATE/PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS

AIM State/Provincial Directors and ATA staff members will work together to promote youth trapshooting opportunities in each state or province to include the scheduling of AIM State/Provincial Championships and other youth events. State/Provincial Directors will monitor and encourage good sportsmanship among coaches and participants. The number of state/provincial directors may be determined by the number of participants in each state/province. If your state does not have an AIM State Director, contact the ATA office. Efforts will be made to get a Director in place.

AIM Directors are responsible for being knowledgeable in trapshooting & the ATA rules. AIM Directors are also responsible for selecting their AIM State Shoot. Please refer to page 20 for information.

ATA SHOOT REGISTRATION GUIDE – HOW TO

Any shooting facility that has one (1) or more trap fields may host registered ATA trap events.

1. A Registered Shoot Application Form, obtained from the ATA website or local State Secretaries, must be filled out and provided to the State Secretary for approval prior to the scheduled shoot.
    a. Some states offer AIM Focused Youth Shoots, which are ATA registered, however AIM does not provide trophies/awards. If you are scheduling an AIM Focused Youth Shoot, please note "AIM" on the top of the shoot registration form. Please note: AIM Focused Youth Shoots must allow all ATA members, youth and adult, to shoot during this time if they would like to. As an ATA registered shoot all ATA members are welcome to participate.
2. If the application is in order, the State Secretary will approve and forward it to the ATA for the certificate of registration.
3. Once the application has been received, the ATA will issue the registration certificate, provided all conditions of the application have been met.
    a. Prior to the holding of the registered event and/or tournament, necessary supplies for the proper recording of the event will be sent to the club or association.
4. An official written description or program for every shoot must be published and/or posted. The program must, at a minimum, list all fees, events, options, trophies, and penalty Handicap yardage (if used) for the shoot. Programs can be posted to the ATA website by logging into the Gun Club Login found on *www.shootata.com*.
5. After the shoot has taken place, it is the gun club's responsibility to send in all necessary paperwork from the event. This includes ATA registered scores and financials.
    a. For most AIM events, individual scores do not need to be submitted. Scores are pulled automatically from shoot reports as long as the shooter's AIM payment is current and they competed at a registered event. Scores for squads must be submitted using the coach login on *www.aim4ata.com*.

Please note: According to the ATA Rule Book (Section IV: H, 4), the squadding of practice shooters (non-registered shooters) with those shooting registered events shall not be allowed, nor shall anyone be allowed to shoot registered events on a non-registered basis. This Rule shall not apply during Registered League Shooting or Big 50 events.

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AIM HANDBOOK TERMS & DEFINITIONS

Average - The percentage of targets the shooter has hit out of the total shot at.

Category - A system of dividing shooters into groups based on age and gender.

Classification - A system of dividing shooters into groups - based on previous records, ability, etc. - in Singles and Doubles. Classification is done by a committee of shooters. AAA is the highest class; D or E are the lowest.

Doubles - One of the three events in trapshooting. The shooter stands 16 yards from the trap house and fires twice, once at each target that are thrown simultaneously.

Earned Yardage - Yardage earned by shooters breaking high scores at ATA registered events. This additional yardage is indicated by punches on the shooter's Average Card. An earned Yardage Table can be found in the ATA Rulebook.

Handicap - Singles targets shot at by shooters standing a minimum of 19 yards and a maximum of 27 yards from the trap.

High-All-Around (HAA) - Championship at major shoots based on the combined scores of the 400 Championship targets: 200 Singles, 100 Doubles and 100 Handicap.

High-Over-All (HOA) - Championship based on the combined score of most or all targets in a program. At the Grand American, it includes 1,000 targets over the final six days.

Long Run - The number of consecutive dead targets. Could be front, middle or back.

Penalty Classification - Shooters may be placed in penalty class if they do not meet the target requirements setup for a specific shoot. Shoot Management may establish penalty classification for Singles and Doubles events and penalty yardage for Handicap events.

Shoot-off - Method of deciding ties in which the shooters fire another event.

Singles - Targets are shot at by shooters standing 16 yards from the trap. One shot fired at each target.

Squad - A group of shooters (five or less) who shoot together at one trap and who shoot in rotation. In AIM, squads must have five shooters, and compete at the same time and location, to be eligible for team trophies.

Target Year - The target year runs from September 1 thru August 31 of the following year.

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