



2012 OPERATIONS HANDBOOK

Official youth program of the Amateur Trapshooting Association





Trap Shooting Tips

from Dave Kelly



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1. Hold gun and eyes still and be ready when you call for the target
2. Always shoot a warm-up practice before each event
3. Have a regimented routine for each shoot day
4. Set goals that keep you motivated such as making the state team or overall average
5. Gun fit, foot position and hold points are very important to consistently break targets
6. Take one target, one post and one trap at a time, do not let the total number of targets intimidate you

Accomplishments

- 12 Time California State Team
- All American
- 3 Time PITA All Star Captain
- 19 State Championships (ATA/PITA)
- 5 West Coast State Handicap Championships
- 10 Grand Slams/62-100 Straight DBLs
- California Flyer Champion



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NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

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.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.aim4ata.com

www.shootata.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amateur Trapshooting Association

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GRADUATE CHAMPIONS
2011 AIM Grand Championships

OFFICIAL RULES

ATA Rules will govern the AIM Program unless otherwise noted. It is the responsibility of coaches and participants alike to be familiar with all aspects of the ATA Rule Book. A qualified coach or adult must be present while athletes are on the field during practice or competition. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all applicable laws within their jurisdiction are complied with.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

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

INSURANCE STATEMENT

"AIM" has been added as an additional named insured on ATA's policy and is afforded the same liability protection as is currently in effect for all of the other approved ATA entities and activities. For more information please call Heidi at Sportsman's Insurance: 1-800-925-7767

ATA DISCIPLINES

Singles will be the main event, but coaches are encouraged to train their team members in handicap and doubles to prepare them for their future as ATA shooters. To foster this growth the ATA will be hosting the AIM Online Handicap and the AIM Doubles event (Dates to be determined for these two separate events).



MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$25

The total fee to participate in the AIM Program is \$25, which also includes your ATA membership. One hundred percent of the AIM fee will go toward awards, scholarships and the promotion of youth shooting. All AIM members are eligible to participate in all registered ATA events throughout the year.

CATEGORIES: Based on age

Pre-Sub	Age 11 and Under
Sub-Junior	Age 12-14
Junior	Age 15-18
Seniors	Age 19-23

TARGET YEAR: September 1st – August 31st

Categories (based on age) are established on the first day of the target year. The Shooters category will remain the same throughout the target year for awards and special recognitions.

DIVISIONS

Divisions within each category are provided for the Zone Championship and the AIM Grand Championship. These divisions are offered on an event basis to award additional trophies to members with different skill levels within a category. The number of divisions are based on participation at each event.

Division Procedure

1. List scores in descending numerical order, highest to lowest.
2. Determine the number of divisions for the event.
Divide the number of divisions equally and draw a line to separate the divisions.
The score BELOW the lines will be the winners for each division,

EXCEPT:

There are usually an odd number of entries and numerous ties.
The following rules for divisions apply.

- a. If there are odd number(s) of entries, the short divisions head the list.
- b. Whenever the division line falls among tie scores, the shooters are assigned to the division containing the MAJORITY of the scores.

Example: If the majority of scores are above the line, the next score down will head the division.

If the majority of scores are below the line OR an equal number on each side of the line, this score will head the division.

- c. Regardless of changes caused by the odd numbers, the lines will stay in their original placement for the divisions.

SQUAD COMPOSITION

Any 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 Team purposes only and does not affect the individual's category with AIM.



2011 AIM Grand Championships Sub Junior Squad Winners

TARGETS

There is no target requirement to be eligible to shoot in any AIM event. There are target requirements to be eligible for the AIM All- Star/Zone/State Teams. Also, target requirements are required for most major ATA events or shoot penalty class/yardage (see ATA rulebook page 21 Sec. D and page 25 Sec. E)

To facilitate getting the minimum number of registered targets, clubs, especially those with one or two trap fields, are encouraged to work with their state association to host an ATA registered tournament which may 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 state events. 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.



Logan Taylor
2011 \$100,000 Challenge Winner

AIM EVENTS: Awards provided by the ATA

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

Monthly State/Provincial Events - 20,500 Awards*

Awards will be provided to each state/province for up to 5 monthly state/provincial events to be held between January 2012 and August 2012. These shoot dates will be decided by AIM State Directors or if no State Director the AIM Zone representative will facilitate a shoot with coach involvement. As always state association approval is required for all registered ATA shoots. The AIM Team recommends holding these shoots on Saturdays so as not to interfere with other ATA events. Registration forms must be filled out by the State Director at least two weeks before the event. Forms can be found at AIM4ATA.com and in the Director packet.

*** Awards provided are based on participation for each category.**

Shooters Individual Awards

- 5 Champion
- 10 Champion & Runner-Up
- 15 Champion, Runner-Up & Third

Teams Team Awards

- 3 Champion
- 6 Champion & Runner-Up
- 10 Champion, Runner-Up & Third



Zone Championship - 750 Awards*

May 5-6 & May 12-13

All awards provided are based on participation for each category in each Zone. Please note it is the coaches responsibility to accurately fill out the registration form.

*** All awards are based on participation**

Shooters Individual Awards

- 10 Champion
- 20 Champion & Runner-Up
- 30 Champion, Runner-Up & Third
- 100 2 Divisions - 3 places each division

Teams Team Awards

- 5 Champion
- 8 Champion & Runner-Up
- 10 Champion, Runner-Up & Third
- 15 2 Divisions - 3 places each division



AIM State Shoots - 2,500 Awards

All AIM state shoots will receive a trophy package consisting of both Individual and Team awards for each category.

AIM State Shoot registration is required by State Director(s) or Zone Representative.

*** Please note that any awards that are provided and have no entry must be returned to the AIM Office.**

Individual Awards

Champion, Runner-Up & Third each category

Team Awards

Champion, Runner-Up & Third each category



AIM GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

A yearly national Championship will be held in conjunction with the Grand American World Championship.

All information concerning the Championship is to be determined and this information will be made available in the AIM Grand Championship program.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Yearly scholarships will awarded to eligible members. Scholarships will be given out in Academics, Integrity and Marksmanship. Additional scholarships will also be available each year. Check the AIM4ATA.com web site for more information.



SPECIAL YEARLY RECOGNITION

All Special Yearly Recognitions 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-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
- Zone Championship
- 500 singles targets



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
- Zone Championship
- AIM Grand Championships
- 800 singles targets



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
- Zone Championship
- AIM Grand Championships
- 1000 singles targets



COACH REQUIREMENTS

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 an AIM Coach must successfully complete the NRA/USAS/ATA Shotgun Coach Course. When attending the school, please check the box titled "American Style Trap" on your test sheet. By checking this box you will automatically receive your credential from the ATA. If you have already successfully completed this course please turn in the "Request for Credentialing as an ATA Coach" form at AIM4ATA.com.

Active Coaches - Active ATA coaches are defined as those that are actively instructing at least one (1) AIM shooter for the current target year. Active coaches can be viewed at aim4ata.com. To become active you must login to aim4ata.com to define your team and shooters. Inactive coaches are simply those not currently instructing an AIM shooter. Active ATA coaches do not have to be credentialed; however we encourage coaches to take the NRA/ATA Shotgun course.

All coaches involved with AIM participants, whether they have taken the Coach School or not, must abide by the Coaching Ethics Code, this document may be viewed on line at: www.nrahq.org/education/training/coaching_ethics.pdf.

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.

AIM ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

It is the responsibility of the Zone Representatives to have open dialogue with the State Directors within their Zone. They are to assist their zones in the best way to promote the AIM program and help facilitate growth in the sport. They work directly with the AIM Team to meet zone specific needs and concerns and help the program meet its' goals and objectives. These representatives are also asked to provide recommendations to the AIM team on ways to improve the program and increase participation.

