



**South Australian Field and Game State Championships
and
State Qualifying Shoots**

**Rules and Guidelines
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1. State Target Shooting Committee

- 1.1 The State Target Shooting Committee (the Committee) shall oversee clay target shooting competitions of the South Australian Field and Game Association Inc. (SAFGA).
- 1.2 The Committee is headed by SAFGA's Target Shooting and Safety Director (the Director).
- 1.3 The Committee reports to SAFGA's Board and is subject to its direction.
- 1.4 The Committee shall comprise the following persons:
 - The Director, who shall be the chairperson,
 - A representative nominated by Central Branch,
 - A representative nominated by Lake Bonney Sporting Clays,
 - A representative nominated by South East Field and Game,
 - A representative nominated by Southern Branch.
- 1.5 Club representatives are to be notified to the Director at SAFGA's AGM.
- 1.6 Committee members are required to be qualified referees and to have a sound knowledge of course setting.
- 1.7 It is the responsibility of the Director and the Committee to:
 - a) Ensure that the safety of competitors, spectators and staff is properly considered,
 - b) Inspect and approve the layouts as presented by the course designers at State Championships and State Qualifying Shoots.
 - c) Ensure that the trajectories at State Championships and State Qualification Shoots comply with guidelines for Course Design and Target Setting and are in the spirit of the competition (Rule 11.3 refers).
 - d) Ensure that the targets on Menu Boards are suitably selected and are clearly indicated.
 - e) Ensure that targets are clearly visible for both competitors and referees.
 - f) Administer nominations, squad lists and starting times at State Championships.
 - g) Oversee and help administer State Qualification Shoots.

2 Other Appointments

- 2.1 The Director is the South Australian delegate on the Sporting Clays Australia Target Shooting Committee.
 - 2.1.1 The Director may appoint a member of the committee as a South Australian representative at SCA National meetings. This appointment must be forwarded to the National Target Shooting Director prior to any SCA meeting. The person so appointed shall for that meeting be a voting member of the SCA Target Shooting Sub Committee.
- 2.2 The Director will appoint a State Referee Examiner each year.
 - 2.2.1 The State Referee Examiner will oversee the appointment of Referee Examiners and Referees.
 - 2.2.1.1 The role of the State Referee Examiner is to encourage each branch to have a Referee Examiner and inform all Referees of any rule changes.
 - 2.2.1.2 Each branch should have at least one Referee Examiner.

3 Committee Operation

- 3.1 The Committee will meet from time to time to discuss and help resolve issues with regards to the running of South Australian Field and Game clay target shooting competitions.
- 3.2 The Committee is responsible for the over seeing of course setting at State Championships and State Qualifying shoots.
- 3.3 The Committee may from time to time seek guidance from the National Director Target Shooting .

4 The Regions

For the purpose of State Qualification Shoots and State Championships the Branches are divided into regions as follows:

Adelaide: Central, Southern, (Riverland FGA)

South East: Lake Bonney, South East, (Keith FGA)

5 The South Australian Field and Game Sporting Clays Championship

A South Australian Sporting Clays Championship will be conducted each year and rotated evenly between each of the two regions.

5.3.1.1. Awards for The South Australian Field and Game Sporting Clays Championship

- 5.3.1.1.1. **South Australian State Champion** - open to all entrants as High Gun for the event.
- 5.3.1.1.2. **South Australian Champion of the Year** - open only to South Australian members who have shot the qualifying shoots, articles 9.1.1, 9.1.2 and 9.1.3 refer.
- 5.3.1.1.3. **Graded Awards - AA, A, B, C, Ladies, Juniors, Sub-Juniors, Seniors, Veterans, and Masters** – prizes to third place. High Gun cannot take an additional award in Grades or Categories.

6 FITASC Old Style and English Sporting State Championships

State Championship events may be conducted each year in these disciplines

7 Finance and Administration of the State Team and Championship Events.

7.1 State Team Funding

7.1.1 Financial assistance will be made available for the Seven (7) State Team members; the State Target Shooting Committee will determine the amount annually.

7.1.1.1 The funding should aim to cover entry fees to the SCA Nationals and some travelling expenses.

7.1.2 Funding will be sourced from:

7.1.2.1 Profit retained by the State from South Australian Field and Game Sporting Clays Championship, the amount will be determined annually after the completion of the shoot by the State Target Shooting Committee.

7.1.2.2 Levy paid by competitors at State selection shoots, the amount will be determined annually by the State Target Shooting Committee.

7.1.3 The State Target Shooting Committee may source sponsorship of the State Team from time to time.

7.2 South Australian Field and Game Sporting Clays Championship

7.2.1 The shoot profit made from the Championship will be split 50/50 between the State and the hosting Branch.

7.2.2 The portion of profit retained by the State will be used primarily as funding for the State Team to compete at the SCA Nationals.

7.2.3 The shoot costs as set out below (articles 7.2.3.1 and 7.2.3.2 refer) provided by both the State and the hosting Branch will be subtracted from the shoot nomination fees. This will determine the shoot profit, (article 7.2.1 refers).

7.2.3.1 Items supplied by State to form part of shoot costs – invoices must be retained for verification.

7.2.3.1.1 Plaques/Medals.

Plaques/Medals are provided for Champions, plaques/medals are also provided for all Grades and Categories for first (1st) place.
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Medals are provided for all Grades and Categories for 2nd and 3rd places.

7.2.3.1.2 Team Badges/ Medals.

Team Badges/ Medals for all state team members.

7.2.3.1.3

Prizes as mutually agreed between State Target Shooting Committee and the hosting club prior to the competition.

7.2.3.2 Items supplied by the hosting Branch to form part of shoot costs – invoices must be retained for verification.

- 7.2.3.2.1 Clay targets use will be calculated as advertised on the program (per competitor) plus 40% for sighters, breakages and course setting.
 - 7.2.3.2.2 Prizes as mutually agreed between State Target Shooting Committee and the hosting Branch prior to the competition.
 - 7.2.3.2.3 Equipment hire directly attributed to the running of the shoot (e.g. EWP hire for trap elevation) as mutually agreed between State Target Shooting Committee and the hosting Branch prior to the competition.
 - 7.2.3.2.4 Equipment hire for the housing of sponsors or their wares (e.g. Container for firearm storage) as mutually agreed between State Target Shooting Committee and the hosting Branch prior to the competition.
- 7.2.4 The hosting Branch retains all profits from the running of their canteen, practice layouts and raffles.
- 7.2.5 Sponsorship is to be organised by State Target Shooting Committee and/or the hosting Branch as mutually agreed by both parties.
- 7.2.6 Nominations, squad selection, and squad start times will be administered and advertised by the State using the SCA live scores program.

8 FITASC Old Style and English Sporting State Championship

- 8.1 Championships will be run and administered by the hosting Branch who will retain all profits from the event.
- 8.2 A hosting Branch may apply to State for funding and administration assistance, the shoot profits will be split 50/50 between the State and the hosting Branch, article 7.2 South Australian Field and Game Sporting Clays Championship refers.

9 State Team Qualification Shoots

A State team qualification shoot should be run annually by each of the Branches in the South Australian Field and Game Association. A Branch may elect not to run a State Qualifying Shoot State Target Director will be empowered to offer qualifying shoots to other branches and clubs to keep a minimum of 5 shoots annually.

State team qualification shoots are used as part of the process to select South Australian Field and Game members each year who will represent South Australia in the State Team at the SCA Sporting Clays Nationals, and also to determine South Australian members who can qualify for Australian Team selection in the SCA Sporting Clays National Team.

9.1 State Team Selection and qualification for Australian Team selection.

- 9.1.1 The State Team and Australian Team selection qualifiers are selected each year from members of the South Australian Field and Game Association.
- 9.1.2 To qualify each member must attend a minimum of three (3) State qualifying shoots plus the South Australian Field and Game Sporting Clays State Championship.
- 9.1.3 No more than two (2) State Qualifying Shoots from any one region may be considered as part of the potential qualifier's score plus at least one (1) of the State Qualifying Shoots from an alternative region.
- 9.1.4 At each State Qualifying Shoot and the State Championship the member's scores are recorded as a percentage of the highest score shot in their respective Category.
- 9.1.5 The aggregate percentages of each member's three (3) best qualifying shoots, articles 9.1.1, 9.1.2 and 9.1.3 refer, and the State Championship are used to determine the South Australian Field and Game State Team and Open qualifiers for the Australian Team selection.
 - 9.1.5.1 A member who has attended a minimum of two (2) qualifying shoots and is unable to achieve the 3rd qualifying shoot due to work commitments or sickness can apply for dispensation in writing to the Clay Target Director. Permission may be granted to have a score from a shoot of equal or higher standard allowed as the 3rd qualifying score.
- 9.1.6 The top fifteen (15) Open members who qualify can compete at the Sporting Clays Australia National Sporting Clays Championship for a position in the Australian Team selection squad.
- 9.1.7 Any number of Ladies, Senior, Veterans, Masters or Juniors who have qualified, articles 9.1.1, 9.1.2 and 9.1.3 refer, can compete for a position in the Australian Team selection squad.
- 9.1.8 The State team consists of seven (7) qualified members, each with the highest scores in the following categories broken up as follows; four (4) Open, one (1) Ladies, one (1) Junior, one (1) Senior.
 - 9.1.8.1 For the purposes of State teams a Senior ,Veteran or Master may represent the State as a Senior.
 - 9.1.8.2 For the purposes of State teams and qualification for Australian Team selection a Sub Junior or Junior may represent the State as a Junior or be qualified for a position as a Junior for Australian Team selection.
 - 9.1.8.3 If there is more than one Lady, Junior, Senior, Veteran or Master and who has qualified in the top seven then the shooter or shooters with the best score in that category will fill one or more of the Open positions. This enables the State to field its best team.
 - 9.1.8.4 If a State team member cannot attend the Nationals the next highest scoring qualified member will be allocated a position on the team.
 - 9.1.8.5 If any of the categories, Ladies, Junior, or Senior cannot be filled it will be filled by a C grade shooter who preferably (but not necessarily) has competed in the selection process or part thereof.
 - 9.1.8.6 If a full team of seven (7) is not available then no State team will be fielded.
- 9.1.9 By nominating for the State Team and Australian Team selection process members are indicating a willingness to travel to the SCA National Sporting Clays Championship.
- 9.1.10 The State team and qualifiers for Australian Team selection are announced at the South Australian Fields and Game Sporting Clays State Championship.

10 Procedures for Australian Team Selection

- 10.1 Each State will conduct a "State Team Selection Series" which must be completed prior to the conduct of the "Australian Sporting Clay Nationals."
- 10.2 Each State is to forward to NDTs the formula they use to select Australian Team Qualifiers
- 10.3 Open:**
 - 10.3.1 For members to qualify for Australian Team Selection in Open Teams they must complete the minimum requirements set in each state for the Open Team Qualifiers.
 - 10.3.2 At the completion of each States Qualifying Series, State Target Shooting Directors will furnish the names for the number of Open competitors allowed for their State to the NDTs.
South Australia **15**
Victoria **15**
New South Wales **10**
Queensland **10**
Tasmania **10**
Western Australia **10**
 - 10.3.3 Only shooters who finish in the positions allocated to each State are eligible. Substitution of shooters who have finished outside of the particular States allocation is not allowed for any reason.
- 10.4 Categories:**
 - 10.4.1 All Ladies, Juniors, Seniors, Veterans and Masters who have completed the minimum number of "State Selection Events" as required for Open Competitors, will also have their names forwarded to the NDTs, for inclusion as "Team Qualifiers" at the Nationals.
 - 10.4.2 There is no limit to the number of Category Shooters per State
- 10.5 All Shooters who qualify for Australian Team Selection must compete at the National Championships for Australian Sporting Clays.
- 10.6 At the completion of the Nationals the "Top Fifteen State Qualifiers for Australian Team Selection" plus ties, will form 'The National Training Squad' for the Open Australian Team.
- 10.7 Ladies, Juniors, Seniors, Veterans and Masters who have completed their States Qualifying Series, article 8.4.1 refers, will be considered for inclusion in the National Training Squad. The top six Qualifiers from each Category at the Nationals i.e. Ladies, Juniors, Senior, Veterans and Masters will be added to the National Training Squad.
 - 10.7.1 The maximum number Ladies, Juniors, Seniors, Veterans and Masters invited to join the National Training Squad will be. Ladies: - Six (6) plus ties, Juniors: - Six (6) plus ties, Seniors: - Six (6) plus ties, Veterans: - Six (6) plus ties, Masters: - Six (6) plus ties .
- 10.8 The National Training Squad as selected by SCA will attend the 200 target National Training Camp (Australian Grand Prix). At the completion of the National Training Camp, the various Team Members will be chosen on the combined scores from the Nationals and the National Training Camp. I.e. Scores achieved over 400 targets.
- 10.9 To be eligible for automatic funding Open, Junior and Senior Team Members must achieve a score of 75 % or 319/425 and Ladies 72% or 306/425 over the Nationals and Grand Prix events.

- 10.10 To participate at the National Training Camp as a Member of the National Training Squad, participants must indicate a willingness to attend the World Championships if chosen.
- 10.11 In the event that particular teams are not fully represented at the completion of the "Australian Team Selection Series", SCA Target Shooting Committee may recommend to SCA Executive the inclusion of unqualified Team Members.
- 10.12 SCA Target Shooting Sub Committee may reassess the qualifying percentages required for funding of individuals if in their opinion.
 - 10.12.1 The targets set for a particular event are proven to be too difficult
 - 10.12.2 Weather conditions at a particular event substantially alter the difficulty of the original setting of the target This decision must be ratified by SCA Executive.

11 Course Setting at State Championships and State Qualifying Shoots.

Sporting Clays is a discipline of competitive sports shooting with a shotgun. It originally simulated the type of targets and conditions associated with wing shooting and the shooting of ground game, but in many instances has now evolved into its own unique discipline. Unlike other shotgun sports there are no set trajectories, or specified distances under which the targets are thrown. In using the available terrain to its fullest extent, the course designers are encouraged to design layouts to throw a wide variety of target trajectories and target types. The objective is to provide competitions that are fair for all shooters, regardless of their age or gender. Targets should not be a test of eyesight, nor should they be set in such a manner that makes the task of the referee more difficult. Whilst there must be a range of the more difficult types of targets that will test the best shooters in the state, there must also be targets of with a degree of difficulty that will ensure that all competitors enjoy the spirit of the competition.

11.1 Format

When deciding a format for any shoot, the hosting club organising a shoot must ensure there is enough time for any potential shoot-offs and also award ceremonies.

11.1.1 The South Australian Field and Game Sporting Clays Championship

State Championships must be conducted over two (2) days and consist of a minimum of 150 targets. It must be conducted using a system as set out in the SCA Rules of Competition: Australian Sporting Clays, FITASC New Five Stand System, or the FITASC New Four Stand System.

11.1.2 State Old Style FITASC Championship.

State Championships must be conducted over a minimum of 100 targets.

11.1.3 State English Sporting Championships

State Championship must be conducted over a minimum of 80 targets.

11.1.4 State Qualifying Shoots

State Qualifying Shoots must be conducted over a minimum of 75 targets. It should be conducted using a system as set out in the SCA Rules of Competition: Australian Sporting Clays, FITASC Five Stand System, or the FITASC New Four Stand System.

11.2 Course setting

11.2.1 It is a Branch's responsibility to conduct and administer events at a club level, to design and set the courses. When State Championships and State Qualifying events are conducted at a Branch the course design and target setting must be done in conjunction with the State Target Shooting Committee. It is important for members of the State Target Shooting Committee to respect the Branches understanding of local conditions, and how those conditions may effect the course and also the efforts the branch have made to set the course; likewise the local Branch must respect the roll of the State Target Shooting Committee.

11.2.1.1 State Championships

The State Target Shooting Committee will inspect the course together with course designers from the hosting Branch the day before the competition. It is the purpose of this inspection to ensure the course design is of a suitable standard and that the course meets the criteria as set out in the Guidelines on Course Design and Target Setting (11.3 refers).

11.2.1.2 State Qualifying Shoots

The State Target Shooting Committee will ensure that at least one member of the Committee will be available to inspect the course. It is the purpose of this inspection to ensure the course design is of a suitable standard and that the course meets the criteria as set out in the Guidelines for Course Design and Target Setting (article 11.3 refers).

11.3 Guidelines for Course Design and Target Setting

11.3.1 Course Designers

11.3.1.1 The course designer must have a comprehensive understanding and experience in the shooting discipline of Sporting Clays.

11.3.1.2 The course designers must also have a complete knowledge on the capabilities of the trap machines being used.

11.3.1.3 The function of the course designer is to design and prepare the various layouts for competition as follows:

11.3.1.3.1 To place the traps with proposed trajectories that will be used in the competition that will conform with section 'Targets and Trajectories' to the final satisfaction of the State Target Director and the Regional Target Co-ordinators

11.3.1.3.2 To identify the traps on each stand by placing clearly marked boards (A, B, C...F) and a clearly written menu board at each stand

11.3.1.3.3 To ensure that all competitors are able to traverse the ranges comfortably

11.3.1.3.4 To asses as to whether motorised transport of squads is required

11.3.2 The Number of Trap Machines required.

- 11.3.2.1 For State Championships other than English Sporting it is mandatory that there is a minimum of three (3) traps per stand.
- 11.3.2.2 For the FITASC Four Stand system there should be four (4) traps for three of the stands and three (3) traps on the other stand, i.e. 15 traps per layout. For Australian Sporting Clays competitions three (3) traps per stand can be used, i.e. 12 traps per layout. In this situation where there are 4 singles on the Shooting stand the target not being thrown as part of the double is repeated as a single.
- 11.3.2.3 For the FITASC Five Stand system there should be three (3) traps per stand, i.e. 15 traps per layout.
- 11.3.2.4 For State Qualification shoots an organising branch should make every effort to ensure each stand has three (3) machines. The course designer should set the course with the spirit of the State Qualifying Shoot in mind.

11.3.3 The number of targets per layout.

- 11.3.3.1 All shooting occurs in rounds of 25 targets
- 11.3.3.2 Each round must consist of between four (4) doubles and seventeen (17) singles or eight (8) doubles and nine (9) singles.
- 11.3.3.3 75 targets can be shot over two visits instead of the normal three visits of 25 targets. It is mandatory that the finish of each round of 25 targets terminates as the final target on a particular stand and the next round of 25 starts with the first on the next stand.
- 11.3.3.4 For Four Stand FITASC style layouts, 3 of the shooting stands will throw four (4) singles and one (1) double, the other stand will throw three (3) singles and two (2) doubles.
- 11.3.3.5 For Five Stand FITASC style layouts each shooting stand will throw three (3) singles and one (1) double.

11.3.4 A guide to the percentage recommended for each target type

Standards	50-60%
90mm	20%
Rabbit	8-12%
Battue	8-12%
70mm or 60mm	8-10%

11.3.5 Targets and Trajectories

- 11.3.5.1 Targets should be a colour suitable to the background on which they are presented
- 11.3.5.2 Exotic targets, i.e. 90mm, 70mm, 60mm, Battues, Rabbits are to be spread evenly across all layouts
- 11.3.5.3 Targets are to be thrown in a manner that they are visible for all competitors
- 11.3.5.4 Edge on targets should not be thrown beyond a range of 35-40 metres
- 11.3.5.5 Targets over 35-40 metres should be thrown to show either the base (belly) or the top of the target, preferably the base
- 11.3.5.6 When a target over 45 metres is used it is mandatory that that it is thrown in such a way that the belly of the target is presented to the shooter (except battues).
- 11.3.5.7 Targets thrown in a downward trajectory should not be used beyond a range of 35-40 metres
- 11.3.5.8 When targets are thrown behind foliage or obstructions, they must be thrown well clear of that or any other obstruction and in such a manner that the referee can clearly establish whether the target has been hit or missed
- 11.3.5.9 Single targets are to be thrown in a manner that allows the shooter to fire two shots
- 11.3.5.10 On five stand layouts where there are 3 singles and 1 double, only one very difficult single is allowed per shooting stand, if this target is to be used in the double, it is preferable to use the easiest of the single targets as the other target in the double.
- 11.3.5.11 Do not always throw the most difficult target first in the doubles
- 11.3.5.12 If stands require moving between rounds, where ever possible large moves are preferable to alter the dynamics of the stand as much as possible.
- 11.3.5.13 Never include on a stand more than one target that has a long slow trajectory prior to it coming within range of the shooter – time wasting.