



2026 Rules

June 25-27, 2026

ALL EVENT RULES

- Glasses and hearing protection must be worn.
- Actions must be left open until the shooter is in the box.
- No shot larger than 7 ½.
- Choke tubes may be used, but they may not be changed once each event has started.
- Full length tubes and inserts may be used but the shooter will not be afforded the handicap of the smaller gauge.
- Leaving the safety on will not result in a lost target, except in the Pigeon Ring.
- The first shooter at a station may see up to two show pairs (except for Pigeon Ring).
- In order to maintain safety, do not shoot a second shot at pieces of a broken bird on singles.

ALL BORE RULES

- The All Bore is a 30-target sporting clays course. Scoresheets can be picked up in the clubhouse upon payment.
- The All Bore is European rotation and can be shot as many times as desired with any bore. Each individual's highest score per bore will count for the competition.
- The All Bore must be shot with a side by side in order to count for score.
- Full length tubes and inserts will **not** be allowed for the All Bore.
- Each station will have a menu. For scoring true pairs and report pairs, follow NSCA rules below.
- If bore isn't specified on the scoresheet, 12 gauge will automatically be assumed.
- Bore categories are as follows: 10 ga, 12 ga, 16 ga, 20 ga, 28 ga, .410, and hammer.
- No handicaps will be given for the All Bore.

- In order to enter a score in any given bore, the corresponding bore must be used. For example, a shooter cannot use a 20 gauge to enter in the 12 gauge category.

MAKER'S CHALLENGE RULES

- The Maker's Challenge is 30 targets on a separate sporting clays course than the All Bore. It is European rotation and can be shot as many times as desired with any make or bore, with each individual's highest score per make counting for the competition.
- For example, shooters using an Ithaca will be entered into a competition against other Ithaca shooters. Awards will only be given to makers (e.g. Parker, Fox, Browning, Winchester, etc.) with which at least 4 people have entered.
- This event must be shot with a side-by-side in order to count for score.
- Competition will be head-to-head regardless of bore (no handicaps).
- Each station will have a menu. For scoring true pairs and report pairs, follow NSCA rules below.

THURSDAY PHEASANT CHALLENGE RULES

- The **Pheasant Challenge** 5-stand side event (Thursday only) will be trapper's choice and can be shot as many times as desired, with the highest score counting for the competition. It will be 30 targets.
- The Pheasant Challenge must be shot with a side by side in order to count for score.
- NSCA rules for scoring will be followed by the trapper. Each squad may see the targets no more than two times before the round begins.
- Handicaps are as follows:
10/12 ga. = 0 16 ga. = 0 20 ga. = 1 28 ga. = 2 .410 = 4
- Pheasant Challenge 5-stand targets will change for the main event 5-stand.
- The entrant with the highest score will win a 10-pheasant hunt or \$200 cash.

QUAIL FLUSH FLURRY RULES

- The Quail Flush Flurry is a 25-target side event that will be open Thursday and Friday. It must be shot with a side-by-side in order to count for score.
- 25 targets will be thrown randomly from 3 traps. Two shooters will compete as partners, trying to hit as many targets as they can, simultaneously. Each shooter can use as many shells as they want.

- As long as a target is in the air, it is considered a live bird and can still be shot at, even if your partner already missed. Only when a target hits the ground is it considered lost.
- Partners can enter the competition as many times as they want, either with the same partner or a different partner.
- There will be no bore handicaps for this event.
- If there is a tie for 1st place between teams, a shoot-off will be held on Friday at 5pm. The winning team will receive two cases of 12 or 20 gauge shotgun shells (one case each).

MAKE-A-BREAK RULES

- Make-a-Break is a 24-target side event that will be offered Friday and Saturday only. This event must be shot with a side by side and there are no handicaps for gauge. It can be shot as many times as desired and the highest score per individual counts for the competition.
- How the game is played: There are 8 traps, numbered 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7. Two people compete against each other. Each entrant attempts a series of 7 report pairs, always beginning with a number 1 target, which is trapper's choice. The sequence is as follows: 1 o/r 2, 1 o/r 3, 1 o/r 4, etc. The last 10 targets are called by the shooter currently in the lead, also as report pairs starting with number 1 every pair. It's an addicting game once you try it!
- For a complete set of rules, follow this link: <https://makeabreak.com/rules/>
- The scorekeeper will keep track of the top 4 shooters throughout the event. On Saturday after the main event ends, we will hold a shoot-off between the top 4 shooters.
- \$200 added money will then be divided 50-30-20 between 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

SPORTING CLAYS RULES

MAIN EVENT

- The 80-target Sporting Clays will take place on Friday and is squadded.
- Scoresheets will be brought out to your starting station. This event is a shotgun start.
- All targets at a station will be shot from one stand.
- Squads must score themselves; there will be a menu at each station to follow.
- NSCA rules will be followed in the event of a target broken out of the trap:

- Report Pairs: The pair must be shot over and the result of the first bird is established.
- True Pairs: The pair must be shot over and neither target is established.
- Handicaps are as follows:
10/12 ga. = 0 16 ga. = 0 20 ga. = 0 28 ga. = 3 .410 = 6

UPLAND DOUBLES RULES

MAIN EVENT

- This is a squaddled 80-target true pair event that will take place on Saturday.
- Scoresheets will be brought out to your starting station. This event is a shotgun start.
- Each station will have 2 hoops. Entrants will attempt two true pairs per hoop.
- Squads must score themselves.
- NSCA rules will be followed for true pair scoring.
- Handicaps are as follows:
10/12 ga. = 0 16 ga. = 0 20 ga. = 0 28 ga. = 3 .410 = 6

5-STAND RULES

MAIN EVENT

- The main event 5-stand consists of 30 targets, is pre-squaddled, and has a menu.
- Scoresheets will be with the trapper when you get there.
- Each squad is allowed to see the targets twice.
- NSCA scoring rules apply.
- Flash targets and pink targets are mixed in with standard targets. For every flash target hit, that shooter will receive one ticket that will be entered into a drawing for a beverage bottle of choice.
- Handicaps are as follows:
10/12 ga. = 0 16 ga. = 0 20 ga. = 1 28 ga. = 2 .410 = 4

PIGEON RING RULES

MAIN EVENT

- Shooters will be pre-squaddled. This is a 30-target event.
- Three standard traps will be used. Every squad will get to see each target presentation once.
- Shooters will attempt 6 singles from each stand, trapper's choice. Competitors can shoot twice at any given target.
- A ribbon will be attached to each target. The ribbon must fall on or inside the snow-fenced ring to be declared "dead".

- Any missed target or ribbon that doesn't fall on or inside the ring will be called "lost".
- If a broken target is thrown, it will be replaced with another single that can still be shot at twice.
- **Targets with no ribbon:** Some targets may have a ribbon attached to the bottom of the target and might not be visible to the shooter. The shooter must attempt ALL targets. If the target is missed, it will be scored as a LOSS. If the target is hit and the trapper declares "no ribbon", it will be declared "no bird" and repeated as a single that can be shot at twice.
- Safety left on or shooter malfunction will be called a lost bird.
- No bore handicaps will be awarded.

MAIN EVENT TIE BREAKERS

- **Ties for High Gun in Each Event**
 - 1st tie breaker: Longest run anywhere in event
 - 2nd tie breaker: Longest run from front
 - 3rd tie breaker: Longest run from back
 - 4th tie breaker: Coin flip
- **Ties for HOA Main Event**
 - 1st tie breaker: Total handicapped score of all four events
 - 2nd tie breaker: Sum of Sporting Clays and Upland Doubles scores
 - 3rd tie breaker: 5-Stand score
 - 4th tie breaker: Pigeon Ring score
 - 5th tie breaker: Coin flip

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