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The Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) is the official governing body of the sport of trapshooting. Founded in 1889, the ATA is the “faithful protector” of the sport of trapshooting and as such governs the sports’ rules and regulations. The ATA also seeks means to enhance the sport while stimulating growth and participation.

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.

The ATA believes that their role as the National Governing Body of American Style Trapshooting instills an obligation to promote a premier program for the development and recognition of young trapshooting athletes everywhere.
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:I, 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.

SETTLING TIES
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.

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: I 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.

THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR THIS COVERAGE

ATA: NOT FOR PROFIT
Charitable donations are only deductible if given to a 501(c)(3) organization. The Amateur Trapshooting Association is a 501(c)(3) organization, however, individual donations to AIM teams are not covered by the ATA’s 501(c)(3) designation.

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 2017 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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The total fee for any eligible ATA member to participate in AIM is $25. ATA annual membership for those 22 and under is $12 and AIM membership is $13. All AIM membership fees are applied to AIM program costs (awards, scholarships and promotion of youth shooting). All AIM members are eligible to participate in any ATA registered event or tournament, including the Grand American, throughout the year.

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. Should a new membership card for either ATA or AIM, or an average card, be needed, please contact the ATA office: membership@shootata.com / 618-449-2224

For teams or groups with 50 shooters or more, please contact the ATA office for more information on the ATA Group Membership Discount Program.

CATEGORIES (Based on Renewing Members):

Categories remain the same for the entire target year

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Age</th>
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<td>Pre-Sub</td>
<td>Age 11 and Under</td>
<td>On or after 9/2/2004</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sub-Junior</td>
<td>Age 12-14</td>
<td>9/1/2004 - 9/2/2001</td>
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TARGET YEAR: September 1st, 2016 – August 31st, 2017

The Shooter’s individual category will remain the same throughout the target year for all events, awards and AIM Annual Teams. 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 9-1-2016. Categories remain the same for the entire target year. Example: If a returning shooter was 14 years old on September 1, 2016, but turned 15 on December 8, 2016, their age that target year would still be 14 (Sub-Junior). If a new shooter was 15 years old on October 23, 2016, their age that target year would be 15 (Junior).

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. Please visit www.aim4ata.com for more information on average cards, including how to fill them out.
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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.

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 National Singles Championship. Singles classes for each age category are as follows:

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<tr>
<th>CLASS</th>
<th>PRE-SUB</th>
<th>SUB-JUNIOR</th>
<th>JUNIOR</th>
<th>JUNIOR GOLD</th>
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<tr>
<td>AA</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>93% - 100%</td>
<td>95.5% - 100%</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>80% - 100%</td>
<td>87% - 92.99%</td>
<td>91.5% - 95.49%</td>
<td>94% - 100%</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>69% - 79.99%</td>
<td>81% - 86.99%</td>
<td>87.5% - 91.49%</td>
<td>90% - 93.99%</td>
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<td>Under 69%</td>
<td>72% - 80.99%</td>
<td>80.5% - 87.49%</td>
<td>Under 90%</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Under 72%</td>
<td>Under 80.5%</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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In the current target year, the target requirement to avoid minimum Class B for any age category will be 200 ATA Registered Singles targets prior to the Online Zone Championship and 400 ATA Registered Singles targets prior to the AIM Grand National Championship.

DOUBLES
Doubles classification will be used for the AIM Grand National Individual Doubles Championship. In the current target year, the target requirement to avoid minimum Class B for any age category will be 200 ATA Registered Doubles targets prior to the event. The following classes will be used for all age categories:

| Class A | 82% - 100%          | Class B | 70% - 81.99%       | Class C | Under 70% |

HANDICAP
There will be no target requirements or penalty yardage for the AIM Grand National Individual Handicap Championship. Members will compete from their current ATA yardage.
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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:

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<tr>
<th>PENALTY CLASS (MINIMUM)</th>
<th>PENALTY AVERAGE (MINIMUM)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pre-Sub</td>
<td>B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sub Junior</td>
<td>B</td>
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<tr>
<td>Junior &amp; Jr Gold</td>
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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 2017. 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 Singles events at 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:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Shoot Date</th>
<th>Shot At</th>
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<tr>
<td>4/4</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>88</td>
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<tr>
<td>4/12</td>
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<tr>
<td>4/25</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>90</td>
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* High Score (used for MSE by ATA office)
The purpose of the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA) is to:

- Support and protect the rights and freedoms of all citizens protected by the Bill of Rights under the United States Constitution.
- Preserve and protect hunter’s right to possess and use firearms for sporting purposes, to educate the public to promote conservation and safe sport hunting as a wildlife management tool.
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- Promote the highest degree of sportsmanship and good fellowship, and to prevent the occurrence or tolerance of unsportsmanship conduct.
- Promote and assist in the planning, construction, and preservation of civilian shooting ranges.
- Educate the citizens on all matters affecting the lawful use and possession of firearms, firearm safety, self-defense, competitive shooting and sport hunting.
- Support and promote the purposes, goals and objectives of the National Rifle Association of America and USA Shooting.

www.isra.org
Monthly Shooting Events (MSE’s) - Continued

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

Squads competing for team awards can only submit one competition score for each MSE. For MSE’s, squads must:
- Consist of five shooters who live in the same state.
- Shoot on the same squad, trap field, and at the same registered shoot.
- Declare as a group what day they will be competing for team awards. Squads that shoot together more than one Singles event must declare beforehand which Singles event they are using as their score.

Scores for squads must be submitted using the coach login on www.aim4ata.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Shooters are only able to participate on one squad per month for squad team awards.

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 calendar 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. Once scores are posted, please send any omissions/corrections to aim@shootata.com by the posted deadline.

Shooters Individual Awards

| 4   | Champion |
| 8   | Champion & Runner-Up |
| 12  | 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   | Champion |
| 4   | Champion & Runner-Up |
| 6   | 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.
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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 three weekends. 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 this time frame 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. Scores for squads must be submitted using the coach login on www.aim4ata.com. Please remember, squads are only eligible for team trophies when five shooters have shot together at the same time and location. Mixed zone squads are not eligible for team trophies.

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 AIM COMPETITORS WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS OF MAY 12, 2017.
PARTICIPATION IN THE AIM ONLINE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OF THE AIM ANNUAL TEAMS.

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)
Sub-Junior: Champion through Third place each class (AA, A, B, C & D)
Junior: Champion through Third place each class (AA, A, B, C & D)
Junior Gold: Champion & Runner-up each class (A, B & C)
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)
Sub-Junior: Champion through Third place each class (AA, A, B, C & D)
Junior: Champion through Third place each class (AA, A, B, C & D)
Junior Gold: Champion & Runner-up each class (A, B & C)
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**AIM State Shoots**

All states are encouraged to offer their AIM members the opportunity to compete in an 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 an event, it must be declared beforehand by the AIM Director/Volunteer which set of targets are being used for the AIM State Shoot. For the 2017 target year, we are again giving the option for State Shoots to include registered Handicap & Doubles events (see below for awards provided with these events).

AIM State Shoots can be anytime between January and July. AIM Directors/Volunteers must select their State Shoot date and return the State Shoot Details form by January 30, 2017. AIM Directors will receive an award package prior to their event.

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. 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.

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

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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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 www.aim4ata.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.aim4ata.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) 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.

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 a squad, and no more than a total difference of three (3) yards in a squad. If 18, 19, or 20 yard shooters are in a squad, it is strongly suggested that there be no more than one (1) yard difference between adjacent shooters in the squad. However, there shall be no more than a total difference of two (2) yards in those squads.
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AIM GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
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The AIM Individual and Team Singles Championship will be held on Monday and Tuesday (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. Additional details for the AIM Grand National Championships will be available in the printed program prior to the event.

Please see page 6 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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As always, yearly scholarships will be awarded to eligible members. However, thanks to the Pat & Penny Ireland Memorial Scholarship Fund, we are once again able to offer 15 scholarships for the 2017 target year. There will be 5 given out for Academics, 5 for Integrity, & 5 for Marksmanship. Each Scholarship will be worth $2,500. Details of additional scholarships can be found on www.aim4ata.com or in the 2017 AIM Grand Championships Program. Contact the ATA office for additional information on how to donate to the AIM Scholarship Fund.
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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.

AIM All-Star Team
A number of All-Star 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 Zone Championship
- AIM Grand National Singles Championships
- 1,000 Registered Singles Targets
- 300 Registered Handicap Targets
- 300 Registered Doubles Targets
- A minimum of 20 eligible All-Star members will be chosen each target year

AIM All-Zone Team
A number of All-Zone 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 Zone Championship
- AIM Grand National Singles Championships
- 800 Registered Singles Targets
- 200 Registered Handicap Targets
- 200 Registered Doubles Targets
- A minimum of 10 eligible All-Zone members will be chosen each target year, from each zone

AIM All-State Team
A number of All-State 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 Zone Championship
- 500 Registered Singles Targets
- A minimum of five (5) eligible All-State members will be chosen each target year, from each state/province

* AIM members named ATA All-Americans of the same target year will not be eligible for AIM Annual Teams.
**Composite Average is used when determining AIM All-Star & All-Zone Teams.
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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 the NRA/ATA Trap Coach School. 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 the NRA Coaching School, but are ages 15-17. Upon reaching age 18, you may apply for Level 1 status by contacting NRA. 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.
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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 can be submitted using the coach login on www.aim4ata.com.

Please note: According to the ATA Rule Book (Section IV: G, 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.”

We help communities and organizations raise funds to support their high school, college, and other youth shooting teams and activities.
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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 18 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.

Gamaliel is proud to support youth shooting teams in as many ways possible. Their Ready, Set, Pull! Program has been developed to help AIM teams purchase necessary merchandise at a discounted price to help reduce costs to team members.

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